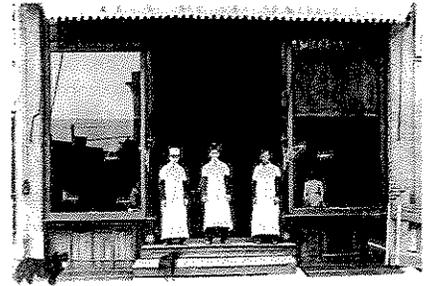


# MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

January 2013

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013

Before looking ahead let us begin by briefly looking back. On December 13 we celebrated with one of our most successful annual Christmas dinners. Followed by words from our President, as to the "Real Reason for the Season", 80 persons were served a hot, scrumptious, meal consisting of roast pork, tenderloin tips with ALL of the trimmings including a delicious dessert. That was followed by a delightfully entertaining program with guest speakers representing original owners of former grocery stores in Menasha. Original pictures of the grocery stores were being shown on a large screen during the presentations making our memories so much more vivid. Besides being informative and allowing us to reminisce we were kept laughing at the most unexpected comments. Door prizes were abundant during the course of the evening adding to the excitement and anticipation. The evening came to a close with the "musicians from the past" accompanying us as we sang our favorite Christmas carols quietly ending with Silent Night. Well, we thought it had ended, but those "musicians" then continued to entertain us and didn't stop until they had played some polka music which everyone enjoyed listening to. Perfect end to a perfect evening. Thank you to everyone who worked so diligently to make it come to fruition and a special thank you to The Stone Toad personnel who cooperated and did such a fantastic job from beginning to end.

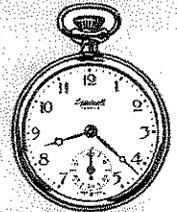


## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN HOURS

**Our hours for the Resource Ctr./Museum have changed. They are as follows:**

**Monday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Although there will be no scheduled events held during January, February or March this year the Board of Directors will continue to work diligently, meeting monthly on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Resource Ctr./Museum located in the Memorial Bldg. Anyone is invited to attend and suggestions are always welcome regarding programs, activities, etc. for our Fall schedule. Of course, with suggestions we need volunteers who are willing to accept responsibility. In addition to the normal activity which occurs at the center every Monday morning we will now be open (on a trial basis) Monday evenings to accommodate working persons and interested youth. We are also pursuing a very exciting avenue of eventually digitalizing our files and artifacts. This will make the task of locating a subject, article, picture, artifact, or whatever we have preserved historically regarding the City of Menasha, much easier to locate with the touch of a few computer keys. Before that occurs there is a lot of preliminary work to be done and additional equipment will be needed to accomplish this enormous task but we are moving forward with much enthusiasm and as rapidly as time allows. This is all possible as "younger" people are continuing to step up to assist in preserving Menasha's past and keeping the Menasha Historical Society up-to-date with rapidly advancing new technology.



## APRIL MEETING

Plans have begun for our April meeting which will be a demonstration and history of 1930's beauty parlor equipment and antique fashion clothing described and modeled by local high school students or anyone small enough to fit into the clothing of the "past"! In order for it to be another successful program we will again need volunteers. We will keep you abreast as to our needs. (Maybe even someone to sit under the "electrocution" hair curling machine!!) Just kidding, of course. You can always contact Bob at 725-0250 or Jean 722-7349 with any offers of help any time or just stop in at one of our open hours.



## THANK YOU

*"You have mail"* As the return name/address was not familiar I was thinking it was perhaps from a person interested in becoming a member. As I opened it a check fell out and it was MORE THAN A MEMBERSHIP--\$500.00 TO BE EXACT. Therefore, I began reading the letter which came from an anonymous donor. "Thanks for all the great things you do for the community. You enrich the area and make it a better place. It is to be used as you wish. This is in honor of Gilbert & Bettie Hill, who now reside in Pine River, WI., and their love of history in Neenah-Menasha." After speaking to the Hills it has been decided it would be used to purchase a computer, software, and whatever else is needed, in the near future, when we are ready to move forward with the digitalization process. (The Hills originally donated our laptop computer which was recently stolen from within our locked area so this is especially meaningful). We are so appreciative and thankful for this most generous gift

## IN APPRECIATION

A special thank you to Katie LaMore, who recently resigned/retired from her position as Resource Director and Board of Directors. She dedicated 14 years to this organization and has helped countless numbers of persons locate information from their "past" as well as preserved artifacts and information coming through those "historical" doors. Thank you Katie for a job well done!!

## FOR SALE

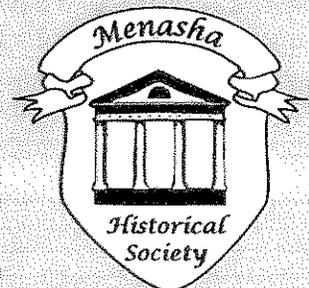
We continue to have our "Menasha" book for sale (with a reminder) when purchased through the society we receive all of the proceeds. If purchased from a retail store we do not receive the profits. We also have other Menasha historical books for sale along with DVD's from the WW II, Korean, and Vietnam veteran's interviews plus our most recent one regarding the "Grocery Stores of the Past".

*Nobody cares if you can't dance well---- just get up and dance.  
If you lend someone \$20 and never see him again, it was probably worth it.  
Save the earth---It's the only planet with chocolate!!!!*



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