



NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL, 2008



Message From The President

Our next meeting will be held April 23 and
We hope to see you there.

Elaine Simpson, President

Dear Friends and Members:

Well, here we are in the
month of April.
Remember, April
showers bring May
flowers, so that's
something to look
forward to.



At the meeting of March 28, the minutes of
January 23, 2008 and the notes of February
26, 2008 were approved along with the
Treasurer's and Curator's Report.

The slate were presented to the membership
by the Nominating Committee which reads as
President: Joan Wiener, Directors: Barb
LaHay and Elaine Simpson. A vote will be
taken at the April meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the Installation
Dinner of May 28, 2008. The place, menu
and program was approved by the members.
The program will be presented by Paddy Lynn,
a Professional Story Teller who will let you
"Meet Emily Dickinson."

The pot of gold was won by Wedge Hancock
and refreshments were provided by the
Birthday girl...me!

We are sorry to say but Lorraine Haben is
still at the Greek American Wheeling Care
Center. If you have time, drop her a card, I'm
sure she would appreciate it.

CURATOR'S REPORT

Museum Update: The park district has installed a
new Fax line and an internet line for the museum.
Leroy and Greg installed new phone wiring in the
museum and AT&T brought over a new line for
the fax number Thank you Jan and the Park
Board Commissioners for these useful tools!
The Fax number is 847-520-2207. Our E-mail
Address is: Whistorical museum @ att.net

Charles has picked up a new photo printer ink
cartridge for us. Thank you Charles.

I have sent over to our new Postmaster, the
Museum's postmaster list which goes back
further than 1961.

Nancy Depree has donated to the museum a
1906-08 Mignon Index typewriter made in
Germany. It uses a stylus letter pointer instead
of a standard manual keyboard. It's a very
interesting machine. It will be put on display.
Soon. Work needs to be done on the carrying
case which we hope can be restored.

I have sent information about Zelosky's
Subdivision to Juliet George from Fort Worth,
Texas. Mr. Zelosky was from there and the
name is well known for two 1920s commercial
buildings, a street and an addition to the City
of Fort Worth.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT
Wheeling Herald
June 6, 1985

What U.S. congressman serves the Village of Wheeling?

What is the years budget for Wheeling?

What is the geographical area of Wheeling (in square miles)?

How many employees on the Wheeling Police Department?

Where does Wheeling get its water supply?

What is the median family income in Wheeling?

ANSWERS:

John Porter (10th), \$14,733.220.
 8.12 square miles, 34 sworn, 53 total. From a
 combination of wells and Lake Michigan.
 \$26,301



In the 1500's

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500's.

Most people married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the bath water....

CHRONOLOGY Guess the date!

Wheeling's population was 467. Illinois Bell Telephone Co. leases space on second floor of bank building and moves in switchboard, which remains there for 25 years. First public library established in 1927, 1929, 1930?

Dionne quintuplets were born in Ontario, Canada in 1932, 1934, 1936?

Era of Capone ended with his imprisonment and repeal of Prohibition amendment. School at Childerley was used as a community center under the direction of Mrs. A. Larkin. GOOD / YEAR blimp hanger was constructed at Palwaukee Airport in 1926, 1932, 1937?

Elisabeth Port School for Country Children at Childerley closed in 1929, 1931, 1936?

Opening of Chicago World's Fair, "A Century Of Progress." was held in 1931, 1933, 1937?

ANSWERS: 1930, 1934, 1932, 1931, 1933

