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# NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message  
From The  
President*

Dear Members and Friends:

Seems as I just finished writing a newsletter article! Please someone make time slow down!!

I'm happy to report we have some new members...Dean and Marian Argiris, and the Wm. Hein Family. WELCOME!! Now if we could register a couple of members each month, we could really do things.

Please remember and get ready for our dinner and auction on Wednesday, February 28th, starting at 6:00 p.m. a short meeting will be held, then dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by our annual auction. The fee for dinner is \$7.00 /person. Food will be provided by Wa-Pa-Ghetti's (which is always great). Desserts and jello salads will be made by society members.

We need articles to auction; nicknacks dishes, pictures and whatever. Our auctioneer, (Syke) will do a great job as always! To make reservations, call Eleanor at 537-1976. R.S.V.P. by Saturday, February 24th.

Tickets can be paid for at the door, but once the reservations are made, and one cannot attend, they still have to be paid for.

Bring your friends, its always a fun time.

Until next time,  
Lorraine Haben  
President



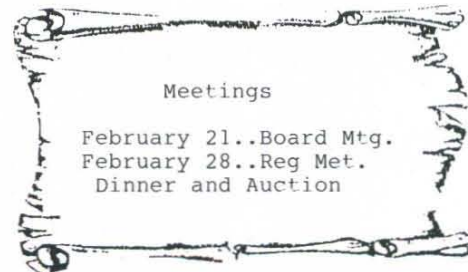
The Park District maintenance team has fixed the chimney brick on the museum, the kitchen roof shingles and inspected the rain gutters for winter damage.

Thank you guys for all you do.

We still have need for volunteers to sit at the museum on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. We will be ask for the months of April, May and through the summer. A sign up sheet will be presented at each of our meetings.

We are still inventorying donations as they are received.

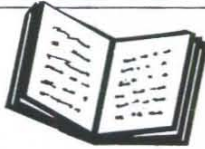
We will be in the process of changing exhibits in two of the cabinets. Help is always needed on Thursday mornings at the museum...9-noon. If you can help, call Linda at 520-0125.



### Meetings

February 21..Board Mtg.  
February 28..Reg Met.  
Dinner and Auction

## A BIT OF HISTORY



In the year 1978, the Wheeling Park District sought a special use permit and zoning variation to allow the transfer of the Wheeling Historical Museum from 84 S. Milwaukee Avenue to Chamber of Commerce Park.

The village at that time agreed to spend \$3,500 in federal revenue sharing funds to move the building.

The museum building, erected in 1897, served as the Wheeling Village Hall. The Historical Society officials asked that the building be moved to the new site as they were concerned about the future of the structure because of plans to widen Milwaukee Avenue.

The village which owned the building had agreed to sell the museum to the park district for a nominal fee. The historical society had leased the building for \$1.00/year since 1966. The deed of the museum was transferred to the park district once the move was completed.

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## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

- ✓ **Instead of buying** white shelf paper, line your shelves with heavy freezer wrap, with the waxed side up. It can be wiped off with a damp cloth and outwears regular shelf paper.
- ✓ **In your bathroom drawer**, keep those odds and ends of hair pins, clips, rubber bands, etc. in a plastic silverware tray.
- ✓ **To separate two glasses** that are stuck together, put the bottom glass in warm water and pour cold water in the top glass. The two will pull apart easily without breaking.
- ✓ **Sharpen a dull pair** of scissors easily by cutting through several thicknesses of aluminum foil.

## TRIVIA

Sauganash was the Indian name of Billy Caldwell.

Otto Orłowski built and operated the Polish Village in the 1930's.

The outhouse of Vetruvius Lodge, Masonic Lodge 81 of Wheeling went traveling every Halloween.

Sportsmart was the name of the last location of the Wheeling Jewel store. (Now try and find either).

Dr. Larson was the doctor that built the first and only hospital in Wheeling.



Cook's  
Kitchen

## CHEESECAKE COOKIES

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1/3 Cup Brown Sugar         | 1/4 Cup Sugar         |
| 1 Cup Flour                 | 1/3 Cup Melted Butter |
| 1 Teaspoon Vanilla          | 8 Oz. Cream Cheese    |
| 1 Egg                       |                       |
| 1 Tablespoon Lemon Juice    |                       |
| 2 Tablespoons Cream or Milk |                       |

Mix brown sugar, sugar, flour in bowl. Stir in melted butter, blend until crumbly. Reserve 1/2 cup of this mixture. Press remainder into 8" greased square pan. Bake at 350 for 12-15 minutes. Add egg, lemon juice, cream, vanilla and cream cheese. Mix well and pour on baked crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs on top. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 oven. Cool. Serve



## PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

This month we would like to pay a debt of gratitude to former President and presently still a member of the Wheeling Historical Society, SHIRLEY MUELLER. Pictured above in 1978, she is sorting artifacts in the museum which was located at 84 Milwaukee Avenue.

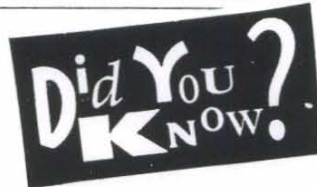
Her involvement with the society, park and village helped to bring about where the museum is presently located today. Still a member of the society she now resides in Tucson Arizona. Those of us who remember, say thank you for your efforts Shirley.

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

-W.H.S. Constitution-



Feb 4, 1909, the NAACP was founded in New York

Feb.7, 1910, the electric washing machine was introduced.

Feb, 1910, the importance of vitamins is demonstrated with the isolation of Vitamin B1.

Feb.10, 1910 the Boy Scouts of America would founded.

Feb 1912, consumers are introduced to a creme-filled chocolate cookie called OREO.

Feb.17, 1911, Carrier invented the air conditioner.

Feb.22, 1912 the Girl Scouts of America was founded. (the original name was "Girl Guides")

Feb.1913 the crossword puzzle was created by Arthur Wynne, editor of the New York World newspaper.

Feb 1914, the national observance of Mother's Day was established by President Woodrow Wilson.



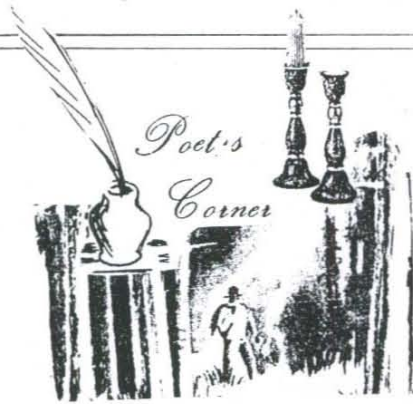
## DONATIONS

One miniature set of 6 cast iron fire engines and one motorola cell phone received from Linda Reading.

Two ladies swim suits from the 60's and 70's donated by P. Hancock

Two pictures received from Virginia Meier. (1 old school picture and another picture of 3 homes on Willie Street across from the old school.

One Children's Book received from Lorraine Haben.



**HUMILITY**

I asked God for strength,  
 that I might achieve —  
 I was made weak,  
 that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help  
 that I might do greater things —  
 I was given infirmity,  
 that I might do better things.

I asked for riches,  
 that I might be happy —  
 I was given poverty,  
 that I might be wise.

I asked for all things,  
 that I might enjoy life —  
 I was given life,  
 that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for —  
 but everything I had hoped for.

Despite myself,  
 my prayers were answered.

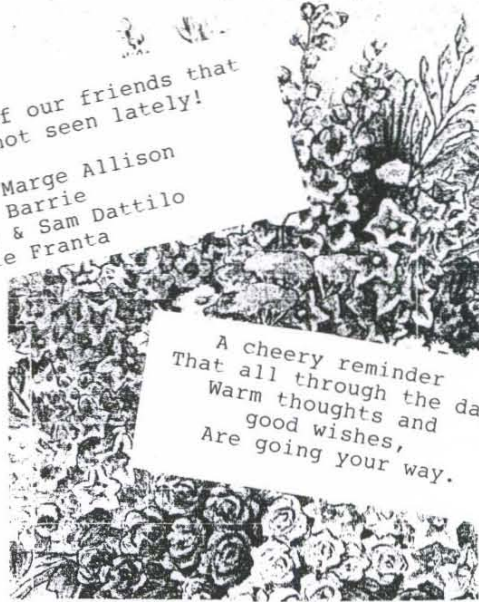
I am, among all men,  
 most richly blessed.

An Anonymous Soldier  
 of the Confederacy

*Thinking of You!*

To some of our friends that  
 we have not seen lately!

Don & Marge Allison  
 Betty Barrie  
 Irene & Sam Dattilo  
 Willie Franta



A cheery reminder  
 That all through the day  
 Warm thoughts and  
 good wishes,  
 Are going your way.

**YESTERDAY**

**1899**  
 The company moves to Detroit, changes its name to Olds Motor Works and builds the first factory designed exclusively to build automobiles.



**TODAY**

**2000**  
 Oldsmobile announces that it will phase out the line.

**1997**  
 Oldsmobile celebrates its 100th birthday.



Happy  
 Valentine's  
 Day