



## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends

October is here and the leaves are turning many colors. The air has that fresh smell of autumn which we all know will be followed by winter. There will still be some warm days on the way so don't get too excited looking for snow.

Christopher Edross and his helpers completed most of the work at the carriage house on that very rainy weekend in September. As our Curator notes, there are still a few items to be finished.

At the meeting in September discussion ensued as to the purchase of a Christmas ornament to be sold at Lollipop Lane. The design and color was approved and a sample will be presented at the next meeting. This year Lollipop Lane will be held from December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Elaine Simpson has been made chairperson and the society board and other members will be her helpers. At the regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the details will be discussed.

As you have been made aware of, at the October meeting we will welcome Len Afremow who will present his four month, 10,000 mile journey of "Mexico and Central America That You have Never Seen". Please come and see the program and enjoy the refreshments. Please bring your friends. All are welcome. It starts at 7:30- p.m. and there is no fee.

We would like to thank Donna Valla's daughter for donating a picture she purchased on e-bay of a Wheeling School 1897-1898. Also thanks to Patrick Horcher for a Lithograph he made of a fighting fish which he has donated to the society.

Looking forward to seeing you at the coming Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Joan Wiener, President



Sold two pictures of the aerial view of the post office and Pony Express re-enactment to Ron, a post office clerk

Donna Vallas has the files and a list of names for when she is ready to start interviewing people. If you have any suggestions please forward them to her/

Chris Erdoss's Eagle project is now finished except for the painting of the horse and scale. He will be back when weather permitting to do these projects. On Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> when he and several scouts and parents were out, they completed the other projects that day which consisted of two sets of 1-horse harness which they treated, cleaned. three horse collars, and several farm implements and some blacksmith hand tools. Thanks to Chris and your scout troop.

Hoyne Bank has given us a pamphlet on their history. I think the bank came to Wheeling in 1987.

Mr Charles Henry requested information about a Wheeling store, that sold toy soldiers. He would like a name and phone number if possible. I will bring this up to the members if anyone has the answer.

Mr. Myers inquired about find history of Wheeling. We sent him a invitation to visit the museum and Gave him the time and hours. Also told him of our two history books we have for sale.

Linda Reading, Curator

**VOLUNTEERS:** thanks to all who volunteered this year

Volunteers for October are:

- Oct. 5... Donna and Charles Vallas
- Oct. 12... Joan Wiener and Bill Hein
- Oct. 19... Pat and Wedge Hancock
- Oct. 28... Linda (Last day to be open.

**WILL OPEN AGAIN IN APRIL OF 2009**

**THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO:**

Palatine... Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. at the Palatine Library, Dick Murray will give a slide presentation of Vintage Autos. I don't know if there will be a fee or donation??

Wilmette: "Voting Matters" reminder displays of past national and local election of 1969 will be held On Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 2 p.,m., Vern Squires will talk on "Local Issues in Wilmette, 1969-1989.

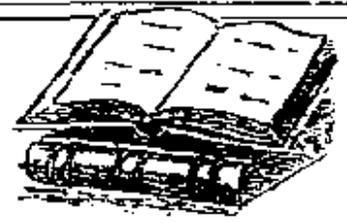
In Wilmette, there is still time to visit 3 exciting exhibits on WWII stories, fashions of 1914-1919 and "Lost Wilmette" photos and architectural fragments to tell the stories of the structures that have vanished forever from the Wilmette landscape.

Northbrook..A new history book by Arcadia can be purchased Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at the Inn Shop for \$19.99. There will also be a book signing TBA

Northbrook..Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.- Antique Sight Appraisal Program with Frederick Dose. Registration is needed and a fee of \$5.00 will be charged. If anyone is interested see Linda.

Linda Reading..

## A Bit of History



### Wheeling Post Office Grows From one in 1837 to 100 People in 1994.

By Jennifer Andrew and Jackie Sell  
Wheeling Herald February 2, 1994

The Wheeling Post Office had its beginning along with many other businesses in the Wheeling area a long, long time ago

The post office was established on May 1, 1837 by Joseph Filkins. It was run out of Filkin's tavern on the northwest corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road. This building was Wheeling's first tavern, hotel and stage coach stop. Mr. Filkins serves as postmaster.

In between 1837 and 1886, there was six different Postmasters: Charles Daniel, J.L. McDuffy, John Schaeffer, Charles Vogt, who served the longest term of 24 years, Fred Stryker, and Charles Hunsinger.

In 1896, Emil Sigwalt was appointed postmaster, and the post office was moved to the general store owned by Sigwalt and Christ Bollenbach, on the west side of South Milwaukee Ave. Call boxes were used, since there were no locks at that time.

In 1918, Ed Welflin took over as postmaster until 1934.

August Grewe was postmaster from 1937 until 1954. The post office was located in the Fassbender store, near the southwest corner of Milwaukee Ave. and Dundee Road. The post office was located in the store from 1934 until 1941. Around this time, air mail was beginning to be flown out of Pal-Waukee Airport. In 1941, the post office was moved to the Forke building, a few doors south, until 1957.

In 1970, the post office was moved to its present location at 250 West Dundee Road. The current postmaster was Terry Caldwell who has been in this position since March of 1993. The post office currently operates with about 100 employees.

# YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2008 when...

You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.

You haven't played Solitaire with real cards 1 years.

You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.

You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.

Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.

You pull up your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.



Bulletproof vest, fire escapes, windshield wipers, a laser printers were all invented by women.

The only food that doesn't spoil is Honey.

On Fathers' day there were more collect calls than any other day of the year.

The phrase "goodnight, sleep tight" came in Shakespeare's time when you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on.

The phrase, "mind your P's and O's came from th time in English pubs, when ale was ordered by pints and quarts. In old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to "mind your pints and quarts, and settle down."

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## CHRONOLOGY

The population was 11,756. Oct. 11, celebration of 100th anniversary of Presbyterian Church. Park District purchased 66 acre Heritage Park and builds field house. Eugene Field School opens. Beatles make first American tour in 1961, 1963, 1964, 1966?

Heritage Park recreation building opened. Dundee Rd Was widened from Milwaukee Ave to Route 83. Wheeling Cemetery got a 10 foot concrete wall. A new bridge is built where Wheeling Drainage Ditch passed under Dundee Rd. Holmes Junior High School opened. Village turned over old village hall to Historical Society for rental of \$1 per year in 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966?

Hackney's Restaurant replaces Behm's Riverside. Aug. 25, Wheeling Historical Society was formed by Wheeling Junior Woman's Club. Ted Scanlon was elected Mayor in 1960, 1963, 1965, 1966?

Hans Bavarian Lodge was owned by Han's Ammeloux. May 1, 65 foot control tower built by George Priester at Pal-Waukee airport was staffed by Federal Aviation Agency in 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968.

### ANSWERS:

1961, 1963, 1965, 1967

## NATURAL HIGHS!!!

Holding hands with someone you care about.

Running into an old friend and realizing that some things (good or bad) never change.

Watching the expression on someone's face as the open a much desired present from you.

Watching the sunrise.

Getting out of bed every morning and being grateful for another beautiful day.

Knowing that somebody misses you.

Getting a hug from someone you care about deeply.

Knowing you've done the right thing, no matter what other people think.

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## HOW OLD IS GRAMPA?

**One evening a grandson as talking to his grandfather about current events, the grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about current events.**

**The Grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before:** there were gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense.

We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.

Serving your country was a privilege, living in this country was a bigger privilege.

We thought fast food was what people ate during lent.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

How old is Grampa? Keep guessing...got it?  
Continued next time.....!!!!!!!

## COMMENTS MADE IN THE YEAR 1955...52 YEARS AGO

"Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."

"The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they wil ever catch on.

There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha Anymore for a weekend, it costs nearly \$15.00 a-Night to stay in a hotel.

No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$35.00 A day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.

## GETTING OLD IS HILARIOUS! DRIVING:

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car-both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. the stoplight was red, but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we ran through two red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh, crap, am I driving?"

## TO LEAVE OR NOT TO LEAVE

Grass clippings return nitrogen to the soil and provide a cooling effect on the turf. If the clippings must be moved, place some in the garden or a compost heap.

## BRIGHTEN UP HOME

A gift of a motion sensing light adapter is a wonderful idea. Inside a home the adapter can save energy, time and money. Install in storage rooms, pantries or closets. The light automatically turns on when someone passes by and will shut off again without someone having to remember.

## YARD TIPS

Fall and spring are the best time to transplant due to the more frequent rainfall and cooler temperatures.

## REMINDER

Check garden hoses and outside faucets for leaks And cracks.



## Poet's Corner

### The Poem Dad Recited

Some folks in looks take so much pride  
They don't think much on what's inside.

Well, as for me, I know my face  
Can ne'er be made a thing of grace,  
And so I rather think I'll see  
How I can fix th' inside o' me  
So folks'll say, "He looks like sin,  
But ain't he beautiful within!"

*Some evidence points to John Kendrick Bangs (1862-1922) as the poem's author. At one point, Bangs held the position of humor editor for "Harper's Magazine," "Harper's Bazaar" and "Harper's Young People." Later, he was the editor of "Puck," a prominent humor magazine of the era.*

## SCHOOL DAZE!!

### KIDS IN GRAD SCHOOL THINK FAST

TEACHER: George, go to the map and find North America

GEORGE: Here it is!

TEACHER: correct. Now class who discovered America?

CLASS: George!

TEACHER: Why are you late?

WEBSTER: Because of the sign.

TEACHER: what sign?

WEBSTER: The one that says, School Ahead, Go Slow."

TEACHER: Cindy, why are you doing your Math multiplication on the floor?

CINDY: You told me to do it without using tables.

Teacher: john, how do you spell "crocodile?"

JOHN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No that's wrong

JOHN: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it!



## Grandma's Orange Rolls

- 1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water (110° to 115°)
- 1 cup warm milk (110° to 115°)
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3-1/2 to 3-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- FILLING:**
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
  - 2 tablespoons grated orange peel
- GLAZE:**
  - 1 cup confectioners' sugar
  - 4 teaspoons butter or margarine, softened
  - 4 to 5 teaspoons milk
  - 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract

In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in water. In a large mixing bowl, mix milk, shortening, sugar, salt and egg. Add yeast mixture and blend. Stir in enough flour to form a soft dough. Knead on a lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch dough down; divide in half. Roll each half into a 15-in. x 10-in. rectangle. Mix filling ingredients until smooth. Spread half the filling on each rectangle. Roll up, jelly-roll style, starting with a long end. Cut each into 15 rolls. Place in two greased 11-in. x 7-in. x 2-in. baking pans. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 45 minutes. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until lightly browned. Mix glaze ingredients; spread over warm rolls. Yield: 30 rolls.

**UPCOMING MEETING**  
**OCT. 22<sup>nd</sup> --REG. MTG.**  
**Program... Len Afremow**



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

**WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS**

**ON OCTOBER 22, 2008**

***The Mexico and Central America  
That You Have Never Seen!***

**By: Len Afremow**

*A Four Month, 10,000 Mile Journey*

**7:30 P.M. AT CHAMBER COMMUNITY CENTER  
251 N. WOLF ROAD, WHEELING, IL.**



**FREE !! EVERYONE WELCOME**