



251 North Wolf Road • Wheeling, Illinois 60090

WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 2011

1940s Winter in Wheeling

This snowy scene was taken some time in the 1940s, perhaps 70 years ago. The photographer is looking south down Milwaukee Avenue. On the right, where you see the tall flagpole, is the village hall, and behind it, the water tower. The village hall was built in 1897 and served the citizens until 1955. The hall was moved in 1978 to Chamber Park and became the museum of the Wheeling Historical Society.



Annual Dinner and White Elephant Auction

Have you been saving your white elephants this past year? It's time to bring them to the Wheeling Historical Society's
Annual Dinner and White Elephant Auction

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

At the Chamber Community Center (Church), 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling

Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. The auction follows at 7 p.m.

\$10.00 per person—Seating is limited.

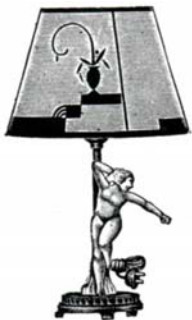
Call Bill Simpson to reserve your seat: 847-541-8692. We look forward to seeing you!

We need items for the auction. Empty out your garage, attic, or barn.

This auction is a fundraiser for your historical society.

For more information, please call

Joan Wiener, President, at 847-650-0144



“The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the Community of Wheeling.”

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HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

Located in the
Wheeling Park District's
Chamber Park
251 Wolf Road
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

Museum Hours

April through October
Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**2010–2011
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published monthly as a
benefit of membership



Wheeling Park District

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Message from the President

Dear Friends and Members,

I hope all of you are surviving this very cold and snowy winter. It sure seems long. But at least spring is not too far away. Bill and I were gone for a couple of weeks in January to some nice warm weather. We got back in time for the big storm.



The Historical Society wants to wish our oldest living member, Dolly Hein, a Happy 92nd Birthday! Her birthday was on February 10.

I wasn't at the last meeting. It was conducted by our secretary, Charles Vallas. They discussed Lollipop Lane and set up for the White Elephant Auction on Wednesday, February 23, 2011—6:00 p.m. for dinner, and auction to start at 7:00 p.m.

We need items to auction off. Please bring them to the Old Church that night or contact me if you can't make it that night: Joan at 847-229-0151.

Please come and bring a friend. Call Bill Simpson for your reservation, as the number of seats is limited: Bill at 847-541-8692.

Bill Hein will be the auctioneer again this year. We hope to see you there.

The board meeting is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011.

Historically Yours,

Joan Wiener, President

Curator's Report

We had a request from Amber Chen about her relatives. They were the Kotwitz family who had a farm on Dundee Road in the early 1900s. She is also related to the Karths and Wolfs who are descendents of her family. I found a phone number of the Presbytery of Chicago so she can research their religious background.

We are looking into getting a Civil War photo repaired because the ink is flaking off.

The basement of the museum is a little less cluttered since we are reorganizing a few file cabinets, making copies of some news items, and cutting down on papers.

Marilyn, Bev, Patti, Joan, and I are working on the same projects. It's amazing how much time one project can take!

Chris Gibson came in looking for Civil War information we have to display in the Indian Trails Library exhibit. We had records of soldiers who served, and a replica of money used at the time from Louisiana.



**Patti Steilen
Curator**

Meeting Dates

February 2011
Board meeting:
Thursday, **February 17**
7:00 p.m.

General meeting:
**White Elephant
Auction
Wednesday,
February 23**
Dinner served at 6 p.m.
Make your reservations
now!



March 2011
Board meeting:
Thursday, **March 17**
7:00 p.m.

General meeting:
Wednesday, **March 23**
7:00 p.m.



★ Visit our website at www.WheelingHistoricalSociety.com ★

Wheeling Park District

Congratulations for 50 years of serving this community! In 1960 the Wheeling citizens voted for a park district, and the first park board meeting was held on January 11, 1961.

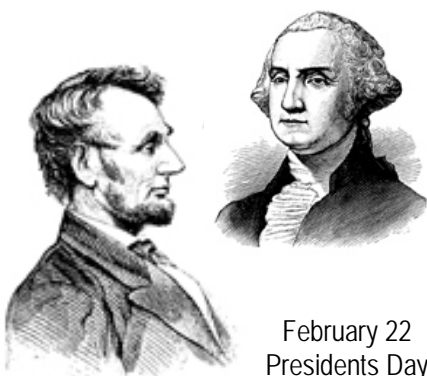


The community is invited to an evening dedicated to presenting the goals and accomplishments of the Park District.

The **State of the Park District Address** is an excellent opportunity to learn and understand how the Park District continues to live its mission to provide memorable experiences in parks and recreation that enrich our communities.

Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m.; the Address begins at 7 p.m. ☺



February 22
Presidents Day



Website Status Report for 2010

By Terry Steilen

WheelingHistoricalSociety.com

Total Pages Viewed: 6,666
Total Visitors: 3,269
First Time Visitors: 3,126
Average Visitors Per Day: 13

Password for the Month:

DOBBIN

February 2011 Highlights:

- I'm looking for ideas for articles to add to the Web site
- I've included email addresses below, just in case you know them, and desire to contact them

Visitors Comments:

<http://wheelinghistoricalsociety.com/guestbook.htm>

Entry: 18
Time: Mon Feb 7, 2011 12:48am
Name: Amber Chen
Email: -
City: Provo
Message:

This is a great website! My grandma and I enjoyed looking at pictures of it. He father, William Kotwitz, was born in Wheeling in 1906.
Thanks for putting this site together!

Entry: 17
Time: Wed Feb 2, 2011 05:06pm
Name: Robert Wilson
Email: okwarixbear@yahoo.com
City: Wheeling
Message:

This site is awesome in all the information held within these pages. I truly believe that it is the duty of everyone no matter whom they are to study the history of their city. After all those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Entry: 16
Time: Mon Jan 17, 2011 02:45pm
Name: Bob Gosch
Email: vbwjtd@juno.com
City:

Message:

Went to grade school back in the 30's (St. John Luth. school(one room). Some of the families were the Koeppen's, Lemke's, Grandt's, Schuler's.

Entry: 15
Time: Mon Dec 27, 2010 02:05pm
Name: marianela perales
Email: nelayluis@yahoo.com
City: Wheeling

Message:

Very nice website. I love finding out information about the history of our town. thank you much.

Entry: 14
Time: Sat Nov 13, 2010 01:00pm
Name: KathyCarlson
Email: kcarlson1960@gmail.com
City: Wheeling

Message:

Nice web site and informative.

Entry: 13
Time: Sat Nov 13, 2010 01:00pm
Name: peter a guttilla
Email: peteandlindsay@comcast.net
City: Chicago

Message:

Wow this is the first to get some info on my grandfather Peter P Guttilla if anyone can help thanks he was chief of police 60s i think.

Things to do and Places to go

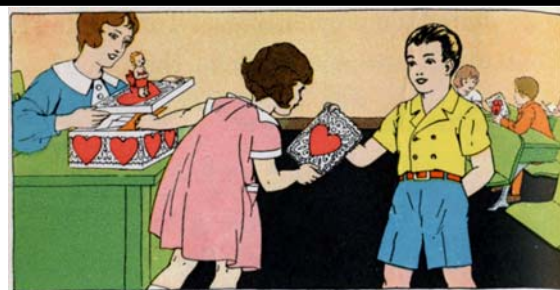
✳ **The Arlington Heights Historical Society and Museum** presents “On the Move in Arlington Heights” **January 15 – April 24, 2011.**

Throughout the village’s history, residents have traveled over Indian paths, muddy roads, railway, and now many miles of paved streets to get from one place to another. Whether by foot, horse, bicycle, or automobile, the changing modes of transportation helped define a changing way of life. Using photographs and artifacts from the Arlington Heights Historical Society’s collection, this exhibit explores the many ways of getting around in the village throughout the years. On the Move in Arlington Heights can be viewed in the Heritage Gallery January 15 thru April 24, 2011.

The Heritage Gallery and Shop is located on the Arlington Heights Historical Museum Campus at 112 West Fremont Street. There is no admission fee; suggested donation of \$2.00 is recommended.

✳ **Elk Grove Historical Museum** presents, “The Doctor Is In: A history of Medicine in Elk Grove” from **March - August 2011.**

Learn about the history of medicine in Elk Grove. The exhibit begins in the 1830s with Dr. Frederick Miner, one of the area’s first settlers, and concludes with the construction of Alexian Brothers Hospital in the 1960s. Learn about local physicians, common illnesses, quack medicine, and home remedies. Public drop-in hours: March - May: Wed and Fri 2:30 - 6:30 pm, Sat 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, & by appt. \$1 suggested donation to view facilities. The museum is located at 399 Biesterfield Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois. ✳



Recipe for a Happy Marriage

1 cup Consideration
 1 cup Courtesy
 2 cups Flattery, carefully concealed
 1 gal Faith and Trust in each other
 2 cups Praise
 1 sm pinch In-Laws
 3 tsp Pure Extract of “I’m Sorry”
 1 cup Contentment
 1 cup Confidence and Encouragement
 1 lg or several sm Hobbies
 1 cup Blindness to the other’s Faults

Flavor with frequent portions of Recreation and Happy Memories. Stir well and remove any flecks of Jealousy, Temper, or Criticism. Sweeten well with Love. Keep warm with a steady flame of Devotion. Never serve with a Cold Shoulder. ✳

Cook's Kitchen



Best Ever Pistachio Dessert

1 large Cool Whip
 1-1/2 C flour
 3/4 C butter
 1/2 C nuts, preferably pecans,
 chopped
 12 oz. Philly Cream Cheese
 1-1/2 C powdered sugar
 4 pkgs pistachio pudding
 5 C milk

Mix flour, butter, and nuts. Press into a 9 x 13 x 2 pan. Bake for 15 minutes at 350° or until golden brown. Cool.

In a mixer, blend cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in 1-1/2 cups of Cool Whip. Spread on crust.

Make pistachio pudding with the 5 cups of milk. Cover the cream cheese mixture.

Cover the pudding layer with the remaining Cool Whip. Refrigerate until ready to serve. ✳

