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*Bill Vancos, President; June Thiel, Vice President; Barb Craig, Secretary; Ethel Craig, Treasurer.
Additional Board Members: Jim Hagen, James Hardy, Lynn Huebner and Sue Sharkey.*

Annual General Meeting: Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Rhineland Historical Society Museum on Monday, October 21 starting at 4:00 pm. At the meeting there will be an election of officers, following the nominating committee report. We hope you will attend this meeting and learn more about your Historical Society. Reminder that only members in good standing (dues paid) are eligible to vote.

Our Loss – Heaven’s Gain: It is with heavy hearts that we said good-bye to yet another two very important volunteers. Don Anklam passed away on May 12th, and Marietta (Cookie) Poskie, passed away on July 28th. Both were excellent docents in years past, and they will be greatly missed.

State of the Society Report: We had a busy year with an increased number of visitors. In addition to Tuesdays & Thursdays during the summer months, we also welcomed a number of guests for ice cream on July 4th, as well as the Saturdays of the Art on The Courthouse Lawn & All Class Reunion. We did a number of tours by request at other times, and we are still averaging a couple of tours a week since Labor Day. We anticipate even more visitors as we approach fall, with the **Halloween Open House (Saturday, Oct. 26 – noon-4)**, **Robert Schubert Recital (Sunday, Oct. 27 beginning at 4pm)** and our **Holiday Open House (Saturday, Dec. 7 – noon-4pm)**. In partnership with the Rhineland Genealogy Society, we presented at a recent Nicolet College Learning In Retirement tour of Forest Home Cemetery and provided information on a number of very interesting individuals who had a definite impact during the earlier years of Rhineland. We also provided information and photos for a nice exhibit the VFW Hall hosted this past summer. Another service we provide is trying to answer historical question. We were able to provide information to a dozen or more people that contacted us through the mail, phone calls, or Facebook. They were all very appreciative of the information we were able to provide.

Have we told you lately how much we love you?: Seriously, we can’t thank everyone enough for all the support your Historical Society has received during the past year. Whether you made a financial contribution, volunteered your time, offered a service or product at a reduced cost, hosted one of the informational signs for a week, donated item(s) to the Museum, whatever gesture of time, treasure or talent you provided, know, without a doubt, it is very much appreciated.

Preservation and Restoration of the facilities and grounds: Call us eternal optimists, but we feel we have a promising chance to address the exterior of the Museum building next spring. In addition, we are working with a Boy Scout, who is looking for an Eagle Scout project, to clean out and apply a Water Blocking coating to the interior of the basement walls. Sherwin Williams has agreed to provide the supplies at no cost, which is certainly much appreciated and will help get the work completed at little to no cost. Interior work such as re-plastering some of the ceilings and walls on the upper floor and repairing areas of wall paper at the Museum remains on our To Do list as well. Yard work and beautification also remain on the list.

MEMBERSHIPS, NEW OR RENEWALS: Your membership and financial support are important for the continued success of the Rhinelander Historical Society and it's Museum. New memberships and donations are always welcome. For your convenience, we have included the form below.

This same form may be used for a new/renewed membership or to upgrade to a new category. Upgrades are created by cumulative cash donations. This helps the Historical Society with the on-going Museum expenses. Thank you for your support and generosity.

The Rhinelander Historical Society Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization under IRS Code 501(c.)(3). Our Fed ID # is 39-1721684 and your donations will qualify as tax exempt for income tax purposes.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (NEW, RENEWAL, OR UPGRADE)

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code; _____

Membership Fees:	Donation Amount: _____
	Annual Individual Membership.....\$10
Annual Business	Annual Family Membership.....\$25
Membership \$50	Life Individual Membership.....\$100
	Life Family Membership.....\$250
Annual Organization	Charter Membership.....\$500
Membership \$100	Donor Membership.....\$1,000
	Patron Membership.....\$5,000
	Founder Membership.....\$10,000
	Additional Donation.....\$_____

Bronze plaques recognize all cumulative cash donations at and above the Charter Membership level.

Please make checks Payable to RHINELANDER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. and mail to 9 South Pelham Street, Rhinelander, WI. 54501. For those that we have not recorded receiving a donation in the past year, a preaddressed envelope is included for your convenience.

For those over the age of 70 ½ , if you haven't heard of the benefits of making donations directly from your pre-tax accounts, please speak with your Financial Advisor. You can continue to support non-profit organizations like the Rhinelander Historical Society, and reduce your tax liability in the process.

Thank you.

Planned Giving

We also ask that you please consider including the Rhinelander Historical Society in your estate planning. A transfer of cash, securities, or other property can be made by including language in your will or living trust leaving a portion of your estate to the Society, or by designating the Rhinelander Historical Society as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy. As stated above, the Rhinelander Historical Society is a 501(c.)(3) Charitable Organization and contributions are tax-deductible for income, gift and estate taxes. Our Federal Tax Identification Number is 39-1721684. We sincerely thank you for your consideration.