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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends:

Its hard to believe that the summer is coming to a close. Soon September will be here and our first meeting of the new year, Wednesday September 24th. Please mark your calendars. We meet the 4th Wednesday] of each month.

On July 4th we shared a float with the Senior Center for the parade. A few folks were worried about being in the parade because of the heat and the bad weather. As it turned out, the parade was a success and the rains never came. It was hot but all had a good time.

On a bright sunny day in August we had our Old Fashion Picnic. Again, rain was in the forecast but it never came. We had a great time, food and friends were overflowing. This year we did something different. We had everybody bring a wrapped white elephant and we played bingo and the white elephant items friends brought were used as prizes. It was a fun time.

If you have any idea for programs this coming year, please let me know so that I can share them with our board. Also, if you know of someone that might be interested in joining the Society, please bring him or her to a meeting. When bringing a guest, please let me know who they are so we can introduce them and make them feel welcome and involve them in the meeting.

Hopefully you did not have too much damage from the hail that hit Wheeling.

Have a safe balance of the summer and enjoy what is left.

Elaine Simpson
President

CURATOR'S REPORT

It has been a busy summer in the museum with people coming in to do research and to donate various things to us.

Steven Kamm from Oklahoma, sent us some more information on his branch of the Horcher family and I gave him Mike, Rudy and Syke's address and phone number so he could also speak with his relations living in Wheeling.

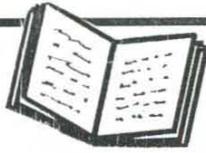
We sent more Lincoln information to Springfield Assistant Editor Glenna Schroeder-Lein for the papers on Lincoln web-site that is in the making.

Earl Schultz mom's WWII album was returned to him at our picnic. Was good to see our friends who joined us for fun and games.

Judy Dean needed some information on her great grandfather M. Dean who was a Highway Commissioner in 1860 in Wheeling. She let us copy some of her old photos and left us more information about M. Dean.

Jim Landberg (a new member to the society) WELCOME! sent us more information on James Parker.

A BIT OF HISTORY



Taken from Wheeling Herald
October 4, 1984

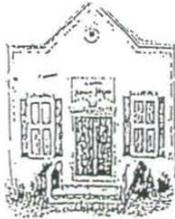
BY: Sandy Alteri Friis

In the 1950's, Wheeling was a town very much divided. There was "old Wheeling" and the "newcomers" - Dunhurst and Meadowbrook residents. With the newcomers came new organizations and the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club. There was no library and there were no park facilities.

In 1956 members of the women's club in their first year of operation, corresponded with state library officials. It was not until two years later that the state felt the suburban growth in the area would warrant the operation of a public library. It was then, that the woman's club took steps to make this a reality. In October of 1958, the Wheeling Public Library opened its doors for the first time in a small building in the rear of the Union Hotel parking lot.

Park development was a basic premise upon which the Wheeling Woman's Club was founded. There was a Rural Park District which had been set up in 1950 by a group of township farmers as a protection against being incorporated into an active park district. The process of disannexation from the rural district and establishing a new district involved many complexities and required a great deal of time. A referendum to establish a park district was held on December 23, 1960 and voted into existence by a 6 to 1 majority.

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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-

SICK LIST



TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ILL OR IN THE HOSPITAL,

We wish you all health and happiness and hope you are well or on the road to recovery.



Zucchini Garlic Pasta

Cook's
Kitchen



- 1 package (16 ounces) wagon wheel pasta or other specialty shape pasta
- 1/2 pound sliced bacon, diced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 to 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 to 3 medium zucchini (about 1-1/2 pounds), halved and sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside to drain; discard all but 2 tablespoons of drippings. Saute onion and garlic in drippings until tender, about 3 minutes. Add the zucchini and salt; cook until tender, about 6 minutes. Drain pasta and add to the zucchini mixture. Add lemon juice and bacon; toss. Transfer to a serving bowl or platter; sprinkle with cheese. Yield: 6-8 servings.



Your new board for the 2003-2004 season is as follows:
President..Elaine Simpson
Vice President..Barb Forke
Treasurer..Marilyn Chromy
Secretary..Joan Wiener
Director..Frank Schnaitmann
Director..Eleanor Buerger
Director..Dolly Hein
Curator..Linda Reading



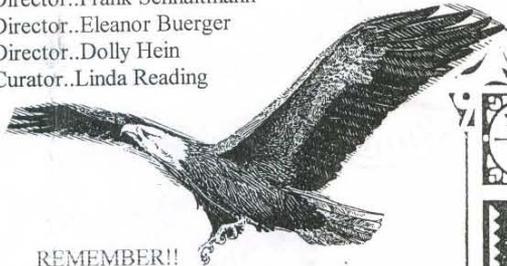
Poet's
Corner

Tomorrow is not promised us,
So let us take today
And make the very most of it
The once we pass this way.

Just speak aloud the kindly thought
And do the kindly deed.....
And try to see and understand
Some fellow creature's need.

Tomorrow is not promised us,
Nor any other day,
So let us make the most of it
The once we pass this way.

Taken from
Ideals Publications



REMEMBER!!

TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that dues
for 2003-2004 are due in
May.

You can pay at the Installation
Dinner or mail it in with the
enclosed Renewal Application.

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has
given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has
given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us the freedom to
demonstrate.

It is the soldier who salutes the flag, and
whose coffin is draped by the flag, who
allows the protester to burn the flag."

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, _____

PHONE _____ ZIP _____

CHECK ONE:

_____ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00

_____ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00

Checks are made payable to
Wheeling Historical Society
P.O. Box 3
Wheeling, Il. 60090

UPCOMING MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 17...Board Mtg
SEPTEMBER 24...Regular Mtg.

A request for information on the Menke family was made by Linda Valentine. Anyone who has information, please let me know.

We are looking for someone who would like to interview people about their life in Wheeling and their family tree. Call me or see me at the September meeting and I can give you materials to help you. We need to start interviewing people again.

Linda Reading, Curator

NOTE; Phyllis Harmon was instrumental in starting the Wheeling Wheelman Club and it is still functioning today. If you have any information on this club, please pass it along to me, Patti or Marilyn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

This is the 200th year celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. They were sent out to map the Louisiana Purchase and to find a Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean by President Jefferson in 1805. For info: log on to <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc> Glacier Park is located north of McHenry on Route 31.

Trail of History... Saturday and Sunday October 17 & 18. Glacial Park, Ringwood 9a.m. to 4 p.m. Adults \$5. children 6-12 and seniors \$2. Kids under 5 Free. More info: log on to www.MCCDistrict.org This is a living history re-enactment of the Northwest Territory between 1670 and 1850. Marilyn Chromy, Bev Rossman and Linda highly recommend it.

7th Annual Painted Lady House Walk Saturday. September 13, 10a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit seven beautiful Victorian homes in Oak Park. Advance Sales \$35 Day of Walk \$40. Includes a boutique and tea served from 2 – 5pm. at the Nineteenth Century Club. For more info: call 708-386-2729.



IN MEMORY OF SAM DATTILO

On May 24, 2003 we lost a very dear friend and society member of long standing. On that day Sam passed away. I knew Sam for 34 years. He was a retired master mechanic who had worked for 37 years at Gateway Chevrolet prior to his retirement. Sam always enjoyed repairing cars and continued to work on cars of friends and acquaintances until he had to stop due to health.

One of Sam's passions was antique cars and he owned two which he and his wife, Irene enjoyed driving in parades and on road trips with an antique motor club of which they belonged. You would also see them displayed at the Octoberfest.

Sam was one of the founding fathers of Wheeling Historical Society. He devoted much of his time helping out with our various activities. Lonnie and I could always count on Sam, pulling the flat bed with Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoying the ride in their sleigh. After many years of outstanding dedication to the Society, Sam and Irene were made Active Honorary members of the Society, a title given to only a few deserving members.

Sam was as great friend to many of us and will truly be missed by those who knew him well.

Frank Schnaitmann