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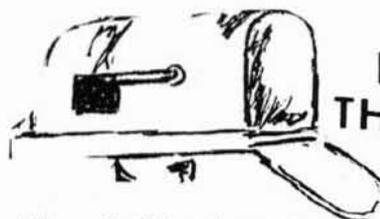
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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hope to see you on February 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Chamber Park Church.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Haben
President



**FROM
THE MAILBOX**

The following letter was sent in and we are asked to pass it on to you.

Jan. 2000

Dear Members:

It is truly a pleasure to do the cookie calling for Lollipop Lane each year. Your cordial response is most appreciated.

The cookies, I am sure, are baked with "butter and love" and in abundance! Our selling staff and those who sent donations share too in the success of this joyous time.

You are all so very generous, my sincere thanks to everyone.

Shirley Koeppen



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

Time certainly does pass by in a hurry. We just had our wonderful Lollipop Lane and now its time to plan for our annual Pot-luck and Auction get together.

This will be held at our regular meeting February 23rd, 6:30 p.m. Good food and lots of laughs! Syke Horcher will again be our auctioneer. Remember Claire's rhubarb-strawberry jam, and the fun with a Pillsbury Doughboy plus all the other fun items.

Since this is our only fund raiser for the year, please bring good interesting items for the sale.

Wa-pa-getti's will cater the dinner. Invite your friends but reservations are a must. Dinner price will be reasonable. A letter is being sent out giving you all the details.

Please note, we will need items for our Time Capsule. If you have any pictures or items you would like to see included, please give them to Linda or myself.

There are several of the historical calendars available. Anyone wishing to purchase one They will be available at our next regular meeting.

We are in the midst of changing the military display with mostly pictures and items from WWII. We will be cleaning and trying to get ready for the opening of the museum which is coming soon. There will be a sign up sheet at our meetings, please volunteer your time to sit on a Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

A thank you to Shirley McConnell for more information on Belpulsi Studio which did reside in Wheeling in the 1950's and to Wedge for assembling another storage shelf for the basement.

Linda Reading
Curator

Childerly Chapel

A BIT OF HISTORY

Childerley (meaning Children's Meadow) is a portion of what was a 600 acre farm on the banks of Buffalo Creek, bought by Frances Crane Lillie and her husband Dr. Frank R. Lillie, in 1907 with the intention of using the site as a vacation retreat for their family.

Both were biochemists with Doctorate degrees. Mrs. Lillie was the daughter of the millionaire founder of the Crane Plumbing Co. and an activist in social causes. She was a friend of Ellen Starr who, along with Jane Addams, who founded Hull House. Lillie and Starr picketed together during the garment workers strike in 1915 and almost together they converted to Catholicism. Mrs. Lillie soon began using the north farm as a home for widows and orphans of the Crane Plumbing Co. employees. There she build cottages and a school for the children.

The original chapel on Childerley Farm was a log cabin built around 1825 which Mrs. Lillie had moved from the south farm in 1910. In 1927, a small brick chapel was built and the wooden altar piece was moved into it from the log cabin. The nature-loving Lillies dedicated the new building as the "Chapel of St. Frances of the Orchard." The two buildings were connected by and old fashioned walled garden.

The library was added in 1940 and named for the English theological writer, Baron Friedrich Von Hugel, who had converted Frances to Catholicism in 1920.

In 1939, when Mrs. Lillie could no longer manage the Crane Fund and the estate, she pensioned the widows and children and sold 32 acres of the property to the Order of the Servants of Mary for the Addolorata Villa, a convalescent home for the elderly. All of the original cottages have been razed. Later that year, ten acres of the property were donated to the Calvert Club, a Catholic affiliate of the University of Chicago. The Club used the area as a retreat for Catholic students. There were two homes located on the property, St. Joan's House, formerly known as the Port House and St. Jerome's house which was used for vacations by the Lillie family. One house was used by the girls and the other by the boys when they were on retreat. This was when it was owned by the Calvert Club. Those buildings have also been demolished.

In 1977, the Calvert Club decided to sell the property and the 13 acres were purchased by the Wheeling Park District through a referendum.

The brick chapel was in need of restoration which became a project of the Wheeling Historical Society. When the work was completed in 1981, the chapel was rededicated as the Lorraine E. Lark Chapel in the Orchard in honor of the former Park Commissioner who spearheaded the drive to save Childerley from development and possible destruction.

Originally a Catholic chapel, it is now ecumenical. It holds a congregation of about 35 and is still used today for small weddings and other appropriate ceremonies.

Although the buildings and orchard are gone the Park District has converted this area into a beautiful park for both the young and old. I think Mrs. Lillie would be proud.

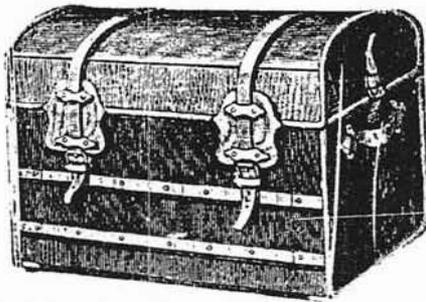
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We would also like to add:

To Eleanor Buerger:

A huge thank you for putting together most of the raindeer food. The children really look forward to feeding the animals. With everyone's busy schedules during the holidays, we appreciate your taking the time to do this task.

The members



Artifacts

We would like to thank the following for artifacts we received this month.

1 Black Brownie Box Camera and 1 Black Case w/lock received from Nancy Jansen.

2 Interior pictures of Hagerstrum Showroom and research correspondence received from Charlotte Dolgopol, Secretary for Ernst Hagerstrum for 20 years.

Pictures of Crane's homestead and dairy farm which were used in a video tape received from Lorraine Haben.

Please check your closets and drawers for old pictures, clothing, jewelry and items which are of interest and could be used in exhibits at the museum.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb. 16th..Board Meeting
 Feb. 23rd..Pot Luck & Auction
 Mar. 15th.....Board Meeting
 Mar. 22nd.....Regular Meeting



Cook's Kitchen

I DID HAVE THIS FOR DINNER THE OTHER EVENING AND IT IS GOOD!!

CHICKEN & BROCCOLI ALFREDO

PREP TIME: 10 MIN. COOK TIME: 15 MIN.

- 6 oz. uncooked fettuccine*
- 1 cup fresh or frozen broccoli flowerets
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cubed
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) Campbell's® Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup or 98% Fat Free Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper

1. Prepare fettuccine according to package directions. Add broccoli for last 4 min. of cooking time. Drain.
2. In skillet over medium-high heat, heat butter. Add chicken and cook until browned, stirring often.
3. Add soup, milk, cheese, pepper and fettuccine mixture and cook through, stirring often. Serves 4.

*Substitute 8 oz. spaghetti for fettuccine.



UPDATE

We have received numerous telephone calls seeking historical information on various subjects such as how was Schoenbeck Road named? If anyone has any answers, please let me know.

Dale Kimmerly from the Village Newsletter came by for more pictures and information for his column "The Way We Were." Be sure to watch for them when you get the next newsletter. The last one had a picture of Palwaukee Airport.

Patti and I are still working at the museum on Thursdays from 9-12. Anyone wishing to help out, there is enough work for everyone.



PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

In August of 1985 Bob and Barb McIntyre, members of the Wheeling Historical Society, took on the challengeing job of compiling an oral history of Wheeling.

"Wheeling Through the Years" was the result of their efforts and long hours of interviews and research.

Although Bob is no longer with us, Barb still resides in Wheeling and at this time, we would like to again say "Thank you" for preserving some of our early history. The work you and Bob have done has not been forgotten and given us new members who work at the museum, background to work from.

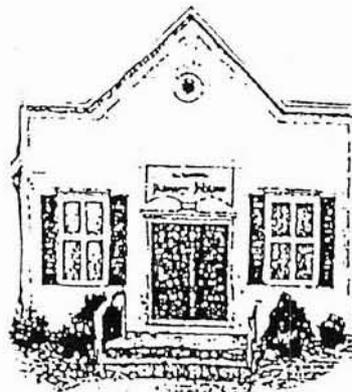
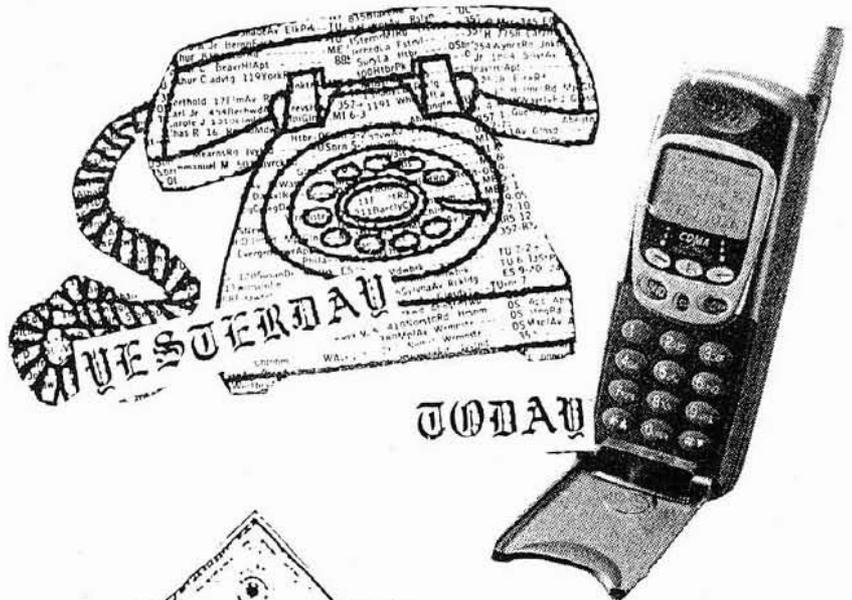


To Shirley McConnell who is recuperating at home, we miss you and hope to see you in the very near future.

To Willie Franta..Wishing you sunny smiles to warm your heart and happy thoughts to warm your day!

To all our Members who have been feeling under the weather lately. Hope you return to your old self, and put your worries on the shelf.

If you personally know of any member who is ill, PLEASE call Patti 537-1450 and let me know so we may try to cheer them up.



"The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling."