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# NEWSLETTER March 2006

NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## Message From The President

Dear Friends and Members:

Think Spring!

Spring is in the air. Pretty soon the flowers will be coming up and we will see more of our friends and neighbors with the warmer weather. Enjoy the season.

On Wednesday, February 22, we had our annual dinner and auction. It was a fun time and some members went home with some great treasures. Thanks to all the wonderful members who gave their treasures to be auctioned off. A good time was had by all and as usual, the food from Wa-Pa-Ghetti's was great. Bill Hein was again our auctioneer. He does a super job. Thanks Bill. The ladies of the Society brought delicious desserts and they were fully appreciated by the guests present.

I know this sounds like a broken record but if you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the Society, please have them call me or one of the Board members. We are in great need of active members.

Also, if you have any ideas on promoting the society, or bringing in new members, please give me a call. We are always open to suggestions and trying new things. Change is good!

Have a great Spring.

Elaine Simpson, President

## CURATOR'S REPORT

At this time we at the museum are looking forward and getting ready to open the museum this month. Patti and Beverly are putting together the exhibit of old valentines which we received. The exhibit contains valentines from the 1920's and 1930's. They were quite elaborate at that time.

I have put together the new restaurant exhibit with the menus and items the business's have given us to display. It makes for quite an interesting exhibit.

Marilyn is still expanding the obituary files to cover the information from newspaper articles and family files.

We are now receiving calls for tours of the museum for this coming spring/summer.

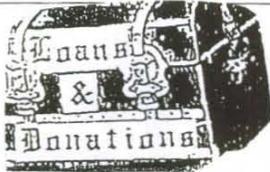
The park maintenance staff has remodeled the men's and women's bathrooms. They really look great with new paint and fixtures. Thanks goes to guys who worked hard on this project.

Linda Reading, Curator



### UPCOMING DATES

March 15.....Board Meeting  
March 22.....Regular Meeting



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

From the Damm Inn, we have received 2 Wheeling Trust & Savings Bank cardboard Flyers promoting savings and lending Programs. Also various pictures of farms and businesses along Hintz and Milwaukee roads (Lenke farm, Damm Inn Original building and Wolf farm)

Ruth Krolpil (Betty Barrie's daughter) we Received various pictures from Wheeling families.

Don Malin, Family pictures and information on Fireman volunteers. (Gerald Weinckowski group picture of 1973 Wheeling Fire Department and 1960 Wheeling Community School 8<sup>th</sup> grad class plus other pictures.

Linda Reading – Feb 2006 Red Hattitude Society 2 year anniversary invitati9on.

Museum bought a 13 star Colonial American Flag From Colonial Williamsburg and 1 Chicago World's Fair Postcard, 1 tatted pick hankie.

#### .INSTRUCTION FOR LIFE

Don't trust a man/woman who doesn't close his/her eyes when you kiss.

Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.

If you make a lot of money, put it to use helping others while you are living. That is wealth's greatest satisfaction.

Remember that not getting what you want is some times a stroke of luck.

Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.

Remember that your character is your destiny.

Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.



## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Some homes experience high humidity visible as condensation or steam on windows. Newer homes, especially, tend to experience a moisture problem because they are built relatively air tight. The following are ways to tell if moisture is a problem. Dampness stays on the windows for days, ice forms on windows and frames, or if storm windows remained logged and icy all winter. A DEHUMIDIFIER is a simple way to solve the problem. The purchase of one would prevent potential problems with windows, wood work and even health concerns, like allergies..

Crayon wax on walls can be removed by using WD-40. To remove candle wax from carpeting, use a brown paper bag and iron. Iron on the paper bag and candle wax should come off. The process may need to be repeated. Remove wax on cloth in a similar process. Before you iron, place item in he freezer. Much of the wax will flake off with a dull knife. Iron out the remainder.



**DEAD AS A DOORNAIL...** This expression comes from...:The doornail is the plate or knob, on which the hammer of the knocker sticks. Since this nail is knocked on the head many time a day it is supposed to have not much life left in it.

**MONKEYING AROUND...** This comes from: A wrench with a moveable jaw and adjustable screw known as a monkey wrench was first made by a blacksmith named Charles Moncke. The tool was originally known as the "Moncke -wrench in his honor. Since few people knew the origin, the name was corrupted into monkey-wrench.

#### BITS AND PIECES

Anyone can become angry—that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way---That is not easy.



## The Things That Haven't Been Done Before

Edgar A. Guest

The things that haven't been done before,  
Those are the things to try;  
Columbus dreamed of an unknown shore  
At the rim of the far-flung sky,

*And his heart was bold and his faith was strong  
As he ventured in dangers new,  
And he paid no heed to the jeering throng  
Or the fears of the doubting crew.*

The many will follow the beaten track  
With guideposts on the way,  
They live and have lived for ages back  
With a chart for every day.

*Someone has told them it's safe to go  
On the road as he has traveled o'er,  
And all that they ever strive to know  
Are the things that were known before.*

A few strike out, without map or chart,  
Where never a man has been.  
From the beaten paths they draw apart  
To see what no man has seen.

*There are deeds they hunger alone to do,  
Though battered and bruised and sore,  
They blaze the path for the many, who  
Do nothing not done before.*

The things that haven't been done before  
Are the tasks worthwhile today;  
Are you one of the flock that follows, or  
Are you one that shall lead the way?

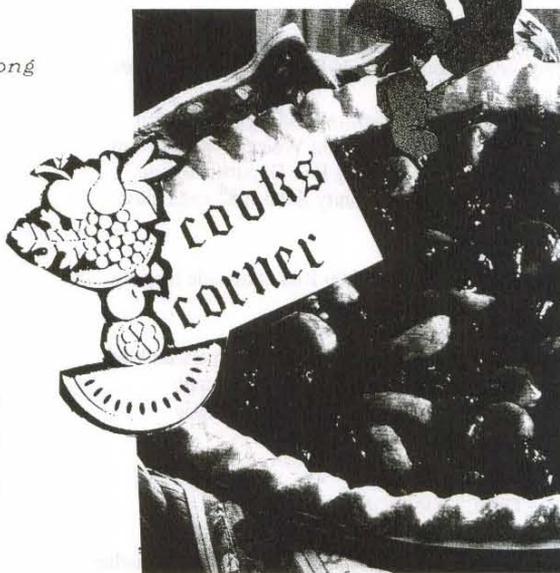
*Are you one of the timid souls that quail  
At the jeers of a doubting crew,  
Or dare you, whether you win or fail,  
Strike out for a goal that's new?*

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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.

## HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY

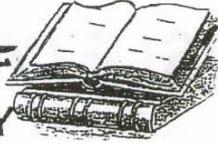


### Fruit 'n' Nut Cherry Pie

- 1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
- 1 can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple,  
undrained
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon red food coloring, optional
- 4 medium firm bananas, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 2 pastry shells (9 inches), baked
- Whipped cream, optional

In a saucepan, combine pie filling, pineapple, sugar, cornstarch and food coloring if desired; mix well. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Cool. Fold in bananas and nuts. Pour into pie shells. Chill for 2-3 hours. Garnish with whipped cream if desired. Store in the refrigerator. **Yield:** 12-16 servings.

# A BIT-OF HISTORY



## HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF OF THE WHEELING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By  
Earl A. Johnson

Continued from the February 2006 Issue

In addition to this, we were always alert and ready to aid the needy families in want. We have made generous contributions to churches, schools, and other organizations in Wheeling. We presented the Amvets organization with the first flag in 1946. We have supported Little League baseball since its beginning. We contribute regularly to the Boy Scouts. We have always been cognizant of the fact that the youngster of today is the citizen of tomorrow or as the twig is bent so grows the tree.

In 1950, we acquired six acres of land which is adjacent to Wolf Road and north of Dundee Road. It was Mr. Hans Schmidt, president that year, who was instrumental in securing this property. Here is a site that has unlimited possibilities. We have invested large sums in improving the terrain, namely surveying, tiling, filling and grading. When we purchased this property our objective was and still is to get a Community Hall built on this property large enough to hold dances, meetings, and possibly a library. We know if this building could be a reality, it would be the most active building in Wheeling. That is why we need your help to attain this objective. We now have two baseball diamonds and we are planning two more. We presented the Wheeling Community Pool, Inc. a portion of land to erect a public pool last year, 1962, which was completed in time to be in use last year and we are sure that, here again, we have contributed enjoyment to the multitudes. So if the community as a whole will join in a concerted effort to support our annual carnival, which is our only source of income, then you the people of the community will enjoy the results of our present and future achievements.

THE END or is it just a beginning.....

Since this little booklet was written, the property he talk about is known as Chamber Park which was purchased by the Wheeling Park District. Although the community pool was built there, and served the community for many years, it has long since been filled in. The park now contains three building which the park district had saved from being destroyed. Each building was moved to this site from their original sites. The museum which was the original Village Hall, the Chamber Center which was the first church in Wheeling and the Carriage House which originally belonged to the Sick's family and was located behind their home now sits in the park for all to enjoy.

Most of the Chamber of Commerce hopes and visions have been realized for there now stands a beautiful park, a playground for the children, a meeting place and the Wheeling Historical Museum which contains the history of Wheeling. Thanks to the Wheeling Park District for their vision also.

### WHAT YEAR???

In what year was there a hardware store owned by Albert Fassbender and Wheeling's first school open? 1896, 1836, 1845

When was another larger building built for The school? 1855, 1861, 1899

When was the school building destroyed by fire? 1865, 1870, 1877

In what year was a 2 story school built on land at SW area of Dundee and Milwaukee, on the site now occupied by a shopping center. This building served the community for 54 years. 1877, 1872, 1871.

In what year was the village hall built as the needs of Wheeling grew? 1888, 1895, 1898

ANSWERS; 1896, 1836, 1845, 1855, 1861, 1899, 1865, 1870, 1877, 1877, 1872, 1871, 1888, 1895, 1898



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