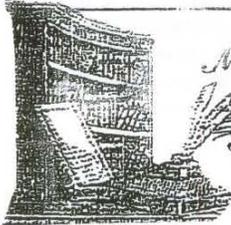




NEWSLETTER SEPT. 2005

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Message
From The
President*

Dear Friends and Members:

Fall is fast approaching and it won't be long before Lollipop Lane will be upon us. I think that is one of the best things we do. To me it is like a special Wonderland that you don't see in the malls and stores anymore. It is too commercialized. Don't forget to mark your calendar for those days in December. The dates are December 3rd through December 11th. Help playing Mr. And Mrs. Santa or baking cookies. Remember this is a team effort.

On August 27th, we partnered with the Wheeling Garden Club for the Country Fair. It was a warm but nice day and there were some that turned out. For those that came it was informative and I think everybody had a nice time.

Unfortunately I missed the rescheduled picnic due to a conflict with my family. I was sorry that this happened but Patti will let you know how it went.

Fall will be here in a few weeks and a reminder to take a ride and enjoy the changing of the leaves. I feel this is one of the nicest times of the year.

Our meeting for the month of September will be on Wednesday the 28th. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and if you think we should have a Halloween party in October, bring your suggestions.

Hope to see you on the 28th.

Elaine Simpson, President

CURATOR'S REPORT

We had some visitors when the Wheeling Garden Club Hosted their 2nd annual Country Fair on August 27th. A good time was had with what children came to play games. With the playground under construction at Chamber Park, there wasn't the usual group of children attending the park. The museum was closed for the Labor Day weekend.

Museum Update: The handicap entrance has a tempory fixed door ramp, doorbell installed and the crash bars fixed. A new ramp will be put in the budget for next year and possibly a wooden ramp. Mitch is buying two keyed bulletin boards for the front and handicap entrance of the museum.

At this time the old bank vault door is being stored in the barn and with the approval of the board and members we would like to have the old bank vault door mounted outside the barn on a cement platform in order for display, possibly with 2 - 4 old bank sandstones for a path to it.

Linda Reading, Curator

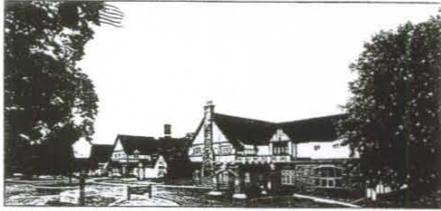
PLACE TO GO AND THINGS TO DO;

McHenry County "Trail of History" 2005 Sat, Oct. 15th and Sunday October 16th. Glacial Park in Ringwood Il. 9-4 p.m. Adults \$5.00 Children 6-12 under & Senior Citizens \$2.00 5 and under free.

This is an educational living history re-enactment of the Northwest Territory between 1670 and 1850. For more Info. Call 815-338-6223

"Appraise the Past" Arlington Heights Historical Museum. Sept. 24th 9-4 p.m.

CHEVY CHASE COUNTRY CLUB 1998



I would also like to update you of the press release which was recently submitted to the public regarding Chevy Chase which is owned by the Wheeling Park District. For those of you out of town, Chevy Chase had been forcibly annexed into the village of Buffalo Grove. Wheeling Park District decided to take them to task.

PRESS RELEASE

In the interest of the Taxpayers of the Village of Buffalo Grove and the Wheeling Park District, a Settlement Agreement has been reached on litigation between Buffalo Grove and the Wheeling Park District concerning the annexation of a portion of the Chevy Chase Country Club, including the clubhouse and a section of the Traditions Golf Course. The Parties, in earnest negotiations, sought to meet the needs and goals of their companion jurisdiction while remaining faithful to their taxpayers. This Settlement Agreement provides for disconnection of most of the Park District property, including the clubhouse and golf course.

The Settlement agreement will resolve all litigation brought in relation to this matter and ensure the taxpayers of each jurisdiction are not unfairly impacted by the disconnection. This will also set the framework for long-term cooperative relations between the parties as regards essential services.

Parties to the litigation agree that pursuing the litigation would lead to a large amount of litigation expenses for each party, which will now be avoided through this Settlement Agreement.

This Settlement Agreement was successfully negotiated through the Office of Judge Raymond McKoski, Presiding Judge for this case, through pretrial conferences conducted on July 12, 2005 and July 27, 2005. Both the Village of Buffalo Grove and the Wheeling Park District greatly appreciate the guidance and direction of Judge McKoski in forging a settlement of this issue satisfactory to the Parties.

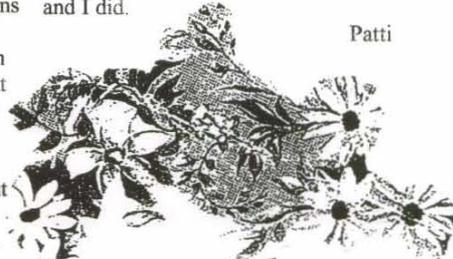
The agreement was then signed by Thomas Webber, President Wheeling Park District on behalf of the Park Board of Commissioners and Elliott Hartstein, Village President, Village of Buffalo Grove on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees.



Dear Members:

Just to let you know that the rescheduled picnic which was to celebrate our 40th year and was held on the 19th, was a very pleasant day. There were lots of great desserts brought by members of the society. We had our lunches on the benches where the cool breezes blew. We then played bingo in the Chamber center. There were prizes for everyone. I hate to say it but our picnic consisted mostly of our members. There were a few guests which I hope they enjoyed the event as much as we did. In all, I thought everything went very well. I would like to thank everyone that participated and hope you had a good time as Wedge and I did.

Patti



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.



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



How the Leaves Came Down

I'll tell you how the leaves came down;
The great Tree to his children said,
"You're getting sleepy, Yellow and Brown,
Yes, very sleepy, little Red;
It is quite time you went to bed."

"Ah!" begged each silly pouting leaf,
"Let us a little longer May;
Dear Father Tree, behold our grief;
'Tis such a very pleasant day.
We do not want to go away."

So, just for one more merry day
To the great Tree the leaflets clung,
Frolicked and danced and had their way,
Upon the autumn breezes swung,
Whispering all their sports among.

"Perhaps the Great Tree will forget
And let us stay until the spring
If we all beg and coax and fret."
But the Great Tree did no such thing;
He smiled to hear their whispering.

"Come, children, all to bed," he cried,
And ere the leaves could urge their prayer,
He shook his head, and far and wide,
Fluttering and rustling everywhere,
Down sped the leaflets through the air.

I saw them; on the ground they lay,
Golden and red, a huddled swarm,
Waiting till one from far away,
White bed-clothes heaped upon her arm,
Should come to wrap them safe and warm.

The great bare tree looked down and smiled.
"Good-night, dear little leaves," he said;
And from below each sleepy child
Replied "Good night," and murmured,
"It is so nice to go to bed."

—Susan Coolidge

One of life's greatest pleasures: paying the last installment.

MANDARIN ALMOND SALAD

4 tablespoons sugar, *divided*
1/2 cup slivered almonds
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1 bunch red leaf lettuce, torn
1 can (11 ounces) mandarin oranges, drained
1 small red onion, sliced

In a small skillet, melt 3 tablespoons of sugar over low heat. Add almonds and stir until coated. Cool; break into small pieces and set aside. In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the oil, vinegar, parsley, salt, pepper, hot pepper sauce and remaining sugar; shake well. Just before serving, combine the lettuce, oranges, onion and almonds in a large salad bowl. Shake dressing; pour over salad and toss. **Yield:** 4-6 servings.



INSTRUCTION FOR LIFE

Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully

Memorize your favorite poem.

Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or
Sleep all you want.

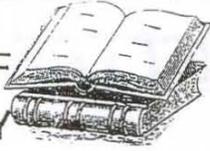
When you say, "I love you", mean it.

When you say "I'm sorry", look the person in the
eye.

Believe in love at first sight.

Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People don't have
Dreams don't have much.

A BIT OF HISTORY



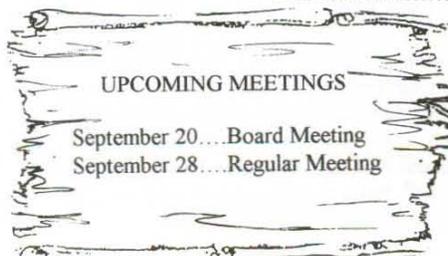
"Letter from Mr. Sicks to Mr. McIntyre"
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Grandmother, her father and the children remained on the Deerfield farm until they built the Wheeling house in the Early 1890's. During the years between 1892 and 1958 members of five generation lived there. My grandmother Sicks, her uncle Jacob Volz, who operated an inn on Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road, my father, his sister and brother. That's three generations. My father married Fredericka Reich of Iowa in 1915. I was born there in 1916 and between 1946 and 1958, my mother, my wife and I lived in the house. It also became the home of our twin sons, in 1947 and our daughter in 1957.

As you know, Wheeling was essentially a retired farmer's town with several German restaurants and inns. The town population was about 300. The Sicks family was involved in establishing "Wheeling's one church", Zion Presbyterian built in 1865. (now Chamber Center). Much later my father George was an Elder. Aunt Carrie was involved in all church activities and my mother "Ricca" was president of the Ladies' Aid Society, alternating in that office with Mrs. Charles (Minnie) Balling for more than 30 years.

George, in addition to being mayor for a time, was a village board member and for many years, the Justice of the Peace. He took this very seriously. The library in the old house was filled with law books. In that room, even though he was not a lawyer, he saw many people who came to him for legal advice. This was in addition to his duties as Justice of the Peace... a form of court. Dad was a quiet but very effective man and greatly respected. He died when I was only eleven. I wish I had known him better.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CHANGE

The Rules and Revisions Committee have spent time updating the By-Laws of the Wheeling Historical Society. Minor changes have been made. These changes must be presented to the membership thirty (30) days before being voted upon.

The changes are as follows:

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Article III, DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Section 4: Last sentence. An itemize Treasurer's report attested by the Auditing Committee will be provided in writing to all members at the end of each fiscal year that being from June 1st to May 31st.

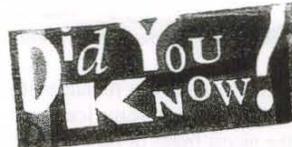
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Article V. DUES, Section 2.: Members failing to pay dues by the June meeting following the annual meeting will be dropped from membership

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Article VIII COMMITTEES. Section 4. Additional sentence. Special Committees to be dismissed following completion of assignment.

These changes and additions have been approved by the board and will be up for approval by the membership at the October 26th 2005 meeting.



In September 1963, the Touch-Tone phone was introduced – allowing phone calls to be placed faster and more accurate.

September 21st 1963, Lasers were first used for delicate Eye surgery.

September 25, 1964, GI Joe was introduced by Hasbro and still remains in the top ten list of toys.

On September 28th, 1965 the Frisbee was found flying in backyards, college campuses and parks across the country.