



NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2005

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Message
From The
President

Dear Members and Friends:

Summer is upon us and we have a few exciting things happening in the month of July. The first item will be the booth at Wheeling Fest. This is Sunday the 3rd and Monday the 4th. We are in need of volunteers. The booth hours will be from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Monday from 1:00 p.m. until the fireworks. If you are able to give a few hours of your time, please call me at 847-541-8692. Joan Wiener and Linda Reading will be helping to cover these days. Please, we need your help!! The second item will be the society picnic on July 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. At the picnic we will also celebrate 40 years as a society. For the picnic it is bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be supplied by society members. Also, we will be having a white elephant bingo so remember to wrap up a gift and bring it along. Hope to see you at both events.

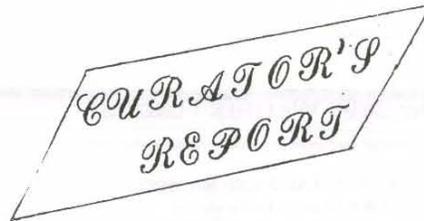
One other thing, please call Linda Reading if you are able to donate two hours sitting at the Museum on a Sunday afternoon. The hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Elaine Simpson, President



UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 15... Board meeting
June 22... Regular Meeting



CURATOR'S REPORT

I have sent back a reply to Landmark Preservation Council of Ill. Survey and left a message for Mr. Maloney to call Rudy Horcher about Buffalo Grove Creek relocation in the early 1900's.

Rudy Horcher was celebrating 57 years of decorating Wheeling Veterans headstones with flags on Memorial Day. Thanks Rudy, for all your dedication and devotions. We're proud of you.

We gathered and I took 3 lbs of pop tops to Eugene Field School and they were very happy to receive them. We will be alternating between Twain and Field schools in the future.

I sent 3 5x7 photos to Lee Brooks of the church and museum being moved to their present locations. He is publishing a book on moving structures.

Bill Kiddle from Raupp Museum was over to look at some of our farm equipment from the 1860's for their pre civil war era exhibit. There is a possibility he may want to borrow something. If he does, I would come to the board for their consideration.

Kay from North Suburban Library System called wanting info on the Skinner family. She has been sent the small amount of information we have.

I had a good time presenting the video "Celebrating Tomorrow with Yesterday's Memories" by Lorraine Haben and Carol Kolsaak, on May 25th. This was done at the Villa.

In May I ordered t-shirts for the 40th anniversary picnic from Innovation Screening in Antioch. They will be ready for pick-up in late June.

Did You Know?

A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death.

The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was a Captain Kirk mask painted white.

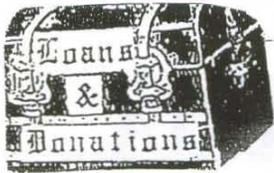
If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins *without being able to make change for a dollar* (...good to know).

By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was completely useless.)

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb (sign of a true civilized society...NOT).

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first class.

The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.



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

H. Frazer, we received a harness bench used to sew leather harnesses. Age unknown, hand made of Cherry wood needs strap to treadle

Beverly Rossmann gave us one Jack London t-shirt

Lorraine Haben. we received 1 Peter Pan child's carrying case, 1 old fashion doll, 1 white chamois top, 1 white child's dress, 1 crochet beige purse with pink buttons, 1 Ben Franklin glasses, 1 pr of black opera gloves, 1 black and brown opera dress belonging to her great Aunt. NOTE: All of these articles were formerly on loan which she has decided to donate.



Dear Friends:

Well here we are in the month of June and spring has sprung, flowers are blooming, new plants have been put in, the birds are singing and I sit back with a lemonade and say "It doesn't get any better than this.. life is good!"

The Installation Dinner was held the end of May and new members to the board were sworn in. Your board for the 2005-2006 fiscal year is President, Elaine Simpson, Vice President, Fran Eagan, Secretary, Joan Wiener, Treasurer, Marilyn Chromy. The Directors are: Shirley McConnell, Barb Forke and Pat Hancock.

The dinner was great, the food was good and friends from the park and village were there to share this time with us. It was noted by President Tom Webber that Cheri Klumpp was again appointed Liaison to the Wheeling Historical Society. She is one special lady. A thank you goes to Elaine Simpson, Joan Weiner, Marilyn Chromy, Lonnie Schnaitmann, Bill Hein, and all others who helped make this year's dinner a success.

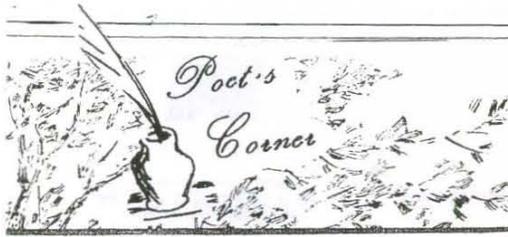
The next function to be held is on the 4th of July when the society will be selling watermelon at the Fest. Volunteers are still needed, if you would like to help, please call Elaine Simpson. at 541-8692.

The 24th of July we will not only be holding our annual "Old Fashion Picnic" but will also be celebrating our 40th year as a society. We hope that many of you and are wishing some of our distant members and friends will be able to join us.

Well friends, guess I'll get back to enjoying this beautiful day and watch the birds bathing in the fountain when I should be ironing.. Have a happy and fruitful month of June.

Patti

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to CLARE RUDOLPH who celebrated
her 90th birthday. We wish you many
years of good health and happiness.



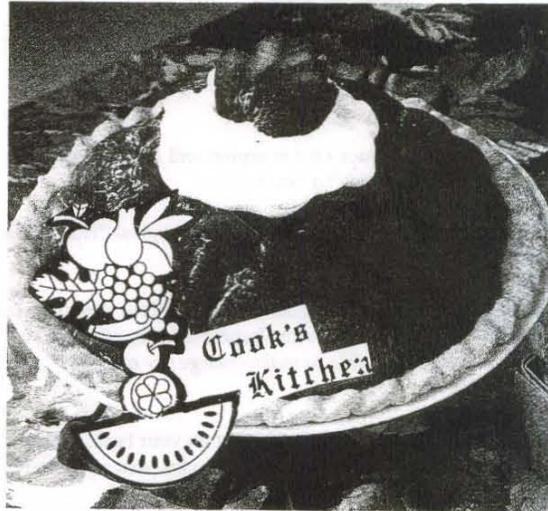
A Child Shall Lead

Author Unknown

You, little child, with your shining eyes and dimpled cheeks . . . you can lead us along the pathway to the more abundant life. We blundering grown-ups need in our lives the virtues that you have in yours: The joy and enthusiasm of looking forward to each new day with glorious expectations of wonderful things to come . . . The vision that sees the world as a splendid place with good fairies, brave knights and glistening castles reaching toward the sky . . . The radiant curiosity that finds adventure in simple things: the mystery of billowy clouds, the miracle of snowflakes, the magic of growing flowers . . . The tolerance that forgets differences as quickly as your childish quarrels are spent—that holds no grudges, that hates never, that loves people for what they are . . . The genuineness of being oneself; to be finished with sham, pretense, and empty show; to be simple, natural, and sincere . . . The courage that rises from defeat and tries again, as you with laughing face rebuild the house of blocks that topples to the floor . . . The believing heart that trusts others, knows no fear and has faith in a divine Father who watches over His children from the sky . . . The contented, trusting mind that, at the close of day, woos the blessing of child-like slumber. Little child, we would become like you that we may find again the kingdom of heaven within our hearts.



"The object of this Society shall be the Discovery, preservation And dissemination of Knowledge about the Community of Wheeling"



Sky-High Strawberry Pie

3 quarts fresh strawberries, divided
1-1/2 cups sugar
6 tablespoons cornstarch
2/3 cup water
Red food coloring, optional
1 deep-dish pastry shell (10 inches), baked
1 cup whipping cream
1-1/2 tablespoons instant vanilla pudding mix

In a large bowl, mash enough strawberries to equal 3 cups. In a saucepan, combine the sugar and cornstarch. Stir in the mashed

berries and water; mix well. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; add food coloring if desired. Pour into a large bowl. Refrigerate for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until mixture is just slightly warm. Fold in the remaining berries. Pile into pie shell. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours. In a small mixing bowl, whip cream until soft peaks form. Sprinkle pudding mix over cream and whip until stiff; serve with the pie. **Yield:** 8-10 servings.

TRIVIA

THINGS TO KNOW... (Hard to believe !!!)

For chigger bites or puffy eyes use Preparation H

For paper cuts, Crazy glue or Chap Stick (glue is used ins of sutures at most hospitals)

For stinky feet..Jell-O! For athletes feet- cornstarch.

Fungus on toenails or fingernails use Vicks vapor rub

Kool Aid can be used to clean dishwasher pipes. Just put the detergent section and run a cycle, it will also clean a toilet (WOW, and we drink this stuff!)

THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO: N.E.I.L. meeting .
 June 11 at Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St. Des Plaines.
 Arlington Heights... "Wee Bit of Irish Fest" July 16, Arl Hts.
 Museum grounds.
 Wilmette: Walking Tour of Downtown ..July 30, 10 a.m.

Linda Reading, Curator

A BIT OF HISTORY



In checking through some material I have, I came across this item printed in October of ? year?

Before Syke Horcher left us, he sent this bit of information to us which he thought we would find interesting. It was given to him by his brother Rudy. Thanks to both for sharing this with us.

It is titled "AT THE CROSSROADS"

In the October 19 "Sidewalks " section , Rick Kogan talks about the Palwaukee Munciple Airport, but fails to mention that its name is derived from the two roads that intersect where the airport stands—Palatine Road and Milwaukee Avenue.

Palwaukee was also the place where a famous pioneer of early aviation worked from 1929 to 1931. His name was Stephen Darius. Darius was born in Lithuania but immigrated with his family to the United States in 190. After serving in France with the U.S. Army during WW he joined the Lithuanian Air Force, but returned to the U.S. in 1927.

In 1933, he and co-pilot Stanley Girenas, another Lithuanian Immigrant, attempted to fly non-stop from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania, in a single-engine Bellanca monoplane. Unfortunately, they crashed in a forest a few hundred miles short of their destination (both pilots were killed). This year marks the 70th anniversary of their transatlantic flight.

During his employment at Palwaukee, Darius was the airport's main flight instructor and pilot. One of his assignments was to deliver the Chicago Daily News to Eagle River, Wis., and the Mackinac Straits in Michigan for which he received \$5 for each flight hour.

At Palwaukee, Darius wore a cap with the airport's insignia, a sort of eight-pointed star made up of four airplanes and two words: Palatine up and down, and Milwaukee across. This cap and insignia he wore during his flight to Lituania. The cap rests at the Dariu -Girenas exhibit in the War Museum in Kaunas.

JUNE 2005 WEATHER FORECAST

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2 GREAT LAKES AND MIDWEST

1st-3rd. Pleasant, then scattered showers Ohio River Valley. 4th-7th. Pleasant Great Lakes. 8th-11th. Unsettled. 12th-15th. Pleasant. 16th-19th. Showery, then fair. 20th-23rd. Dangerous thunderstorms Great Lakes area. 24th-27th. Thunderstorms, then fair. 28th-30th. Some thunderstorms Great Lakes.

Full Moon names date back to Native Americans, of what is now the northern and eastern United States. The tribes kept track of the seasons by giving distinctive names to each recurring full Moon. Their names were applied to the entire month in which each occurred. There was some variation in the Moon names, but in general, the same ones were current throughout the Algonquin tribes from New England to Lake Superior. European settlers followed that custom and created some of their own names. Since the lunar month is only 29 days long on the average, the full Moon dates shift from year to year.

• **Full Strawberry Moon - June** This name was universal to every Algonquin tribe. However, in Europe they called it the Rose Moon. Also because the relatively short season for harvesting strawberries comes each year during the month of June... so the full Moon that occurs during that month was christened for the strawberry!

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE

June 5...Elaine S. and Linda
 June 12...Patti and Wedge
 June 19...Lorraine Haben and Fran Eagan