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<u>A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM - FUNDRAISER AT HISTORIC COURTHOUSE</u> <u>DOWNTOWN WAUKESHA</u>

(Waukesha, WI)... Delicious and abundant "heavy hors d'oeuvres," catered by *Chef Jacks*, served in the magnificently restored ballroom of the 1893 former Waukesha County Courthouse are among the featured draws of a \$15,000 fundraiser for the Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum, Thursday, April 10th from 6-9pm.

Join us for this special night as history comes alive! The museum's collections allow us to tell the stories of Waukesha County – your stories – and preserve our shared heritage for future generations. Our \$15,000 goal will help us purchase archival materials so we can properly save this vital history.

Explore the galleries, talk to our dedicated staff and volunteers and view rarely seen items from our collections. You might even run into some colorful figures from Waukesha's history! Dress up in your favorite costume from any era in Waukesha's past and compete for prizes in our costume contest! It's fun for all ages!

"This event is going to be memorable for everyone who attends. We are honored to host everyone who can be with us," said executive director, **Nicki Ciurro**. Board chair **Ronda Baxter** said, "It takes hard work by many volunteers, our staff, and significant funds to maintain our priceless collections. The community support is deeply appreciated."

Admission is only \$50 each; tickets can be purchased online at either <u>https://events.humanitix.com/step-back-in-time-night-at-the-museum/tickets</u>, or waukeshacountymuseum.org, at the museum during operating hours on Wed, Thurs and Fri from 1-4pm, and Saturday 10am-4pm, or at the door that evening with prior phone RSVP for food planning. (continued)

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Business and charitable underwriting gifts: Gifts to the 501(c)3 organization are tax deductible, and any size underwriting donation is deeply appreciated. With special pride and gratitude, all gifts of \$1000 or more, (*received by 4pm on Monday, April 7th*), will result in the donor's name and logo listed on event signage as an <u>especially committed supporter</u> of the historical society and museum.

The Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum is in its 119th year of bringing to life the stories and people of Waukesha County. "The organization, founded in 1906, depends on generous history lovers and members. It is not funded by Waukesha County government, but both the society and museum are very proud to bear this remarkable county's name in our work," said **Baxter**.

Photo support:

The event flyer Two photos in the collections Photo of the restored ballroom (end)