## Government Appointed Historians of Western New York



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# Dear Historians and Friends,

***You are cordially invited to the 8th annual***

GAHWNY Fall Meeting, Saturday, September 24, 2016

**United Methodist Church, Rt. 63, Geneseo, Livingston County, New York 14454**

As you see from above, the GAHWNY Fall meeting will be held in Geneseo, located in the heart of the fertile and historic Genesee Valley. We hope you will plan to share your day with us and be a part of this event. The full day of programming is designed to educate, engage and hopefully inspire you to dig deeper to document information that has yet to be brought to the surface in your own community.

Around western New York there are people whose perspectives are often ignored or misunderstood. We have two behind the scenes but relevant topics on our agenda - the plight of female veterans readjusting to civilian life and challenges faced by migrant farmworkers and their children. Livingston County is very fortunate to have two unique service organizations dedicated to addressing issues faced by these people in need in order to meet the challenges of everyday life. Representatives from the **Zion House, a transitional home for female veterans (zionhouseavon.org) and the Geneseo Migrant Center (migrant.net)** will share the history of these essential programs and the people they serve.

**We are pleased to welcome Devin Lander, the new State Historian**, who will be attending the meeting. He is looking forward to greeting all of us and listening to your questions and comments. In addition, John Diefenderfer from the New York State Archives will update us on the new Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services program. And last but not least, your questions on western New York railroads will be answered by Michael Connor, whose comprehensive and authoritative knowledge of railroad history is well known throughout the industry. You are also welcome to tour the nearby **National Warplane Museum** at the end of the day!

Enclosed you will find all the program and registration information plus two important inserts. First is the election ballot. **The entire Executive Board is up for election and GAHWNY offers all historians in our region the opportunity to vote for the slate of officers either by mail or in person at the meeting.** If you cannot attend the meeting, we encourage you to mail in your ballot to the address on the form. Also please take a moment to review the **Julia Reinstein Career Achievement Award nomination form** and submit the name and achievements of someone you feel is worthy of receiving this honor.

Don’t delay – be sure to get your registration in before September 2nd and enjoy our early bird discount. We are looking forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime, check out **GAHWNY.org and don’t forget to like us on Facebook!**

Sincerely,

The GAHWNY Executive Committee:

Executive Council Chair – Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian

Executive Council Vice Chair – Michelle Henry, Chautauqua County Historian

### Secretary – Candace Broughton, Otto Town Historian

Treasurer – Robert Lowell Goller, Town of Aurora/Village of East Aurora Historian

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## 2016 Spring Meeting Registration Form

###### **One form per person**

###### **Please Print:**

###### \_\_\_\_ Check if a new Historian \_\_\_\_\_Check if change of address \_\_\_\_ Check if a guest \_\_\_\_Check if a student

Circle: Town/Village/County

###### Historian of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Year appointed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Pre-registration is required**. **Registration Cost (includes lunch) per person:**

**\_\_\_\_\_$25 Students**

**\_\_\_\_\_$30 GAHWNY members - *Early Bird discount –must be received by September 2, 2016 \****

**\_\_\_\_\_$35 GAHWNY members – *registrations received September 3-15, 2016\****

**\_\_\_\_\_$35 Guests - *sorry* *early bird specials do not apply***

**\_\_\_\_\_\_$6.00 Optional tour of the National Warplane Museum**

Registration cost includes meeting materials,A.M. refreshments, beverages and a buffet lunch (with vegetarian selections). \***Vouchers from municipalities accepted. Deadline for all registrations September 15, 2016. *Sorry, no refunds after September 15, 2016!***

**Checks payable to: GAHWNY**

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**c/o AMIE ALDEN**

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Receipts and Certificates of Attendance will be handed out at the meeting.

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Program Schedule

**8:30 A.M. Registrationand Refreshments**

**9:00 A.M. Welcome and**

**9:15 A.M. GAHWNY Business Meeting: Election of Executive Board**

**10:00 A.M. Break**

**10:15 A. M. Homeless female veterans find shelter and support at the Zion House** -

**Speaker: Rev. Kelly Ayer, Zion House Director.** Zion House, located in Avon, Livingston County, is one of the first houses for female veterans in the country and the first in New York State. The home operates as a self-managed system and provides access to VA, community based services, and life-skills training. To support the house the women make a line of goat’s milk products. The Rev. Ayer, an Episcopal priest and retired Army veteran, will talk about the history of this unique place in our community.

**11:00 A.M**. **The history of the Geneseo Migrant Center: the oldest in the U.S.**

**Speaker: Robert Lynch, Retired Director of the BOCES Geneseo Migrant Center**

Dr. Gloria Mattera, founded the Geneseo Migrant Center in 1968 to serve the needs of farmworkers and their families. Since that time the center has expanded and received accolades for its efforts to provide educational, health, arts, and other program activities for thousands of adults and children in the immediate service area and also on a statewide, regional and national level. Bob Lynch will bring us a behind the scenes view of the migrant families and how this program has significantly improved their overall quality of life.

**11:45 A.M** **Presentation of the Julia Reinstein Award**

**Noon Lunch – Guest Speaker *Devin Lander, the newly appointed State Historian, will***

***give us an update on his new role and listen to issues facing historians.***

**1:15 P.M.** **Launch of the new Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services Program-**

**Speaker: John Diefenderfer, Archivist, Archival Advisory Services, NYS Archives.** The New York State Education Department has awarded a five-year contract to the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) to provide statewide archival and preservation services for eligible archives, libraries, historical societies, museums, and other institutions that hold historical records and/or library research materials. John Diefenderfer will explain the roll out of this program and other services targeted to the historical records community.

**2:00 P.M. Break**

**2:15** P.M. ***He’s been working on the railroad all the live long day****:* doing railroad research -**Speaker: Michael Connor, retired railroad executive and current President of the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society.** Michael Connor has held numerous high-level positions on the major rail lines in the Northeast including Penn Central, Conrail, Chicago, Central & Pacific, the Ohio Central, the Livonia, Avon & Lakeville/Western New York & Pennsylvania. He is the fourth generation in his family to serve the Erie or the Erie Lackawanna Railroads. His personal goal is to see that their stories are made available to those who didn’t have the privilege of knowing these railroads first-hand.

**3:00 P.M. Meeting wrap up. *Optional tour of the National Warplane Museum.***

## Directions to the United Methodist Church, Rt. 63, Geneseo, NY 14454

From points North and Thruway exit 46: Take I-390s to exit 8 (Geneseo) right on 20A west to Rt. 63 north. Church will be on the left.

From points South: I-86 east to Rt. 98 north to Rt. 39 east to Rt. 63 north. Church will be on the left. Or take 1-390n to exit 7, turn right on Rt. 408 to Rt. 63 north.

From points East: Take Rts 5 & 20 west to I-390s (follow directions from points North above).

From points South and West (Buffalo area): Take NY-400 S and US-20A E to NY-63. Church will be on the right.



