



# Wheeling Historical Society & Museum



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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.



Fire Chief Edward Gieseke presents the title for the new fire truck to Mayor Arthur Ortegal: The firemen are: (from left to right) Seated on truck: Henry Mayer, Harold Utpadel, Clarence Moeller, and John Forke; second row: Arthur Moldenhauer, Gernhardt Koeppen, Peter Gianesin, and Melvin Becker; forst row: Edward Moeller, Earl Johnson, Carl Moeller, Chief Edward Gieseke, Mayer Arthur Ortegal, Roger Rockenbach, Walter Scanlon, and Lloyd Kelm.



**The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen**



The 2015 season at the museum is coming to a close. Thank you to all our members who sat on Sundays. We had a nice group of visitors most Sundays and we hope it improves each year. If anyone needs a group or private tour I can be reached at (847) 924-4473.

Our workers in the basement of the museum are sorting through old pictures trying to identify various families, cataloging obituaries and keeping track of businesses and where they originally were located. We are also in the process of redoing the files.

**BEER AND BRAT FEST**

The Beer & Brat Fest was a big success. Thank you to all of our sponsors, workers from the Village, Park District, Knights of Columbus, spouses and all the Societies Members who helped make this a success.

The Bands were great as well as the food and beer. It took a great deal of work especially on Bill Hein's part to put this together and everyone had a good time. We especially appreciate the nice weather. Mother Nature was smiling at us! We had many compliments about the Brats. Our thanks to the men and especially Tony Stavros, who manned the grill.



**GO FIGURE.** What is the greatest amount of money you can have in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and still not be able to make exact change for a dollar?

**Question:**

What is the biggest complaint among retirees?

**Answer:**

There is not enough time to get everything done !



ANSWER: \$1.19 = 4 pennies, 4 dimes, and 3 quarters

**WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

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# COOKS CORNER

*Cook's  
Kitchen*

**German Potato Salad**  
**By: Bev Rossman**



- 10 potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard
- 1/2 cup water
- 6 bacon strips
- 1 T Corn Starch
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vinegar

Boil potatoes, peel and dice and put into bowl. Brown the bacon strips till crisp and put on the side. Cut onion, according to taste and put into bacon fat and brown. Add all together in a cup the corn starch, dry

mustard, sugar, water and vinegar and stir. Add to the onion with the bacon fat and boil and stir. Add to the potatoes, take bacon strips and crumble into the potatoes and sauce and stir and enjoy.

I do not have the steps but only the ingredients but this is what I do. Give it a try and see what you think of it. If you don't want to use the 10 potatoes make what you want. Really enjoy!!!!



## OCTOBER

I look forward to October  
And the rapture that evokes  
In a vast array of color  
By the Master Painter's strokes.  
I look forward to October,  
Hay in loft, and grain in bin,  
Time for lighting jack-o-lanterns,  
Time to harvest thoughts with pen  
Down the lane the fiery sumac  
Wakens from a frosty nod,  
And the oak shrugs off an acorn,  
Splendor from the Hand of God.  
I look forward to October,  
And the picture that she weaves,  
Reassured of life eternal  
By her rustling Autumn leaves.  
Now that harvest time is over,  
And my cup can hold no more -  
How can I await November  
With Thanksgiving at my door?  
Laura Baker Haynes



**WHEELING**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**  
**6:30 pm**

## **“Fire Hazards and Safety Precautions”**

**Speaker: Keith MacIsaac, Fire Chief,  
Village of Wheeling Fire Department**



Everyone is welcome to attend.  
The meeting will be held in the  
Chamber Park Church Building  
which is located near the  
Museum and Gazebo on the  
Museum campus.



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**251 North Wolf Road**  
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