



NEWSLETTER

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NEWSLETTER OF WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Dear Members and Friends

Here we are starting another year and I believe we are all looking forward to spring. This is the first of February and there is a lot of snow laying around. When the kids were young, we would be outside sledding, ice skating, and making angels in the snow. I look back and it seems like yesterday but... we know better.

At the January meeting in the absence of President Simpson (we were notified), Vice-President Joan Wiener presided. The minutes of November 15, 2007 were approved. Treasurer Chromy gave her reports including the receipts and expenses of Lollipop Lane.

The Curators Report will be given at the next meeting. Liaison Cheri Klumpp gave her report and the communications were read by Secretary Vallas.

Under old business, Lollipop Lane was discussed which we all agreed was a huge success. Fifteen hundred people passed through enjoying the season, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, books and goodies and the pictures taken by Bob Stasek and his crew. Wedge as usual was head elf and we all followed.

Following the end of this event a committee was formed and upon approval of the board went and purchased six new trees which were badly needed. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event as successful as it was.

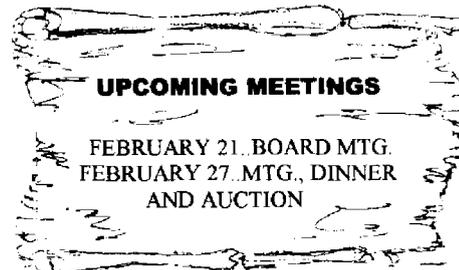
Under new business, the February dinner and auction was discussed. Patti was asked to make fliers and everyone is asked to bring some of their old treasurers which they now longer needed or wanted. (Flier enclosed) A budget of \$200.00 for incidentals was approved by the membership.

Joan advised the members about the closing of Craig's Barbershop and his offer to loan the Society his mug collection for exhibit. No action taken at this time.

Following the business meeting, an excellent presentation of traveling Route #12 from one state to another was given by Mr. & Mrs. Otis. It was very interesting and educational and enjoyed by all. Refreshments were provided by Charlie Vallas.

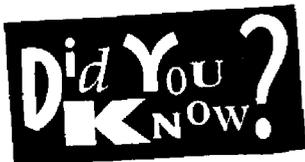
Well friends, there isn't much more to tell you except we hope to see you at our dinner and auction on February 27! Remember there is only seating capacity for 50.

Patti Hancock



In the early 1900s, Wheeling had three hotels along Milwaukee Avenue—Union Hotel, the Hartmann House and the Chicago House, each of which offered a few rooms for lodging in addition to meals.

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An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

"Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

If Barbie were life size, her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall. Barbie's full name is Barbara Milicent Roberts.



CHARLIE'S KITCHEN

To all you bakers out there:

This is what I call the Cake Cookie

- 1 cake mix (any flavor)
- 1 small Kool Whip (8 oz)
- 1 egg

Beat the egg and cake mix together and then Fold in the Kool Whip.

Bake at 350 ° for 15 to 20 minutes

Makes about 4 dozen cookies

CHRONOLOGY Guess the date!

"House that Jack Built" was constructed on land constructed on land formerly owned by Allison. Cook County Forest Preserve District was established. Union Hotel was sold to Otto Wenzlaff. Mors Tavern was demolished to make room for three Forke buildings on S. Milwaukee Avenue in 1912, 1916, 1918?

The sale of alcoholic beverages was forbidden under the Wartime Act. Post cards cost 1 cent. Edward Welfin bought Schminke and Bollenback-Sigwalt stores. Jacob Schwingel was elected Mayor for the third time in 1920, 1921, 1919?

Dr. Edward Larson arrived to practice medicine in Wheeling at the time of the influenza epidemic. The Armistice was signed on November 11th in 1916, 1917, 1918?

Marathon dance fad was in full swing. Paving of N. Milwaukee Avenue was completed in 1913, 1920, 1923?

New windows were installed in the old school. The Union Hotel was sold to Felix Rogalski. Lew Holtje was elected Mayor in 1923, 1924, 1925?

ANSWERS: 1912, 1916, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924



IN SYMPHATHY

Our condolences go to the Klocke family on the passing Alberta. She was a long time member of the Wheeling Historical Society and became one of our first Mrs. Claus at Lollipop Lane in 1977 through 1997. She had touched many people throughout the years from the village, to the schools to the park and yes to the society. She will be sorely missed by her friends.

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**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER
TO THE WHEELING PARK
DISTRICT**

The Wheeling Historical Society would like to take this time to congratulate the Wheeling Park District for the following:

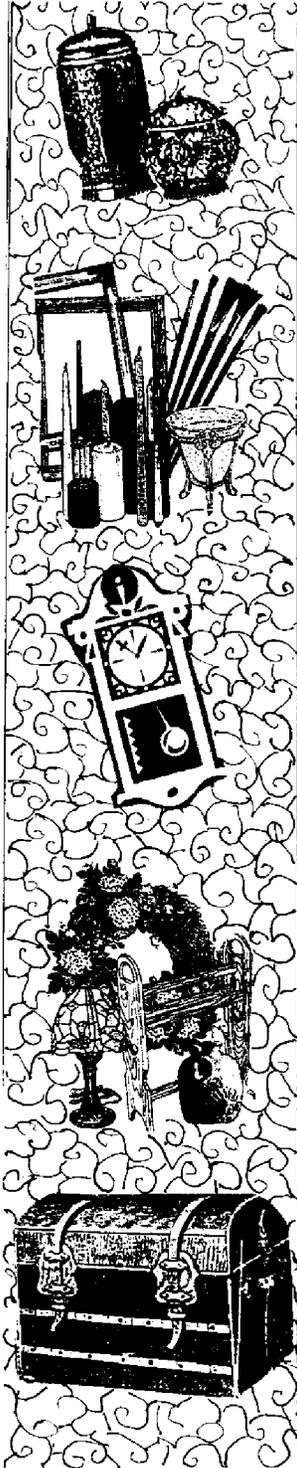
At the State Conference of January 30, 2008 Wheeling Park District was formally acknowledged and presented with the IAPD/IPRA Distinguished Agency Award.

Jan Buchs, Executive Director of the Wheeling Park District was presented with the Illinois Association Of Park Districts (IAPD) Honored Professional Award which is presented to a professional in the field of parks and recreation.

Ron Salski, Director of Parks and Recreation Services of the Wheeling Park District, was sworn in as the Board Chairman-elect of Illinois Parks and Recreation Association (IPRA).

AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS, YOU DO THIS COMMUNITY PROUD.

Elaine Simpson
Wheeling Historical Society
Elaine Simpson, President



**THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS ITS**

ANNUAL DINNER AND WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

**WHERE: CHAMBER COMMUNITY CENTER
251 N. WOLF ROAD
WHEELING, W. VA. 26090**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M...SHORT MEETING
6:30 P.M...DINNER**

AUCTION FOLLOWING

PRICE: \$10.00/ PERSON..DINNER

MENU

**DINNER PROVIDED BY Wa-Pa-Ghetti's
Chicken, Italian beef, pasta, salad, garlic
bread, roasted potatoes
Society Members will provide desserts.**

**RESERVATIONS: Call: Bill Simpson
541-8692 by February 24th.**

**Pay at door. Seating limited to 50.
Reservations once made, must be paid for.**

**BRING YOUR WHITE ELEPHANTS FOR
AUCTION**



MUSEUM UPDATE: museum has received information on former owners of Hans Bavarian Lodge which were: 18th Hole, Brown Derby Ernie's Bavarian Lodge 1930s-1967, Hans Bavarian Lodge 1967- 1978, Berghett Family 1978 - 1999 (Hesslings) NOTE: This information was given by Andre Ammelounx, Han's son. Anyone with any more information on this building would be appreciated.

Merchant.com sent us a phone message stating that a satisfied customer while searching Goggle, found our site and gave it a positive rating for being a good local business.

We received a call requesting to purchase a copy of "Wheeling through the years" Marilyn took care of this sale. Also another copy was purchased by a friend to give to a neighbor as a gift who has lived in town for many years and was moving away.

Beverly is compiling a Wheeling Local House Album to be on display.

Marilyn is working on sending more information of the Grant family with pictures to Roxanne Stec (nee) Grant.

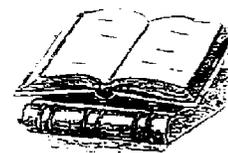
Patti is creating a picture collage of newspaper articles with picture for the Wheeling Masonic Lodge.

Linda has sent information on Cerc Mfg. On the Bob Cat Golf Cart to a AI Best. She received an e-mail from Elaine requesting any information.

The total number of people visiting the museum in 2007 was 224.

Linda Reading, Curator

A Bit of History



A CENTURY OF FINE DINING PUTS WHEELING A CUT ABOVE THE REST

BY ANNE LITTLE
REPORTED IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1985

For more than 100 years, Wheeling has been known as a good place to get a good meal.

Today, more than 30 restaurants serve up everything from French gourmet to pizza. You can spend \$150 for dinner for two at Le Francais or about \$2 for a burger at McDonald's. Or, somewhere in between, you can spend \$10 to \$20 for a steak or seafood at Billy and Company, or \$3.50 to \$11 for "family style" at Hackney's.

Like Brookfield's zoo, Wheeling's restaurants are the main attraction of the community.

"The restaurants really are what has put Wheeling on the map," says Jackie Pollack, executive manager of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. "They are a fine tradition that continues today. People are willing to travel here from other suburbs because of the quality" of the restaurants.

Wheeling's restaurant tradition actually is closely linked to travel... The horse and buggy travel of the late 1800s between Chicago and Milwaukee or the resort lakes of southern Wisconsin. A small community of Wheeling at the crossroads of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road was about half way to Wisconsin on the Milwaukee Avenue route.

Road houses, where travelers could rest and eat a midday meal, sprang up. Most began in private homes where offering home cooked meals to travelers became a farm family's means of earning extra money.