



NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message
From The
President*

Dear Friends and Members:

May is upon us and on the 26th of May we will be holding our installation dinner followed by the exciting happenings of summer.

At our April meeting, we took a vote and the Society as a whole agreed to have meetings all year long except for December when we hold Lollipop Lane. There will be short meetings in February and May. This will help a lot in planning summer activities.

This summer, we are planning to be part of the 4th of July celebration. We will have a booth and we will be selling pickles and old fashion candy. We hope that many of you will be interested in helping us and join in this fun celebration.

On July 24th we will be having our Old Fashion Picnic with a rain date on the 25th and this year we are looking forward to everybody attending.

In August the Wheeling Garden Club would like us to participate with them in an Old Fashion Fair. We are still working on the details of this.

If you would like to be part of any of the above activities, please give me a call and we will be more than happy to put you on the committee.

Looking forward to seeing you at the coming Installation Dinner.

Elaine Simpson
President

CURATOR'S REPORT

The museum now is now in the process of getting new shingles on the roof. The crew started working on Tuesday, April 27th and will be there for a while. Mitch advised the barn and church will also get a new roofs. The shingles will appear to be the same as the previous ones. Much thanks to the maintenance crew.

Elaine, Mitch and I are now looking at window treatment for the museum. We will be getting an estimate from "Lily's Window Fashions" in Wheeling on Dundee Road this Thursday. Hopefully shades will be installed soon.

I have talked to Joann Periolat Siadak about information on the Periolat family. She has been doing some genealogy and has found another cousin in Wisconsin. She will come into the office and share her information.

PLACES TO GO:

Palatine will be its 12th annual cemetery walk.

June 12th, N.E.I.L. will hold its general meeting at the Buffalo Grove Historical Society.

June 13th, Arlington Heights will hold its annual house walk and tea. Call me for more info.

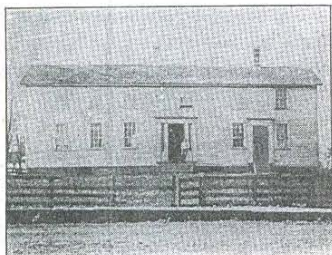
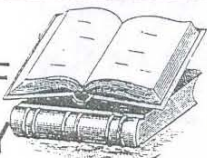
June 13th, Northbrook will hold its annual cemetery walk.

Linda Reading, Curator

EXTRA!

The Minutes of April 28, 2004 will be Enclosed with the future Newsletter

A BIT OF HISTORY



Taken from the February 2, 1994 issue of the Wheeling Herald.

The Wheeling Post Office had its beginning along with many other businesses in the Wheeling area, many years ago.

The post office was established on May 1, 1837 by Joseph Filkins. It was run out of Filkin's tavern on the northwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road. The building was Wheeling's first tavern, hotel and stage coach stop. Mr. Filkins served as postmaster.

In between 1837 and 1886 there were six different Postmasters: Charles Daniel, J.L. McDuffy, John Schaeffer, Charles Vogt, Fred Stryker and Charles Hunsinger.

In 1886, Emil Sigwalt was appointed postmaster, and the post office was moved to the general store owned by Sigwalt and Christ Bollenbach, on the west side of South Milwaukee Avenue. Call boxes were used, since there were no locks at that time.

In 1918, Ed Welfin took over as postmaster until 1934.

August Grewe was postmaster from 1937 until 1954. The post office was located in the Fassbender store, near the southwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road from 1934 until 1941. Around this time, airmail was beginning to be flown out of Pal-Waukee Airport. In 1941 the post office was moved to the Forke building, a few doors south, until 1957.

In 1970, the post office was moved to its present location at 250 West Dundee Road. The postmaster at this time was Edward F. Swan. In 1993, Terry Caldwell became postmaster and at that time the post office operated with about 100 employees.

TRIVIA

ONLY IN AMERICA !

Only in America...do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage

Only in America...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

Only in America...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America...do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "bloodsucking creatures".

Only in America...do we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

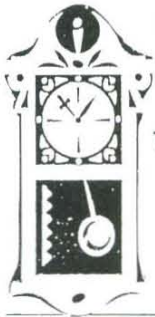


Help is still needed at the museum on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just ring the door bell and we will put you to work.

Help is always needed on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Linda at 520-0125.



A Face Of A Native American...
Or An Eskimo?



TIME MARCHES ON..

Just a reminder that
dues were due in May
for year 2000-2001.

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

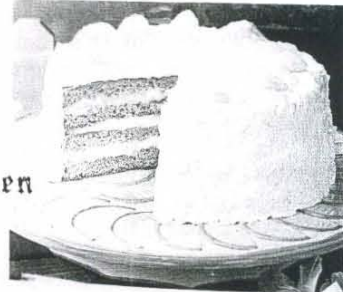
Did You Know?

In the 1920's, the community residents were happy with the Wheeling State Bank because it was never robbed by John Dillinger, and it was one of the few banks that was able to stay open after the stockmarket crash of 1929.

In 1948, the police department's squad car was a 1948 Chevrolet, Marvin "Syke" Horcher was hired that year as a assistant marshall to work the graveyard shift. According to Syke, this squad car was used numerous times as an ambulance.



Cook's
Kitchen



SUNNY COCONUT CAKE

- 2 cups (16 ounces) sour cream
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 package (14 ounces) flaked coconut
- 1 package (18-1/4 ounces) yellow cake mix
- 1 package (3 ounces) orange gelatin
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, well drained

In a mixing bowl, combine sour cream, sugar and orange juice. Beat in coconut. Cover and refrigerate. In another mixing bowl, combine the cake mix, gelatin, water, oil and eggs; mix well. Pour into two greased and floured 9-in. round cake pans. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until cakes test done. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Split cakes in half. Set aside 1 cup of the coconut filling; spread remaining filling between cake layers. Refrigerate. Beat cream until stiff peaks form; fold into reserved filling. Frost top and sides of cake; garnish with oranges. Refrigerate until serving. Yield: 12-16 servings.



Wheeling Historical Society

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

-W.H.S. Constitution -



PORTRAITS FROM THE PAST

This month we would like to pay tribute to Syke Horcher who passed away on April 29 th. Syke was born in Wheeling married to Ellie and had Five daughters. He was a member of the Wheeling Historical Society and contributed much to the history of Wheeling. He served in the military and when discharged in 1944, he joined the Wheeling Police Department, became Chief of Police in 1955 and retired in 1977. It is noted he helped all who needed help and went beyond the call of duty.

Many of you know his story...and he was quite a story teller himself. He was the auctioneer at our annual pot luck dinner and auction for many years. He will be sorely missed, not only as a member but as a good friend and Syke wherever you are, thanks for everything.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 19.....Board Meeting
 May 26..Annual Installation
 Dinner

Faith is a brightness and a shining way;
 Faith is a glory that the brave have worn;
 Faith is a singing through a long, gray day;
 Faith is a healing for old hurts long borne.
 Faith is the first bright star hung low;
 Faith is the ocean's moon-lit sheen;
 Faith is the dreams that all hearts know,
 The evidence of things that are not seen.

I have not seen it, yet it walks with me;
 I have not touched it, yet it holds my hand;
 I shall not lose it through Eternity,
 Whether my journey be by sea or land.
 With its high torch to light the alien skies,
 I shall face life and death with fearless eyes.



We would like to remind all of our friends and members who are under the weather, that we are thinking of them.

Barb McIntyre, Willie Franta, Irene Dattilo and Bobbie Krause, our thoughts are always with you.

Dolly Hein who is in rehab now, we hope you will be back with us real soon.

Clara Rudolph, Good luck with your tests.

Doc Taylor. We hope you are feeling better.

Our condolences to the Horcher family on the passing of Syke. He will be missed.