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## **Heritage Center Annual Meeting Salutes Conservatory Milestone and Community Leaders**

The public is invited to the annual dinner meeting of the Oberlin Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 6 at the Oberlin Inn (7 North Main Street). This year's gathering of Heritage Center members and friends celebrates the historic occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oberlin's Conservatory of Music, the oldest continuously operating conservatory of music in the United States. Dean of the Conservatory Andrea Kalyn will be the featured speaker. The evening includes a brief business meeting with the election of new Board members and officers. The event's Social Hour (with cash bar) begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the program getting underway at 7:00 p.m.

The Heritage Center's 15th Annual Community Awards rounds out the evening, with recognition given to several local leaders in history education, historic preservation, and community service. This year's award recipients are: Melissa Clifford and Eileen Telegdy (OHC's Volunteers of the Year), Julia Elrod (Youth Service Award), Ken Stanley (Community Teacher of the Year), the Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group (Heritage Guardian Award), the Oberlin IGA/Leo Braido (Business Leader Service Award) and the Oberlin (Prospect School) Third Grade Teaching Team of Felicia Christian, Brandi Hicks-Watson and Christine Hohman (History Teachers of the Year).

*Please note that the OHC Annual Meeting originally was planned to be held in the soon-to-be open Hotel at Oberlin, but has been shifted to the Oberlin Inn since the new Hotel will not yet be ready for occupancy in time for the Heritage Center's event.* Reservations for the Oberlin Heritage Center's annual meeting are available for \$33 per person for Heritage Center members and \$38 per person for the general public if purchased by March 19 (and \$38/\$43 respectively for tickets purchased after that date). Reservations may be made online at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org), or by contacting the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or [ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org) for more information.

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