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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Rutland Historical Society was held on Thursday October 27, 2011 at the Society. After reports by various officers the major item of new business was the membership approval of by-laws changes submitted by the Board of Directors. An extensive section listing committees and their responsibilities was eliminated. Committees and their responsibilities will now be determined by board policies as needed. The board had determined that committee structures now seemed to overlap and more flexibility was needed to make the committee structure work well. A few grammatical changes were also approved. The membership was informed of the proposed changes in advance by an insert in the last newsletter.

Elections were held and the following were elected:

Pres.	Carolynn Ranftle
V.P.	Chuck Piotrowski
Sec.	Rosemary Bradley
Trea.	Tom Carpenter
Dir. (2 yrs)	George Bradley
Dir. (2 yrs)	Pam Johnson
Dir. (2 yrs)	Bill Powers
Dir. (1 yr)	Fred Remington.

Continuing Directors are Lloyd Davis and Clifford Giffin. Clifford Giffin was re-elected as Board Chairperson at the November board meeting.

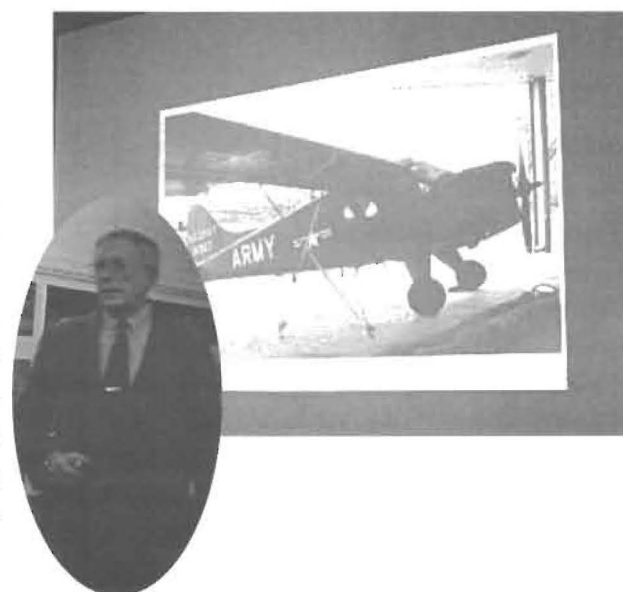
The Society was pleased to present two special awards at the Annual Meeting.

Dorothy Whitford was presented with an award of appreciation for long time service. Over the years she has been

President, Vice President, Secretary, and Director. She has been a member of and has chaired numerous committees. She has been a major force in the organizing and cataloging of archival materials and her genealogical research skills have been outstanding. The Society formally thanked Dorothy with this special award.

Ron Hemenway was presented with an award of excellence for dedication and service. Ron goes beyond conscientious in his maintenance of existing collections and processing of new materials and he has cleaned up much of the backlog from prior years. He is diligent in making sure space is used efficiently and ensures that there will be room for new collections. Ron is a wonderful asset for the Society and well deserves this award.

The annual meeting adjourned for an excellent presentation by Bill Powers entitled "1957 Airplane Crash in Rutland County Gets Rediscovered in 2009."



“HISTORICALLY SPEAKING” ON CHANNEL 15 IN RUTLAND

The Society produces a new program each month. The series includes interviews and historical pictorial material in a rather flexible TV magazine format. The programs can be seen Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, Thursdays at 1:30 PM, and Fridays at 7:30 PM. DVDs of past episodes can be obtained from Rutland Regional Community Television, 1 Scale Avenue, Suite 108, Rutland, VT 05701-4460. They are \$10 for each episode. Make checks payable to RRCT. Include \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Personal pickup is available. Call (802) 747-0151 for further information. Consult the Society website (rutlandhistory.com) for a complete listing of past shows.

To watch the current or previous episode of “Historically Speaking” in streaming video on your computer: (1) go to the Society website (rutlandhistory.com), (2) click on “Historically Speaking,” and (3) click on the second paragraph which will link you to the Video On Demand Library on the PEG-TV website. In the search box at the top of the video player, type in “Historically Speaking” then click on the magnifying glass button to the right. You should get a choice of the two most recent programs.

Episode # 120 – Civil War Exhibit – Robert Ranftle of the Rutland Historical Society Exhibit Committee reviews the Civil War Exhibit currently on display at the Society. Bob is also editor of the last two issues of the Society’s Quarterly magazine which are devoted to Rutland and the Civil War. Jim Davidson hosts the program.

Episode # 121 – Behind the Walls – President Carolynn Ranftle of the Rutland Historical Society takes the viewer on a video tour of the inner workings of the Rutland Historical Society. The many activities of the Society’s volunteers present an imposing view of the group’s challenges and accomplishments. Jim Davidson is host for the program.

“MOMENTS IN HISTORY”

The weekly Access Magazine on PEG-TV’s Channel 15 carries a different “Moment in History” each week. These two to three minute moments are produced by the Rutland Historical Society and focus on local history. They can be seen on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM, Friday mornings at 10:00 AM and Saturday afternoons at 3:30 PM. They are also available in the video on demand section of the PEG-TV website.

COMMITTEE CORNER

Chairpersons

Building Committee

Mickey Kelly - 773-9402

Cemetery Committee

Chris Book - 773-6252

Collections Committee

Tom Carpenter - 773-3626

Exhibit Committee

Chuck Piotrowski - 770-4088

Finance Committee

Tom Carpenter - 773-3626

Membership Committee

Robert Perkins - 773-0184

Personnel Committee

Mary Segale - 773-2326

Program Committee

Jim Davidson - 773-7525

Publications Committee

Jake Sherman - 775-2784

Research Committee

Rosemary Bradley -
773-9411

Society Historian

Mary Segale - 773-2326

Technology and

Telecommunications
Committee

Website Committee

Doreen McCullough – 776-5232

President

Carolynn Ranftle - 855-8219

Board Chairperson

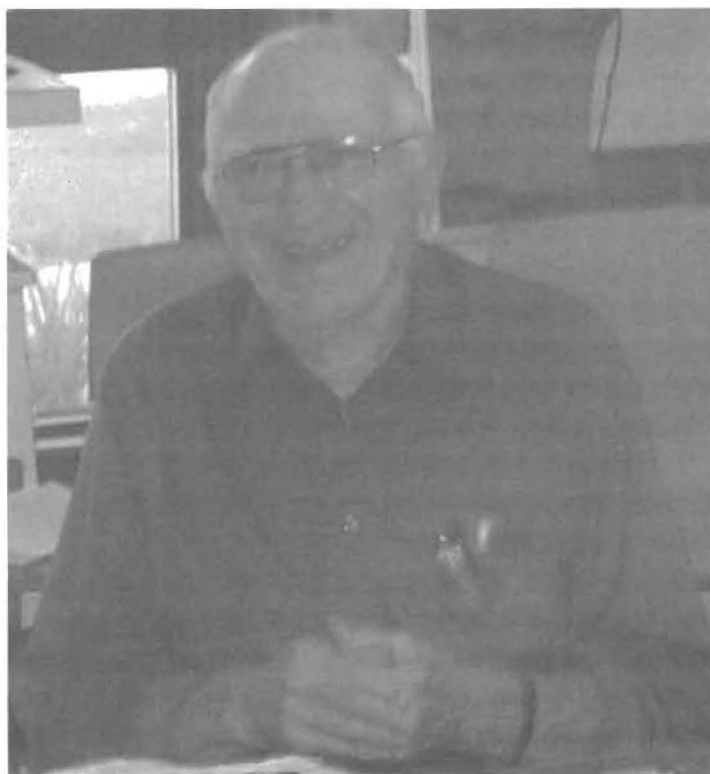
Clifford Giffin - 773-3743

A SPECIAL PERSON

Carmine Pacca has been a regular participant in the Society's Saturday visiting hours. But one Saturday in September there were many more visitors than usual. As they gathered around the research table, cupcakes were brought out and much to Carmine's surprise he learned that they had gathered to celebrate his 90th birthday. Carmine has been an important part of the historical society and everyone was delighted to be part of his birthday celebration.

For many years he daily aided researchers in using the materials in the Vermont Room at the Rutland Free Library. At the Society he was a Monday Night Host for over 15 years. When "Rutland in Retrospect" was in preparation he spent untold hours researching material for the extensive captions. He has spent over 40 years researching the Battle of Hubbardton and has produced two Quarterlies on the subject.

The community owes a debt of gratitude to Carmine for his generous contributions to Rutland history.



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Is it time to renew?



Please check the date above your name on the mailing label.

- If the date on your label is 2010 or earlier your grace period has expired and this is the last Quarterly you will receive unless you renew by January 31, 2012.

- If the date on your label is 2011, your dues for 2012 are now due. Please use the membership form on this page.

- If the date on your label is 2012 or later, your dues are up to date. Thank you.



Rutland Historical Society - Membership Form

96 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701-4023

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First Name

Last Name

Street Address or Post Office Box

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Phone (optional)

Email Address (optional)

☐ \$8 Student ☐ \$8 Senior (62+) ☐ \$10 Regular

☐ \$20 Contributor ☐ \$50 Sponsor ☐ \$200 Lifetime

Second Person at same address (if any). No additional fee.
(Not available for Student or Lifetime memberships.)

IBM AWARDS GRANT TO SOCIETY

The Society was recently awarded an IBM Community Grant to be used for its digitization effort. The primary purchases using the grant money were a special scanner to scan photographic negatives, up to a size of 8 inches x 10 inches, and a hand held wand scanner. The first project for the negative scanner will be Frank Hinchey's collection of negatives from the 1930s, which will be loaned by Angela Hinchey. We hope to follow that with other negatives held in existing collections and will also ask the community to donate or loan old negatives which they may have lying around. The hand held wand scanner will be useful for scanning books and fragile material which cannot go through a regular scanner. It will also come in handy for visitors to scan material, which they can then transfer to their own electronic device.



SOCIETY WINS AWARD

The Society was honored to be presented the League of Local Historical Societies Award of Excellence for work on its Digitization project for the past year. The award was presented by the Vermont Historical Society at the League of Local Historical Societies annual meeting, November 9, in the Montpelier State House. Carolynn Ranftle and Clifford and Shirley Giffin attended the day-long meeting and award presentation.

GIFT IDEAS

The Society has a number of items that will make excellent gifts, especially for those who may have few needs. The gifts range from \$1.00 to \$30.00.

History of Rutland, Vermont, 1761-1861 by Dawn Hance - \$30.00

Early Families of Rutland, Vermont, ed. by Dawn Hance (reissued on disc) - \$20.00

Rutland in Retrospect, ed. by Robert West – (reissued on disc) - \$20.00

1884 J.L. Beers Map (issued on disc) - \$10.00

Rutland Historical Society Membership – Regular (\$10.00) and Senior or Student (\$8.00)

Back Issues of Quarterlies - \$1.00 each. Consider selecting a group for a gift.

WEBSITE

Two significant new items are now on the website (rutlandhistory.com). Under *Historical Resources* in the Church Records Section there are transcripts of the Congregational Church records of both the East and West Parishes. Under the *Image Gallery* there is a wonderful sampling of photos from Rutland's past.

THE FACILITIES OF THE
RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ARE OPEN ON:

MONDAYS 6-9 PM

SATURDAYS 1-4 PM

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