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NEWSLETTER APRIL 04 NO. 8

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message From The President

Dear Friends and Members:

Thinking of spring brings to mind how wonderful the museum looks now. Linda, Marilyn, Beverly and Patti have done a great job of putting the museum back in order. The walls sparkle with a new paint job and the new carpeting looks great thanks to Mitch and his men and the Park District.

Ladies, you have done a terrific job and I hope all of our members get a chance to come over and see the museum on a Sunday. Better yet, call Linda and arrange to sit at the museum for a Sunday afternoon from 2 -- 4 p.m.

At our March meeting we had a program given by Steve Boime on the history of bicycles and the races held in the past, Wheeling being a part of it.

At our April meeting we will be discussing items that will be occurring during the summer. Also, we will be asking the society members to vote on whether we should have meetings all year long. since we are doing more summer activities, this may help us organize the events better and have more participation from society members.

Some of the members of the society are working together to have a Preservation Commission in the village to help preserve some of the landmarks of the past for the future.

At the April meeting, we will be holding the election of new officers for the 2004-2005 fiscal year

and in May we will have our installation dinner at the Grove Banquets and Meeting Rooms (the Schwaben Center) on Wednesday, May 26th. Invitations will be sent out and we will be looking forward to seeing you there.

I hope your holiday was great and remember our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 28th.

Elaine Simpson, President



The museum now has a new facelift, The carpet is in and the furniture has been rearranged. Thanks to the maintenance crew for helping with the muscle work. Mitch has even put rollers on some of the cabinets so it is easier to move them. We are busy now putting the displays back together. Thanks to Wedge and Patti for the new shelving in the front room and for the refinishing of the mantel clock, which will sit on one of the shelves, we now can see what time it is.

PLACES TO GO:

May 16th, Palatine's 12th annual cemetery walk.

June 12th, N.E.I.L General meeting will be held at the Buffalo Grove Historical Society.

June 13th, Arlington Heights will be holding their annual house walk and tea.

June 13th. Northbrook's annual cemetery walk.

For more information call me at 520-0125.

Linda Reading, Curator



Poppy Seed Chiffon Cake

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 cup sugar
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup water
 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 5 egg yolks
 1 teaspoon lemon extract
 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
 1 can (12-1/2 ounces) poppy seed filling
 7 egg whites, room temperature
 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- LEMON BUTTER FROSTING:**
 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
 4 cups confectioners' sugar
 3 to 5 tablespoons milk
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 teaspoon lemon extract

In a mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add water, oil, egg yolks, lemon extract, lemon peel and filling; beat until smooth. In another bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar until stiff peaks form. Fold into batter; pour into an ungreased 10-in. tube pan. Bake at 350° for 55-60 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched. Invert pan on a bottle; cool completely. Remove cake from pan. For frosting, cream butter and sugar in a mixing bowl. Add milk, lemon juice and extract; beat until smooth. Frost cake. **Yield:** 12-16 servings.



April Ways

Louise Weibert Sutton

Fair are the ways of April . . .
 The orchard paths disclose
 More petals than the garden,
 More perfume than the rose;

*More music than an organ,
 More beauty than a smile,
 More loveliness than summer
 Strewn down some further mile.*

The small bright winds of April,
 Like sun-winged birds that ply
 Blue arches of the morning
 Into great vaults of sky,

*Sing till their stirring voices
 Call forth the peach and pear,
 And blossoms scent the tresses
 Of April's golden hair!*

Small puddles mirror heaven,
 Gifts of the past night's rain,
 And glistening drops jewel lilacs
 Along the grass-edged lane.

*Step out, to warm bright April
 No more dull fireside hours.
 Come out to paths of sunshine . . .
 To a world knee-deep in flowers!*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL 21st ..Board Meeting
 APRIL 28th ..Regular meeting
 (Election of Officers)



APRIL

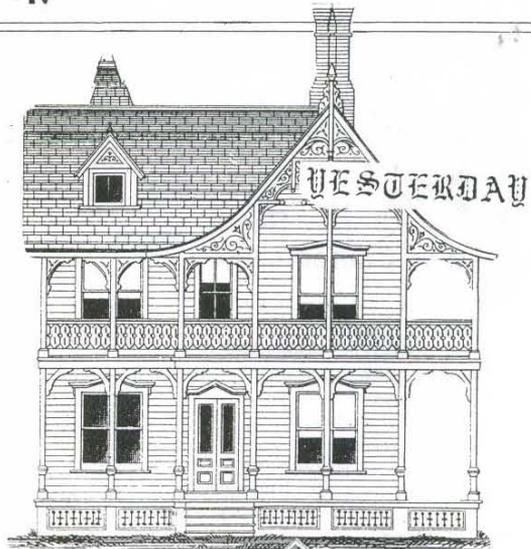
On April 18, 1927, Wonder Bread was introduced stating "it was the best thing since sliced loaves.

On April 24, 1929, the Yo-Yo was introduced.

In April of 1926, the first talking motion picture Don Juan, debuts at the Warner Theatre, in New York, making silent pictures obsolete.

In April 1924, Kimberly-Clark introduced disposable handkerchiefs, later called Kleenex.

Gerber introduced its baby foods in April of 1927.



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



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

-W.H.S. Constitution -



Man Playing Horn... Or Woman Silhouette?

A BIT OF HISTORY



Dear Friends:

I would like to share this letter received from Ms Joan Kraus , granddaughter of Christ and Marie Kraus.

Dear Sirs:

I recently found a photograph of the Kraus Bait Shop in Wheeling. I hope you will be Able to use this picture in the telling of Wheeling history.

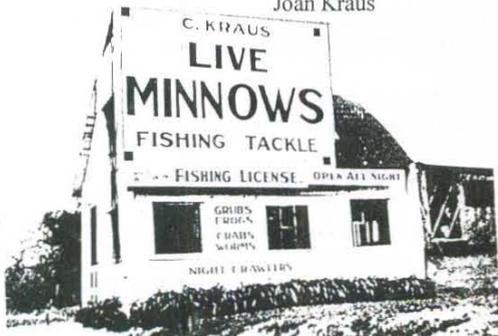
At one time the shop was located at 532 Milwaukee Ave. (The corner of Milwaukee and Kraus Lane.) They bought the property from Mr. & Mrs. Mors and opened the store in 1939.

At the shop they had many different types of live bait and tackle for people to go fishing, with most of the bait was caught by Christ and his family in the Des Plaines River, Buffalo Grove Creek and the two ponds they owned located behind their home.

In 1948, the building was torn down and they opened their new shop on the same location. The store was open until 1962, then closed after the death of my grandfather. My grandmother owned the building until she sold it In 1968. The shop became the Wheeling Feed Mill.

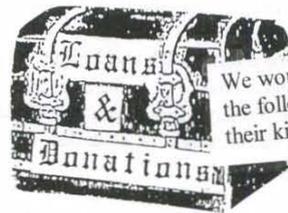
Many of the children are still in the Wheeling area today.

Joan Kraus



Dolly Hein
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 to you to know, we are always thinking of you.



We would like to thank the following friends for their kind donations.

Assorted pictures taken in WW by Michael Tripoli, a Map of Germany in WW II , and a book of the "788 Field Artillery Battalion. Also received a section of Wheeling Herald 1988 Spring Dining and Entertainment. These were Donated by Fran Theriault on behalf of her father who took the pictures and was in the 788 Field Artillery Battalion..

Received from Barb Lahay, a military picture of her husband for our exhibit.

Received one old glass jar, one old basket, And an issue of Country Home DecemberA 1986.

Received one old electric shaver and accessories, barber scissors , hair curling iron and a shaving brush from Pat Hancock.