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#### ICHS 22nd ANNUAL MEETING at the FOREST HISTORY CENTER

Nikki Rajala presented her new book "Waters Like the Sky". Leona Litchke greeted everyone after a delicious dinner from Embers. Director Lilah Crowe gave an update and presented the 2015 budget. John Roessler gave the treasurer report with good news on the giving from Itasca County, our townships and cities.



Film from Forest History Center was seen during the meal. We will be working with the FHC on projects this coming year.



Current Board President Leona Litchke



NIKKI RAJALA



Members in line for the buffet supper of roast beef, potatoes, green beans and Chocolate Mint Ice Cream!







Executive Director Lilah Crowe

Over 50 people attended the annual meeting. Forest History Center has offered to again host our event next year! We had a wonderful time and hope that more members will come to the 23rd Annual Dinner in 2015.

#### Remember to tell your friends our Museum is FREE!



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# ITASCA GENEALOGY

Genealogy meetings: 1st Thursday of the month, (except for January and July) 6:00 p.m. at the Karjala Genealogy and History Research Center. New and seasoned genealogists are welcome to come and learn more about how and where to research your family tree. Genealogists available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 12:00 to 4:00

INFECTIOUS DISEASES GENEALOGY—Warning!!

Very contagious to mature adults. NO KNOWN CURE

#### SYMPTOMS:

Mumbles to self. Makes secret calls at night. Hides phone bill from spouse. Has strange far away look in eyes. Has strong compulsions to write letters. Always includes a check in these letters. Swears at mailman when he leaves no mail. Continual complaints for names, dates, and places. Patient has black expression, sometimes deaf to spouse & children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking though records at libraries and courthouses. Compulsions to frequently visit strange places, such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote dissolute country areas.

TREATMENT:

Medication-useless, disease not fatal, buts gets progressively worse. Patient should be given a quiet corner of the house where he or she can be left alone. Patient should subscribe to as many societies, newsgroups, surnames lists, and genealogical magazines as possible. **REMARKS**:

The unusual nature of this disease is.... The sicker one gets, the more he or she enjoys it.

Author unknown

## **Family Photos**

Do you take 3, 4 or 5 generation photos in your family?



Please bring in your families photos, we will digitize it and give it right back to you. We have a piece of your family history and we will share if with future generations!

## **COLLECTIONS COMMIT-TEE PRESENTS**

## Featured "What is it" Item



One of the most interesting objects! We did however take it to an archeologist and he said "It's a ROCK!"

### **2014 SUPPORTING TOWNSHIPS**

Harris Bigfork Wabana Balsam Carpenter Bearville **ITASCA COUNTY & CITIES** Itasca County Grand Rapids

Feeley Arbo Kinghurst Sago

Splithand Wirt

LaPrairie

Nashwauk Bigfork

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **INDIVIDUAL \$25**

Larry Jonson Richard Green Steve Jonnes Caroline King Jacqueline Dowell David Johnson Norma Bilyeu Tom & Barbara Swentkofske Leo Trunt Kris Ferraro Janis Johnson Margaret Domish FAMILY \$40

Lowell & Judy Pittack Lee & Cynthia Johnson Bill & Diane Rutherford Gordon & Jackie Davis Mike & Barb Shipka Casey & Georgette Renslow Richard Bevins Lee & MaryJo Jess Truman & Mary Shoaff William & Anne Langford



If you are thinking about year-end tax planning, consider gifting appreciated stock to ICHS. Call 218-326-6431 for more details.

### August through October

SUPPORTING \$65

Jim & Wendy Uzelac

#### **PRESERVATION \$100**

Clair Wilcox Don Marine Edward Buttenhoff Bruce & Kay Aiton

ASSOCIATE \$1,000 Dede Emerson

### GIVE TO MAX DAY! November 13, 2014

We are joining with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation to promote giving on GIVE TO THE MAX DAY. All proceeds to the Itasca County Historical Society will go towards paying off our mortgage! Go on the web or stop in at the Community Foundation with your donation!

www.givemn.org

## Business Memberships

COLE HARDWARE PAUL BUNYAN COMMUNICATIONS **GRAND RAPIDS STATE BANK** AMERICAN BANK OF THE NORTH ROESSLER AND CO. LTD. VILLAGE BOOKSTORE L&M FLEET SUPPLY CO HAWK CONSTRUCTION DAIRY QUEEN SOUTH **BROBERG, FERRARO, CPAS** ROWE FUNERAL HOME **BENDER'S SHOES T&T DESIGNS** LAW OFFICE OF SHAW & SHAW NORTHERN LAKES DENTAL ANDERSON GLASS DAVID BISHOP'S PERFORMANCE DAVIS CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH EYE Q OPTOMETRIC CLINIC ART UNLIMITED BOWENS LODGE, Inc. ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EDWARD LAPLANT CONSTRUCTION DAVIS CHIROPRATIC HEALTH

## Memorials

Oftelie Family: Jane Oftelie Crowe Family: Arnold Burt James Gilboy: Maxine Binet Karen Lucachick: Alvar "Al" & Norma "Toots" Hupila Dr. Mark Hoffmeyer-Mary Luehne, Brian Rajala: Agnes Rajala Cheryl Thueson/Lilah Crowe/Business Networking Inc. Rapid Referral Members: Brian Daigle North Star Grand Rapids Women's Club: Agnes Landers and Ethel Brady Jody & JoLynn Crowe: Eleanor Watson Jean Knowles: John R. Howes Deborah Best, Richard Moore, Jim Marshall: Katherine Berkeland Susan Kujala: Edith Mary Schagh



A special thanks to the volunteer fundraising committee that is diligently working to complete the task of raising money for our new building; proceeds from the new cookbook will also go toward the mortgage; Esther Hietala, Jim Uzelac, Barb Shipka, Roberta Truempler and chair John Zimmerman.

Members and Friends:

A special thanks again to our board of directors in making the important decision of moving to our new location. I can't express how many people have come in and really enjoy the atmosphere, the museum, and the volunteers that greet each person. It has made a world of difference to us all!



I'm just now finishing up on 5 grants that we have received from the legacy program; \$5,900 engineer consultant for basement, \$8,000 for the LED lighting lower level, \$63,000 heating and humidity controlling equipment and installation, \$3,900 AASLH convention for Jeremy and Lilah and \$6,150 for asbestos removal in the lower level. Upon completion, we will then again be applying for a large grant to do a complete inventory of the objects. We currently have 54,000 documented and more not entered in the program. We receive donations on a daily basis.

We had wonderful news about the Karjala endowment and the board was able to let us purchase brand new computers for the research center. It is awesome. These new computers will enable us to have a good back-up system and are easier for the staff to use. Jeremy has done a great job in making sure they are all in working order. You'll notice a big difference they have made in the center. We really are a professional research center!

Some exciting things coming up in the future. Our grand opening of Ordinary People the last Thursday in February and our first Historic Wedding Dress Show and Lunch on Valentines Day. Hope you can join us on both occasions.

Lilah J. Crowe

You can help us save on postage by getting your newsletter emailed to you. Please send your email address to ichs@paulbunyan.net

## Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS

August through October

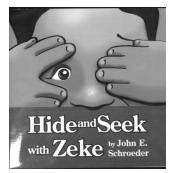
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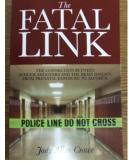
A Taste of History Cookbook \$15.00

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Warden.



Hide & Seek \$10.00



**New Museum Store** 

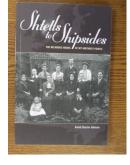
Features local artists and authors.

Stop in and see the new gifts and books!

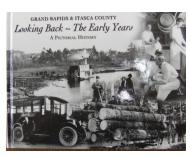
**Poachers Caught! By Tom Chapin** Adventures of a Northwoods Game

2. Further Adventures of a Northwoods

Fatal Link \$17.95



Shtetls to Shipsides \$19.95



History

Pengilly

\$2.5.00

Looking Back \$19.95



The case of Couch and Meredith \$14.95

Save on shipping and handling by stopping in at the Museum Store



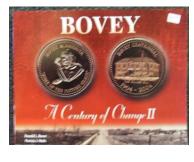
Ghost Lake Series \$16.00 Each

Sub - Total

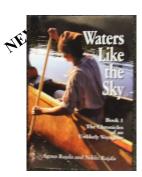
Tax 6.875 %

Total

Shipping & Handling



Bovey #11 \$25.00



Waters Like the Sky \$14.95



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| Call 218- | 326-6431 and reserve your BOOKS! |



Latest book of Nikki Rajala, now available in the gift shop! \$14.95

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*Candy Cane Boutique* The Candy Cane Boutique will be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Saturday, November 8, at the Zion Lutheran Church

We will be serving lunch as a fund-raiser for Itasca County Historical Society! We are raising money for our conservation room, specifically a stackable washer and dryer, and a 6 foot chest style freezer.

Please help us by bringing in baked goods Friday November 7th. We will prepare for the sale at ICHS. Call with ?'s 218-326-6431 **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**