

# Bheeling Historical Society & Museum



Wheeling Historical Society and Museum Newsletter

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

#### WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum Campus is
located in
the Wheeling Park
District's
Chamber Park
131 N. Wolf Road
Wheeling Illinois

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## Wheeling School Class Picture 1924 with Miss Levinson



Ida Levinson taught at Wheeling School in the 1920s. She was born in 1900 in Paxton, IL, where she graduated from grade and high school. She received a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a Master's degree from the University of Illinois. In 1924 she accompanied a group of Wheeling pupils to the annual Cook County Juvenile Farmers' Institute to participate in the poultry division. After leaving Wheeling she still returned to visit with the Gieseke family on many weekends. She died in 1958.



## Yesteryears...

**100 years ago**—Oct. 17, 1919 — There is an epidemic of whooping cough among the schoolchildren. Nothing less could be expected in view of the fact that so many people bought army blankets and failed to have them properly disinfected.

**75 years ago** — Oct. 31, 1944 — Wheeling school opened on Tuesday, Sept. 5 with an enrollment of pupils nearing 100. Miss Bertha Keith is again serving the school as principal and teacher of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

**50 years ago** — Oct. 16, 1969 — At Wheeling High School yesterday on Moratorium Day there were no demonstrations in connection with the Vietnam War.

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## A Message From The President — Elaine Simpson

#### Dear Members:

Fall is almost here and that is my favorite season of the year. I love all the different fall colors and the weather is perfect. I hope you take the time to enjoy this beautiful season.

With all the negativity that is going on, I think as individuals we should start changing things by taking little steps at a time. Here are a few simple suggestions:

- \* When your restaurant server goes above and beyond, leave a bigger tip. Remember the bus boy who cleans your table; slip him a dollar and that will make all the difference to that person.
- \* Return your shopping cart to the storefront.
- \* Keep an extra plastic bag with you when walking your dog and pick up trash along your route. Take pride in your neighborhood.
- \* Hold the door for the person walking behind you; help those who aren't walking as fast as you are able.
- Let a car merge easily into your lane; leave driveways clear so cars can exit easily.

Small acts can have a ripple effect. That's how we change the world.

Have a great Fall..

Elaine



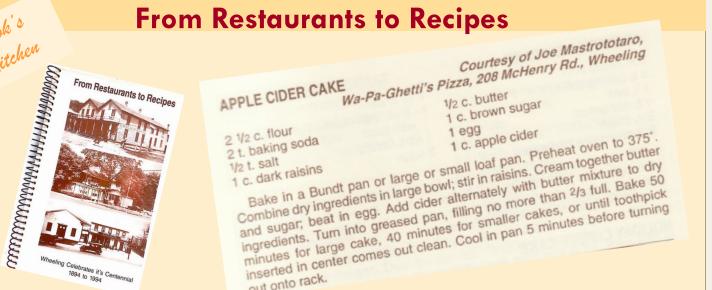
### The Curator's Corner — Patti Steilen

Our current priority at the Museum is to get a group of volunteers together to work on arranging the display collections back in the cases. Anyone wishing to volunteer can call me at 847-537-7287. We can use all the help we can get. I'm willing to come in whenever we can get the most volunteers together. We appreciate any help you can offer. Our goal is to reopen the weekend after Labor Day.

Patti



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Welcome New Members

Jim Bradley Diane Taghon



Photo: Whitman School, torn down 1999

Wheeling's 125th anniversary is upon us. If you have any old pictures, or stories of the Village, we would like to use them. We're putting together history, photos, and then-and-now stories. Any help would be appreciated.

Send to curator@WheelingHistoricalSociety.com.



# Program Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 1:00 pm Chamber Park 131 N. Wolf Rd., Wheeling, IL



## "Wheeling Around Wheeling" Lee Venet

We're opening the Carriage House and bringing out any and all wheeled vehicles. Guest Lee Venet, local resident and avid bicyclist will talk about bicycles and the many cycling paths in our area.

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## Can you help us?

We are looking for items for the "Wheeling Around Wheeling" event —any older vehicles with wheels, such as bicycles, scooters, wagons, or ??... anything to do with transportation on wheels.



White Elephant Auction and Dinner Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 1 pm

Proceeds from this annual event help fund WHS projects. Further details to follow.