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## **Oberlin Heritage Center Annual Meeting Includes Highlights, Awards and a Shady Character!**

The public is invited to the annual dinner meeting of the Oberlin Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 3 at the Oberlin Inn. This year's upbeat gathering of OHC members and friends features costumed historical educator Charlene Connors portraying the infamous, outrageous and notorious early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Oberlin and Cleveland con artist, Cassie Chadwick (1859-1907). Connors is part of *Women in History*, a non-profit educational organization based in Lakewood. The event includes a brief business meeting with the election of new Board members and officers. Guests can enjoy a Social Hour (cash bar) beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the program getting underway at 7:00 p.m.

A highlight of the Heritage Center's Annual Meeting is the presentation of the Twelfth Annual Community Awards to several local leaders in history education, historic preservation, and community service. This year's award recipients are: Beth Blissman (Community Teacher of the Year), Rudd Crawford (Heritage Guardian), Rebecca Lahetta (History Teacher of the Year), Patricia Ann Gorske Price (Community Historian), Dina Schoonmaker (OHC Volunteer of the Year), Anna Sekulic (Youth Community Service Award), and the Lorain County JVS World Trade Center Memorial (Keep Oberlin Beautiful Award).

Reservations for the Oberlin Heritage Center's annual meeting are available for \$28 per person for Heritage Center members and \$33 per person for the general public if purchased by March 21. Reservations are \$33 and \$38 for tickets purchased after March 21. Reservations may be made online at [www.oberlinheritage.org](http://www.oberlinheritage.org), or by contacting the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or [members@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:members@oberlinheritage.org) for more information.

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