



Wheeling Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends

The Annual Installation Dinner of the Wheeling Historical Society was held on May 24, 2006 in the Devonshire Room of the Beautiful Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling, Illinois 60090.

Cocktail hour was from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at which time tickets for prizes were sold, drinks were had and where old friends who hadn't seen each other since last year found time to catch up.

At 7:00 p.m. a delicious dinner of Champaign Chicken, toss salad, soup, vegetables, baked potatoes and dessert were served.

Following the dinner, President Elaine Simpson welcomed all who joined us this evening and introduced Park Board President, Tom Webber, Vice President Keith Pecka, Liaison to the Society and commissioner, Cheri Klumpp Commissioner, Mike Kurgan, Chief Executive Officer, Jan Buchs and Superintendent of Parks, Mitch Cohen.

President Simpson made known all the support both physical and financial the park has given the Society especially last year at Lollipop Lane when there were so few members to handle it..

Also welcomed from the Village of Wheeling were Trustee Judy Abruscato, Trustee Dean Argiris, Trustee Mike Horcher and Trustee Ken Brady.

Following the introductions, the new officers for the fiscal year 2006-2007 were sworn in by Secretary, Joan Wiener. Those being: Elaine Simpson, President, Barb LaHay, Director and Wedge Hancock, Director. They are joined by other board members: Fran Eagan Vice President Marilyn Chromy Treasurer, Joan Wiener Secretary Pat Hancock Director, Curator, Linda Reading and Shirley McConnell Historian.

Park Board President Webber welcomed all to Chevy Chase and updated everyone on what is happening in the park district. He commended the society for on their work at the museum and also Park District Commissioner and Liaison to the society Cheri Klumpp and Superintendent of Parks, Mitch Cohen and his staff for their help to the society.

President Simpson, on behalf of the Board and members, presented Dolly Hein and Lorraine Haben with a Life Time membership to the Wheeling Historical Society to say thank you and commended them for all their time and efforts throughout the years working with the Wheeling Historical Society. Shirley McConnell was also thanked for bringing history, as she lived it, to the members of the society.

Entertainment for the evening was Mr. Jim Krzak, Magician, who performed from table to table with his unique tricks and magic. A great time was had by all..

Pat Hancock
Wheeling Historical Society



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

An order entered July 25 posted the results of the July 17 election. The voters of Wheeling elected Henry Boehner as the first village President, Jacob Schwingel, Emil Sigwalt, Reinhold Schneider, John Forke, William Fassbinder, and John A. Schminke as Trustees, Louis Fischer as Police Magistrate, and William R. Mundhenke as Village Clerk.



We would like to thank the following for their loans and/or donations.

From Elaine Simpson we received news clippings: Life 4/7/83 and Cook Co. herald 7/18/41

Barbara LaHay Several restaurant menus for our present restaurant exhibit. Thanks Barb

Village of Wheeling (Elaine Simpson) : several items from the village files, 1 pen profile sketch by M. Balling and 1 t-shirt "Community Paint-a-thon 2004.

Shirley McConnell: A Flyer "The Southern Cotton Oil Co." (snowdrift & receipts) Flyer "Teatro Del Lagor Theater News, Wilmette 1940's.

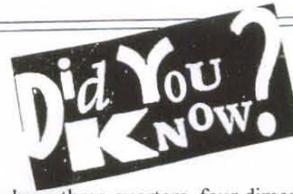
Lorraine Haben: news clipping on 4/1/50 train wreck in Wheeling, 1 Village program.

Pat Hancock: 4 children's puzzles (1970's) 1 bottle of Mt. Helen Dust, 1 bottle dirt retrieved from the bottom in the North sea.

Linda Reading: 1 pink doll outfit

Marilyn Chromy : 1 Wheeling 2000 and Beyond Final Report

Unknown: 1 Chevy Chase Vote Button: 1 news article 2000 and Beyond and Committee reports on 2000 and Beyond.



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.

No NFL team which plays its home games in a domed stadium has ever won a Super Bowl.

The only two days of the year in which there are no Professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL) are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."

In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

IN WHAT YEAR DID:

George Horcher, farmer, arrived from Bamberg, Germany? 1845, 1846, 1847

Vetruvius Masonic Lodge No. 81 was formed at Dutchman Point (later Niles)? Julius Purmann M.D., first doctor, arrived in Wheeling? 1848, 1849, 1851

Napoleon Periolat opened a brewery with sons Henry and Robert? Wheeling Township government was established April 2 at Parker Hotel. F.M. Salisbury was the first Supervisor? The township was divided into nine districts, each two miles square? 1843, 1848, 1850

March 13, Vetruvius Lodge moved to Wheeling? 1846, 1851, 1853

Jacob Hunsinger built a store on Lot 3 of McDuffee's Subdivision? Stephen Milburn Salisbury left for Oregon? 1843, 1845, 1852

ANSWERS: 1847, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852



On a Winter Afternoon

Grace E. Easley

I took a walk this afternoon,
 I had to go and see
 The world of white that Winter's hands
 Had fashioned just for me.
 Alone, beneath the somber skies,
 I felt the silent spell
 And I beheld a fairyland,
 As feathered snowflakes fell.

Across a little wooden bridge,
 My footprints in the snow
 Left little tracks that clearly told
 Which way I meant to go.
 With eyes alight and cheeks aflame,
 I climbed the nearest hill...
 And on the threshold of such joy
 My heart grew bushed and still.

The glistening white cathedral
 Of the forest towered high,
 And I, a humble worshiper,
 Sensed God was passing by.
 I do not know what happened,
 But I am not the same...
 And I went home a better soul
 Than when I came.

EVER WONDER WHY

Why isn't there mouse flavored cat food?

When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

YOU KNOW YOU ARE GROWING OLDER WHEN

A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.

You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the question.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

REMEMBER WHEN????

Remember when being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving student at home. Basically, we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! But we all survived because their love was greater than the threat!

CURATOR'S REPORT

Museum Update: Sheryl Grant donated nine miscellaneous pictures that she purchased in Volo and Richmond, IL. These will be used as accessories in displays.

I am writing to Margaret and Judy Wenzlaff to see if they are related to the Edward L. Wenzlaff, U.S.S. Arizona survivor.

April 27 we had 38 2nd graders from Walt Whitman School for a field trip. Teacher Ms. Goemeaus and Corrales were along. All had a great time. Volunteers were Patti, Wedge, Marilyn, Beverly and myself.

Mr. Loenid Parkhomov dropped in to visit and would be willing to give us a lecture program on Russia Immigration to the USA. He was a member of the Odessa Historical Society in Russia.

May 16th, Beverly Rossman and I gave three classes of 2nd graders a lecture and presentation on items we brought from the museum archives. We had a great time and the children were very respectful of the artifacts as we let them examine them. Teacher Diana Hellyer was the main teacher for contact.

We sent a letter of thank you to Century 21 for their donation of pop tops and I delivered 3 pounds of pop tops to Mark Twain School for which they were very much appreciated.

Marilyn, Bev and Patti are working on cleaning, sorting, inventorying, labeling and boxing many items from Dr. Ian Taylor's home. On May 16 and 27 at the invitation of the Village, the volunteers of Historical Society went into his house to rescue what we could. Hope to go back to search for any documents we may have missed.

Linda Reading, Curator

ADVICE FOR THE DAY;

If you have a lot of tension and get a headache, Do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin and "Keep away from children"

Author Unknown

A BIT OF HISTORY



In going through the files, I came upon this letter which I would like to share with you. It was dated June 30, 1994 from Phil Costello, Office of the Circuit Court Clerk of Cook County to Hon. Aurelia Pucinski, Clerk of the Court. The information was taken from the archives regarding the Incorporation of Wheeling

County Court Case #12187, In the matter of the organization of the village of Wheeling (1894) established Wheeling as a village. Unfortunately, we could not locate the actual case file. However, the County Court Docket and Record Books did shed some light about the establishment of Wheeling.

On Saturday, May 26, 1894, "certain petitioners, forty in number" asked the County Court of Cook County to order an election in the unorganized territory in the Township of Wheeling. The residents petitioned the Court "to submit to the legal voters of said proposed Village, the question of incorporating said territory... to be known as the Village of Wheeling." The County Court granted the petition, and ordered an election for Tuesday, June 19, 1894, at the Union Hall. The legal voters would vote for or against the incorporation of the Village of Wheeling. The order also named George Schneider, Henry Bohner, and Robert Perolat as election judges, with Louis Fischer and Christian Wendling as clerks of the election.

According to an order entered June 22 in County Court, the voters of the territory of Wheeling overwhelmingly supported incorporation by a count of 43 votes for and 3 votes against. Three court officials reviewed and approved the election returns: the Honorable Frank Seales, County Judge of the County Court of Cook County, and Lewis B. Scharringhausen and Donald C. McKinnon, two Justices of the Peace of Cook County. The order declared that "it is found, adjudged, and decreed by the Court that said Village of Wheeling... is duly organized under the General Law of the State of Illinois relating to the organization of Cities, Villages, and Towns." Furthermore, the court ordered a second election for Tuesday, July 17, to determine the Village President, six Trustees, one Village Clerk, and one Police Magistrate.