



NEWSLETTER

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October, 2009



Message From The President

Here it is October, my goodness where did the summer go to. Did we have one?? With fall in full bloom, our next major event will be the annual Lollipop Lane. Starting in November, we will be planning and getting ready for this event.

At our September meeting, it was noted that there has been no reply from the Village regarding our request to hang pictures in the train station.

Our future plans were discussed regarding our annual rummage sale to be held in February and a Social scheduled for the month of March. More information later.

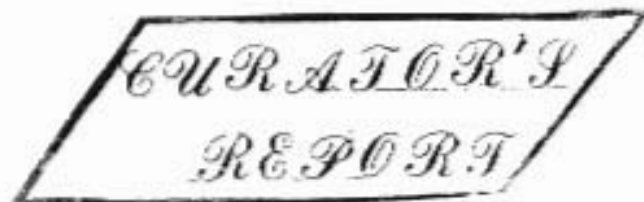
We discussed the purchase of a wireless microphone which was tabled to another time.

Again, the subject was brought up about interviewing some of our senior residents for their input relative to their thoughts and remembering their years spent living in Wheeling.

Last but not least, Curator Steilen will be looking into a new design for an ornament which will again be sold at Lollipop Lane. Secretary Charles Vallas advised he will be sending out letters of request for donations for Lollipop Lane the beginning in October.

The next regular meeting will be held October 28th. Hope to see you there.

Historically yours,
Joan Wiener, President



We are working on new displays in the museum. The telephone display is now almost completed and Beverly and Patti will be working on setting up the bridal display.

Donna and I are using the new storage bins for display items.

Donna is investigating museum software and will make a recommendation to the board.

In the meantime we are continuing to update our inventory database.

Rich Larson called to do research on Villa Venice, the Clayton House, and the Hartmann House (currently Bob Chins).

Ashley Saluga has requested any information as she is working on a biography channel documentary and is looking for a picture of Sam Glancana and Frank Sinatra. Which may have been taken of them at Villa Venice.

Linda has also been talking to Bill from Buffalo Grove and giving him information he has requested from the museum.

Marilyn, besides always working on our obituaries, has been helping along with Beverly in researching addresses both present and historical of different businesses which presided or presides now in Wheeling.

Patti Steilen, Curator
Donna Vallas, Assistant Curator

A Bit of History

Illinois in 1856



From the Chicago Historical Society in 1956; a portion of a Centennial article:

"Everyone tussled with malaria and other diseases". An excerpt from a handbook published in 1856 reveals the relevance of illness and the state of medical knowledge: "Everyone knows that of all diseases the ague occurs most frequently in Illinois, but they will know also, that while new ground is annually subjugated to culture, the disease is confined to more and more narrow limits; and further, that it depends very much upon the particular plan of abode, and manner of living, whether the fever is to visit a family or not. Whosoever resides in the bottoms or close to the swamps, or in districts where the water cannot rapidly flow off, will be more exposed to the fever than one who resides on the high, rolling prairie. Moreover it is perfectly safe to presume that one-half of those who are down with this fever have to ascribe this to nothing but their own imprudence, and the use of improper food."

"To the latter cause must be added, drinking of stagnant water, or a too immoderate use of fruits, lard, eggs, or fish; and, further, nobody should needlessly expose himself to the night air, but live in substantially-built dwellings and sleep in well-ventilated rooms; wearing by day thin clothing and in the evening, when exposed to the night air, warm, thick clothing, and making a fire in the grate, whenever, even in the midst of summer, a change of temperature should occur, especially when it begins to rain. But few of those strictly following these rules will ever be visited by the fever."

"Even in the towns there was an almost complete absence of sanitary facilities. Inside plumbing was almost unknown; city-dwellers, like the farmers, used privies. Outside of Chicago, water for all purposes came from wells and cistern. No place had a drainage system. In bad weather the streets turned into morasses of mud. Hogs wallowed in the streets and often disputed the narrow board sidewalks with pedestrians."

We are glad that we didn't live here 150 years ago!



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

Clare Rudolph for 1 brownie hankerchief and pin, 1 land cultivator, 1 homemade sythe, 1 Jays potato chip tin, 1 child's bressel sweeper, 1 shadow box and 7 Diamond Jubilee plates.

Dean Argiris for Keys to third Village Hall 255 W. Dundee Rd. Wheeling, Il.

Davie Leider of Prospect Heights, 1 Soo Line Historical Magazine

Barbara LaHay for 22 Diamond Jubilee coins, 2 pictures of the Carriage House and 1 small green compact.

Elaine Simpson for 1 Wheeling Trust and Savings Bank Book "Village of Wheeling- Water and Sewer" 1976-1977, 7 pictures of the Village of Wheeling Building #3.

Pat Hancock for 1 U.S., Navy Blue Denim Shirt

SPECIAL NOTICE
Because of Thanksgiving,
In the month of November,
A joint meeting of The Bd. &
Reg. Mtgs will Be held on
the 12th of Nov.

REMEMBER WHEN.....

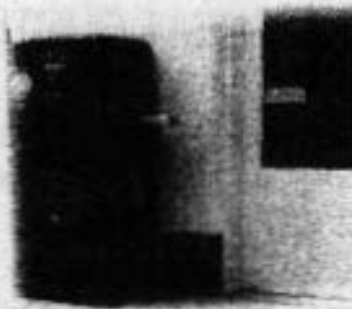


There was Nancy Drew, The Hardy Boys, Laurel and Hardy, The Lone Ranger, Nellie Belle, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Bittermilk.



Candy Cigarettes

Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles



Coffee shops with table side jukeboxes.



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

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING!

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100 of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can Blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain

IDIOT SIGHTING;

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn't understand why her system would not turn on. A deputy with the Dallas County Sheriffs office, no less.



Poet's Corner

ONE SMILE

**Someone gave me a smile today;
I tried my best to give it away
To everyone I chanced to meet
as I was going down the street.**

**But everyone that I could see
would give my smile right back to
me.**

**When I got home, besides one
smile,
I had enough to reach a mile.**

-Author Unknown-



Easy Boston Cream Cake

- 1-1/2 cups cold half-and-half cream
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 loaf (10-3/4 ounces) frozen pound cake, thawed
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking cocoa
- 4 to 5 teaspoons hot water

In a bowl, whisk together cream and pudding mix; let stand for 5 minutes. Split cake into three horizontal layers. Place bottom layer on a serving plate; top with half of the pudding. Repeat layers. Top with third cake layer. In a small bowl, combine the confectioners' sugar, cocoa and enough water to reach a spreading consistency. Spread over top of cake, letting glaze drizzle down sides. Yield: 4-6 servings

**Idle Thoughts of a Retiree's
Wondering Mind**

**The high cost of living hasn't affected
its popularity.**

How can there be self-help "groups"?

**If swimming is so good for your figure,
how do you explain whales?**

**Show me a man with both feet firmly
on the ground, and I'll show you a
man who can't get his pants off.**

**Is it just me—or do buffalo wings
really taste like chicken?**

GREAT QUOTES BY GREAT LADIES

Inside every older lady is a younger lady—wondering
What the hell happened.

Cora Harvey Armstrong-

Inside me lives a skinny woman crying to get out.
But I can usually shut her up with cookies.

The hardest years in life are those between ten and
Seventy

Helen Hayes (at 73)-

YOU FIGURE!

**NOT THE SHARPEST KNIFE IN THE
DRAWER**

In Modesto, CA. Steven Richard King was arrested
for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch with
out a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to
simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep
his hand in his pocket.