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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.

Annual General Meeting: Our 32nd Annual Meeting will be held at the Rhinelander Historical Society Museum on Monday, October 16th starting at 5:30 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.

State of the Society Report: We had a busy summer with another year of increased visitors. The ability to be open for tours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the summer months, made the Museum more accessible to guests. We were also able to provide information to many people that stopped by or contacted us through the mail, phone calls, or Facebook. They were all very appreciative of the information we were able to provide. Reminder we are a totally volunteer organization.

Summer Tours: The plan for next summer is to be open again for Tours five days a week (Tuesday – Saturday), Memorial Day to Labor Day from 10am – 2pm. We would love to have some additional volunteers to help greet visitors and escort them around our great Museum. If you can donate 3 or 4 hours a week, or perhaps every other week, please call 715-360-0400. You would be paired with a current Docent until you feel comfortable in the role. We guarantee it will be an enjoyable time welcoming guests. No memorization of historical facts is necessary. Hopefully with your help, we could eventually be open longer each day. All we ask is that you please give this serious consideration. Tours are also available year round by request.

Hops N’ History: As announced last year we tried something new by hosting Hops N’ History programs at the Rhinelander Brewing Company Tap Room (43 S. Brown St.) on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Six events were held so far and all were well attended. Admission is free and we hope you will join us on future evenings. Past subjects included POW Camps, Matanuska Valley, Moonshine, John Dillinger and Trains!

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.

Please Save The Date:

October 16, 2023 – Annual Meeting at the Museum – 5:30pm (preceded by a Board of Directors meeting)

October 28, 2023 – Halloween Open House at the Museum - Noon – 4pm - Candy, Apple Cider and treats.

December 2, 2023 – Holiday Open House at the Museum – Noon – 4pm – Live Holiday Music, Eggnog, Apple Cider & Holiday Treats. Also an old fashioned sleigh will be parked on the front lawn and available for you to take a family photo.

All of these events are Free.

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: _____ Zip Code: _____

<u>Membership Fees:</u>	Annual Individual Membership.....\$10
	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
	Additional Donation.....\$ _____
	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. For those we haven't heard from in the past year, a preaddressed envelope is included for your convenience.

Consider a tax-free gift from your IRA

An **Individual Retirement Account (IRA)** is a great way to put money aside for retirement, and after you have taken care of yourself and your loved ones, you may consider a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** to help support non-profit organizations like the Rhinelander Historical Society. At age 70 ½ or older, you are eligible to make a QCD directly from your IRA account to a tax-exempt charity like the Rhinelander Historical Society, up to \$100,000. If transferred directly from your account to the charity, the amount you give **will not be subject to federal income tax**. If you are required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD), you may also give all or part of your RMD as a QCD and the amount you give **will not be subject to federal income tax**. Please talk to your financial advisor to determine if this type of gift is an option for you.

Rhinelander Historical Society is grateful for your generosity.

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.