



NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 2007



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends,

Here we are in the month of September and I am sorry to say an emergency meeting was called by the Board on Tuesday September 4th at which time a vote was taken to cancel the Social and Membership Drive planned for September 9th due to a lack of interest from the residents. It was felt that there are many other functions planned for the same weekend and many residents had other commitments. Other than that the weather has really been great and we wonder how long this will last. Before you know it, the leaves will be falling and winter will be on its way. Does everyone realize how lucky we mid-westerns are having four seasons. It gives us always something to look forward to!

At the meeting of August 22, the minutes were read, the Treasurer's Report was given. The Curator reported she is working on a new exhibit regarding the Civil War which is still incomplete. She also advised she, Marilyn and Beverly have planned their trip to Omro Wisconsin to return the scrapbook to their local library.

Cheri Klumpp advised the members that the Park district is interviewing for a new commissioner to take place of Paul Philipp who has moved away. She also noted the park district is purchasing the land behind St. Josephs.

Under New Business, motion was made and seconded that more books be purchased for Lollipop Lane which are given to the children.

The board meeting for September will be held on the 20th and the regular meeting on September 26th. Hope to see you there.

Elaine Simpson, President

CURATOR'S REPORT

MUSEUM UPDATE

The Civil War display will soon be ready. Just Waiting for a few more items to go in it. Beverly is working on finding the location of Camp Fry and the military unit called Union Rifles. This was where some of our local male residents were assigned to go for their training before shipping off to war.

The Curator noted that in reading an article in the Chicago Tribune, it was noted about museum visitors and their short attention span. Also there is less emphasis on teaching history. It seems large museums also have trouble with attendance.

The Wheeling Through the Years Book is now on display and the selling response has been good.

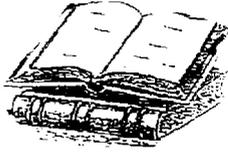
Volunteers have been great filling the last two months before we close for the winter.

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.

Glacier Park, Ringwood: Trail of History. Sat. Oct. 20 and 21st 9-4 p.m. Adults \$6 Seniors 60 + \$2 and Children 5 and under FREE.

A Bit of History



A Great Share of Growth Comes From 2 Towns Working Together

By Patricia Tennison

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More changes in Wheeling are just around the corner. A controversial \$5.7 Million redevelopment plan is under consideration for Milwaukee Avenue between Strong Ave. on the north and Manchester Drive on the south. In the days before zoning, small businesses and homes sprang up together in this area. The plan calls for purchase, demolition

or relocation of numerous buildings and a consolidation of small parcels to better entice developers.

Also, Wheeling has joined with Prospect Heights to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport, the second busiest airport in the state and the primary reliever for O'Hare International Airport. Wheeling officials note that the future of this national hub for private planes and its environmental impact on the area rest with new Pal-Waukee Municipal Airport Commission, comprising representatives from Wheeling and Prospect Heights.

Neighboring Buffalo Grove shared a history similar to Wheeling's in that the native Potawatomi Indians were gradually replaced by primarily German immigrants.

They settled in the lands near Buffalo Creek where the huge animals indeed paused in their daily trek from Wheeling to Long Grove. The newcomers were farmers who turned the soil, raised their dairy herds and, in 1897, began to build a Gothic-style church that stands today.

The schools were taught in German, and the dairy farms and related cheese industries thrived for decades.

By the 1950s, the rush for suburban homes was on and the first three model homes were erected on the former farm land. The Buffalo Grove Park District is only 14 years old, which is young even for the suburbs. However, it boasts an 18-hole golf course, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a successful summer youth camp, and plans for four new soccer fields.

Change, of course, looms in Buffalo Grove as well. The town's master plan calls for about 10 percent of its 7,000 acres to be zoned for industrial use and for a 70 acre "downtown" to be built from scratch near stately St. Mary's Catholic Church, the spiraling Gothic structure that the German farmers built.

The best feature of each town is, of course, its people. They are a blend of descendants of German farmers, home buyers who flocked to the countryside after 1950 and helped build the towns, and the newcomers still arriving.

From a bank trust officer rushing to catch the #690 bus from Buffalo Grove to the train depot in Arlington Heights, to the powerhouse Wheeling High School Marching Band; to the students who volunteer as peer counselors at Buffalo Grove High School; to residents from both towns who will enjoy Wheeling Senior Citizen Center when it opens this Spring-Wheeling and Buffalo Grove continue to grow together.

THE END

ON THE FUNNY SIDE!

Scientists have finally discovered what's wrong with the human brain: On the left side, there is nothing right, and on the right side, there is nothing left.



Where Do You Live?

I knew a man whose name is Horner,
Who used to live on Grumble Corner.
Grumble Corner in Crosspatch Town,
He was never seen without a frown.

He grumbled at this, he grumbled at that;
He growled at the dog, he growled at the cat.
He grumbled at morning, he grumbled at night;
o grumble and growl were his chief delights.

No matter how hard his wife would try,
To please her husband, with scornful eye,
He would look around and then with a scowl,
At something or other begin to growl.

The bread was poor or the meat was tough,
Or else he didn't have enough.
He grumbled so much at his wife that she,
Began to grumble as well as he.

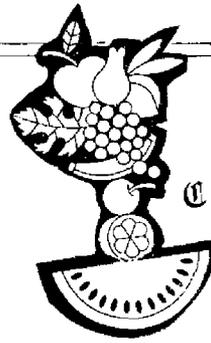
And all the children wherever they went,
Reflected their parents' discontent.
Children learn from parents, we know.
A happy home helps them grow.

One day while walking down the street
Mr. Horner I chanced to meet.
His face had lost the look of care
And the ugly frown that it used to wear.

"Mr. Horner, I would like to know,
What has happened to change you so?"
He laughed a laugh that was good to hear,
And said in a voice that was full of cheer,

"It wasn't healthy on Grumble Corner.
Not for the children or Mrs. Horner.
So we have moved, made a change complete,
And you'll find us now on Contentment Street."

And now every day as I walk along,
The streets so filled with the busy throng,
I watch each face and can always tell
Where men and women and children dwell.
—Author unknown



Cook's Kitchen

Triple-Layer Cookie Bars

CRUST:

- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

TOPPING:

- 1 package (7 ounces) flaked coconut
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

In a mixing bowl, combine the first six ingredients. Cut in butter until crumbly. Add eggs; mix well. Spread in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 8 minutes. Sprinkle coconut on top. Drizzle sweetened condensed milk evenly over coconut. Return to the oven for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned. In a saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate chips and peanut butter, stirring until smooth. Spread over bars. Cool. Yield: 2-3 dozen.



TRIVIA

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two time a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays. I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere....but she keeps finding her way back.

