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# NEWSLETTER MARCH 04 NO. 6

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## Message From The President

Dear Friends and members:

Spring is happening soon as you can see with the new shoots coming up. Robins are now entering this area, have you seen any in your back yard? This makes you want to go out in the yard and start your spring planting and maybe get the urge to start the spring cleaning.

Our annual White Elephant Auction again was a huge success. Everybody had a great time. This year the food was a little different and everyone enjoyed the change in menu. The White Elephant this year were different. We had some bunnies, a window hanging, jewelry, and an assortment of other items. The Park District gave us a golf outing to auction off which brought in a nice sum.

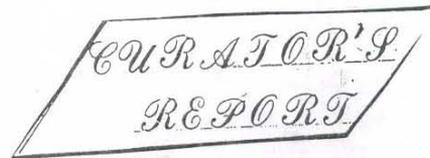
Due to Claire Rudolph being sick, she was unable to make her jam this year. She told me if anyone was interested in purchasing her jam, she would make it when she feels better and donate the money to the society. If you would like some jam, please give Claire a call at 847-537-0531.

On Saturday, March 13th, we will be hosting the N.E.I.L meeting. Please join us. The time is 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the Chamber Building.

Our effort to make the society visible is going well. The goal is to make the society visible to the village. As we become more and more visible, it will help us to recruit new members. If you would like to help, please give me a call at 847-541-8692. We can use all the help and suggestions that you may have.

The next regular meeting will be March 24<sup>th</sup> and at that time the nomination committee will present the slate of officers for the year 2004-05. For our program our guest speaker will be Steve Boime and the subject will be "Bicycles in Wheeling." Looking forward to seeing you.

Elaine Simpson, President



### Curators Report

There has been lots of hard work this last month as the Park District has been painting the interior of the main floor of the museum. The park is also replacing the old carpeting and new drapes., volunteers have been busy emptying all the display cases in order for Mitch's men to move them out in order the laying of the new carpet can be done. We will need some volunteers to help re-set up all the displays. Hopefully this can be done in time to open the museum soon.

We would like to thank the park district, Mitch and his men for all their help in getting this long awaited work done. It has truly brightened up the museum, makes our work more pleasant and our efforts worth while.

Linda Reading, Curator



#### UPCOMING MEETINGS.

- March 13...N.E. IL Meeting
- March 17...Board Meeting.
- March 24...Reg. Meeting



Barb McIntyre  
 Syke Horcher  
 Willie Franta  
 Lorraine Haben  
 Irene Dattilo  
 Bobbie Krause  
 Clare Rudolph  
 Doc Taylor

To all our friends and members who have been under the weather or in the hospital; we want you to know, we are always thinking of you.



## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Use the caps from plastic liter soda bottles as coasters on your porch furniture. The caps fit nicely and can be replaced whenever you finish another bottle of pop. The caps help protect both furniture and the porch.

To make your own cleaning solution for windows that's easy and less expensive than commercial solutions, add 1/2 cup rubbing alcohol to 1 quart water. Either use it in a pail or pour it into an empty spray bottle.

To keep shower doors shiny and clear, use a soft cloth moistened with baby oil it prevents scum build-up from dirt and soap. And hard water spots won't appear for several months.

"Dry clean" your dog during the winter months by rubbing baking soda into its fur. Brush out with an old hairbrush.

To reduce cat hair around your house, gently run a damp paper towel over your cat. It collects both hair and dirt

## Did You Know?

The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps Over the lazy dog," uses every letter in the alphabet and was developed by Western Union to test telex/twx communications.

In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.

Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not re-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

Hang On Sloopy is the official rock song Of Ohio.



OLD WOMAN...OR YOUNG GIRL?

HINT: the old woman's nose is the young girl's nose and chin.

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*



MARCH

In March of 1915, the commercial cosmetic lipstick is on everybody's lips.

In March of 1916 Bobbed hair and bobby pins are all the rage.

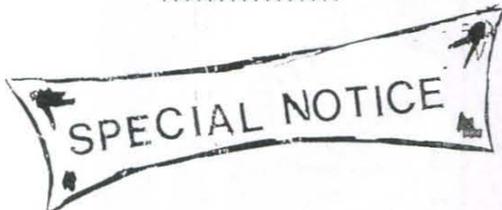
The band-Aid was introduced by Johnson And Johnson in 1920

In 1922 advertising makes Listerine antiseptic a household word.

The first Miss America Beauty Pageant was Held in Atlantic City, New Jersey in March of 1921.

In the 1920's Campbell's Soup turned up on market shelves.

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Help is still needed at the museum on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Just ring the door bell and we will put you to work.

Help will also be needed on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Call Patti 537-1450

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*Cook's Kitchen*

Light 'n Creamy Tropical Dessert

PREP: 15 MIN BAKE: 15 MIN COOL: 1 HR  
CHILL: 4 HR

Almond Crust (below)

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 can (20 ounces) pineapple tidbits in juice, drained and 1 cup juice reserved
- 1 1/2 cups whipping (heavy) cream
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 papaya or mango, peeled, seeded and cut into pieces
- 1 kiwifruit, peeled and cut into pieces

1. Bake and cool Almond Crust.
2. Mix cream cheese, sugar and vanilla in large bowl with spoon. Reserve 1/2 cup of the pineapple. Stir remaining pineapple into cream cheese mixture.
3. Beat whipping cream in chilled medium bowl with electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form. Fold whipped cream and marshmallows into cream cheese mixture. Spread over crust. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours until set but no longer than 48 hours.
4. Gradually stir reserved 1 cup pineapple juice into cornstarch in 1-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Cool completely, about 30 minutes. Fold in reserved 1/2 cup pineapple, the papaya and kiwifruit. For servings, cut into 5 rows by 3 rows. Serve with fruit mixture. Store covered in refrigerator. 15 servings.

Almond Crust

- 1 1/2 cups Gold Medal all-purpose flour
- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup finely chopped slivered almonds



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

-W.H.S. Constitution-

## A BIT OF HISTORY



Esther E. Noffke was one of the first woman pilots to fly in and out of Pal-Waukee airport , as well as, being one of its first female flight instructors.

During the World War II years, a flight training program called Civilian Pilot Training (CPT) was happening. During this time, many women were learning to fly. Ester Noffke, a former pilot at Pal-Waukee airport, was a Women Air Force Pilot (WASP) during 1944 and 1945. When the WASPs were deactivated, she came to Wheeling.

The airport was owned by Owen Jones at the time Esther Noffke was a pilot. In 1946 the airport was sold to Parks Aircraft of East St. Louis and in 1953 It was again sold to George Priester who owned it until 1986 when it was purchased by the Village of Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Seventy individual T hangers were erected and they put in a center field runway which they later converted to a taxi-way after a dual runway was built. New planes and businesses came in at that time. In the sixties many new motels were established and a new control tower was built

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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.



We would like to thank  
the following for their  
loans and/or donations.

A letter and map from the village dated 1996 on the changing of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July route going through Hollywood subdivision donated by Beverly Rossmann.

Pictures of various events in the village donated by Gertrude Trunda.

Coffee mug 1977, donated by Marilyn Chromy

A fax machine donated by the Park District.

Picture and brochures donated by Semerling Fence Company.