

## Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

The weather is getting cooler and the holidays are around the corner. They always come faster than we think they will.

The October 22<sup>nd</sup> program was a big success. Twenty three people attended the presentation given by Len Afremow. "The Mexico and Central America That You Have Never Seen." He did a good job describing his trip that took him four months to complete. Along with the picture presentation, he pointed out where he went on a map which he provided. Thank you Len for a very interesting and entertaining evening.

We are progressing and getting everything in order for Lollipop Lane. A committee meeting was held at Elaine Simpson's house October 9<sup>th</sup>. Dates for Lollipop Lane this year are Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

In the business portion of the regular meeting, Bill Hein presented a picture of the ornament we ordered. They are gold non-breakable with black lettering with Lollipop Lane 2008 and a picture of the old Church drawn by Pat Horcher who did an excellent job. Thank you Pat. We hope many of you will want one. Further plans were made on preparation for Lollipop Lane. The Park District maintenance crew will put up the trees and the day care program will decorate a tree again. Thanks to the members who provided the refreshments following the meeting.

The November meetings will be held early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next board meeting will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> and the regular meeting will be held November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Have a happy and fun Halloween. Feel free to contact me anytime with ideas and questions at 847-229-0151.

Joan Wiener, President

## CURATOR'S REPORT

E-mails: We receive a request from Ms. Leith Rohr from US Newspaper Project asking if we had any newspapers on microfilm. Since we do not, we sent her a list of newspapers and articles that we have on file.

Brian Moran, Professor of History, College of DuPage, inquired about a Julius Dyhrenfurth, an early Wheeling settler from Germany. It seems he purchased 520 acres of land in Wheeling Township in 1847. In 1850 he moved to Chicago. They lost track of him after 1877.

A student of wheeling High school and a member of Wheeling Jazz Band inquired about a brief History of Wheeling and its beginnings. She was sent a brief chronology list from our book, "Wheeling Through The Years" and is invited to visit the museum.

Chjris Erdoss has finished painting the horse and the doctor's scale. He will be sent a letter advising him that the project is finished. He is making a collage of project pictures to be hung in the barn.

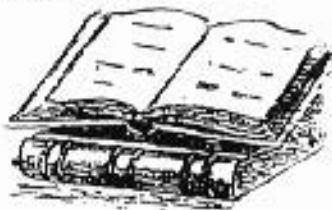
We have received a donation from Bette E. Meyer who was a longtime Wheeling resident and a member of the Wheeling Junior Wheeling Club.

The plats and pictures were that of Dr. Edward C. Meyer's farm, which he owned in the 1940s, located at Meadow Lane and North Wolf Road near the creek.

The Museum will be closing on Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> and will reopen in April of 2009.

Linda Reading, Curator

## A Bit of History



### Town's 1st Settler Arrived In 1833

**Wheeling Herald August 14, 1969**  
**By Barb O'Reilly**

Wheeling's history goes back much further than 1894, when it became incorporated into a village. In fact, the first settlers in the Wheeling area arrived about 60 years before then.

The first settler in Wheeling Township was a Mr. Sweet, who arrived in March, 1833. However, by present village boundaries, Wheeling's first resident was Joseph Filkins, who staked his claim in 1834 on what is now the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Route 68.

Filkins moved his family to Wheeling a year later. In 1836, he became the postmaster of the first Wheeling Post Office; the following year he opened a hotel.

WHEELING'S building boom came with the construction in 1835 of Milwaukee Road, now Milwaukee Avenue, which was the first mail and stage coach route between Chicago and Green Bay.

In 1837 a store was operated by Charles Daniels and Russell Wheeler. In 1838 there were two blacksmith shops, and shortly thereafter, a second hotel, two additional stores, a third blacksmith shop and a public school erected in 1845.



The Wheeling Post Office was established May 1, 1837 and was located in Filkins Tavern on the northwest corner of Milwaukee and Dundee roads until 1886. Owner Joseph Filkins served as postmaster during this time. This building was Wheeling's first tavern, hotel and stage coach stop.

The village of Wheeling was organized April 2, 1850. The first elections took place at the hotel of James Parker and Wheeling's Precinct 1 became the first voting area in the township.

The first place of worship, the Congregational Church, was built in 1866. It had been organized, however, before the Civil War ended.

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**Coming Soon**  
**Lollipop Lane**  
**December 6 thru 14th**  
Chamber Park  
251 N. Wolf Road

Mon-Fri... 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Sat-Sun.... 2:00- 5:00 p.m.

**Members needed to set up**  
**Members will be called**  
**To bake cookies**  
**Members will be called**  
**To sell cookies**

**Let us know at the November Meeting if you can help!**

## CHRONOLOGY

Reeb's Feed Mill shut down in 1963, 1964, 1965?

Hawthorne School opened in 1968, 1971, 1973?

Wheeling adopted by referendum, the manager-council form of government. Library purchased former St. Mark's Church of Christ on Jenkins Court. Phyllis Harmon organized Wheeling Wheelmen in 1968, 1970, 1972?

Wheeling celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. John Schminke house became Don Roth's restaurant. Park District purchased Chamber Park from the Chamber of Commerce and built two pools. The old Community Presbyterian Church building was moved to Chamber Park. Wheeling Historical Society put on the first Beer and Brat Fest. Tarkington School was opened in 1965, 1966, 1969?

Wheeling Inn burned down. Jaycee Wheeling flag contest won by Dan Van Loon. The Park District held a referendum to purchase Horizon Park. Whipple Tree Mobile Home Park was developed on part of the former Crane Farm in 1968, 1972, 1978?

ANSWERS: 1968, 1971, 1970, 1969, 1972, 1968, 1972, 1978?

## Why Computers Sometimes Crash! by Dr. Seuss.



If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted because the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's going to crash!



FOR ALL OUR FRIENDS  
WHO ARE FEELING UNDER  
THE WEATHER

We Wish you well and hope  
To see you soon.



**REMEMBER  
VETERANS DAY  
NOVEMBER 11  
KEEP THEM ALL IN  
YOUR HEART!**





## How Old is Grampa???

Draft dodgers were people who closed their front Doors when the evening breeze started.

Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends- not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt or guys wearing earrings.

We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios.

I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with "Made in Japan" on it, it was junk.

The term "making out" referred to how you did on your school exam.

**Keep guessing!**

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# VOTE!

**A REMINDER**

**NO MATTER HOW YOU VOTE,  
BE SURE TO VOTE ON  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

**It's your right and privilege!**

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### CREAMY BAKED CHEESECAKE

(Makes one 9-inch cheesecake)

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup RealLemon® Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 1 (8-ounce) container Borden® Sour Cream

Preheat oven to 300°. Combine crumbs, sugar and margarine; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan. In large mixer bowl, beat cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs and RealLemon® brand; mix well. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until center is set. Top with sour cream. Bake 5 minutes longer. Cool. Chill. Serve with Raspberry Topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

**Raspberry Topping:** In small saucepan, combine 1/2 cup syrup drained from 1 (10-ounce) package thawed frozen raspberries, 1/2 cup red currant jelly or red raspberry jam and 1 tablespoon cornstarch. Cook and stir until slightly thickened and clear. Cool. Stir in raspberries.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

A man in Phoenix called his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and said, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing, forty-five years of misery is enough

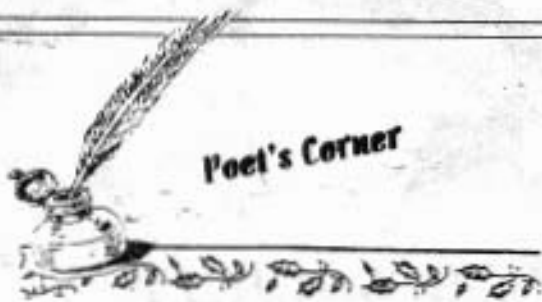
"Pop what are you talking about" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father said. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son called his sister, who explodes on the phone "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouted, "I'll take care of this." She called her parents immediately and screamed at her father. "You are not getting divorced, Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing. DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay" he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

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## Poet's Corner

### OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

I think that I shall never see,  
 a thing as lovely as a tree.  
 On which we worked,  
 for hours and hours.  
 To make it bloom,  
 like Christmas flowers.

It stands nine feet,  
 above the floor.  
 Its' arms stretched out,  
 green to its' core.  
 A Christmas jewel,  
 is its' delight,  
 to adorn the museum,  
 on Christmas night.

Willis Kretchmer and Bob Berles  
 struggled with the assembly  
 and then with the lights  
 of which there were plenty

Florence Geis, Angie Motzney  
 and Marge Berles engaged,  
 in the process of sorting,  
 the colorful maze,  
 of globes, squares and snow flakes,  
 that dazzled our gaze.

Then came the groaning  
 and stretching as we,  
 hung ornaments so stately,  
 on to the tree.

Our bodies grew weary  
 as fatigue we did fight,  
 and when we were finished,  
 t'was almost midnight.

By Bob Berles

## REMEMBER THIS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring

Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a girl..



We should've known....ONLY women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.



" The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation and dissemination of knowledge about the community of Wheeling "

*WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS*

# **LOLLIPOP LANE**

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
THROUGH  
SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT**

Chamber Community Center  
251 N. Wolf Road  
Wheeling, Illinois



MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 6:30 P.M. TIL 8:30 P.M.  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY 2:00 P.M. TIL 5:00 P.M.

MR. AND MRS. SANTA CLAUS ARRIVING IN  
WHEELING ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 1:30 P.M.

THE PARADE WILL START ON DUNDEE AND 83 AND PROCEED TO CHAMBER PARK

- VISIT WITH MR AND MRS CLAUS AT NO CHARGE
- PICTURE TAKEN WITH MR AND MRS SANTA COURTESY OF BILL STASEK CHEVROLET
- BRING A CAMERA AND TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR CHILDREN WITH MR AND MRS SANTA
- SUPPRISES FOR THE CHILDREN
- COOKIES TO PURCHASE (WHILE THEY LAST) DONATION TO THE SOCIETY