

Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends:

Spring is trying to appear and some flowers are coming out. Warm weather is around the corner. Keep hoping and it will arrive soon.

The March meeting went very well. We had several new member join us and we had a terrific program. Thanks to Bill Kiddle from the Raupp Museum in Buffalo Grove. He told us the history of the Radio and Radio Shows. We had audience participation where as the audience took the parts of the characters in "The Shadow". Fun was had by all.

During the meeting portion, we discussed the proposal for the cost of the curtains for the church and gave our proposal to the Park District for consideration. They will get two other proposals and make their decision. They will then make us aware of their decision.

We recapped the Auction and the Social which took place in February and March. We also discussed performing interviews with some of the citizens who have remained in the Village since the 50's at the museum on Sundays and discussed a Building plaque project. Purchase of addition recorders was discussed and passed by the membership in order to proceed with the interviews.

The nomination committee presented the slate of officers for the 2010- 2011 fiscal year.

They are as follows:

Joan Wiener –President
Barbara Forke- Director
Becky Vogel- Director.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor and the election of officers will be voted upon at the April Meeting.

In the past few months, six "Wheeling Through The Years" book have been sold. Keep up the good work everyone. We would also like to welcome The five new members to the Society, Mr. &Mrs. George Hieber, Sharon Sylvester, Sue Korte, an Pinky Wennerstrom.

We hope to see you all the April 28th regular meeting held at 7:30 p.m.

Joan Wiener, President

Museum Update



Two new exhibits have been added 1) Restaurant Exhibit Don Roths Blackhawk Restuarnt and Chevy Chase, and The Telephone exhibit.

On Saturday, April 10th, there was a meeting of the Curators and staff at the museum. We spent the morning organizing some the lower level.

Donna and Patty are following up on some research.

A thanks to Bill Hein, who has come and tried to get our printer to the computer to do its job printing.

Bev is working on the obituaries and Marilyn is going through some of the cabinets and rearranging them.

A Bit of History



WHEELING'S HERITAGE- a glimpse at the past

Taken from Spokesman,
Dec 5, 1980
By Michael Anderson

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Residents needed to supply salaries for city officials as well as funds for fire protection and other public services. Unlike today's extravagant city budgets, Wheeling collected only \$600 from its residents in 1896. Bills for that year were much higher than the village collected from taxpayers: streets and bridges required \$350, street lighting \$60, \$700 was needed to support the fire department, salaries for village officials included: marshall, \$360; attorney, 150; all other officers, \$200.

Bars and restaurants were full of celebrating Wheelingites on New Year's Eve 1899. At the turn of the century, things were looking good for an expanding Wheeling. In September of 1900, the first telephones were installed in the Village Hall and firehouse. Use of these phones was free, and the telephone soon became as popular as the fire engine was. That same year, the village enacted an ordinance stating that telephone poles could not be erected in roadways on sidewalks or in alleys.

Recreation was different from today. Perhaps the biggest event of the year in Wheeling in the 1900's was the fire department's 4th of July picnic. Everyone in town turned out for food, baseball and a good time. Prices were lower in 1903 as illustrated by this bill for the 4th of July picnic that year: 25 loaves of bread-\$1, one baseball bat-10 cents, one box of peaches-\$1.25, one box plums-\$1.50, four dozen oranges,-96 cents, nine bunches of bananas-\$3, eight pounds of ham-\$1.44, nine case of quarts of soda-\$6.75 25 gallons of icecream-\$18.75, two cases of Cracker Jack-\$6, 30 pounds of peanuts-\$2.25, 24 packages of chocolate-75 cents, and one box of gum-55 cents.

Wheeling's history is a story of the settling of the West and the successes and failures that go along with taming a frontier. As the future pushes us along, the past becomes lost in the blur of progress. Yesterday's events have made today possible. For this reason, the past must be preserved. Spending time in 20th century, Wheeling is a glimpse at our heritage and it is interesting, amusing and valuable to reflect every once in a while on the past.

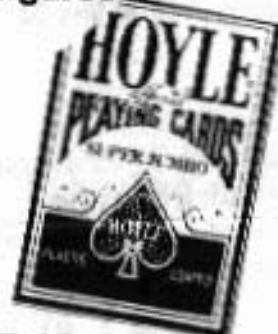
By Michael Anderson

REMEMBER WHEN.....



Having a weapon
in school meant
being caught with
a slingshot

Saturday morning
Cartoons weren't
30 minute com-
mercials for action
figures



Taking drugs
meant orange-
flavored chew-
able asprin.

Baseball cards in
The spokes trans-
formed any bike
into a motorcycle.



Water balloons were
The ultimate
Weapon.

LIFE IN THE 1500'S

Houses had thatched roofs-thick Straw-piled high, with no wood Underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof.

Hence the saying;
"It's raining cats and dogs."

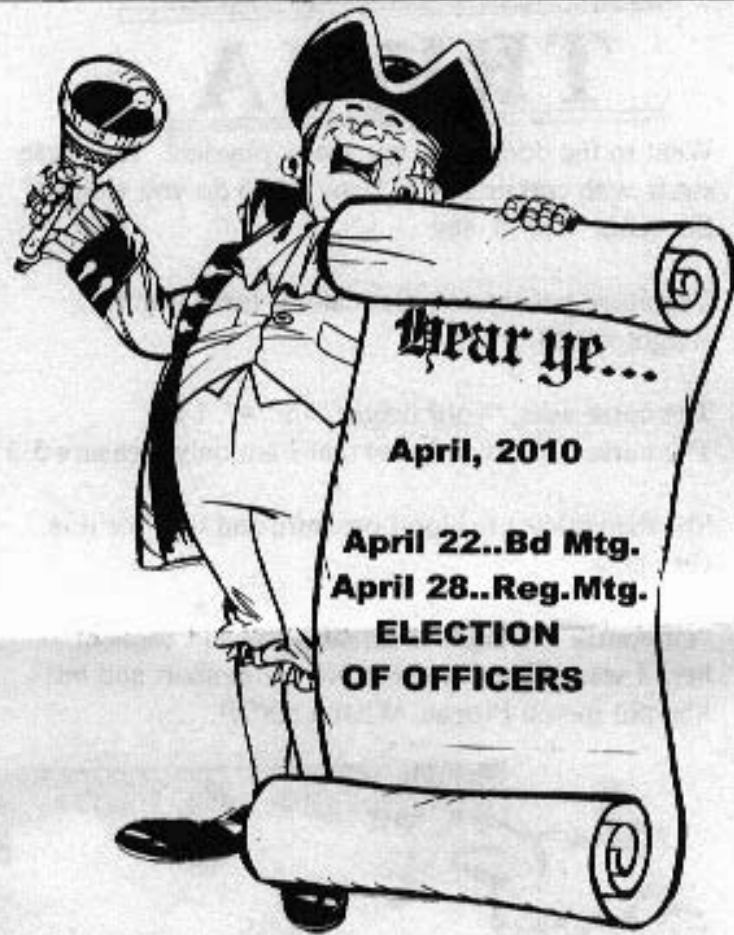
There was nothin8ng to stop things From falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other drop-pings could mess up your nice clean bed.

Hence:

A bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt.

Hence the saying:
Dirt Poor



ON THE FUNNY SIDE.....

Yes I can !

Only great minds can read this
This is weird, but interesting!

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TRIVIA

Went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse starts with certain basic "How much do you weigh?" She asks. "135, I say.

The nurse puts me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 180.

The nurse asks, "your height?" 5' 4", I say. The nurse checks and sees that I am only measure 5' 2".

She then takes my blood pressure and tells me it is very high.

"Of course it's high!" I scream. When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat! She put me on Prozac. What a bi#\$#!.....



To Lorraine and all
Our friends who are
Under the weather.
We hope you are
Back with us soon.

PLEASE
GET
WELL!



Kids of all ages will love the layers of creamy yogurt, crunchy granola, banana slices and mandarin oranges in this dish. It sweetens the morning meal, but is good as a healthful dessert or after-school snack, too. Spooning servings into clear parfait glasses makes a pretty presentation.



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