This is the third year for sweethearts, Leroy and Kathy, to enjoy a special moment at RAHGS’ Strawberry Shortcake Social. They had their first date here in 2014 and have returned every year since to celebrate their special day. They have known each other their entire lives and became reacquainted at an alumni picnic. Leroy was a volunteer Richmond Firefighter for 7 years. Of course we are looking forward to seeing them again in 2017!

“Strawberry Shortcake”, aka David Schope from Rapid River, MI never misses the Strawberry Shortcake Social during Good Old Days. Last year he purchased 12 strawberry shortcakes which landed him the nickname, Strawberry Shortcake, from his friends. This year those friends joined him for some shortcake fun and of course the snowmobile show. He is the owner of Ski Whiz and is currently transforming a building in Rapid River into a historical museum for snowmobiles and memorabilia.

“It is very important you exist and the work you are doing and have done here is great.” David is a true supporter of historical societies and is involved in the Escanaba Historic Society.
The RAHGS Constitution and By-Laws Revisions Are Ready for Review!

In the last newsletter I indicated to you that the Board has been meeting to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. After many meetings and rewrites, we finally have the document ready for the membership to review. For the changes to take place the membership must vote to accept them. This voting will take place at the Annual Meeting on Friday January 20, 2017.

Soon I will email a copy of the revisions to all of our members who use email. If you have comments or suggestions, you may pass those along to us through email, phone, or a visit to one of the Thursday morning work bees.

Beginning on Thursday November 10th, and every work bee thereafter, members may stop in at the Village and peruse the material. Or a copy of the revisions can be mailed to you upon request.

The revisions are not major—in fact there is really very little new material. Most of the changes are simply a “clean up” of the verbiage in the original document. We feel these pages now more accurately describe what RAHGS does and how it is done. Furthermore, this revised document reflects the new modes of sharing and recording information in the 21st Century. Please review the document. Let us know if you have concerns or questions that you would like addressed before the Annual Meeting.

Additionally, for your convenience, the Board will be available on Monday January 9th at 6pm. Please call me to make an appointment if you wish to come in and talk with us about any of the changes.

The Annual Meeting and Membership Dues!

Preparations are underway for the 2016 Annual Dinner Meeting which will be held on January 20, 2017. Yes, that’s right. We have the 2016 Meeting in 2017! We have found that when we have the meeting in January, we can have all of the year-end financial reports ready for you. So mark your calendars and save the date!

Even though this is a membership meeting, you are welcome to bring a guest or two so they can see for themselves all of the good things RAHGS is doing. The letter with the details will arrive at your door in December. Also note that it is almost time to pay membership dues.

Happy Thanksgiving
Christine
Most of us remember this restaurant as Eberhardt’s, an establishment and landmark that took the place of Zuelke’s Stop. In more recent years it was sold and became Brengman’s. It has been demolished to make way for something new. Rumor has it that an upscale steak house will take its place.

Demolition started about 9:00 am on Monday October 3rd and the building was down about 2:00 pm. In a week all of the debris including the basement walls were removed and the basement was back filled. A lot of people came by, and a common remark was that they were sorry to see this landmark go. Most spoke of having fond memories at this restaurant. Some retrieved bricks as mementoes.
Good Old Days Volunteers

Adamson, Ursula
Allen, Emily
Bartosiowicz, Pat
Beard, Jon
Beard, Marla
Bergen, Harmony
Brady, Peggy
Brown, Adele
Card, Madeline
Card, Rachel
Cockerill, Don
Cockerill, Donna
Collins, Al
Dolan, Kathleen
Foster, Dave
Foster, Don
Foster, Sarah
Foster, Susan
Franz, Dee
Gibson, Dianne
Gibson, Norm
Gisslander, Mary
Habel, Derek
Haws, Charlene
Hebel, Betty
Hebel, Tom
Hensch, Christine
Keech, Austin
Keech, Bill
Keech, Jim
Keech, Sean
Knoell, Sandy
Lippman, Carol
Little, Marguerite
Logan, Doug
Manchester, Elsie
Materazzi, Bruce
Materazzi, Pam
McClellan, Patrick
McClellan, Sandy
Milbrand, George
Nolan, Kris
Nye, Lori
Papuga, Pattie
Phillips, Marsha
Pierznki, Charlotte
Pierznki, Steve
Quick, Dale
Quick, Donna
Quick, Glenn
Quick, Kerry
Ren, Richard
Rowley, Alane
Rowley, Christine
Rowley, Grace
Rowley, Heather
Schroeder, Rosie
Schwark, Warren
Shaw, Mark
Shepherd-Logan, Mary
Simmons, Ken
Srugis, Amelia
Srugis, David
Srugis, Lola
Steinbrendt, Fred
Steinbrendt, Mikki
Stuart, Becky
Suess, Lily
Ward, Charlotte
Waterloo, Jean
Waun, David
Waymaster, Marie
Weeks, Rose
Weinert, Richard
Wilkins, Catherine
Wylin, Kasey
Yaroch, Jeff
Yelencich, Penny
Zalewski, Jack

Thank you, everyone! Go RAHGS!!!!

The Historic Sleigh, proudly pulled by the McKiernan beautiful Haflinger team, led the Good Old Days Parade with Grand Marshall Rob Reindel enjoying the ride.

Good Old Days Financial Report

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The Historic Village Rocks the Park during Good Old Days

Many visitors enjoyed walking through the Historic Village during Good Old Days viewing the beautiful gardens, stopping for some delicious strawberry shortcake and of course picking up a treasure at the stuff sale before finding that perfect mum to take home. There was indeed something for everyone, and everyone seemed to find something during the three day event. It was a fun time for all at the park.

RAHGS President, Christine Rowley, picked the winning tickets for our 2016 Raffle.

The Grand Hotel package, valued at $1,750.00, was won by Mike Misteravich, pictured with his wife and friend.

Rob Burnette was the lucky winner of the beautiful Fence Rail Civil War Era Quilt valued at $500.00.

And the Winners are...

A huge thank you to all of you who purchased tickets and supported RAHGS. You have helped raise funds to keep us moving forward...building for the future and preserving the past.
Donations:

Gretchen Duynslager: Framed and matted water color of The Grand Hotel
Charlotte Ward: “3 in 1” Picnic Table
David and Susan Foster: Display table
Ken Simmons: “Service Under Atomic Attack” flyer
Denny Bolen: Parker Plow wrench
Dale and Donna Quick: Whitey Dittman baseball uniform
Dale and Donna Quick: Ruby Quick’s school bell
Bea Leach: Ariel photograph of Muttonville, circa 1960

Memorials

Rhea Wolf
The Breakfast Club

Jan Collins
Pat Bartosiewicz
James and Louise Doyle
James and Marie Francis
Bob and Cherie Allen
James N Francis
Norm and Dianne Gibson
Marilyn Schade
Linda Newhouse
Raymond Johnson
Ed and Anita Calomeni
Donald and Alice MacFarland
Max and Sandra Luenser
Mary Ellen and Doug Logan
Sally Craig
Lucia Marshall
Odds and Ends Club
David and Susan Foster

Eugene Jakubiah
Mary Ellen and Doug Logan
Matthew Markie
James and Cynthia Rourke
Lucia Marshall
Mr and Mrs Robert Bertossi
Dennis and Shirley Bolen
Robert and Susan Eisenhardt
Richard and Virginia Foster
Beth Fruin
Robert and Joyce Hartway
Dan, Connie, Jonathan Hebel
Tom and Christine Hebel
Randy and Peggy Houston
James and Sally Ligon
Diane Litz
Frank and Kit Markie
Mary McKie
Sally McNinch
Keith and Sally Rengert
Don and Margaret Rettke
Paul and Julie Rucincki
Robert Tansky
Jim and Rose Weeks
Sue Jakubiak
Pat and Sandy McClellan
Dan Bewersdorff and Gayle Bantle
David and Susan Foster
The gardening season is finally winding down at the Village! Today is Wednesday, October 26, and we haven’t done any clean up yet because the flowers have been doing great!

Tomorrow, though, I will begin to dig up the dahlias. We had our first hard frost last night. That is when you should dig up your dahlia tubers. Dig up the plants, cut off the tops, let the bulbs dry for 3 days, and put them in a CARDBOARD box or PAPER bag! Cover them with vermiculite or peat moss and try to keep them from touching. Keep them somewhere cool but not cold. They can’t freeze! A basement or warm garage is a good place. (I use shredded paper to put over mine).

To put the beds to bed for the winter we will:

1. Weed all of the existing beds.
2. Cut back the perennials that should be cut back in the fall.
3. We will not cut back, roses, hardy mums, sedum, anemone, lavender, etc. Roses should be pruned in spring, mums should be pruned in the spring, lavender, Annabell hydrangea, etc.
4. Any leaves that fall into our beds I leave for winter protection of the plants.
5. Hoses won’t be disconnected yet because I still water certain things until late November. Plants should go into the winter well watered to survive.
6. We will leave the soil in the 2 big pots so we can put our Christmas greens in them.

Now is also the time to plant spring bulbs!! At the Village we will be planting 100 tulips and some crocus. This is a tedious job because we have learned that we have to put chicken wire across the top of the soil afterwards to stop the squirrels from digging up the bulbs!!! We are also adding trillium in the shade garden behind the shed. Seeds were collected to sell starting in January at our business meeting. Next issue will have the details on that!

Have a Blessed Winter Garden experience. Winter gardens can be beautiful too!

Marsha

Bricks Purchased

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New Members:

Mark Shaw, Richmond
Jim Keech, Memphis
Our mission statement:

- To share with others the legacy left us by our forefathers, the migrants from the East and the immigrants from Europe, who with foresight and conviction built a better future for themselves and their children, and for the generations that followed.
- To honor and remember those who cleared the land, grew the crops, educated the young, and to pay homage to those who fought in the wars and sacrificed their lives for something they believed in.
- To encourage our community leaders to preserve the few historical buildings remaining today.
- To provide assistance to those who turn to us for help in finding their roots.

The general membership meetings/programs, which are open to the public, are held throughout the year. The Historic Village is open during Winter Festival, on Log Cabin Day, during Good Old Days, Thursday morning work bees, special events, and by special appointment. Watch the newsletter, the website, and Facebook for dates, times, and program information.

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