



Wheeling Historical
Society and Museum
Newsletter

Rain-Rain Go Away

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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.

Indian Trails
Public Library District



A major point on Wheeling's historical timeline occurred today, April 10, 2017 – the new and improved library at 355 Schoenbeck Road opened to the public at 9am. After a 2011 referendum passed, community focus groups contributed feedback to help us plan our new library. A 12-month construction project began in April 2016.



The library still boasts a healthy collection of books, but now offers more study space, a computer training lab, an ESL study lab, special areas for early learners and middle schoolers, and a makerspace (wondering what that is? Come on in and learn about this creative space!) and media studios.

Since you are reading this Newsletter, you have an interest in history. Do you have any old negatives, VHS movies or Super8mm movies from your family's treasure trove? In a few months, we will have equipment to transfer your memories to digital format. On the 2d floor, we have a dedicated research terminal for genealogy and local history. You will soon be able to peruse old issues of the Wheeling Independent newspapers from the 1950-60s; to get a glimpse of Wheeling as a growing community.



One of our visitors this morning said he remembered the library when it was located behind the Union Hotel on Milwaukee Avenue. He was awestruck by the new library – we hope you will be too.

Contributed by: Celeste Kuta, Genealogy/Local History Librarian, Indian Trails Public Library District

A Message From The President — Terry Steilen

Don't forget, **The Museum Is Open For Business** on Sundays, 2 to 4 pm.

An update on the Church Steeple: I'm sorry to report that the Park District Board of Commissioners determined that the future expenses would exceed the benefits that rebuilding the steeple would provide, and that because the steeple was hit by lightning twice in the past one hundred and fifty years, that the same could happen in the future, and that all could possibly be lost. I was not going to argue. As for the bell, there has been no response from the Evergreen Presbyterian Church either. So I will have to find another project to work on. I thought that it was a good idea, but there wasn't sufficient community support to get it done. A special thanks to Ken Brady, Mark Smith, and Steve Klumpp for their involvement in the project.



We also have a Society election coming up. Anybody desiring to be on the board, should contact our Nomination Committee members: Patti, Joan or Judy M. Or me at 847-924-4416

The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen



We're getting ready for the Tea at the Church on April 23rd. Please bring pictures or small mementos we can share. We're hoping to have our new scanner at the church to scan any photographs the museum can have for future use. We're looking forward to seeing familiar faces at the tea. Bring your memories and enjoy good company and good food!

Our White Elephant dinner was a great success. As usual it was a lot of fun and we raised funds to make some improvements to the Museum. After a visit to the Rolling Meadows Museum we have decided to find a textured wall covering that pictures can be adhered to without putting nail holes in the walls. This will make changing pictures much easier. We would like to do a new display on the 50's, 60's and possibly 70's. If anyone is willing to loan any items from this era we can make arrangements to pick them up. Please remind your friends and neighbors that the Museum is open on Sundays from 2 to 4 PM. If anyone can host a Sunday afternoon please contact me at (847)924-4473.

We hope to see a large turnout for the Tea, Installation Dinner and The Poison Banquet presentation.



You know spring is here when you can get the kids outside in their Sunday finest, standing in front of the family car, without a speck of mud on either.

Joan Meyer of Grand Rapids, Michigan is the little girl in this 1961 photo. Joan says she, her cousin Timmy Nortier (far left), brother Jimmy and big sister Patty were ready for church when this slide was snapped in front of the family's 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne. "The car was purchased new and ran for hundreds of thousands of miles," Joan remembers. "It was finally retired when the floor-boards fell through in 1968."

Joan's father, Jim Heyboer, took hundreds of slides of the kids growing up in the '50s and early '60s. "But rarely was there a picture of Mom or Dad," she explains. "They were usually taking the photograph."

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the Wheeling Park
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Chamber Park
131 N. Wolf Road
Wheeling Illinois**

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Cook's Kitchen

COOKS CORNER

Tuna Casserole

Casserole:

- 2 tbsp butter, plus more for baking dish
- 1 (12-ounce) bag or 4 cups egg noodles
- 16 oz yellowfin or albacore tuna in oil drained
- 10 ounces frozen peas, thawed
- 3 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon whole dried thyme

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces baby bella mushrooms, sliced
- 4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1 pint heavy cream

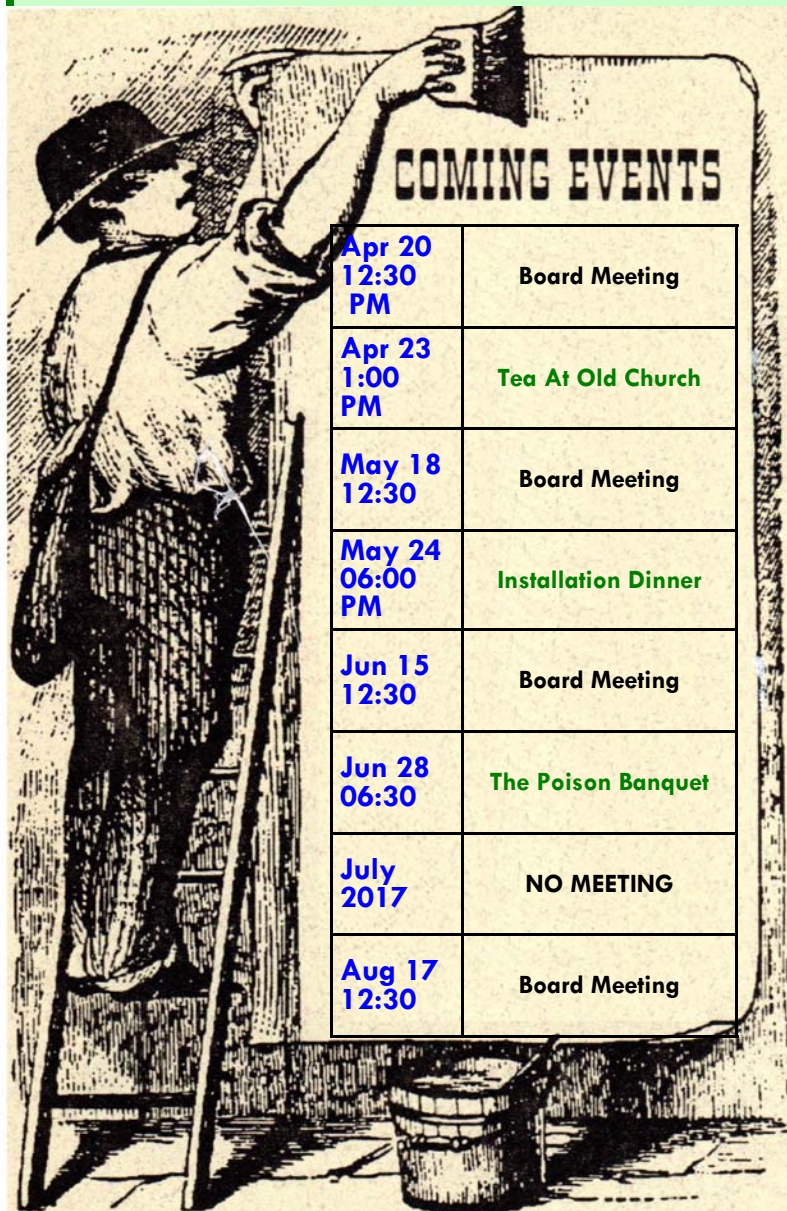
Topping:

- 3 cups panko breadcrumbs (Japanese)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil

For the casserole:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Butter a 13- by 9-inch ovenproof dish or lasagna dish and set aside.

Cook the egg noodles in salted boiling water according to package directions for al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain and immediately place the noodles in a large bowl filled with ice to stop the cooking. Once cooled, drain and then pour the pasta into a large bowl with the tuna, peas and both cheeses. Toss to combine.



PALM SUNDAY

IT WAS PALM SUNDAY AND, BECAUSE OF A SORE THROAT, FIVE-YEAR-OLD JOHNNY STAYED HOME FROM CHURCH WITH A SITTER. WHEN THE FAMILY RETURNED HOME, THEY WERE CARRYING SEVERAL PALM BRANCHES. THE BOY ASKED WHAT THEY WERE FOR. "PEOPLE HELD THEM OVER JESUS' HEAD AS HE WALKED BY."
"WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT," THE BOY FUMED, "THE ONE SUNDAY I DON'T GO, HE SHOWS UP!"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ONE EASTER SUNDAY MORNING AS THE MINISTER WAS PREACHING THE CHILDREN'S SERMON, HE REACHED INTO HIS BAG OF PROPS AND PULLED OUT AN EGG. HE POINTED AT THE EGG AND ASKED THE CHILDREN, "WHAT'S IN HERE?"
"I KNOW!" A LITTLE BOY EXCLAIMED. "PANTYHOSE !! "

FIRST TIME USHERS

A LITTLE BOY IN CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME WATCHED AS THE USHERS PASSED AROUND THE OFFERING PLATES. WHEN THEY CAME NEAR HIS PEW, THE BOY SAID LOUDLY, "DON'T PAY FOR ME DADDY I'M UNDER FIVE."

GRANDMA'S AGE

LITTLE JOHNNY ASKED HIS GRANDMA HOW OLD SHE WAS. GRANDMA ANSWERED, "39 AND HOLDING."
JOHNNY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN SAID, "AND HOW OLD WOULD YOU BE IF YOU LET GO?"



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*You are cordially invited to a
Spring Sunday Afternoon
Tea and Light Luncheon*

On Sunday, April 23, 2017 1 pm.

R.S.V.P

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*Please bring your memories and photos of
Wheeling as we share in our Society's mission to
"preserve knowledge about the community of
Wheeling, Illinois"*

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