



Wheeling Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message
From The
President*



Dear Friends and members:

This past Sunday February 8th, we held our first "Down Memory Lane" social and it turned out quite successful. It seemed that everyone that attended had a great time reminiscing with old friends and neighbors. There was a lovely table of food and desserts served by our girls scouts and the tables were set beautifully. I would like to thank all the society members who worked so hard preparing this event.

The feedback we received was quite encouraging and the residents who attended said they would like us to do it again and include more folks. If you are interested in becoming a part of this event, please let me know and we will include you on our mailing list for our next get together. (1-847-541-8692)

Remember on Wednesday, February 25th, is our annual "White Elephant Auction and Dinner". Please call Eleanor Buerger at 1-847-537-1976 for reservations. (See flyer at back of minutes) The dinner will cost \$8.00/person and will again be served by Wa-Pa-Ghetti's. To make this event successful, please bring items which you no longer want so they can be auctioned off. This is our only fund raiser so please help.

Have a great month and remember Spring is just around the corner. Hope to see you February 25th.

Sincerely,
Elaine Simpson
President

Copies of Dam #1, Weiss house and Wheeling Public School have been made as the old pictures are deteriorating fast. The new copies will be placed on display and the old ones filed.

More information has been given to Kathy Corbet on her great-grandmother Mina Schoenberg. Dorothy Barzan has been in doing research on the DesPlaines River-Foundry Road in Prospect Heights and history on the Forest Preserve. A donation was received.

Charles Naundorf is seeking information on the American Marietta Corporation, Serria Metals Division. He would like to know where the Division moved to. Anyone with information, please let me know.

Jim Lansberg would like any information on Dean's Subdivision and the Lansing family or the Morrison family to add to his family history.

Wedge is refinishing a mantel clock which was in poor condition. He is waiting for a new glass face. Thanks Wedge.

Received an article from Rudy Horcher re: Stephen Darius, a pilot out of Pal-waukee Airport in 1927-1931 who made deliveries of the Chicago Daily News to Eagle River Wisconsin and Mackinac Straits, Michigan.

We have been working on a new exhibit this month showing vintage ladies nightgowns, bodices, etc.

Linda Reading, Curator



Dear Friends:

I just want to share with you how great folks are and heed to the call when help is needed.

This is about saving pop tabs that go to the "One Step At A Time Program." The One Step At A Time summer camp is one of the programs which helps provide children with cancer and leukemia the opportunity to interact with others who share similar experiences. which may not be available to them due to the conditions of their illness.

It all started when we were asked to help save tabs. To make a long story short, I mentioned this to my sister in California and she told her bridge partners and daughters. We then received a thank you letter from Diane Massarsky, secretary at Twain School (who has been active in this program for quite a while) and I sent a copy to my sis. She gave a copy to one of her friends (Joyce Cobey who attends the Senior Citizens club) She showed the letter to her friends and todate, we have received tabs from: Audre Hudgins, Phyllis Penland, Joyce Cobey Marge Harti (California) Noel Gamel (Arizona) and Lynn Harris (Seattle Washington). I told my sis this costs her a lot but her answer was "I don't drink a lot of pop so that's my contribution. On behalf of the society, I want to give these ladies and big "THANKYOU" for their support.

Pat Hancock
Society Newsletter

A BIT OF HISTORY



1950's Wheeling A Town Divided
continued from January Newsletter...

The Woman's Club was also instrumental in the founding of the Wheeling Historical Society in August of 1965. The first meeting was held in November of that year with Merle Willis presiding. The meeting was well attended and there was much enthusiasm. They immediately began looking for photographs, newspaper clippings; any artifacts that would point out Wheeling's heritage.

At the same time, the Woman's Club put in a request to the village board to use the old village hall which was standing empty as a museum. Their first request was denied, but In October of 1966 the village board agreed to turn over the hall to the Historical Society. The building was restored, with financial help from the Woman's Club, and dedicated in May of 1968. It was later moved to Chamber of Commerce Park on South Wolf Road.

Today, 16 years later, (remember this was written in 1984). The historical society is still flourishing. The little museum is "bursting at the seams" with artifacts and exhibits. A group of volunteers is busy working in the museum office gathering information for the soon to be published book on Wheeling history.

THE END

UPCOMING MEETINGS
February 18th. Board Meeting
February 25th. Regular Meeting
POTLUCK DINNER AND
WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION



Worldlings in the Snow

Merion Olson

When country lanes are choked with swirling snowdrifts,
And meadows are held in winter's cold embrace,
Silent is the frozen field and woodland . . .
The barren world seems a deserted place.

*But deep within their haunts, securely hidden
And sheltered from the howling wind and storm,
Content, the woodland creatures go on living,
And pass the winter season snug and warm.*

Safe beneath the brambled brier hedges,
Where soft green willow bark is gnawed away,
A family of cottontails is napping . . .
On sunny days you'll see them at their play.

*The farmer's yard is traced with lacy footprints . . .
The white-tailed deer around the apple tree;
The field mouse and the squirrels near the granary,
The partridge by the feed for chickadees.*

The red fox in his den beneath the stone fence,
With graceful beauty glides across the snow.
Searching for food, he raids the farmer's henhouse
Till startled by the rooster's warning crow.

*High in his home within a hollow tree trunk,
The ringed-tail raccoon sleeps the months away.
The woodchuck, deep within his meadow burrow,
Slumbers on, to wake on Groundhog Day.*

The sheltering cedars harbor flocks of bird friends;
Through winter's icy blast we hear them sing.
And sleeping frogs beneath the frozen millpond
Will be among the first to welcome spring.



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

-W.H.S. Constitution-



Jone Schumacher's Cajun Coconut SPAM® Fritters

1 (12-ounce) can SPAM® luncheon meat

1½ cups complete pancake mix

2 teaspoons Cajun seasoning

¾ to 1 cup milk

1½ to 2 cups shredded coconut

Sweet-and-sour sauce, for dipping

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut block of SPAM® crosswise and lengthwise into four chunks. Cut each chunk into eight rectangular sticks.

Place a wooden toothpick lengthwise into each stick.

In bowl, combine pancake mix and Cajun seasoning; gradually add milk, stirring until batter is smooth. Dip each stick into batter and then roll in coconut until lightly coated.



Place prepared SPAM® onto a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, turning halfway through baking, until golden brown and batter is cooked through. To keep warm, place fritters on a baking sheet and place in a 275-degree oven.

Serve warm with sweet-and-sour sauce on the side for dipping. Makes 32 to 36 appetizer-sized fritters.

Note: If meat doesn't stay on toothpick while dipping, batter is too thick. Add more milk.

YESTERDAY



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ATTENTION ALL READERS!

Syke Horcher's book "Winter Wonderland" has received great reviews. Carol Spelius of Lake Shore publishing said "I think your book "Wheeling Wonderland", is really a wonder."

"The Journal of Income Distribution a scholarly journal which is distributed internationally to an eclectic group of academics, independent scholars & professionals in banking and economic development world wide" had Mr. Emeritus Professor Y.S. Brenner of Utrecht University, Holland review the book.

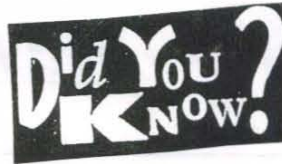
Quote: "This book is a memoir written by a man who spent 28 years with the police Department of Wheeling, Illinois. The narrative is personal and written with much friendly humour. Telling his life-story the author, who claims to have had little formal education, provides the readers with a surprisingly lucid overview of changes the influenced the character of American society in the course of the twentieth century."

Quote: "Although the author may not intended it, his episodic narratives reflect much of the social and economic history of the United States and of trends in American literature."

CONGRATULATIONS SYKE!

Copies of "Wheeling Wonderland" are still available at the museum for anyone wishing to purchase one. If picked up, the price is \$15.00.

To purchase directly from Syke, the book is \$16.95 (which covers cost of mailing)
Payable to: Marvin O. Horcher-Wheeling
Wonderland, 80 S. Dole St., Crystal Lake,
IL. 60014. Checks and money orders only.
Orders will be shipped by UPS 7 USPS
Media Mail.



In 1830 families settled the area around Fort Dearborn. Pre-emption bill gives squatters first chance to buy land at minimum price. The 1830 map shows Milwaukee Avenue as "Milwalky Trace." Cyrus McCormick invents the mechanical reaper.

In 1833, treaties with Potawatomi signed Sept. 26, initiate land rush. Chicago population is 150. March 13, Mr. Sweet stakes squatters claim on land near today's Palwaukee Inn. September 21, Mr. Sweet sells claim to George Strong for \$60.00.

In 1834, Indian treaties ratified. December. Mr. Joseph Filkins claims some 720 acres in Section 1, 2 and 3 of Wheeling Township.

In 1835, Filkins built first residence in area to become Wheeling. Eighteen log cabins are built in the township. William Hopps, known as "the Englishman," built a mansion in Section 3.

YOU KNOW YOUR GETTING OLD WHEN:

- . Middle age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.
- . By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.
- . Middle age is when you have stopped growing at both ends, and have begun to grow in the middle.
- . A man has reached middle age when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.
- . Middle age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.
