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Heritage Center Annual Meeting Features Historians, Educators and Authors Gary Kornblith & Carol Lasser 18th Annual Community Award Recipients Honored

The public is invited to the annual dinner meeting of the Oberlin Heritage Center on **Tuesday, April 2** at The Hotel at Oberlin (10 East College Street). This year's gathering of Heritage Center members and friends features a presentation by historians and authors **Gary Kornblith** and **Carol Lasser** sharing insights from their new book *Elusive Utopia: The Struggle for Racial Equality in Oberlin, Ohio*. Kornblith and Lasser are Emeritus Professors of History at Oberlin College and avid researchers of lived histories that challenge celebratory portrayals of Oberlin. The Heritage Center appreciates the support of **Northwest Bank** for sponsoring this evening's events.

The evening's Social Hour (with cash bar and a basket raffle) begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the business meeting and program immediately following. The Heritage Center's 18th Annual Community Awards presentations round out the evening, with recognition given to several local leaders in history education, historic preservation, and community service. This year's award recipients are **Mike Demchak** of Christian Community School in Grafton, Ohio (History Teacher of the Year); **Ruby Denneen** and **John Elrod**, Oberlin High School seniors (Youth Community Service Award); and **Marty Buck/Techies** (Business Leader Service Award; and the **OHC Westwood Cemetery GPS Team**, led by **Rich Fredrickson** and **Judy Connolly** with **Camille Hamlin Allen**, **Amy Chuang**, **Judy Cook**, and **Adam Freas** (OHC Volunteers of the Year). The evening also includes a brief business meeting with the election of new Heritage Center Board members and officers. A special salute is planned to recognize the Heritage Center's Endowed Life Members and all donors who have contributed thus far to the current campaign to raise funds for the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation, which has been created to address ongoing maintenance, preservation, and conservation needs of the Heritage Center's buildings, grounds, and collections.

Reservations for the Oberlin Heritage Center's annual meeting are \$40 per person for Heritage Center members and \$45 per person for the general public and may be purchased online at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org, or by contacting the Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700. The deadline for making reservations is March 27. For more information, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or e-mail ohcbiz@oberlinheritage.org.

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