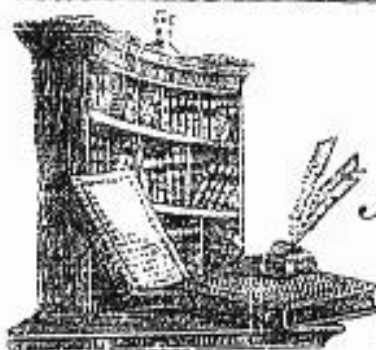




NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September, 2009



Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

This is September and as usual summer has gone by much too fast. I am looking forward to the changing leaves. At our August meeting, we again changed the date for the Social and this time for the last time. It is planned for Sunday, March 14, 2010. We hope as many as possible can attend and bring your neighbors and friends. We hope to have a person who can appraise your antiques at the social. We will update all of you on that at a later date. We are now in the process of designing and ordering a new ornament for Lollipop Lane again this year.

The membership also had the loud speaker system fixed and working and now we are looking for a wireless microphone that will work with it. We intend to use it at every meeting.

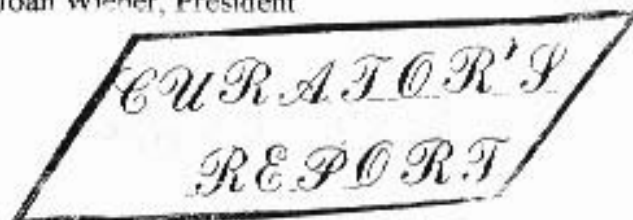
I hope in the next couple of months that we will interview more of our members and other residents of the community which would help to update Wheeling history. If you know someone that you feel could contribute to our history, please give a call to the museum and leave a message and someone will get back to you. The number at the museum is 1-847-537-3119.

To our members who have been ill or in the hospital, we wish them all a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them at our future meetings.

Our September meeting was held on the 23rd and I will update you in the next newsletter. The October board meeting will be held on the 22nd and the regular meeting on October 28th. Please try to attend.

Historically yours,

Joan Wiener, President



Early on a September morning, Curator Patti Steilen and I went to the museum to begin reorganizing the artifacts and supplies in the storage area. Some of these items are used to create the displays and include materials for backdrops and other props for decorating the exhibits.

We want to continue preserving, protecting, and improving the overall care of our collections. One practical idea is simply replacing the cardboard packaging of some items with more durable storage containers. We purchased some bins and will label the contents for easier identification and we are also benefiting from this task by becoming familiar with the museum's resources!

Meanwhile, Marilyn Chromy, Bev Rossman and Patti Hancock are continuing their work on their primary projects which include inventorying, obituaries and research.

On a recent Thursday morning we had visitors stop by asking for our assistance with their research. Mr. And Mrs. Jahn are looking for the Kranz and Stein families in Wheeling. We checked our reference books, found them in the Wheeling cemetery and identified several names in the sections and plots where they could continue their research. They were pleased and grateful that we had the resources available to help them. This is a great example of researchers reaping the benefits of the diligence and hard work that was put into these records years ago!

We are also investigating sources for training, whether online or in person, to learn more about the care and maintenance of our collections.

Here is an ongoing project that is exciting to look at: we are scanning our collection of negatives (an assortment of people and places), beginning with the Welfin's store and home. The first envelope of negatives selected was labeled "Welfin's Photos" and Armistice Day, November 1918." They include a decorated automobile for a parade, as well as several excellent interior shots of the Welfin store. The negatives are scanned to a high-res TIF file for safe-keeping and from that we can produce JPGA files that are enhanced for better reproduction while leaving the "original" untouched.

This has been a most exciting time for both the Curator and myself

Donna Vallas
Assistant Curator

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet. (Now you KNOW you're going to try this out for accuracy, right?)

The words "racecar," "kayak" and "level" are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are only four words in the English language Which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. Check it out!

There are two words in the English language that have All five vowels in order: "abstemious" and facetious." (Yes, admit it, you are going to say-a e i o u)

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. (All you typist are going to test this out?)

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A BIT OF HISTORY



LIFE IN THE 1500's

Taken from Yahoo Internet 2008

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years, or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock a person out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people, so they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, one out of twenty five coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive, so they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.

Someone could have sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift), listen for the bell thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer...

And that's the truth. Now, whoever said History was boring!!!



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



We would like to thank the following for their donations to the Wheeling Historical Society.

From Elaine Simpson – “River Trails” Library which celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

1 carrying bag entitled “Friends of the Indian Trails Public Library , 2 baseball league balls “Get in the Game”, 1 green wrist band “Got Game? ITPLD, 1 red neck key carrier, 1 silver key holder , 1 blue pen, 1 Pedometer, 1 card and key holder, 2 book marks and 1 2009 Calendar card.

Pat Hancock 1 shorthand book 1940, 1 Book .. “the Dangerous Book for Boys”,

Indian Trails Library Board. A Chronology 1 set of 3 Books Lincoln Day by Day 1809-1848 1849-1860, 1861-1865

Chris Gibson 1 video cassette “Wheeling Founders Day Centennial Celebration”, 1 gray spat (strap broken.)

Pat Hancock, 1 Book WWI-1973, 1 book WWII 1973, 1 Book “Disasters “ from the pages of the New York Times Newspaper 1976

INVESTMENT TIPS FOR 2009 **Joking of Course**

FedEX is expected to join its competitor, UPS and become: FedUP.

Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.

Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: PouponPants.

Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!

Victoria’s Secret and Smith & Wesson will merge under the new name: TittyTittyBangBang..?????

REMEMBER WHEN.....

Stuff from the store came without Safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had Yet tried to poison a perfect stranger.



When being sent to the principal’s office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited the student at home.



Basically we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn’t because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were much bigger threat! But we survived because their love was greater than the threat.

....as well, summers were filled with bike rides, baseball games, hula hoops, bowling and visits to the pool, and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.



REMEMBER that the perfect age is somewhere between old enough to know better and too young to care.

IDLE THOUGHTS OF A RETIREE'S WANDERING MIND

Teach a child to be polite and courteous and, when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Experience is the thing you have left When everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists: they don't Talk about other people.

My weight is perfect for my height..... Which varies.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not Sure.



Poet's Corner

Antiques

The table in our sitting room is mostly made of glue, And if you'd put a book on it, you'd break it right in two. The davenport's so wobbly that my mother has a fit

Whenever callers happen in, for fear they'll sit on it. And when a fly walks up the wall, the old piano creaks. There's nothing new in our house— just shaky old antiques!

The broken wooden trundle bed, where baby takes his nap, Was thrown away when Washington was just a little chap.

The clock looks like a coffin and its wheels are made of wood. It's older than the Pilgrims, but it isn't any good. There's horsehair all around the floor; the sofa always leaks. There's nothing new in our house— just shaky old antiques!

Before our mother got this way, our parlor things were new And you could sit on some of them without your going through. But all the comfortable stuff, she's lately gone and sold, And won't have anything in the house that isn't ages old. And if she gets much more, I know, in just a few more weeks, She'll take us children to New York—and trade us for antiques!

—Author Unknown

ON THE FUNNY SIDE.....



Cook's Kitchen

Island Spiced Salmon

- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 salmon fillet (2 pounds)



In a small bowl, combine the first five ingredients; mix well. Rub over flesh side of fillet; refrigerate for 30 minutes. Place skin side down in a 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. **Yield:** 8 servings.

NUTRITION FACTS: One serving (4 ounces cooked salmon) equals 229 calories, 13 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 67 mg cholesterol, 382 mg sodium, 5 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 23 g protein. **DIABETIC EXCHANGES:** 3 lean meat, 1 fat.



"I'm building myself a boyfriend."