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WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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District's
Chamber Park
251 Wolf Road
Wheeling Illinois

2014-2015

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The Wheeling Historical Society and Museum celebrates the link between the past and the present. The museum is a cooperative effort of the Village of Wheeling, Wheeling Park District, Indian Trails Public Library.

The Groundhog (*Marmota Monax*) is a rodent of the *Sciuridae* Family belonging to the group ground squirrels. The first documented reference to Groundhog Day is found in a diary entry dated February 4, 1841 of Morgantown, Pennsylvania. It is of German custom from ancient German lore. "Last Tuesday February 2nd was Candlemas Day. The day on which according to Germans; the groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 25th WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION & DINNER 6PM

March 25th Wheeling Police History Presentation 6:30PM

April 22nd General Meeting 7PM

May 25th Parade & Founders Day Picnic 11AM

May 27th Installation Dinner

June Wedding Dress Display & Talk

GARDEN CLUB MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

7PM AT THE SENIOR CENTER

ALL ARE WELCOME

Message From The President

Wheeling HISTORICAL Society CELEBRATION: 50th anniversary



The Wheeling Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary with several special events. Village of Wheeling — for 50 years, the Wheeling Historical Society has been dedicated to preserving the history of Wheeling.

Get Rid Of The Winter Blues, Come To The Wheeling Historical Society Annual Dinner & White Elephant Auction! Where: Chamber Community Center 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling Time: 6:00pm Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner Auction to follow.

When: Wednesday February 25, 2015 Price: \$12.00 per person Reservations Call Marilyn Chromy 847-537-5714 Limited Seating Call NOW!! Got Something to Auction Off, Call Bill Hein 847-650-8985

This year marks the 50th anniversary for the Society, and several events will celebrate the milestone.

This Year the Memorial Day Parade Featuring the Award winning Wheeling High School Marching Band will be held on Dundee Road starting at Milwaukee Ave. A Memorial Wreath will be placed at the southeast corner which has the flags of Americas Military forces. We are honoring all Military past & present. The parade will proceed west to Wolf Road and turn north to the Wheeling Park District's Chamber Park home of the Museum and Historical District. The Memorial Day Services by Post 66 Am Vets & Tony Alteri, Memorial Day Address by Village President Argiris will be held at the park followed by a **Settlers Day Picnic**. Bring your family Neighbors & Friends. Pack a picnic basket. Ice Cream Deserts will be provided by the Society. No Alcoholic beverages allowed in the park. The Parade will start Monday, May 25th at 11:00 A.M. There will also be tour and an open house for visitors to see the museum and its grounds. If you would like to participate in the parade contact Bill Hein 847-650-8985, Terry Steilen 847-537-7287, Marilyn Chromy 847-537-5714.

To read the rest of the story, [purchase a special 50th anniversary Calendar. Contact society or purchase one at the picnic.](#)

Regards

Bill Hein - President

The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who contributed time and energy to Lollipop Lane this year. It was a great success. Over 1500 people visited Santa. Once again we sold out of the ornament.. Hopefully we can order additional ornaments for next years event.

We are so grateful that Joan Wiener is making a successful recovery from her recent fall. She is home now and on the mend.

The cold winter weather has hampered our ambitions to clean the carriage house and museum, but hopefully we will get a break and be able to carry out these tasks.

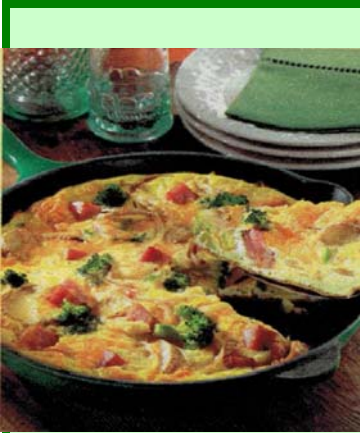
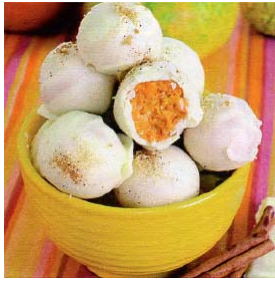
We received a request for information on the Bell & Howell Company on Wolf Road. If you remember this company please contact me at 847-924-4473.



*Cook's
Kitchen*

COOKS CORNER

*Two Treats for a
cold winter day!*



Ham it up veggie frittata!

In an ovenproof skillet, cook diced potato and chopped onion in a little hot oil until tender. Lightly beat eggs with a pinch each of thyme, salt and pepper and add to skillet with thawed frozen broccoli florets (or your favorite veggies) and cubed cooked ham. Cook until just set around edges, then sprinkle with shredded cheese. Transfer skillet to preheated 400°F oven. Bake until set in center, 20-25 minutes.

Garden Veggie Pie

Blend an undiluted can of your favorite condensed cream soup (like mushroom or celery) with 3 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, some grated Parmesan and a pinch of pepper and nutmeg. Stir in 2 cups drained thawed frozen vegetables and a handful of shredded cheese. Pour into a frozen 9 deep-dish pie shell: top with more cheese. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for about 30 minutes.

Messages Posted to our Web Site

<http://WheelingHistoricalSociety.com>

Name: Helen (Grabowicz) Taylor **Entry:** 122 **Time:** Wed Jan 28, 2015 05:46am | **City:** Gilbert, Arizona
Message:

I am just finding this wonderful website. I recognize a few names here. I was born in Chicago, but my family moved to 244 W Wayne Pl when I was 6 weeks old. Went to Walt Whitman for kindergarten, then Mark Twain, Jack London and good 'ol WHS! Proud 4 year band member! Good times. Parents have long passed. My mom passed away in our house in 2006. Still visit the neighborhood when I go back "home"

Name: Gary Bernstein **Entry:** 119 **Time:** Tue Oct 28, 2014 10:51am **City:** Schaumburg
Message:

Just the other day I passed by my old home at 475 East Merle Lane, Wheeling and simply had to stop, get out of my car and just look at it. I went back into time when life was simpler and I was with my family of 5 all passed now except for me. I can't believe how small that area is. It was gigantic when I was a kid. My old home looks great. I'm happy I was part of Dunhurst early days.

Name: David Fjeldheim **Entry:** 118 **Time:** Tue Oct 21, 2014 08:11am **City:** Des Plaines, IL.
Message:

I have so many wonderful memories of Wheeling. Our family bought a house in the Dunhurst subdivision, it was the 2nd house on the street. 583 W. Green Dr. in 1956 for \$15,000. I can tell you what was there in Wheeling and all the changes we saw. Yes all my childhood memories are all in Wheeling. David Fjeldheim

- Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better
- Coca Cola was originally green
- The state with the highest percentage of people that walk to work is Alaska
- It is impossible to lick your elbow



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Limited Seating Call NOW!!



Auction!

Empty your basement & garage



Menu

Chicken, Italian Beef, Pasta, Roasted
Potatoes & Salad
Desserts by Society Members

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY