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# WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JANUARY 2011

## Christmas at Lollipop Lane 2010

One look at the excited faces of the children who visited Lollipop Lane this year would tell you that this event was quite a success. As soon as the doors opened, and our visitors caught their first glimpse of the twinkling lights, the colorful ornaments, and then—Santa sitting with Mrs. Claus, you knew it would be another memorable Christmas for everyone.



We thank our volunteers: our Santas and Mrs. Clauses; Bill Stasek Chevrolet and their employees for donating their time and taking the photos; the Wheeling Park District for their assistance in decorating; our cookie bakers; and all members who gave up their free time. We appreciate the donations from our friends and neighbors in the community. It takes many people to make this happen every year. Thank you!



“The object of this Society shall be the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the Community of Wheeling.”

**WHEELING  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

Located in the  
Wheeling Park District's  
Chamber Park  
251 Wolf Road  
Wheeling, Illinois 60090

**Museum Hours**

April through October  
Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**2010–2011  
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## Message from the President

### Dear Members and Friends,

Hope all of you had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. December was more like January so here is hoping January is better.

Lollipop Lane was another big success. Over 1,530 people came through our doors. And 194 boxes of cookies were sold before we ran out on Friday night. Thanks to everyone who helped. First to the maintenance staff of Wheeling Park District for putting up and taking down the trees and lights, and to the many staff members of the park district who helped decorate the trees, along with The Wheeling Garden Club, The Park District Day Care and many members of the Historical Society. Thank you to the many Wheeling residents who helped make cookies and to those who played Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Without everyone's help the Historical Society would not be able to have Lollipop Lane.

For those who have not heard, a fire broke out one December Monday morning, about 3:30 a.m. at the old church in Chamber Park. It was minor and nothing was lost, thanks to the smoke alarm. The Park District is in the process of fixing the damage. It was an electrical fire and only in the kitchen area of the Church.

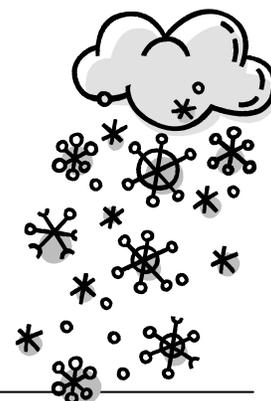
February brings the White Elephant auction, so save the date—  
Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

The meetings for January are Board meeting on Thursday, January 13, and the regular meeting on January 26th. Bill and I will be out of town starting January 14 thru January 29, to somewhere warm.

Hope everyone has a healthy and happy new year.

**Historically Yours,**

**Joan Wiener, President**



## Meeting Dates and Times

### January 2011

The January board meeting is cancelled.  
General meeting is **Wednesday, January 26**  
at 7:00 p.m.

### February 2011

Board meeting is **Thursday, February 17**  
at 7:00 p.m.  
General meeting is **Wednesday, February 23**  
6:00 p.m. short meeting  
followed by dinner and the auction



*Thank you for your donations  
to support Lollipop Lane*

**Wheeling Park District Board,  
Admin, and Maintenance Staff  
Marcia Lehman,**

**Coral & David Rubin,  
Kolssak Funeral Home,  
Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza,**

**Knights of Columbus,  
Erica Young,  
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# The Wheeling Park District celebrates 50 years!

1961–2011

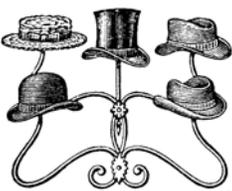
The Wheeling Historical Society participated in the Wheeling Park District's 50th anniversary celebration on Sunday, January 16, 2011. The event was held at the Community Rec Center. Several of our members, including Barb Forke, Charlie Vallas, and Terry Steilen, were there to represent the society. They brought materials to show the growth of both the park district and the historical society. The display of scrap books, photo albums, and our book, *Wheeling Through The Years*, captured the attention of visitors.

Of particular interest were the photos taken during the move of the carriage house and the old church to the historical area where the museum now resides.



This year marks the park district's 50 years of service to Wheeling. The park district was formed in 1960 and incorporated in 1961. As the village grew, so did the park district, acquiring land that has been developed for recreational use by our community.

*-Pictures provided by the Wheeling Park District*



# Annual Dinner and White Elephant Auction



Have you been saving your white elephants this past year? It's time to bring them to the Wheeling Historical Society's Annual Dinner and White Elephant Auction.

**When?** on Wednesday, February 23, 2011.

**Where?** at the Chamber Community Center, 251 N. Wolf Road.

**Begins at 6:00 p.m.** with a short meeting, and continues with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**The auction will follow the dinner. Price? \$10.00 per person. SAVE THE DATE—Reservations required. Details will be announced. We look forward to seeing you!**



From the Wheeling Independent newspaper, 1957 ...



**CORNFLAKE CRISPS**

1/4 cup butter  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 1/3 cup light molasses  
 Combine and bring to a full boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.  
 Add and mix well:  
 1 cup semi sweet chocolate morsels  
 4 cups cornflakes, uncrushed  
 Drop by half teaspoonsful on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees oven 6 to 8 minutes. Let cool 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet with spatula. Makes 5 dozen.

*Junior Women News*

Last year the Wheeling Junior Woman's Club presented the Wheeling School with a bioscope. The bioscope is a scientific instrument that projects microscopic slides on a screen enabling an entire group to enjoy the benefits of a microscope. Responsible for most of the arrangements made in procuring this instrument was Mrs. Robert Meyer, last year's Philanthropy chairman, and her committee.

The money used to purchase the bioscope was raised by the club's various functions; the style show, the bake sale, and others. This year the annual style show is first on the club agenda. "Modes and Memories" will be held on November 12 at 8:30 p.m. at the Amvets Hall. Weil's Department Store and Young Modes will furnish the wearing apparel to be modeled by club members and their children. Tickets are on sale now at \$1.50 a piece.

**Household Hints**

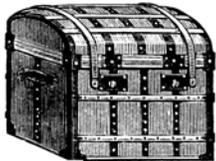
The next time you are ironing puffed sleeves of little girl's dresses, try using a hot light bulb. Iron all of the dress except the sleeves, then slip the hot light bulb into the sleeves, working it around.

**YOU SAID IT**

The Wall Street Journal tells of a dumb office gal who for 8 mo's thought the waste-paper chute down to the furnace was a filing cabinet. That is where she stuffed every letter that was given her to file!

"The shattering part of it," says an exec. of the company, "isn't that we lost an est'd 3000 letters that way. What really gets us is that so far we haven't needed one of them!"

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*We thank the following people for their donations to the Wheeling Historical Society*

Pat Hancock: (1) Shorthand book 1940, "Hall Shorthand Simplified"; (1) "The Dangerous Book For Boys" by G.& H. Iggulden

Chris Gibson, Indian Trails Library District: (1) videocassette Wheeling Founders Day Centennial Celebration; (1) gray spat

Dan Van Loon: (1) original drawing of the Village flag (1973)

Dolly Hein: (18) Wheeling historical plates

**You won't believe it, but...**



Can a bar of soap under the sheets prevent leg cramps at night? There have been many preventions suggested, including:

Stretching your calf muscles before going to bed

Swearing off caffeine in the evening

Increasing your intake of potassium, magnesium, calcium, or Vitamin E

Sleeping on your back with your toes pointed toward the ceiling

Drinking tonic water, which contains small amounts of quinine

Increasing your intake of water during the day

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Some of these suggestions may help you, but there's one suggestion for which there is no explanation: putting a bar of soap, (preferably Ivory) under the sheets. Ann Landers mentioned the soap cure in her column; Dr. Gott has also mentioned it in his column. There are many who swear by this remedy. And although it's not clear which brand of soap should be used, or where exactly it should be placed, we suppose it is worth a try. It couldn't hurt, aside from your spouse thinking you're a bit loony. Let us know if it works for you!

**Cook's Kitchen**



**Quick Three-Bean Soup**

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 T olive oil
- 1 can white beans, drained
- 1 can black beans, drained
- 1 can kidney beans, drained
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1 t basil
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 6 T Romano cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a saucepan, over medium-high heat, cook the onion and garlic in olive oil until translucent.

Add the rest of the ingredients except the Romano cheese and stir well.

Salt and pepper to taste, and heat till nice and hot. Top each bowlful with a tablespoon of Romano cheese and serve (great with side salad). Serves 6.