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UNITED WE STAND

Precious Memories

You can't buy precious memories
With silver or with gold,
They come to us without a price
As the years of life unfold.

I've longed for many things in life,
Some with hidden thorns of pain.
Knowing what was best for me,
God sent both sunshine and rain.

Hard times teach us to appreciate
Good times when they come along,
If all of life was fun and pleasure,
How could we ever grow strong?

God in His infinite wisdom
Has given me many good years,
Taught me to suffer with others,
To feel their sorrows and tears.

So if you want precious memories
As the years of life unfold,
Learn how to love one another,
It's worth more than silver or gold.

Omega Watson Wagner



Message From The Vice- President

Dear Members and Friends:

For those of you who were not at our last meeting, I would like to let you know that President Haben is in the hospital for tests.

During her trip to Germany, she lost the use of her right hand. She has found out that she has a nerve condition and she is having tests to discover the cause of the problem.

She advised us she would keep us informed of her progress. I can only say we hope she will be back with us very soon and we do miss her.

Elaine Simpson
Vice-President

ATTENTION!

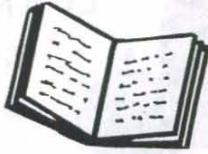
Due to Thanksgiving, the November Meetings are as scheduled....

BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 7

REGULAR MEETING—Nov. 14

Following the regular meeting, we will be making reindeer food for Lollipop Lane.

A BIT OF HISTORY



Cont. from Oct, 2001

VILLAGE OF WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1933, the Village of Wheeling established Ordinance #154 which states on how far of an area the Wheeling Fire Department would actually serve. Most of the area was open farm land in those days and the ordinance was established by two major roads which exist today, one being Milwaukee Avenue and the other, Dundee Road. The Fire Department was responsible for 150 feet either side of the center line on those roads. There were also some contractual arrangements around this time and in 1953, a more formal agreement was established what was known as "the Fire Protection District." Basically, the boundaries included all of Wheeling Township which took in much area, including some of Arlington Heights.

In 1960, all volunteers that came in on call, were paid \$1.00 per call. This was to say thank you and to encourage professionals on their involvement. In 1969, the first full time employees were hired by the village and Bernie Koeppen was volunteer Fire Chief and Ralph Pierconi became the first fire fighter. He went on days working 40 hours per week. His responsibility was to make sure of the equipment and make sure there was response during the day and volunteers on call.

In 1972, the fire department was part of the first twelve departments to form the "Mutual Aid Box Alarm System" (MABAS). The Mutual Aid system that responded to incidents has grown from the original twelve towns and today there are 390 departments in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

These twelve departments became known as division #1 and today there are thirty-nine divisions in the same area so it has become a very successful system. They use a unified communications system and they have a common frequency they use to go back and forth between communities. They have an organized structure of how terminology is used, operational methods, procedures that are used and much more. It's all standardized and they can be mobilized with other towns immediately.

Another first was Wheeling was part of seven departments to create the Paramedic Program with Northwest Community Hospital in 1973.

The second fire station opened in 1978 at Wheeling and Hintz Roads which is still there in the industrial park, The original building located on Dundee and Milwaukee Avenue was closed in 1980 and the fire station headquarters was moved to the village hall site which is it's current location.

In 1991, the fire department became a full time operation. In 1995 after a series of court battles that lasted 15 years, the relationship between the Village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Township Rural Fire Protection District was brought to closure and ceased to serve some portions of the district. Fire Chief MacIsaac explained some areas that were turned over to the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District.

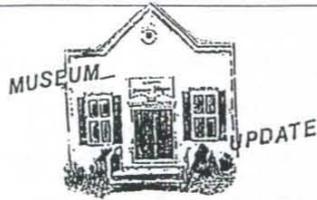
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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

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.



Linda has been painting the wall in the furnace area for supply storage, don't know who had more paint, on the wall or Linda!

Had an electrical problem but the park staff (Mitch and Greg) came to the rescue. All is well!

We have been re-framing some pictures and will be working on exhibits during our closed season, which is by the way, from November to March... we are closed except for tours.



Cook's Kitchen

HELEN'S TOFFEE SQUARES

- 1 cup butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1-7/8 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 milk chocolate bars (1.65 ounces each)
- 1 cup chopped toasted almonds or pecans

In mixing bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar until light-colored and fluffy. Add egg yolk and vanilla; gradually beat in flour until smooth and blended. (Dough will be thick.) Spread evenly on ungreased 16-in. x 14-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until crust is golden brown and puffy. Remove from oven. Arrange unwrapped chocolate bars evenly over surface of crust; let stand for 5 minutes to soften. Spread chocolate evenly over crust; sprinkle with chopped nuts. Cool; cut into squares. **Yield:** 40 squares.



LOANS & DONATIONS

We would like to say thank you to Chief MacIsaac for donating two patches from the fire department to add to our exhibit.



To all our friends who are ill or in the hospital, we send our GET WELL WISHES.



HAPPY

Thanksgiving

Since there will be no newsletter in December, we wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Patti

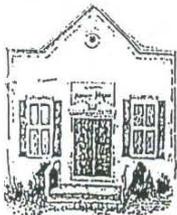
Season's Greetings





PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

This month we would like to pay tribute to Mrs. Ida (Dolly) Hein who has been with this society forever. She has held the position of Treasurer on and off for the past decade. She has been voted Senior Citizen of the year in the Village of Wheeling and she is involved in many activities and the happenings of the Village of Wheeling and President of AARP. Hats off to you Dolly, keep it up. It's people like you who care and try to make this town great.



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

-W.H.S. Constitution-

Did You Know?

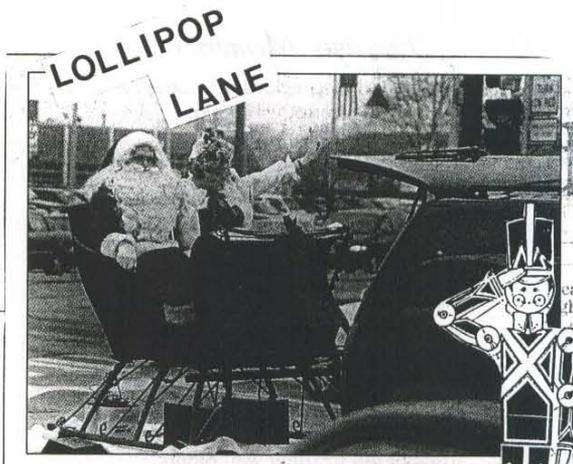
In Nov. 1976, the first personal computers were marketed- by Tandy Corporation and an unknown company named Apple.

On Nov. 8th 1978, the movie Saturday Night Fever leads to "disco dance fever."

Nov. 12, 1980 the television remote control is perfected.

Nov. 22, 1980, ATMs first began popping up around the neighborhoods.

Nov. 28, 1981, the first test tube baby in the U.S. was born.



Lollipop Lane will be coming soon. It will open December 1st through the 9th beginning with our parade. Hours are Weekends 2-5 p.m. and weekdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Set up is the last week in November. All help is greatly appreciated. Call Lonnie at 459-1788 to volunteer.