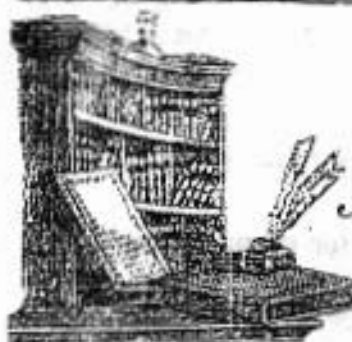




NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February, 2009



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

Well its February and Valentines Day is almost here. Do you have one for your Valentine?

January was a busy month for me. I went to Florida for a couple of weeks and missed the worst weather, but made it back for the January 28th meeting. The program presented by the Historical Society was given by Karen Kruse. She had written a book about the Chicago Firehouse across from Wrigley Field. The book is titled "A Chicago Firehouse" Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78. She told us how she happened to write the book and some of the stories her father and grandfather had told her. She also gave us some the history of the firehouse. We found her very interesting and entertaining. There were twenty-two of us that joined her on that cold night. A number of books were purchased by those in attendance.

This month brings our annual Dinner and White Elephant Auction on Wednesday February 25th 2009. It will start at 6:00 pm. With a short meeting, dinner and then the auction. Bill Hein will again be our auctioneer. The cost is \$10 per person and Bill Simpson will take the reservations. (847) 541-8692. Please make your reservations by February 22nd. You may pay at the door, but once reservations are made they must be paid for. **BRING YOUR WHITE ELEPHANTS FOR THE AUCTION.** We have limited seating so please make your reservations early. Hope to see you all at the meeting

Joan Wiener, President

CURATOR'S REPORT

Jennifer Queen is looking for pictures or information on the Erwin Meierhoff Restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue in 1933. The phone number was 28 from the 1933 phone directory. Her maiden name was Meierhoff and her grandfather told her about the restaurant

We are starting a new exhibit on Wheeling Politics For the 2009 season. Anyone that would like to donate any pictures, items or etc, please see me or any of the staff.

We collect 5.5 lbs of pop tops and I delivered them to Mark Twain School in January.

The rest of my staff are busy with their usual projects and all is going well.

Mrs. Robert Hamparter sent the society a \$10 dollar check for the geneology information which we sent her. I gave Shirley McConnell a copy of the geneology that Miriam Hamparter sent us. Shirley was going to sent corrections and check with her for them to add to our files.

Meo's Old Neighborhood Restaurant was an Italian Food Restaurant. It was located across the street from Ricketts or Weber Grill which is now Adams Rib. It was only there about 6 months.

Linda Reading, Curator



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

A Bit of History



Town's 1st Settler Arrived In 1833

Wheeling Herald August 14, 1969 By Barb O'Reilly

The creamery made cheese, butter and ice cream, and it was the only source of dairy products in a wide area.

The first industry in the area was called "Utpadel's Pit." It manufactured cement blocks that were used in building many of the town's first structures.

Many of the buildings, such as Jensen's Ice Cream Parlor, are still standing today, and are in sturdy condition. (Note: remember this is August 14, 1969) The building was constructed by Albert Utpadel with cement blocks manufactured in the plant operated by the Utpadel family on their farm. The farm was adjacent to the land now occupied by Camp Dan Beard and used by the Boy Scouts.

The automobile brought families from the Chicago area to dine at the Milwaukee Road restaurants, which were famous for their German food. Electricity came to the village before World War I.

THE TELEPHONE first came to Wheeling in 1898, when it was initially shown on the old Chicago Telephone Company's toll department map as a new toll station.

Sometime in 1901, exchange service began to be furnished for this town of 331 persons, and two switchboards were reported in use by the end of that year.

Milwaukee Avenue returned to prominence in the 1920's, with the highway paved from Chicago to Dundee Road. The Wheeling taverns along the highway were quite popular during prohibition, and quite a few gambling raids were made along the "Milwaukee Strip," as it was called.

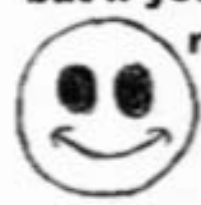
After World War II, the 1950 Wheeling census showed 916 residents. In 1955, the subdivision building boom began with the building of Dunhurst subdivision. To keep up with the increased housing and residents, industry and commerce started growing, and Wheeling today has many shopping centers, including four large supermarkets. (Note: remember again this is 1969).

IDIOT SIGHTING; They Live Among Us

We had to have the garage door repaired. The Sears repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a "large" enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one Sears made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, "Lady, you need a 3/4 horsepower. "I responded that 1/2 was larger than 3/4. He said, "NO, it's not. " Four is larger than two.."

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BE HAPPY - DON'T WORRY but if you do, here are some rules:



The Worrying Doctrine

- ☺ Write down everything that you want to worry about.
- ☺ Pick one hour per week, anytime that you desire, to do nothing but worry about the things on your list.
- ☺ Note: No other time is acceptable once a predetermined time is established- should something prevent you from utilizing that time period for worrying, you must wait until that period arrives the following week.
- ☺ Never, under any circumstances worry while at work, or while working on work materials or business related items

HOW OLD IS GRAMPA????

In my day:

- "grass" was mowed.
- "coke" was a cold drink.
- "pot" was something your mother cooked in and "rock music" was your grandmother's lullaby.
- "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office.
- "Chip" meant a piece of wood,
- "hardware" was found in a hardware store and
- "Software" wasn't even a word.

No wonder people called us "old and confused"
And say there is a generation gap...and how old
Do you think I am?"

I bet you have this old man in mind.. you are in
for a shock!

Pretty scary if you think about a it and pretty
sad at the same time.

This man would be only 59!

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MOM'S KNOWLEDGE

**My mother taught me to APPRECIATE A
JOB WELL DONE.**

"If you're going to kill each other, do it
outside. I just finished cleaning.

My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of
the carpet."

**My mother taught me about TIME
TRAVEL.**

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going
to knock you into the middle of next
week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why!"

My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and
break your neck, you're not going to
the store with me."

ATTITUDE

One there was a woman who woke up on morning
looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only
three hairs on her head.

Well, "she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today."
so she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in mirror and
saw she only had two hairs on her head.

"H-M-M," she said, I think I'll part my hair down
the middle today." So she did and she had a grand
day,

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror
and noticed that she had only one hair on her
head.

"Well," she said, "today I'm going to wear my
hair in a pony tail." She did and she had a fun,
fun day

The next day she woke up,, looked in the mirror
and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on
her head. "YEA!" she exclaimed, I don't have
to fix my hair today!"

Attitude is everything



Simon says:

If there is any difference between
a vestibule and a foyer, I don't
know what it is.

Let me get this straight: We can't
say the Pledge of Allegiance because
it says "under God" in it, but it is
now ok to give tax vouchers to church
schools. Yep, clear as mud to me.



When the copy on your floppy's getting sloppy in the Disk, and the macro code instructions is causing unnecessary risk, then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM you ROM, and then quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your Mom!

MOM'S

Real mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade... It is marked by the progression of Mama to Mom to Mother.

4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mommy can do anything!

8 YEARS OF AGE - My mom knows lot! a whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.

14 YEARS OF AGE - naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either.

16 YEARS OF AGE - Mother? She's hopelessly old fashioned.

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CHRONOLOGY

Shiela H. Schultz was elected Village President in 1979, 1981, 1982?

Arlington Country Club, 131 acres, was annexed to Wheeling. Prospect Heights and Wheeling agreed to negotiate the purchase of Pal-Waukee Airport. in 1982, 1983, 1984?

Pavilion, a senior recreation center, opened. Wheeling got Lake Michigan water. Wildwood building fire sparks renovation of the apartment complex, renamed as The Arbors in 1983, 1985, 1986?

Childerley log cabin was demolished in 1980, 1985, 1982?

Tax Increment Financing began to change the face of old Wheeling along Milwaukee Ave. Village of Wheeling and Prospect Heights signed the final agreement to purchase Pal-Waukee Airport from the Prieststers in 1984, 1986, 1987?

Cabbage Patch Kids caused a buying frenzy in 1982, 1983, 1984?

Dances were held in the large dining hall of The Chicago House when Welflin owed it in 1893, 1895, 1987?

ANSWERS:

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Did You
KNOW?



ABRAHAM LINCOLN
1809-1865

Abraham Lincoln was America's sixteenth President. His career as a statesman is well known. Little known is that he was a great lover of poetry. His speeches and writings are filled with great and beautiful prose, but he only wrote three poems.

In 1844, while campaigning for Henry Clay, Lincoln returned to Indiana, where he was raised and his mother and sister were buried. There, after being gone fifteen years, the place and the people aroused memories of his childhood that prompted him to write poems.



Fuel's Corner



MY CHILDHOOD'S HOME

My childhood's home I see again,
And sadden with the view
And still, as memory crowds my brain,
There's pleasure in it too.

O Memory! thou midway world
"Twixt earth and paradise,
Where things decayed and loved ones lost
In dreary shadows rise,

And, freed from all that's earthly vile,
Seem hallowed, pure, and bright,
Like scenes in some enchanted isle
All bathed in liquid light.

As dusky mountains please the eye
When twilight chases day;
As bugle-notes that, passing by,
In distance die away;

As leaving some grand waterfall,
We, lingering, list its roar--
So memory will hallow all
We've known, but know no more.

Near twenty years have passed away
Since here I bid farewell
To woods and fields, and scenes of play,
And playmates loved so well.

Where many were, but few remain
Of old familiar things;
But seeing them, to mind again
The lost and absent brings.

The friends I left the parting day,
How changed, as time has sped
Young childhood grown, strong manhood gray,
And half of all are dead.

Abraham Lincoln

Pineapple Sweet 'n Sour Chicken



Cook's
Kitchen

1 can (32 oz.) DOLE® Pineapple Chunks
1 medium green or red bell pepper,
cut into chunks
1 medium onion, cut into chunks
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken,
cut into 1-inch pieces
1 cup prepared sweet and
sour sauce
2 tbsp. less sodium soy sauce
Hot cooked rice

Drain pineapple; reserve 2 tbsp. juice. Cook stirring pepper, onion and mushrooms in hot oil, over medium heat, until tender-crisp. Remove vegetables; set aside. Cook chicken, until browned. Add vegetables back to skillet with sauce, pineapple and reserved juice. Heat through. Serve with rice. Top with chow mein noodles if desired.

Makes 6 servings Prep: 15 min. Cook: 15 min.

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THINK ABOUT IT!

A fool and his money are soon parting.

Do pediatricians play miniature golf on Wednesdays?

Before they invented drawing boards,
what did they go back to?

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults
enjoy adultery?

If all the world is a stage, where is the
audience sitting?



**THE WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS ITS**

**ANNUAL DINNER AND WHITE
ELEPHANT AUCTION**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009

**WHERE: CHAMBER COMMUNITY CENTER
251 N. WOLF ROAD
WHEELING, IL. 60090**

**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
and drinks.**

**RESERVATIONS: Call: Bill Simpson
541-8692 by February 22nd .**

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

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AUCTION**

