



# NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

Hi again, seems like every time I turn around, another month has gone by. Not too long and we will be getting into our winter months. Well! When you are sitting around sweating and tired of the heat, just think about it... snow, sleet and rain. Aren't we lucky, we have different seasons so we can always expect something new to look forward to.

At the meeting of July 25<sup>th</sup> the minutes and Treasurer's report were approved and passed by the members present. The book "Wheeling Through The Years" has been reproduced and is now on sale for \$25.00. Anyone interested can call me at 541-8692 or purchase a copy at the museum which is open on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Any one requesting books to be mailed, there will be a charge for shipping.

A big thank you goes to Cheri Klumpp for getting this project on the move from checking with the printer to completion of this project.. Wouldn't have been done without her.

The September 9<sup>th</sup> social and membership drive was discussed and a budget of \$300.00 was approved by the membership. Different ways of proceeding were talked about and final arrangements will be made at the August meeting. We surely hope this event will be a success. If any one who has friends interested, please bring them to the social. The hours are from 1 to 4 p.m Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center. Reservations will be taken up to September 5<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be served and pictures will be on display for all to look at.

As of yet, time has not allowed Linda and Beverly to take the scrap book to the library in Omro Wis. They are in contract with someone from there and plans are being made for delivery.

No further action was taken regarding an ornament inscribed with Wheeling Historical Society.

Well friends, until next month, have a good one And we are hoping to see you at the next regular meeting August 22.

Elaine Simpson, President

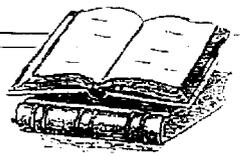


Museum Update: We have collected some artifacts and names of our local soldiers who have served in the Civil War. Beverly and I have finished working on restoring and cleaning the Civil War Battlefield display. It is now in the exhibit display case and I will be finishing up the rest of the display in the next two weeks.

Beverly who has been doing our research and found some information on stagecoach stops and is trying to find more information on the pony express in our area. She is still busy cleaning and sorting some of our water stain library books. Thanks Bev for all your work.

Marilyn is still busy filing the past Society's Treasurer's reports and etc. Thanks Marilyn for all your work on the obits and filing. We have a filing cabinet drawer for the digital camera. She and I have also been learning how to work the camera and the printer Charles loaned us. Hi-Tech world, here we come!

## A Bit of History



### A Great Share of Growth Comes From 2 Towns Working Together

By Patricia Tennison  
Chicago Tribune April 24, 1985



Tribune photo by John Barney

Like true siblings, there are differences that each town cherishes. Joseph Filkin, one of Wheeling's Founders, set a pattern in 1837 when he built his tavern-hotel on Milwaukee Avenue. Wheeling was then a half day's journey from Chicago, and the coach stop- with its 25 cent meals- became a convenient stopping place.

Numerous other roadhouses at which travelers could rest and buy a good home-cooked meal sprang up and helped put Wheeling on the map. By the 1930s, Wheeling had a population of 300 and 17 liquor licenses.

A steady stream of German immigrants settled in Wheeling, and it was still a small country village for several years after World War II. The first planned development was constructed in 1956, followed by light industry. The town may have thought it was bursting at the seams when the population hit 13,865 in 1970, but a tremendous growth of multifamily housing soon pushed that figure to more than 24,000.

Today (April 1985) Wheeling takes pride in its core of blue-collar workers, an ethnic mix of Hispanics, Greeks and Germans, its Milwaukee Avenue "restaurant row," which ranges from country western to world-class French; and its hundreds of other industries that support the residents.

The Wheeling Park District was a 1978 recipient of the National Gold Medal Award sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, based on its activities and community programs, its master planning and the support garnered from village agencies and businesses.

In 1985, the park district's commitment to the community continues. Horizon Park will open soon, complete with baseball, softball, soccer, ice skating and picnic facilities. Among the programs the district offers this year are swimming classes for infants, open gym for teenagers, and a Foods Around the World cooking class, ceramics, and health fitness program for senior citizens.  
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### 1906..WHAT A DIFFERENCE A CENTURY MAKES!

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

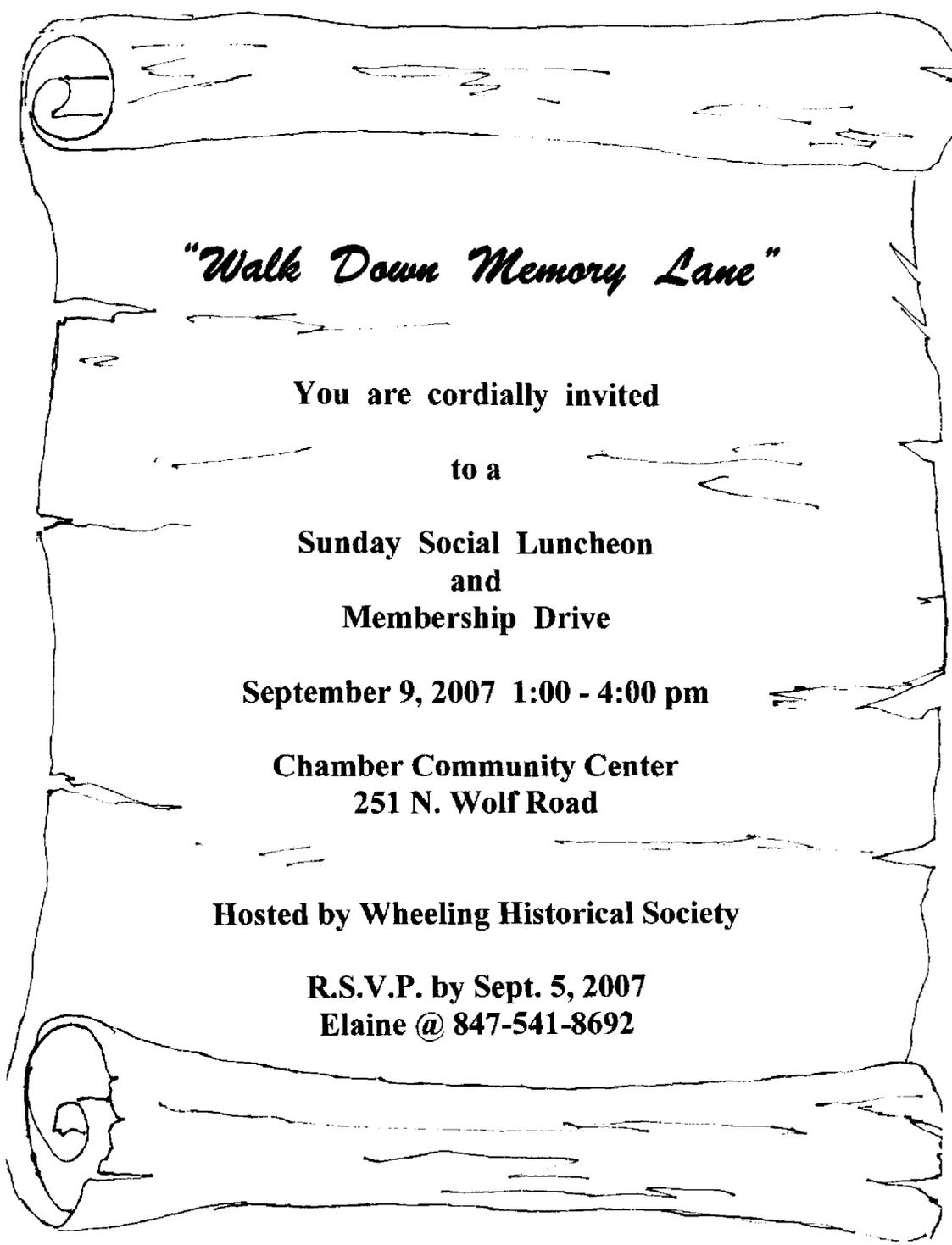
Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound, coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

- Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:
- 1. Pneumonia and influenza
  - 2. Tuberculosis
  - 3. Diarrhea
  - 4. Heart disease
  - 5. Stroke



***"Walk Down Memory Lane"***

**You are cordially invited**

**to a**

**Sunday Social Luncheon  
and  
Membership Drive**

**September 9, 2007 1:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Chamber Community Center  
251 N. Wolf Road**

**Hosted by Wheeling Historical Society**

**R.S.V.P. by Sept. 5, 2007  
Elaine @ 847-541-8692**

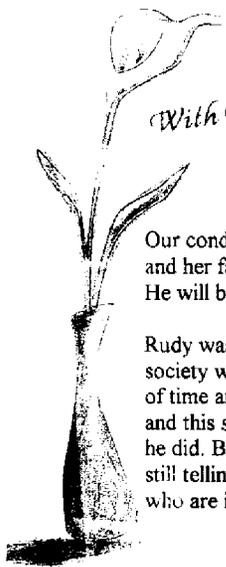
Patti is busy with the newsletter and inventory of donations coming in among other things. Thanks Patti.

I have contacted Linda Valentine about Norma Shilkus who requested more information on Haram Kennicott and silos and barns in this Area. Hope we can help her.

Volunteers are needed for the rest of August and September. August 19 and August 26<sup>th</sup>. All of September except Sept 2 (Labor Day and Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> our social. Please check your calendars and sign up at the August meeting. If you can sit the 19th of August, give me a call.

Things to Do and Places to go: All aboard Wilmette Exhibit: exploring the history of the train lines that have shaped the North Shore. Now in progress through the summer of 2007.

Linda Reading, Curator



*With Deep Sympathy*

Our condolences go to Barb Horcher and her family on the passing of Rudy. He will be sorely missed.

Rudy was a long time member of the society who gave more than his share of time and effort into this community and this society. We thank him for all he did. Bless you Rudy, who is probably still telling stories of the past to all those who are interested.

## **KIDS OF THE 30s-60s..**

Little league had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned **HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!**

And YOU are one of them! **CONGRATULATIONS!** Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

## **EVER WONDER WHY?**

Why do old men wear their pants higher than younger men?

Why is it that inside every older person is a younger person? Wondering what the heck happened?

If diamonds are a girl's best friend and a dog is a man's best friend, who really is the dumber sex?

Why are the needy only thought of during the Holidays? Aren't they just as needy throughout the rest of the year?

Why is it that men can react to broken bones as "just a sprain" and deep wounds as "just a scratch", but when they get the sniffles they are deathly ill "with the flu" and have to be bedridden for weeks?