

# WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY | MUSEUM & RESEARCH LIBRARY | 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Waseca, Minnesota



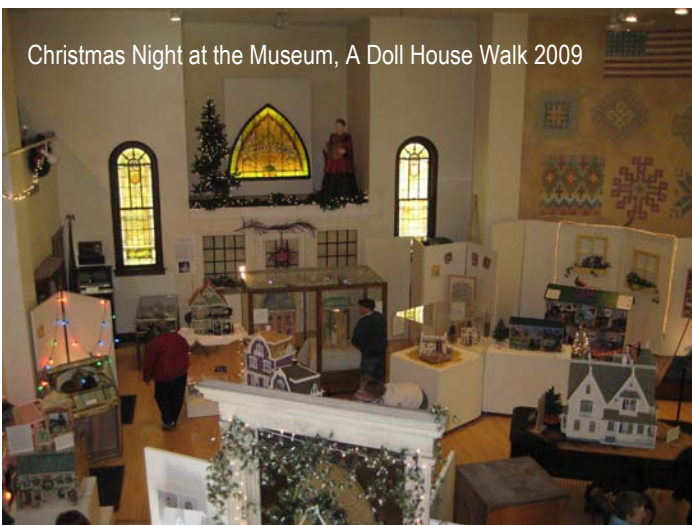
Chautauqua at Maplewood Park



Bailey-Lewer House Research Library



Ice Harvest at Clear Lake



Christmas Night at the Museum, A Doll House Walk 2009



Annual Spring Luncheon-Lectures



## 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

**VISION:** WCHS will strive to be a financially, self-sustaining organization with an energetic, dynamic membership and the necessary staff and technological capacity to preserve and interpret Waseca County's history into the future-- in a manner well-respected by the community and its peers.

In all, 2009 was an exciting year because of many accomplishments, goals achieved and some unexpected generosity, despite starting the year in economic recession. Having just created the Strategic Plan in December 2008, the Board was looking forward to growth in 2009. Instead, staff hours had to be cut, as that is the only expense that could be controlled. And we closed Mondays. By closing Mondays we saved almost \$5,000. The museum will be open on Saturdays sometime in the future when operational funding and programming grows. However, for now, decreased staff time means that artifact processing slows, all growth suffers, including desired and significant exhibit planning and programs.

**WCHS Board of Directors** continued to meet monthly and to proceed with as much of the Strategic Plan as possible. In 2009 they approved these new policies—Whistleblower Policy, Document Destruction Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, and a revised Collections Policy. Policies guide board decisions and provide ongoing stability and accountability.

Our seven **Waseca Area Foundation Endowment Funds** were reduced by the recession, but less than the national average. At year's end they are recovering. Because of sound fund management, our interest/grant income from these endowments added support for WCHS operations.

2009's exhibits were very well attended—**A Sense of Style** presented the Rethwill family collection and other fashions from the 1940s, 50s and 60s. **A Garden of Quilts** was the bi-annual exhibit from Waseca's Stitchers in Time Quilt Guild. This exhibit brings quilters from all over the region. **Christmas Night at the Museum, A Doll House Walk** nearly doubled our entire year's visitor attendance during December and into February 2010.

Brand-new events in 2009 included **Government Appreciation Day**, inviting all of our Township Board members, City Councils, County Commissioners, and local state representatives to tour the museum and library. Also new was our year-long membership campaign using "Unzie" and the slogan, "**Waseca County History, It's Unexpected.**" Unzie marched in most of the area parades encouraging everyone to join online. Interestingly, our membership increased, but not necessarily online. Fifty percent of our members live in Waseca County, and the other half live all over the country and in several foreign countries. **The Leroy Shield Tribute in 2009** was a **Saturday Night Dance with Steam Heat**. The American Legion hall was decked out re-

creating a 1940s night club! That same month we hosted our first **Ghost Hunter presentation** with inspections by Kathy Machowski at the County Courthouse and the Bailey-Lewer House. Over 45 attended to see and hear for themselves!



Quilt Show in August-September



Spring Luncheon-Lecture



Leroy Shield Saturday Night Dance



St. Mary Church Window restoration

The **WCHS Annual Meeting** was held in New Richland, highlighting preservation happening there. In 2010 the WCHS Annual Meeting celebration will be held at the **Waldorf Community Center**. Our annual events—**Ice Harvest** and Chautauqua continue to grow and educate. **Chautauqua 2009** was particularly beautiful—no humidity, lots of sunshine and no mosquitoes. Over 700 people experienced the music, history and woodland beauty at historic Maplewood Park.

Our new WCHS letterhead acknowledges our townships and towns and promotes our theme: **Look Forward to Our Past**. We hope you've noticed that we're advertising more and using the social networking tools of **Facebook** and **Twitter**; and we're blogging on the Waseca County News website, **Blog-istory**.

**Collaborations** with other non-profits and community organizations happened this year. We helped the **Waseca County Farm Bureau** celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Waseca County Fair. We worked with the **Waseca County Fair Board** continuing to improve Hodgson Hall with a new paint job. Labor was donated by Fair Board volunteers— with paint donated by **Charlies Hardware**.

**Volunteers increased** and their hours were counted methodically with new software. In 2009 volunteer hours totaled just over 1,800 hours. Website hits made an all-time high in July with **2,501 average hits per day!** The total for the year was **629,467**.

We counted about **8,000 visitors** to all of our events and facilities. WCHS volunteers continue to index methodically entering the essential record information that makes your accessibility to that information possible. In 2009 Karen Lechner finished the entire **Waseca County Marriage Index**.

It seems that all we have to do is announce a need and you members come forward. The **St. Mary Church window project** raised over \$700 and got the job done last October. Last spring we received funds for **new front doors** for the museum, and the same person donated to the WCHS Endowment Fund. Dorothy Moriarty donated another \$10,000 to the **Frank and Barbara Goodspeed Fund**. Board member, Don Wynnemer's volunteer hours were matched by his former employer ExxonMobil provid-



ing added funding every year. We received **two lifetime memberships** which go to the WCHS Lifetime Endowment Fund. New this year was the [www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org) promotion by the Minnesota Community Fund. WCHS received \$2,200 online in one day. That "Donate Now" link is still on our website main page.

Local government appropriations for 2009 were maintained, but not without continuous advocacy by staff, board and volunteers. Appropriations, membership and donations support our operations. Grants do not. The Waseca County Commission provides the most support, but as the state legislature deals with its budget shortfalls, it's bound to affect our county support at the end of 2010 and into the 2011 Budget. The City of Janesville supported WCHS in 2009, as well as nine out of 12 of our township boards. The City of Waseca supported WCHS with \$9,000 in 2009 but have cut funding in 2010 to \$6,000 due to their cuts to LGA by the state legislature. And so we work to balance the funding to keep the doors open.

**What's happening in 2010?** 1) We've started the process of planning for a lift to expand handicap accessibility to the balcony level and the installation of a handicap accessible bathroom on the main floor level. 2) We want to exhibit the Herter collection sometime in 2011-12. 3) We will finish the Waseca County Timeline this year. 4) We will improve the lighting over the main museum exhibit space. 5) The Bailey-Lewer Library needs new and more efficient shelving. 6) Genealogy classes will be taught in both Waseca and Janesville. 7) Technology upgrades will always be needed. In February 2010 we received a grant from Alliance Pipeline for new computers.

We are extremely grateful to our Board of Directors who support WCHS with time, wisdom, experience and creativity; and to our hard-working staff—Pauline, Vanessa, Linda, and Nancy. **Last of all, we finished our three-year 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gift Capital Campaign with \$168,429.** (See pages 7-10)

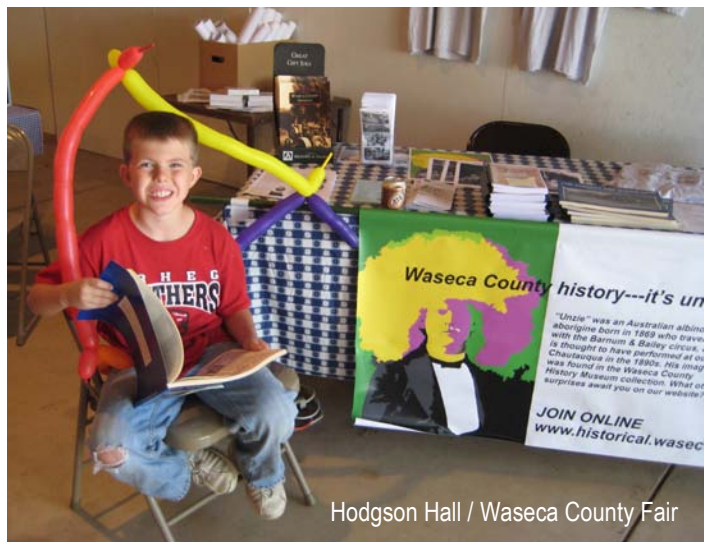
*Thank you so much—WCHS Board President-Jim Tippy,  
Co-Executive Directors-Joan Mooney & Sheila Morris*



New front doors to the Museum



New Richland Historical Society Board



Hodgson Hall / Waseca County Fair



New Accessibility Parking Signs



Hodgson Hall / Waseca County Fair



Ghost Hunter Presentation

## 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

### UNRESTRICTED

Dr. Wes Rethwill's Rotary Club  
Service Above Self Award stipend  
New Richland Historical Society  
Dr. Wes Rethwill  
Jim Tippy  
Carol M. Wright  
ExxonMobil Foundation/Wynnemer  
Gwen Buscho  
Janesville Community Chest  
Henry Lewer  
Rod Searle  
Myrna Wright  
David & Lynne Swenson  
Itron Employees-Used Book Sales  
Gene & Mary Scheffert  
State Bank of New Richland  
Cathy Wurscher  
Scott & Amy Roemhildt  
Don & Margaret Wynnemer  
New Richland Commercial Club  
Linda Grant  
Stacie Lancaster  
Mike & Jean Halvorson  
Liz Corchran  
Boyd Fuller  
Janet Welch  
Sigri Hecht  
Mary Allen

### Memorials (UNRESTRICTED)

In memory of Esther Eustice  
by Audrey Iverson  
In memory of Edith Kinder  
by Dan & Sue McRaith  
by Donna Fostveit  
by Jeanette Rosenthal  
In memory of Gene Bauman  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of Elaine Swenson  
by Dan Swenson & Larry Swenson  
by Donna Fostveit  
by Pauline Fenelon  
by Jeanette Rosenthal  
In memory of Helen Lewer  
by Friends & Family  
In memory of Ella Michaelis  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of Norman & Ardis Christianson  
by Joanne Hintz  
In memory of Norma Nelson  
by Carol and Ron Nelson  
by Pearl Hoversten  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of Herman Guse  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of Vernon Quitney  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of Carol Wright Arnold  
by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Arnold  
by Kathy Rosenthal  
by Myrna Wright  
by H.M. Kilde  
In memory of Phyllis Strand Johnson  
by Mel Strand

In memory of Delores Froelich  
by Anita Hildebrandt  
In memory of Bill Madigan  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of James Klug  
by Jack and Jane Kolars  
In memory of Mike Milbrath  
by Rick and Sheila Morris  
In memory of Marion Miller Kirby  
by Doris Berger  
In memory of Paul Andrewjewski  
by Anonymous  
In memory of Bud Schmidt  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of Arnold Boje  
by Donna Fostveit  
In memory of Theresa Roesler  
by Jane & Jack Kolars  
In memory of Richard Markus  
by Elizabeth Markus

### Honorariums (UNRESTRICTED)

In honor of Rod Searle  
by Newell Searle  
In honor of David Wabner's Retirement  
by Brown Printing

### Memorials (RESTRICTED)

In memory of Jim Corcoran  
For new museum front doors  
by Liz Corchran  
In memory of Frank and Barbara Goodspeed  
For the Frank and Barbara Goodspeed Foundation Fund  
by Dorothy Moriarty

### St. Mary's Stained Window Restoration Project

M. Joan Byrne  
Mariana Byrne Hill  
Beverly Conway  
In memory of William & Elmira Byron  
by Mayone & Paul Byron  
by Helen Curran  
In memory of Smith family and James H. and Susan Smith Flood  
by Doug and Mary Carlson  
by George and Jean McCarthy  
by Joyce A. Beaumont  
by Ann Flood Tandberg  
by Sue Ann Glissendorf

### Other Donations (RESTRICTED)

Henry and Phyllis Lewer,  
For Bailey-Lewer Research Library porch repairs

### 150th Campaign Pledge Payments (RESTRICTED-CAMPAIGN, UNDESIGNATED)

Joe and Marj Britton  
McRaith Funeral Home  
Carol Wobschall  
Dave Dunn  
Darlene Lynch

Connors Plumbing  
Roundbank  
Dan Forrest  
Jackie Ross  
Patricia Wuger  
Helen Wendland  
Clear Lake Press  
United Prairie Bank  
Robert Hunter  
Neil & Sharon Fruechte  
Woodville Township  
Waseca County News  
Byron Township Board  
Kiesler's Campground & RV Park  
John Byron  
Culligan Water Company  
New Richland Township

### Grants Received (RESTRICTED)

E.F. Johnson Foundation/Waseca Community Education: For the 2010 Leroy Shield Tribute Event—\$500

E.F. Johnson Foundation:  
For the 2010 Chautauqua—\$6,000

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council:  
For 2010 Chautauqua—\$3,000  
For 2010 Spring Luncheons—\$1,500

### GIVE-TO-THE-MAX DAY

[www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org)  
Joan Mooney  
Sheila Morris  
Rod and Ruth Searle,  
to the WCHS Endowment Fund  
Boyd Abbe  
Jane Dunn  
Linda Grant  
Paulene Fenelon  
Laurie Velett  
Curt Lund  
Evelyn Linde  
Benjamin Imker  
Jim Tippy  
Jim King  
Charles Espe  
Joanne Hintz

### Appropriations (UNRESTRICTED)

Alton Township  
Blooming Grove Township  
Byron Township  
Iosco Township  
New Richland Township  
Otisco Township  
Vivian Township  
Wilton Township  
Woodville Township  
City of Waseca  
City of New Richland  
City of Janesville  
Waseca County

### New & Renewed Memberships

Allen County Public Library  
Allen, Sharon R.  
Armstrong, Wendell and Ruth

Arndt, Margie  
Arthur, Anne  
Baker, Donna  
Bauman, Jodi  
Beckmann, Pat and Manny  
Beseler, Sharon  
Bird, Jerome  
Born, Bonnie  
Born, Donald  
Born, Linda  
Born, Suzanne  
Boyer, Tim and Audra  
Breen, Lillian  
Britton, Joe and Marj  
Bruner, Rebecca  
Buland, Glen & Katie  
Bunch, Jean  
Burger, Dr. Carrie  
Burns, William  
Byrne, Margaret J.  
Byron, Art & Merrilee  
Carlson, Arthur  
Carlson, Doug & Mary  
Clemons, Mike and Beth  
Cochrane, David  
Collum, Rev. Debra Jane  
Connors, Michael  
Conway, Kathy  
Corchran, Liz  
Coy Cindy  
Cunningham, Jane  
Curran, Helen  
Curran, Robert  
Dettmer, Abby  
Devereaux, Lora  
Dey, Dr. Jim and Cathy  
Dobberstein, Deb  
Don Carlos, Diane  
Draheim, Ardella  
Eckert, Susan  
Engle, Diane  
Erickson, Smila B.  
Eustice, Ron  
Ewert, Glenn  
Ewert, Lavern and Margaret  
Family Search/LDS Library Rights  
Fell, Carol and June (May)  
Fenelon, Pauline  
Ferch, Vernon  
Fischer, Larry and Marian  
Flathers, Elaine  
Flood, Karen  
Foels, Kim  
Forrest, Helen (Sally)  
Frisk, Robert and Kathleen  
Fruechte, Neil and Sharon  
Fuller, Boyd  
Gallagher, Bonnie  
Galvin, Carroll & Grace  
Gasner, Eunice  
Gaytko, Bernie & Ann  
Gehring, Rosalie  
Georgas, Peter  
Gessner, Kathy  
Gilomen, Carollea  
Glynn, Joe  
Gores, Marjorie L.  
Graham, Barbara  
Grant, Linda  
Grunwald, Delores  
Guentzel, Richard  
Gutfleisch, John and Tracy  
Haley, Sharon  
Hansen, Rev. Nancy  
Hardin, Carol  
Harguth, Char  
Hasslen, Margaret

## 2009 KEY ARTIFACT DONATIONS

Hawkins, Bill  
Herme, Barb  
Hildebrandt, Anita  
Hodges, Gregg  
Hoffman, Betty  
Holmes, James G.  
Houdek, Merle E.  
Hoversten, Patricia and William  
Hoversten, Pearl  
Hunt, Nadine and James  
Hunter, Robert  
Jeddelloh, Irene  
Jewison, Jim & Ana  
Jewison, Joe  
Johnson, Bradley  
Johnson, Michelle  
Kiesler, Kal and Barbara  
King, Jim & Barb  
Kolars, Jane  
Kopelke, Mary  
Krienke, Warren  
Kroeger, Lester & Jane  
Kunst, Dave  
Larsen, Cathy  
Lewer, Henry and Phyllis  
Lucas, Charles K.  
Lynch, Darlene  
Machler, Grace  
Manthe, Lois  
Masberg, Patricia  
Matz, John R.  
Matz, John R.  
McCarthy, George  
McCarthy, Jean  
McConnell, Kathleen  
McIntire, Homer and Betty  
McRaith, Dan and Sue  
Meadows, Theresa  
Menke, Loraine  
Meyer, Clark H.  
Miller, Alvin and Donna  
Miller, Emily  
Miller, Jean  
Miller, Ruth Ann  
Mycue, Richard  
Neidt, Millie and Gordon Diesch  
Nelson, Richard & Carolyn  
Nelson, Susan E.  
Neumann, Otto and Delores  
Nibler, N. Ione  
Norman, Bev A.  
O'Brien, Daniel  
Penny, Tim  
Peters, Jackie  
Peterson, Arlene  
Peterson, Carolyn  
Piche, Tom and Cindy  
Prail, Robert H.  
Priebe, John and Marcia  
Public Library of Cincinnati  
Querna, Marie  
Rampanelli, Jessica  
Reinecke, Thiel K.  
Remund, Trudi  
Roehrs, Marvel B. (Bonnie)  
Roemhildt, Scott and Amy  
Rogers, Clinton  
Rosenthal, Gregg D.  
Rosenthal, Jeannette  
Ross, Jackie  
Ruhland, Al  
Sahlstrom, Mary Lou  
Sanders, Wayne  
Sankovitz, Richard & Barbara  
Sankovitz, Tom & Gretchen  
Santelmann, Patricia  
Scheffert, Gene & Mary

Scheffler, Charlene  
Schmidt, Robert E.  
Schnorenberg, Ellen Marie  
Schultz, Janet  
Schwarz, Mert  
Searle, Alan  
Searle, Newell  
Seljiskog, Edward  
Siems, Donald  
Sines, Rae Ann  
Skog, Diane  
Smith, Keith and Wilda  
Smith, Martin  
State Bank of New Richland  
Stauffer, Bruce and Mary Jane  
Steidler, Marlene and Thomas  
Stindt, Loraine  
Suemnick, Phyllis (May)  
Swanson, Vera  
Swenson, Dan  
Taylor, Gary & Linda  
Tesch Service Center  
Thurston, Nancy  
Trembley, Lisa  
Tully, William  
Twisselman, Alan  
Van De Kreeke, Gerald  
Waldron, Carolyn  
Wallace, Paul and Lynn  
Wendland, Helen and Ken  
West, Tom and Francie  
Wildgrube, Barb  
Winegar, George and Sharlene  
Wright, Myrna  
Wurscher, Cindy  
Yamada, Susan  
Youngberg, Manley  
Zempel, Keith  
Ziemke, Del & Patti  
Zwach, Don and Fran  
Zwach, Mike

### Lifetime Memberships

*\*New in 2009*

Allen, Mary  
Britton, Marj & Joe  
Brown Printing  
Brown, Wayne "Bumps"  
Brynildson, Gladys  
Cooper, Gus  
Corchran, Liz  
Dahl, Robert M.  
Fette, Leo J. & Shirley  
First National Bank  
Fitzsimmons, Francis M.  
Fostveit, Donna  
Gores, Marjorie L.\*  
Haley, Sharon\*  
Hecht, Sigri  
Homer, Margaret "Peggy" Hodgson  
Johnson, Ronald J.  
Markus, Richard  
Moriarty, Dorothy  
Oelke, Neta\*  
Rethwill, Dr. Wesley H.  
Rutledge, Jerry & Linda  
Searle, Rod & Ruth  
Sheeran, Betty & Bob  
Strand, Mel  
Swenson, Virginia M.  
Tippy, Jim & Moira  
Wick, Bruce & Lorraine  
Wynnemer, Don and Margaret

Thomson family photos: Gerald Thomson estate.  
Accession: 18.09

Golden Anniversary Pattern Dishware circa 1935. Donated by Phyllis Suemnick. Accession 2.09

Four Minnesota Supreme Court Briefs for Waseca County dated 1887. Donated by Tracy Behrendt. Accession 11.09

Wilton Weekly News Newspaper dated 1864. Donated by Eleanor Sabol. Accession: 16.09

Janesville Superintendent Hanke's report to the school board, 1960. Donated by Doris Berger. Accession 10.09

Christmas Farm Village Miniature. Donated by Dr. Wesley Howard Rethwill. Accession 14.09

Wooden Clothes Hangers from Gordy's Men's & Boys Wear, and Guyer & Larson Men's Clothing. Donated by Dan Swenson. Accession 15.09

Hotel Waseca Silver Cup. Donated by George Kastle. Accession 17.09

Home sewn silk dresses from the 1950s. Donated by Gwen Buscho. Accession 19.09

North Waseca Lutheran Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration papers. Donated by Mel Strand. Accession 21.09

Architect's drawing of the Aughenbaugh residence cellar windows. Donated by Dr. Wesley Howard Rethwill. Accession 23.9

Rod Searle certificates & speeches from the 1960s–1980s. Donated by Rod Searle. Accession 31.09

Blueprint: Panzram's 1<sup>st</sup> addition to the city of Waseca. Donated by James Panzram. Accession 34.09

SE Alton Extension Club records from 1922 to present. Donated by Rena Hinton. Accession 38.09

New Richland resident Fred Jensen's 1923 patent: Dairyman's memorandum device. Donated by Pauline Fenelon. Accession 40.09

Blooming Grove country school records and photos. Donated by Eunice Gasner. Accession 42.09

Business letter dated 1902 from the president of Jennison Bros. Banner Mills in Janesville. Donated by Pauline Fenelon. Accession 53.09

1956 Maternity suit. Donated by Eileen Wabner. Accession 25.09

Knauss family photos. Donated by Boyd Fuller. Accession 30.09

Woodworking tools, from the woodworking shop that was located in the building where Katie O'Leary's Bar is now - 117 NE 2nd Ave. Waseca, MN. Bert Hanson owned the building during 1940s and 1950s and used it for a woodworking shop. Ike Wynnemer owned the building in the 1960's and also did some woodworking in the building. Bert and Ella Hanson were good friends of Wes Rethwill, Sr. (The friendship circle was Judge Senn, Harold Cooper (father of Gus Cooper) and Wes Rethwill, Sr.) These tools were given to Wes Rethwill, Jr. by Ella Hanson. Donated by Dr. Wesley Howard Rethwill. Accession 47.09

### Family Histories:

Morsching Family History book. Donated by Susan Hermel. Accession 61.09

Genealogical files relating to Thomas Barden. Donated by John Ayres. Accession 49.09

—Submitted by Vanessa Zimprich & Pauline Fenelon



## 2009 VOLUNTEERS

Abbe, Boyd  
 Allen, Mary  
 Allen, Sharon  
 American Legion Post 228  
 Anderson, Bernie  
 Anderson, Julie  
 Appel, Dee  
 Arvesen, Eileen  
 Associated Lumber Mart  
 Balfe, Kim  
 Bendix, Deanna & John  
 Berger, Doris  
 Bergerson, Donna  
 Bergerson, Ginny  
 Biehn, Kristi  
 Billings, Wayne  
 Blom, Julie  
 Blondies Restaurant  
 Born, Linda  
 Boyer, Tim & Audra, August & Olivia  
 Brown Printing  
 Buscho, Gwen  
 Chaffin, Bob & Lois  
 Chambers, Deb  
 Christ, Sammi  
 Cliff, Barb  
 Corchran, Liz  
 Cristallo, Mary Jo  
 Dressler, Carol  
 Emily Miller  
 Espe, Kathy  
 Espe, Rev. Charles  
 Fell, Jeanette  
 Fenelon, Pauline  
 First National Bank  
 Fitzsimmons, Sandy  
 Flitsch, Kathleen  
 Foels, Kim & Ron  
 Forsythe, Diane  
 Fostveit, Donna  
 Gaytko, Ann  
 Gekeler, Harlan & Ginny  
 Gekeler, Merlon  
 Green, Becky  
 Greeney, Josh  
 Groebner, Joel  
 Gruber, Sr. Paulann  
 Guse, Kathy  
 Haag, Kit  
 Harter, Lorraine  
 Hensel, Rebecca  
 Hirscher, David  
 Holmquist, Harlan  
 Hoversten, Pearl  
 Howard, Nicole  
 Hoy, Devin & Cathy  
 Huelsnitz, Dale  
 Huelsnitz, Jeff  
 Jeddelloh, Irene  
 Johnson, Jody  
 Johnson, Larry  
 Jones, Karl  
 Kanewischer, Trevor  
 Kastle, George  
 Kastner, Bonnie  
 King, Barb  
 King, Jim  
 Kinkaid, Marge  
 Knutson, Susan  
 Kunkel, Linda  
 Lamson, Barbara  
 LDS Elders  
 Lechner, Karen  
 Leet, Doug  
 Lemke, Catherine

Lewer, Henry & Phyllis  
 Lohse, Linda & Paul  
 Lundquist, Jean  
 Marquardt, Bonnie  
 Marzinske, Louis & Norma  
 McShane, Betty  
 Melcher, Steve  
 Mentjes, Kathy  
 Meyer, Justine  
 Miller, Emily  
 Moen, Joe  
 Mooney, Joan  
 Morris, Andrea  
 Morris, Rick & Sheila  
 Myers, Steve  
 Neidt, Millie  
 Nelson-Deppe, Nancy  
 New Richland City Council  
 Oelke, Neta  
 Oftedahl, Mary  
 Parkinen, Jeff & Kelly  
 Peterson, Jim  
 Pettigrew, Karen  
 Piche, Tom  
 Pribble, John  
 Priebe, Don & Janet  
 Purcell, Pat & Ron  
 Quiram, Pat  
 Raimann, Carol  
 Robinson, Bill  
 Roemhildt, Scott & Amy  
 Rohlk, Devyn  
 Rose, Al  
 Rosenthal, Carol  
 Rosenthal, Kathy  
 Roundbank  
 Roundbank Insurance  
 Rutledge, Jerry  
 Schoenfeld, Ruth  
 Schwarz, Mert  
 Searle, Rod & Ruth  
 Singlestad, Vicky  
 Sinn, Margaret  
 Smith, Kaitlin  
 Smith, Keith & Wilda  
 Snow, Kris  
 Snow, Paige  
 Spielman, Sammi  
 Steffen, Bev  
 Strand, Mary  
 Stuemke, Wayne  
 Suemnick, Phyllis  
 Swenson, Dan  
 Taylor, Linda  
 Tesch Service Center  
 Tesch, Curt  
 Tesch, Darlene & Armin  
 Teskey, John & Marilyn  
 Tippy, Jim & Moira  
 Vance, Mason  
 Vance, Vance  
 Wadd, Marita  
 Waseca County News  
 Waseca County STS Crew  
 Waseca High School -YSL students  
 Wegner, Mark  
 Wendland, Helen  
 Wildgrube, Barb  
 Williams, Jack & Mary  
 Witt, Norma  
 Wobschall, Carol  
 Wynnemer, Don & Margaret  
 Ziemke, Nick  
 Zimmerman, Todd  
 Zimprich, Jon & Vanessa  
 Zwach, Don & Fran



Mason Vance and Don Wynnemer



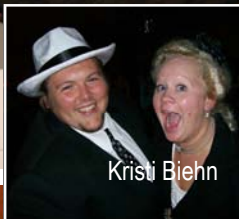
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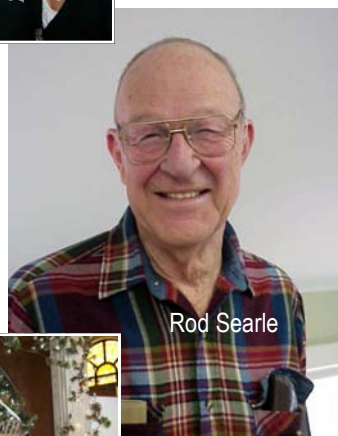
Rick Morris and Don Wynnemer



Kristi Biehn



Jean Lundquist



Rod Searle



Mary Jo Cristallo



WCHS Board of Directors / Co-Executive Directors

# WCHS 2009 Year-End Income & Expenses

## Annual Cash Flow Report For Year Ended December 31, 2009

|  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Opening Cash Balance(12/31/2008):</b>                   |                   | <b>106,239.83</b> |
| <b>Income</b>  |                   |                   |
| <b>Contributed Support</b>                                 |                   |                   |
| Appropriations   | 66,428.64         |                   |
| Donations  | 25,422.66         |                   |
| Inkind Donations   | 200.00            |                   |
| Grant Income   | 22,017.23         |                   |
| Memorials  | 990.00            |                   |
| Designated Pledges Received                                | 500.00            |                   |
| Undesignated Pledges Received                              | 7,300.00          |                   |
| <b>Earned Revenue</b>                                      |                   |                   |
| Gift Shop  | 4,251.33          |                   |
| Insurance Dividend   | 1,803.00          |                   |
| Interest   | 2,263.81          |                   |
| Unrealized Investment Gain                                 | 32,335.00         |                   |
| Library/Research Fees                                      | 2,246.97          |                   |
| Memberships  | 13,967.93         |                   |
| Program Income   | 5,743.64          |                   |
| <b>Total Income Actual Cash Deposits</b>                   | <u>185,470.21</u> | <b>185,470.21</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                   |                   |
| Advertising  | 70.00             |                   |
| Bank Fees/Charges  | 60.05             |                   |
| Computers/Website Maint/Repair                             | 4,295.35          |                   |
| Curatorial/Exhibit Supplies                                | 5,307.21          |                   |
| Gift Shop/COGS   | 4,899.60          |                   |
| Insurance  | 4,700.00          |                   |
| Internet   | 115.70            |                   |
| Investment Expense   | 253.25            |                   |
| Library  | 1,394.44          |                   |
| Matching Funds & Grants                                    | 9,908.00          |                   |
| Museum Education & Programs                                | 12,530.26         |                   |
| Office Supplies  | 2,494.07          |                   |
| Payroll  | 57,399.40         |                   |
| Payroll Taxes Accrued                                      | 316.19            |                   |
| Postage/Shipping   | 946.91            |                   |
| Printing/Publications                                      | 0.00              |                   |
| Professional & Contract Fees                               | 1,317.00          |                   |
| Professional Memberships                                   | 323.00            |                   |
| Repairs & Maintenance                                      | 6,333.98          |                   |
| Staff Development  | 396.26            |                   |
| Telephone  | 2,141.96          |                   |
| Travel/Mileage   | 1,534.45          |                   |
| Utilities  | 8,340.91          |                   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                                      | <u>125,077.99</u> | <b>125,077.99</b> |
| <b>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income</b>                 |                   |                   |
| Capital Equipment Purchased                                | (296.38)          |                   |
| Capital Building Improvements                              | (5,454.37)        |                   |
| Unrealized Gain in Funds                                   | (32,335.00)       |                   |
| Net Changes in Other Costs                                 | 191.99            |                   |
| <b>Total Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income(Subtract)</b> |                   | <b>-37,893.76</b> |
| <b>Closing Cash Balance - 12/31/2009</b>                   |                   | <b>128,738.29</b> |
| Checking Account   | 51,562.73         |                   |
| Savings Account  | 35,347.77         |                   |
| Thrivent MM Account  | 20,070.04         |                   |
| Petty Cash   | 150.00            |                   |
| CD Roundbank Waldorf                                       | 7,240.40          |                   |
| CD Janesville State Bank                                   | 7,139.51          |                   |
| CD State Bank of New Richland                              | 7,227.84          |                   |
| <b>Closing Cash Balance - 12/31/2009</b>                   | <u>128,738.29</u> |                   |
| <b>Subtract Opening Cash Balance - 12/31/2008</b>          | <u>106,239.83</u> |                   |
| <b>Net Cash Increase to General Fund - 12/31/2009</b>      |                   | <b>22,498.46</b>  |

# Waseca County's 150<sup>th</sup>

## BIRTHDAY GIFT CAMPAIGN

*Look forward to our past!*

### *2007-2009—The End of the Campaign!*

**THE CAMPAIGN TIMELINE:** **May 2007** At the regular board meeting, it was decided to go forward with a capital fundraising campaign to celebrate Waseca County's 150th birthday in 2007, and continue the campaign through 2009 in order to reach the goal of \$150,000. **June 2007** At the Waseca County Commissioners meeting the 150th Birthday Gift Capital Campaign was kicked off with a cake-cutting and announcement that on Day One, we already raised \$17,000! **July 2007** At the Waseca County Fair, we gave away free birthday cake at the Pork Feed Tent. **October 2007** At our Annual Meeting, fundraising reached over \$85,000. By **February 2008** we reached \$150,000 with a goal-reaching check from Brown Printing.

By the end of 2009, the final year of the campaign, we raised a total of \$168,429. Thanks to all who participated! There were over 250 donors. The smallest gift was \$5. The largest gift was \$25,000. It's true that less than 10% of the donors gave 90% of the total. One-hundred percent of the pledges were fulfilled. It was an exciting three years, unprecedented or tried in the 71-year history of the Society.

**What does it mean?** It means that you believe in WCHS, and we believe in our membership and community. We're not secure by any means, but the building is secure. It's warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The collection is safe, newly organized on efficient new shelving, indexed and accessible. The three old furnaces were replaced with two new efficient ones. The board of directors created a Five-Year Strategic Plan with some goals already achieved and others in the process.

We will continuously work to build up our seven endowment funds held by the Waseca Area Foundation/Minnesota Community Foundation. From the Campaign, \$68,000 was sent to our endowment funds. There is now a Capital Reserve Fund and an Emergency Reserve Fund.

Improvements, innovations, updating and upgrading will always be on our minds and on our desktops—to always be thinking of how we can make WCHS the best local history center in Minnesota—for you, for members and Waseca County residents—past, present and future.

### **Waseca County Historical Society 2009 Board of Directors**

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L-R: "Lighting the final candle" of the Capital Campaign is Committee Chair Rod Searle, with Sheila Morris, Co-Director; Henry Lewer, Don Zwach, Don Wynnemer, and Jim Tippy, WCHS Board Members

**CASE STATEMENT:** The Waseca County Historical Society is an evolving and growing institution. The early years beginning in 1938 focused on the artifact collection. The middle years of the 1950s/60s focused on events and pageants celebrating state and city centennials. The 1970s/80s developed the genealogy resources and exhibition capability. In the 1990s to the present, the Bailey-Lewer House Research Center & Library were created and world-wide accessibility made possible through the internet and our own searchable website! Now in the year of Waseca County's 150<sup>th</sup>, our goal is to raise \$150,000.

To build a maintenance fund to replace our furnaces (and other future major facility needs)

To build a technology fund to maintain the quality and growth of our website and the hardware and software updates necessary.

To update our collection exhibition and storage systems

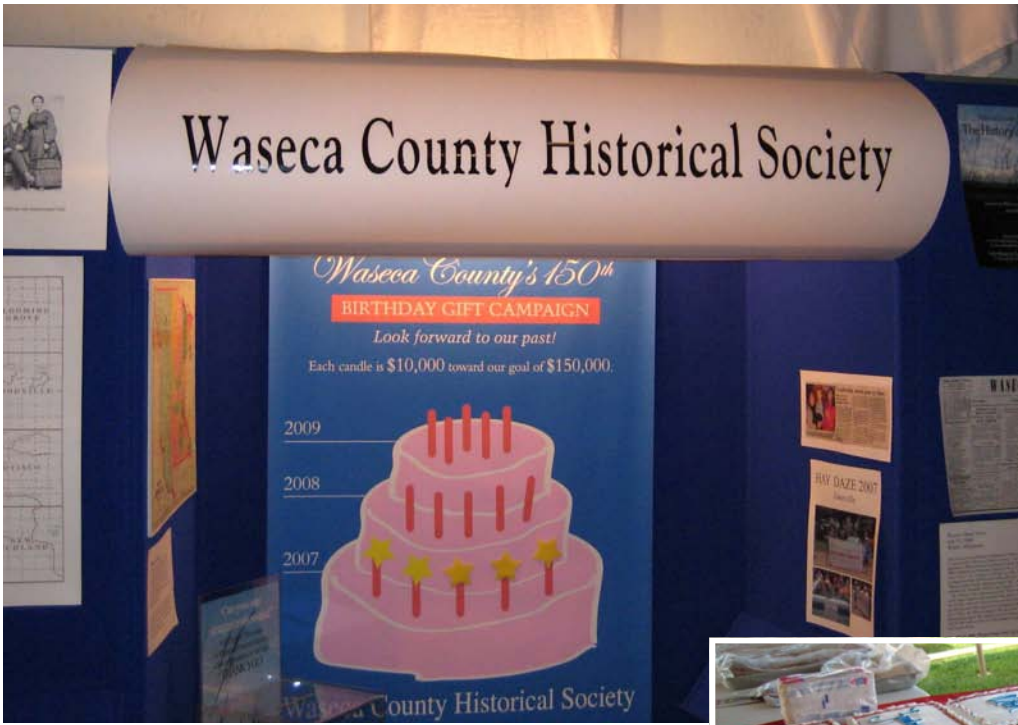
To build up endowments funds to sustain ongoing operations in times of budget shortfalls.

Very simply we need to confront all these needs in order to keep the Waseca County Museum & Research Center moving forward, maintaining the county history, maintaining the accessibility, and providing exhibitions and programs that entertain and educate!

### **WCHS Staff**

Joan Mooney, Co-Director-Programs/Research  
Sheila Morris, Co-Director-Development/Exhibits  
Pauline Fenelon, Artifacts/Library  
Vanessa Zimprich, Artifacts/Website  
Linda Taylor, Research  
Nancy Nelson-Deppe, Bookkeeper





L-R: The 150th Birthday Campaign Poster kept track as each red candle represented \$10,000 donated. (Top right) Sheila Morris announces free birthday cake at the 2007 Waseca County Fair. (Middle left) Joan Mooney and Sheila Morris serve cake to Township residents. (Mid-right) In 2008 celebrating the Townships' 150th. (Center) Waseca Marching Classic Parade 2008, riding in Lundquist's 1960's Ford convertible. (Lower left) The 2008 Annual Meeting *real* birthday cake. (Lower right) New Richland's Farm City Days parade with Espes carrying the Campaign banner in July 2007.

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**WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**150th Campaign Cash Flow Report \*\*FINAL\*\***  
**From May 15, 2007 - February 24, 2010**

**Income**

|   |             |   |                   |
|---|-------------|---|-------------------|
| Pledges For All Funds As Of 02/24/10*       | 168,428.93  |   |                   |
| Pledges For All Funds Paid As Of 02/24/10** | 168,428.93  | + | <b>168,428.93</b> |
| Pledges For All Funds Yet To Come In        | <u>0.00</u> |   |                   |

**Expenses**

|                                       |                  |   |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| Transfers to MN Community Foundation: |                  |   |                  |
| Phil Allen Fund                       | 2,435.00         |   |                  |
| Goodspeed Fund                        | 20,000.00        |   |                  |
| Johnson Fund                          | 100.00           |   |                  |
| Endowment Fund                        | 10,540.00        |   |                  |
| Rutledge Fund                         | <u>10,000.00</u> |   |                  |
| Total Transfers                       | 43,075.00        | - | <b>43,075.00</b> |

Rethwill Fund held by MN Community Foundation on behalf of WCHS - **25,000.00**

Board Approved Designation of Campaign Funds to 2009 Operations - **10,000.00**

Allocated Expenses:

|   |                 |   |                  |
|---|-----------------|---|------------------|
| Basement Shelving(07)                                       | 2,324.00        |   |                  |
| Furnaces purchase & installation Minus Rebate(07)           | 10,965.00       |   |                  |
| Copier Purchase(07)   | 6,350.00        |   |                  |
| Fundraising(07)   | 455.18          |   |                  |
| Additional Basement Shelving(08)                            | 123.05          |   |                  |
| Steel Hand Truck(08)  | 465.69          |   |                  |
| Florescent Lighting Update in Museum(08)                    | 1,071.00        |   |                  |
| Used Computer for Library(08)                               | 275             |   |                  |
| 20" Flat Monitor for Library(08)                            | 239             |   |                  |
| 20" Flat Monitor for Reception Desk(08)                     | 239             |   |                  |
| File Cabinet(08)  | 160             |   |                  |
| Fax Machine(08)   | 85.15           |   |                  |
| 3 Backup External Drives(08)                                | 374.85          |   |                  |
| DSL Modem Replaced(09)                                      | 296.38          |   |                  |
| Bailey/Lewer Improvements(09) (\$2498 Cost-\$925 Donations) | <u>1,572.74</u> |   |                  |
| Total Allocated Expenses                                    | 24,996.04       | - | <b>24,996.04</b> |

**Net Cash Increase from Campaign 65,357.89**

\*Includes \$25,000 pledge made directly to MN Community Foundation to the Rethwill History Fund on behalf of Waseca County Historical Society.

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## *How to Sustain the Future of WCHS*

*Dear Friends—*

**T**he heart of our ability to sustain funding for all that WCHS does—is our family of endowment funds maintained by the Waseca Area Foundation. There are seven funds graciously initiated and contributed to by generous members—the Frank & Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund, the Waseca County Historical Society Endowment Fund, the Waseca County Lifetime Endowment Fund, the Edgar F. & Ethel Johnson Fund, the Phil Allen Fund, the Jerry & Linda Rutledge Heritage Fund, and the Wes & Carol Rethwill History Fund. In 2007 during the Waseca County 150th Birthday Gift Capital Campaign, \$68,000 was directed by its donors to several of these endowment funds. Our long-term goal is to achieve stable operational funding with the growth of our endowments.

If you believe in our mission to maintain and interpret Waseca County history *always*, you have an opportunity to help. A simple and generous donation to any of our endowment funds is one way; or consider one of the following planned giving strategies listed here.

The Waseca Area Foundation is affiliated with the Minnesota Community Foundation. Please let us know if you would like more information.

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