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Happy 95th. Birthday

Dolly Hein is a dynamo. An 83-year-old dynamo. A double amputee dynamo.

How can this be?

Hein believes fervently that you can do something about "anything that you want to do, if you set your mind to it." And then she proves it.

A Wheeling resident for almost 50 years, Hein is one of the pioneers who first settled in the Dunhurst subdivision. She moved here from rural Ironwood in Michigan's Upper Peninsula with her husband and three children and immediately took to the "small-town-near-a-big-city life," as she calls it. The family moved to Wheeling in order to care for her husband's mother, who was in failing health.

Gordon Hein soon opened a Mobil service station on the site of what is now the Hoyne Savings Bank. It became a community hub, a place for service and for exchanging the latest news. He often helped members of the growing business community get their cars or bikes going in the morning. Dolly was involved, too.

After eight years, Gordon realized he could have more independence and a less physically taxing job in his own business so he started what eventually became a small chain of auto parts stores. The first two were within the village of Wheeling — the first on what became the site of the old Union Hotel and is now a fashionable condominium complex. Subsequently, the couple opened stores in Mundelein, Northbrook and Buffalo



Dolly Hein

Grove. Dolly was involved in general office work and in sales in all of the stores, but especially the ones in Wheeling.

She enjoyed the partnership with her husband both in and outside of the business. Two of the three Hein children have also been involved in the business. As they began to sell the auto parts stores to "slow the pace a little," the couple operated a

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pub for several years that became a favorite village gathering place for young and old.

After Gordon's death at the relatively young age of 67, the family gradually sold the stores and Dolly began her more active period of volunteerism. Her principal work has been with senior citizens. She is chairwoman of Wheeling's Senior Citizen Commission and very involved in the activities at the Senior Center on First Street, where she is a member of the Senior Pavilion Advisory Board. For 12 years, she has enjoyed singing in the center's choral group, the

Pavillionaires. Dolly also is the president of the local chapter of AARP, which has about 80 members.

For many years, Dolly has been active in the work of the Wheeling Historical Society, holding a number of offices. She is serving as treasurer now. She has participated in both documentation and restoration activities. Dolly feels strongly that the last 50 years of the village's history is unique in this nation, and that more current citizens should learn that these events must be preserved and cherished.

Still, Dolly remains just as interested in the present. She regularly attends meetings of both the village Plan Commission and its Village Board. One of the members of the Plan Commission said Dolly knows as much and cares as much about Wheeling as anyone he has ever met in his many years as a resident. He greatly values her intellect and judgment, particularly when it comes to assessing people.

As a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Wheeling Park District Board, Dolly was a strong advocate for cultural activities, including theater, dance and art. She still would like to see a cultural center become part of Wheeling's long-term plans.

When the park district sought to build the new Aquatic Center and more recently the modern Community Recreation Center, Dolly was out front on both referenda. She was active in convincing scores of people, especially seniors, how these facilities would add to the quality of life in Wheeling.

She talked with great joy about attending the 2002 Wheeling High School graduation ceremony. Her strongest impression was of how richly diverse the graduating class was and how people of all ethnic backgrounds — nearly 90 percent of the class — were going on to some form of

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Message From The President

Dear Members and Friends,
I hope Spring will be coming soon. We have weathered the worst and I can't wait for warmer weather. Thanks to those who came out for the White Elephant Auction. We had 30 guests and had a great time with Bill Hein as the auctioneer and good food from Wapagettis. All the items donated were sold which made for an easy cleanup.

Our thanks to the park district for all their help in the preparation for the event.

Once again we are hoping to interview longtime residents of Wheeling to get a better understanding of how the vil-

lage has changed since the early 1950's. We appreciate anyone who can help in this process. Call me at (847)650-0144 if you can be interviewed or can interview a lifelong resident.

Don't forget to attend the March 26th A Walk Down Memory Lane with Rochelle Pennington and bring a friend.

Historically Yours,

Joan Wiener/President

The Curator's Corner



This month we will be busy freshing up the Museum for the April 6th opening.

We are hoping to have a display of old radios. If you have one to loan to us please call me at (847) 537-7287.

This winter was especially hard on all of us and we didn't get there on many Thursdays. With all the snow and ice and freezing weather we

now have our work cut out for us.

We have decided to visit neighboring museums once a

month to see what displays are available and how other museums operate.

Please consider signing up to sit at the museum on a Sunday during the Spring and Summer. We can use your help!

We had an inquiry for information about Dr. Edward Larson from Robert Howland. I am in the process of acquiring this now. Hope to see you at our March 27th meeting.

Patti Steilen

Curator

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higher education. She said she learns a great deal from young people and wants to continue to do so.

How does a person who voluntarily gave up driving a number of years ago manage all this and continue to look for more? She has three "great" friends, and her son Bill, who transports her where she needs to go. Sometimes they ask her before she has a chance to ask them.

"I believe in angels," Dolly said.

Dolly said she likes to be in the middle of

things, and she intends to keep it that way. Keeping things moving. She is as sharp intellectually as anyone half her age, and she has a great knowledge of the village and how it works.

There is nothing retiring about her. You sense a great energy and sense of purpose about her. Aside from her family's business, she has made the village of Wheeling's betterment her life's work, and there doesn't seem to be any reason why she won't continue to do so for some time to come.

*Cook's
Kitchen*

COOKS CORNER

Baileys Shooter Cupcakes

Irish cream cupcakes are even more fun topped with liqueur-filled candy shot cups!



CUPCAKES

- 1 pkg. (16.5 oz.) dark chocolate fudge cake mix
- 1 cup refrigerated Baileys Irish cream flavored liquid coffee creamer
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup oil

CANDY SHOT CUPS

- 1 cup green candy melts, 6 oz., melted 20 mini cupcake liners

FROSTING

- 2 cups (1 lb.) unsalted butter
- 4 cups confectioners sugar
- 2/3 cup refrigerated Baileys Irish cream flavored liquid coffee creamer
- Kelly green Concentrated food coloring • •
- Green jimmies or sprinkles
- 20 Shamrock-shaped icing decorations
- 2 1/2 cups Baileys Irish Cream Liqueur, from 750-ml bottle.

- Cupcakes: Line 20 muffin cups with cupcake liners. On low speed, beat cake mix, coffee creamer, eggs and oil 30 seconds. On medium, beat 2 minutes. Evenly divide batter among liners. Bake 20-22 minutes or until pick inserted into centers comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes. Transfer from pans to racks; cool.
- Shot cups: Using small clean brush, paint about half of candy melts over inside of each mini cupcake liner, as shown. Refrigerate until set, 15 minutes. Re-melt remaining candy; paint second layer of candy in each liner. Refrigerate until set.
- Peel paper liner from shot cups, as shown.

- Frosting: On medium, beat butter until fluffy, 1-2 minutes. On low, gradually beat in sugar until combined. Add creamer; beat until fluffy, 1-2 minutes. Tint half with green coloring.
- Place pastry bag fitted with star tip in tall glass; fold edge of bag over top of glass. Fill one side of bag with white frosting; fill other side with green frosting. Pipe over cupcakes. Garnish with cups, jimmies and icing decorations. Just before serving, fill cups with liqueur.

A distraught senior citizen
phoned her doctor's office.
'Is it true,' she wanted to know,
'that the medication
you prescribed has to be taken
for the rest of my life?'
'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her.
There was a moment of silence
before the senior lady replied,
I'm wondering, then,
just how serious is my condition
because this prescription is marked
'NO REFILLS'....'



Q. *Why should you never
iron a four-leaf clover?*

A. *Because you shouldn't
press your luck!*

INTERESTING EVENTS FROM 1919

- **Dolly was born.**
- **World War 1 just ended**
- **Prohibition begins**
- **Flappers are the rage**
- **Women's Rights begin**
- **A Car costs \$200 - \$300**
- **Gas is 25¢ a gallon**
- **Babe Ruth is traded from the Red Socks to the Yankees**
- **Felix The Cat comes into cartoons**
- **President Roosevelt died in his sleep**
- **White Sox threw the World Series**



Wheeling Historical Society & Museum



Presents: *A Nostalgic Glance Backwards*

A WALK DOWN
Memory Lane



Rochelle Pennington



Presentation By:

**Rochelle
Pennington**

Wednesday

March 26, 2014

**The Old Church at
Chamber Community
Center Park**

251 N. Wolf Road

6:30 PM

Come and take a walk down Memory Lane to the "Good Old Days" of the 1930s, 40s, and 50s with author Rochelle Pennington. Her historical, lighthearted program will detail everyday life during the bygone years of corner phone booths, party lines, hand-me-down clothes, doctors who made house calls, wringer washing machines, marble matches, Howdy Doody shows, and outhouses. Audience attendees will be invited to remember a time when percolating coffee pots, mothers in aprons, flour sifters, home-baked bread, and suppers prepared from canning jars lining the pantry shelves were part of everyday life. The author's power-point presentation, featuring vintage photographs, will be complemented by a large collection of antiques she will display.