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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, Lynn Huebner & Matt Persike.

Annual General Meeting: Our 34th Annual Meeting was held on October 21st and we were happy to report, that with the continuing excellent support from our Members, the All-Volunteer Rhineland Historical Society continues to operate well. The Halloween Open House and Holiday Open House were well attended. A Big Thank You to all that volunteered, donated items, or attended these events.

Summer Tours: Once again, we are happy to announce that the Museum will be open for Tours 11am – 3pm five-days-a-week (Tuesdays – Saturdays) from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A big **Thank You** goes out to Sue Brettingen, Nancy Brisse, Barb Craig, Jim Hagen, Ed & Pat Kubesh, Rick Rollman, Bill Vancos and Tom Winquist for making this possible by volunteering their time to welcome guests to the Museum. Unfortunately, Ed Kubesh passed away on January 29th and he will definitely be missed. We are hoping to add two additional people or couples to welcome guests this summer, so please consider volunteering. 168 hours in a week and we are only asking for 4, Memorial Day to Labor Day. **Reminder, Tours are also available year-round by request.**

Improvements Coming Soon: The Rhineland Historical Society will be partnering with Nicolet College to greatly improve our website and embrace technology. The historical items on the Website will literally be doubled to offer even more information for reading or research. As an example, this past year we added the Oneida Service News (WWII 1944-45 articles of area people that served in the military) in a searchable by name format. This year, through the efforts of Mark Miagza, that will be expanded to cover years 1941-44 as well. Other items to be added include Rhineland High School Year Books, History of Oneida County, History of Rhineland School District, North Star Journal Northwoods Memories, Jack Cory's Scrapbook and many other great pieces of local history. Other projects will be to utilize QR Codes to provide additional information to Museum visitors as well as others that provide us with their email addresses. This work would not be possible without help from Scott with Web Work Life, Don & Pauline at Nicolet College, Mark Miagza, Kaliey Hagen and others.

Reminder, the web site address is **RhinelandHistoricalSociety.org**.

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 20, 2026 – Annual Meeting at the Museum

October 24, 2026 – Halloween Open House at the Museum

December 5, 2026 – Holiday Open House at the Museum

Tours and all of these events are always Free to attend.

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. Reminder we are an All Volunteer Organization, so 100% of your donation goes to helping the Museum.

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, or those that we don't have recorded as a Life Member, 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 \$108,000/yr. If transferred directly from your account to the charity, the amount you give **will not be subject to federal income tax**. At age 73 or older, you are required to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your tax deferred account(s). You may also give all or part of your RMD as a QCD and that amount **will also 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.