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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.*

State of the Society Report: Our Annual Meeting was held on October 23rd and we were happy to report that, with the continuing excellent support from our Members, the Rhineland Historical Society is in very good shape. Other than items on our Wish List (see below for details) all is well.

We had a busy fall with the Halloween Open House, Robert Schubert Recital and Holiday Open House. A Big Thank You to all that volunteered, donated items for, or attended these events. All were well received and will be back by popular demand. Looking forward, it will soon be time for the Museum to be open for the Summer months, and plans are progressing on the July 4th Ice Cream Social after the parade.

Our Loss – Heaven’s Gain: It is again with heavy hearts that we said good-bye to two more very important volunteers. John Saari, former docent, passed away on November 30th and John Thiel, who wore many different hats over the years, passed away on December 14th. Both were passionate in their support for the Museum and will be greatly missed.

Preservation and Restoration of the facilities and grounds: While this sounds like a broken record, we still have high hopes of addressing issues with the Museum building. Due to busy contractor’s schedules the painting or replacing of the exterior siding and 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 has not been accomplished. Sherwin Williams has agreed to provide all the painting and plastering supplies at no cost, which will certainly help get the work completed within our budget. Finding a contractor to remove the chimney for a reasonable price along with further weatherization and yard work and beautification also remain on the To Do list. Rest assured, as frustrating as this has been, we will continue to search for competent and reasonably priced contractors to complete this work.

Opening Our Home to Visitors: Plans are again in place to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and by appointment at other times. The goal of being open on Saturdays is still on our wish list. We have a couple of volunteers who stepped forward, but our goal is to recruit more so individuals won’t have to work every Saturday. So if you, or someone you know, would be willing to become a docent for a three hour shift on some summer Saturdays, or as a fill in docent as needed, please contact Bill Vancos (715-360-0400 or bvancos@yahoo.com) for more information. Please don’t worry if at this point you don’t feel confident in your ability to be a docent. Training and mentoring will be provided to help you reach a comfortable level. All that is needed to begin is a welcoming smile to greet our guests.

MEMBERSHIPS, NEW OR RENEWALS: Your membership and financial support are important for the continued success of the Rhinelander Historical Society 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 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. (a 501c3 nonprofit organization) was incorporated in 1991 so your donations will qualify as tax deductible for income tax purposes.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (NEW, RENEWAL, OR UPGRADE)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code; _____

Membership Fees:

	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.