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*Bill Vancos, President; Jim Hagen, Vice President; Stephanie Kuski, Secretary; Cindy Goll, Treasurer.
Additional Board Members: June Thiel, Barb Craig, James Hardy and Lynn Huebner.*

State of the Society Report: Our Annual Meeting was held on October 19th and we are happy to report that, with the continuing excellent support from our Members, other than COVID-19 interrupting our tours and events, the Rhineland Historical Society remains in very good shape. We all look forward to returning to more normal times. With that goal in mind, we are happy to report that it is our intent to resume the Summer Tours, and if at all possible, the July 4th Ice Cream Social, 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 in the past, and we hope you will continue as we move forward.

Changing of the Guard: You may have noticed a couple of new names in the listing of officers and Board Members. After 29 years of handling the Treasurer duties, Ethel Craig decided it was time to turn them over to someone new. Barb Craig also wanted to step away from the duties of Secretary. Sue Sharkey also wanted to have, in her words, ‘a less formal involvement’. They represent over eighty years of combined experience in helping guide our Historical Society. We are grateful for all their efforts over the years, and appreciate that they will stay involved. We welcome Cindy Goll and Stephanie Kuski who have agreed to assume the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. They have already proved that they are more than up to the task.

Summer Tours: Our intent is to be open for Tours on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Yes, you read correctly! Our goal of being open again for Tours on Saturdays is about to be achieved! This, of course, would not be possible without volunteer Docents. Words can’t express our appreciation to Anne Anderson, Mike Boyer, Jim Hagen, Bill Hull, Ed Kubesh, Stephanie Kuski, Rick Rollman, Bill Vancos and Tom Winquist for volunteering their time to welcome guests to the Museum. If at all possible, please add touring the Museum to your summer To-Do list. Also if you have an occasional spare three hours that you could volunteer to the Historical Society, we could use one more Saturday Docent (every third week) and a person able to fill in if someone has an occasional conflict with their scheduled shift. Please contact Bill Vancos (715-360-0400) for more information. We guarantee it will be an enjoyable time welcoming guests and we will help you feel comfortable in the role. No memorization of historical facts is required!

Next Best Thing: If you aren’t able to come in person to tour the Museum, but have internet access, we have a Virtual Tour to allow you to see much of what the Museum has to offer. Google RhinelandHistoricalSociety.org, - when the Web Site opens, you will see a banner on the top of the screen with a number of choices, one being for the Virtual Tour. The Historical Society’s email address is info@RhinelandHistoricalSociety.org, so if you have any difficulty accessing the Web Site, please contact us and hopefully we can assist.

Preservation and Restoration of the facilities and grounds: Bryan Stoxen, for his Eagle Scout Project, cleaned the basement and applied a white waterproofing paint on the walls. Sherwin Williams provided all the supplies at no cost, which was much appreciated. The basement is now much cleaner and brighter. We also took advantage of the idle time at the Museum and Mark Jacobson painted the walls, ceilings and trim of the rooms and hall on the second floor. Again Sherwin Williams showed their community support and provided the paint for this project. Thank you Luke, and staff at Sherwin Williams, for all your generosity.

Gift for you. Enclosed is a post card of the ferocious Hodag. It’s a gift to show our appreciation for all the support we receive. It’s yours to keep or perhaps send to a friend or relative. When was the last time you sent a post card? By the way, postage for post cards is now 36 cents. Anyone else remember the penny post card?

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)

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 Address: _____ Email Address: _____
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	Annual Family Membership.....\$25
Annual Business	Life Individual Membership.....\$100
Membership \$50	Life Family Membership.....\$250
	Charter Membership.....\$500
Annual Organization	Donor Membership.....\$1,000
Membership \$100	Patron Membership.....\$5,000
	Founder Membership.....\$10,000
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	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED \$ _____

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. 54501-3458. A preaddressed envelope is included for your convenience.

For those over the age of 70 ½ or 72, 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

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