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## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Rutland Historical Society was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at 7 pm at the Rutland Historical Society, 96 Center Street. Various reports were followed by the election of officers and directors.

Nominees elected were:

Pres. Jake Sherman  
V.P. Pam Johnson  
Sec. Audrey Allaire  
Treas. Helen Davidson  
Dir. (2 yrs.) Alvin B. Figiel  
Dir. (2 yrs.) Richard J. Guyette  
Dir. (2 yrs.) Dr. Andrew Zak

Continuing Directors are: Barbara Giffin, Ron Hemenway, and Doreen McCullough.

An Award of Appreciation for service to the Rutland Historical Society was given to William J. (Bill) Powers, Jr. Bill has provided extraordinary support to the Research Committee by offering to deal with some of the most challenging requests received by the Society. In addition, he has researched and made historical presentations on numerous topics of local history.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. A social hour that followed allowed the many Society volunteers to meet and interact. This was an opportunity for officers, directors, and committee chairpersons and committee members to get to know each other and what they each do. The Society has many volunteers who provide a variety of services.

At the November meeting of the Board of Directors Barbara Giffin was chosen as Chairperson.

## RAYMOND MOONEY'S MEMORIES

Society members Ben Burge and Ray Mooney have co-produced a three-part video special for the Society that is currently playing on PEGTV. All parts can now be seen in PEGTV's video on de-mand section. Select "Video On Demand" and then put "Raymond Mooney" in the search box under that. Then select the part that you wish to see. This is a "must see" whether you grew up in Rutland or not.

The 25 minute part one includes pictures, music, and commentary on early radio and television, games played in the backyards, bicycles, comic books, autos, and movies and theaters.

The 25 minute part two continues with movies and theaters, fires, the Midway Diner, parades, and the Rutland Fair.

The third part is 34 minutes long. It includes malls, snack and meal stops, record hops, five and ten cent stores, President Eisenhower's visit to Rutland, President Kennedy's Assassination, the Rutland Swimming Pool on North Main Street, and Cinderella's Sweets candy shop at the corner of Center and Wales Streets.

The series is filled with song, movie and TV clips from the time. The subtitle of the series, "Rutland & Pop Culture," suggests why it has much to recommend it to viewers of all ages and from all locations. This a slice of America from the last half of the 20th Century.



## 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 4PM, Thursdays at 1:30PM, and Fridays at 7:30PM. 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](http://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](http://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 #151 - "History in the Digital Age"

This program features Eileen Corcoran of the Vermont Historical Society and Jim Davidson of the Rutland Historical Society. Eileen and Jim provide an overview of the League of Historical Societies & Museums Annual Meeting and Conference co-hosted by the Rutland Historical Society at Castleton University. The meeting sessions were focused on the changes brought about by the digital age.

### Episode # 152 – "Rutland Fair Photos"

Host Jim Davidson of the Rutland Historical Society delves into the Image Gallery of the Society website in this latest episode of Rutland Fair photos. In part one there are photos from the 1900–1920 era. In part two Frank Hinchey's Rutland Fair images are from the 1920–1939 era. Jim indicates that there are many more images in the Image Gallery of the Society website. Other information on the Rutland Fair can be found in the text and video sections of the website.

## COMMITTEE CORNER

### President

Jake Sherman – 770-0927

### Board Chairperson

Barbara Giffin – 779-1669

### Curator

Jim Davidson – 773-7525

### Membership Secretary

Robert Perkins – 773-0184

### Society Historian

Mary Segale – 773-2326

### Chairpersons:

### Collections Committee

Ron Hemenway – 775-6581

### Human Resources

### Committee

Pam Johnson – 775-7074

### Program Committee

Jim Davidson – 773-7525

### Publications Committee

Jake Sherman – 770-0927

### Research Committee

Rosemary Bradley –  
773-9411

### Website Committee

Doreen McCullough –  
776-5232

## MUSIC AT THE PINES

On Wednesday December 7, 2016 Helen and Jim Davidson provided Christmas music at The Pines for their annual "cookie day" for the residents.



## ANNUAL SALE

On Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th, the Society held its annual sale from 10 am to 5 pm each day. The sale netted the Society over \$800.

The original sale began as an opportunity to sell duplicate materials and things no longer needed by the Society. Over the years there has been less of this material.

The donation by members and others of things that they no longer needed was very important to the Society's successful sale.

Many members and shoppers also found the sale beneficial to them as they found nice items at very attractive prices.

Thank you to the donors and consumers that made the sale so successful. The few items left over were donated to the Open Door Mission.



## 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 2015 or earlier, your grace period has expired and this is the last Quarterly you will receive unless you renew by January 31, 2017.

If the date on your label is 2015, your dues for 2016 are now due. Please use the membership form on this page.

If the date on your label is 2016 or later, your dues are up to date. Thank you.

Please note the spot on the form for a donation beyond the dues. Any donation would be appreciated.

Rutland Historical Society - Membership Form

96 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701-4023

Phone: 802-775-2006

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 Life (Individual only)

If making an additional donation, please check here and enter the donation amount.

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



## OUTREACH

On Saturday, October 1, the Society made a series of video presentations at the Rutland Train show that was held this year at the College of St. Joseph Athletic Center. Doreen McCullough demonstrated the Society website, Jim Davidson showed the "Rutland In Retrospect" digital disc and Carolyn Ranftle presented the "Rutland Newsliner" digital disc.

On October 15 the Vermont Historical Society held its 63rd Annual Meeting of the League of Local Historical Societies and Museums at Castleton University. The Rutland Historical Society was a co-sponsor of the meeting and was deeply involved in all the local arrangements.

The Rutland Historical Society provided presenters for seven of the twelve sessions.

Jim Davidson, Carolyn Ranftle, and Doreen McCullough made presentations at the session entitled "What Can Digitizing Do For Your Society?" Jim talked about the role that digitizing has played at the Rutland Historical Society. Carolyn focused on the digitizing of photos and Doreen talked about how much digitizing can be done on the typical home computer and scanner.

"Have You Used Public Access Television?" was a session presentation by Jim Davidson and Kevin Christopher, President of the Vermont Access Network. Kevin discussed the free training and equipment available at most Vermont public access stations. Jim talked about practical ideas gleaned from his broad experience of 15 years as an independent producer at PEG-TV in Rutland.

A session entitled "Developing Virtual Walking Tours" was presented by Ben Burdge of the Rutland Historical Society who produced an award-winning 50 minute Virtual Walking Tour for the Society. This can now be viewed on the Society website. Ben demonstrated some of the elements and benefits of producing long and short virtual walking tours.

"Managing Society Assets" was a session by Robert Ranftle of the Rutland Historical Society. Robert is chairperson of the Society's ad hoc committee dealing with Society assets and emergency planning. His presentation described the effective and safe management of assets including ideas and options for facilities management, record keeping, risk management, information technology, and emergency planning.

"Creating A Door To The World Through Your Website" was presented by Doreen McCullough, webmaster of the Society website. Doreen traced the evolution of the Society website as an example of how an organization can use a website as a research and content tool for a worldwide audience.

Carolyn Ranftle of the Society presented the "Past Perfect And Beyond" session. This included an emphasis on determining cataloging priorities for an organization and different levels of cataloging. Report possibilities and various questions from the audience rounded out the presentation.

Michael Messier of the Society chaired a session entitled "New Options For Energy and Communication." Michael reviewed various options for telephone and internet services. Phillip Allen of Same Sun of Vermont outlined some of the solar options available and Dan Mackey of Green Mountain Power Corporation discussed heat pump options for heating and cooling buildings.

The Society is fortunate to have such knowledgeable and talented members and thanks them for sharing with the over 80 attendees at this meeting.

**THE FACILITIES OF THE  
RUTLAND HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY ARE OPEN ON:  
MONDAYS 6-9 PM  
SATURDAYS 1-4 PM**

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