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2020 Newsletter

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

State of the Society Report: Our Annual Meeting was held on October 21st 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 2019 with the Summer Tours, 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. All were well received and will be back as soon as they can be safely done.

Sharing Our Museum: During these uncertain times, the decision has been made not to open the Museum to public tours, at least not at this time. The small rooms and narrow halls just don't allow for proper social distancing. We look forward to the day that we can resume physical tours and the other events we normally have. In the mean time, we of course hope that you are healthy and staying safe.

While not the same as a personal tour, we have gone viral and now have a Web Site and Virtual Tour to allow you to see much of what the Museum has to offer. With the excellent services of Nate Sheppard Media (sheppardnate@gmail.com) and Northwoods Media (info@northwoodsmedia.com), we are proud to announce the launch of the Rhineland Historical Society Web Site (RhinelandHistoricalSociety.org) which includes a Virtual Tour of the Museum. We invite you to visit the web site, check out all the information, and take a virtual tour of the Museum at your earliest convenience. If you haven't visited the Museum, hopefully this will peak your interest and when we reopen, you will want to visit in person. If you have been to the Museum, hopefully this will act like a photo album of your vacation, and will bring back enjoyable memories.

To access the Web Site, in the Location Bar (at the top of your screen, usually starts with http:...) click on that information and press the Delete button. Then enter RhinelandHistoricalSociety.org and press enter. Hopefully in short order we will have enough traffic so web browsers like Google will recognize our name and then we can simply Google Rhineland Historical Society and the link to our web site will be included, hopefully the top one! When the Web Site opens, you will see a row of buttons to click on, one being for the Virtual Tour. The Historical Society now has an email address (info@RhinelandHistoricalSociety.org), so if you have any difficulty accessing the Web Site, please contact us and hopefully we can assist you further.

Preservation and Restoration of the facilities and grounds: As a Boy Scout Eagle Project, a young man has asked if we have a project he might accomplish. Plans are being completed for him (and with the help of fellow scouts) to clean the basement and waterproof the walls. Sherwin Williams has agreed to provide all the supplies at no cost, which is certainly much appreciated. While this continues to sound like a broken record, we still have high hopes of addressing the siding and windows issues. Rest assured, as frustrating as this has been, we will continue to search for competent and reasonably priced contractors to complete this work and get these items off our Wish List.

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: _____ Email Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code; _____

Membership Fees:	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED _____
Annual Business Membership \$50	Annual Individual Membership.....\$10
Annual Organization Membership \$100	Annual Family Membership.....\$25
	Life Individual Membership.....\$100
	Life Family Membership.....\$250
	Charter Membership.....\$500
	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. 54501-3458. 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.