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President's Message

Winter 2018

2018 Conference— High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid



It's our 30th Anniversary! Our 2018 conference will be in historic Lake Placid at the High Peaks Resort June 3-6, 2018. A lot of Olympic history exists in this beautiful village and I encourage you to attend, especially if you have never been to Lake Placid before. Once again, I am very excited about the schedule of classes we have prepared for our members this year (printed in this newsletter). We have focused training this year on emergency management and interdepartment cooperation. Since it was so successful last year, we will once again be offering a free "Wine Glass Painting" event with Angie at the hotel. We have also organized a walking group each morning around Mirror Lake, also organized by Angie. I hope you take the time to register and participate in our 30th Anniversary events that we have planned. Packets are being mailed mid-March.

Changes to the Executive Board

I would like to welcome Brockport Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer Erica Linden to the Executive Board (see profile within this newsletter). I would also like to thank A. Diane Muscoreil, Gina Doty, Kathy Montemarano and Bennie Giles for the time they served on the Board. We currently have three vacancies on our Board and encourage our members to consider running for one of these vacant offices. If you would like to serve on the Board, please contact Donna Mumbulo at *mumbulod@demoboces.com*.

Do you need a scholarship?

Since this is our 30th Anniversary we will be offering *three* scholarships this year for members to attend our conference if their employer cannot financially support continuing education. Please apply! Applications are available on our website *unum.nyalgro.org* and will be included in your registration packet.

Please like our Facebook page

We are trying to be more accessible to our members and have been posting lots of great information on Facebook. Please take a moment and join our group "NYALGRO' (New York Association of Local Government Records Officers)". We post Association News, membership updates, State Archive webinars and other useful information.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in June! Please feel free to call me anytime if you have any questions or just want to say hi. We are here for you!

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Records Management Education Scholarship

NYALGRO is pleased to announce it will once again sponsor a Records Management Education Scholarship to encourage students to pursue academic training in the records management field and to encourage individuals already working in the records management field to pursue advanced training in the field.

The scholarship will be awarded to: (1) a student who has been accepted into or is currently enrolled in a Library and/ or Information Science graduate degree program in New York State, and who is interested in pursuing a professional position in the records management field or (2) an individual currently working in the records management field who is interested in pursuing advanced online training in the records management field from the Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA).

An amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to the individual selected to receive the scholarship.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship the applicant must be a New York State resident and must:

- Be attending or admitted into a graduate degree program in a Library and/or Information Science Program at an ALAaccredited library school in New York State which offers formal training in records management.
- Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- Have completed no more than 12 semester hours towards MLS/MLIS/MIS degree prior to June 1st of year awarded.
- Demonstrate an interest in the records management field.

<u>Or</u>:

- Be a New York State resident
- Have at least one year of experience working in the records management field.
- Be taking a course or courses relating to improving the management of records and information and/or pursuing a certification relating to the improvement of records and information in an organization.
- Have a record of continuing improvements in the records management program where the individual has worked.
- Demonstrate a continuing interest in the records management field and working in the field in the future.

The application deadline is May 4, 2018. For more information contact, James M. Tammaro, the scholarship administrator at 716-479-5509 or at *jmtmls@gmail.com*.

What a Gift! What a Service! To have a local city archives . . .

Our curiosity about the history of #85 Hickory Street, Rochester, NY began on a snowy afternoon in November in Rochester We routinely visit the Archives to work on our family history but today we wanted to discover more about our neighborhood history. For the very first time, we were introduced to Platt maps, synopsis of deeds, Assessment Property Cards, City Directories and cemetery records to do our research.

Our friend David is particularly interested in exploring the history of his new home at 85 Hickory Street in the South Wedge neighborhood. As our history project commenced it seemed likely that David's house was built between 1863 and 1864. Hickory Street first appears in the Rochester City Directories in 1847, although the house next store to David's was built in 1838 so there were residents living there before 1847.

In 1851, Hortario Farley bought lot #85 from Lyman Munger, the original property holder for much of the land in the South Wedge district. Farley built a house on the land in that year and lived there through at least 1885 according to the City Directories. It is unlikely the structure from 1851 is the current building based on the architectural details of the current home found in the City's Property Assessment records.

Between 1853 and 1862, the property was sold several times, but none of the owners was residents according to City Directories and deeds for this time. There is a structure on the property on an 1858 map of the area but the corresponding City Directories (1857 and 1859) do not list a resident for number 36, which is the number of this house during that period. There are several residents listed as living on Hickory or near South Avenue or near the Horace Mann School, or with no number at all, but they are not listed as boarders so it seems unlikely that any of them are at lot 85, number 36.

The first clear evidence of resident on lot #85 comes again in 1864, when Jonas Henry Kocher lives there. He bought the property for \$1300 in 1863 from Peter Cornell of Barre, NY. Kocher was a Freemason, and the Cross of Lorraine, or the double cross, is a symbol used in the third degree of Freemasonry (highest). An unusual architectural detail on the façade of the house, which David discovered in the late fall hidden beneath ivy, is the double cross. Interestingly, Kocher's gravestone at Mt. Hope Cemetery includes the Freemason's square and compass symbol.

That afternoon, we shared our thoughts at a local café. Based on what we learned today it is not a far stretch to speculate that he built the house, but as with many historical research projects, we may never know the full story. Anyhow, we are so grateful we live in a city that we can access the local government archives repository to discover our important neighborhood history.

Scholarship Application

Application due date: April 13, 2018



- 1. In celebration of NYALGRO's 30th Anniversary, NYALGRO will award up to three (3) full scholarships to cover the NYALGRO School registration and hotel accommodations package for two nights (*travel expenses not included*).
- 2. **DEADLINE** All information must be received no later than Friday, April 13, 2018 by 5pm to be considered.
- 3. Award notification will be given via mail, email or phone by Monday, April 23, 2018, 5pm
- 4. Refer to application process below for list of what to provide. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
- 6. If you have any questions about the application, please call Wendy McConkey (518)885-8995 or email at WLM8@cornell.edu

PURPOSE

This annual scholarship was established in honor of Cheryl Steinbach who was the Town Clerk and RMO for the Town of Chautauqua, and past Treasurer and NYALGRO board member. Cheryl's commitment and dedication to records management issues provided a leadership example for all public servants, not just those involved in records management. The scholarship award is to be used toward the total cost of the annual NYALGRO school registration and hotel accommodations (*travel expenses not included*).

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Cheryl Steinbach Memorial Scholarship Committee awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: financial need, personal essay, and years in records management. The Cheryl Steinbach Memorial Scholarship pays scholarship funds directly to the hotel. The Cheryl Steinbach Memorial Scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be a member of NYALGRO and be in good standing by April 15 of each year.
- Applicant's government/agency will <u>NOT</u> be assuming the cost of expenses at the annual NYALGRO School.
- Applicant must <u>NOT</u> have been a Cheryl Steinbach Scholarship Award recipient within the last five (5) years.

SCHOLARSHIP APPICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form which must include applicant's and department head/elected official signatures
- Attached brief explanation stating your role in records management, what you hope to accomplish and/or learn, and how attending the annual school will benefit you in the future.

Please send completed application and brief essay to:

Wendy McConkey, NYALGRO Scholarship & Award Committee Chair CCE Saratoga 50 West High Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Fax: (518) 885-9078 Email: WLM8@cornell.edu

CHERYL STEINBACH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application 2018 - this section must be filled out by applicant.

Please type or print. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

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1. Are you a member of NYALGRO in	good standing? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No	
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3. Have you been a Cheryl Steinbach	Scholarship Award recipient with	in the last five (5) years? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
	STATEMENT OF ACCURA	СҮ
I hereby affirm that all the above stat	ted information provided by me t	o the Cheryl Steinbach Memorial Scholarship
Committee is true, correct and witho	ut forgery.	
Signature of scholarship applicant:		Date:
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This section to be filled out by Depa	rtment Head/Elected Official	
By signing below, I authorize that the	expenses at the annual NYALGR	O School by the above named individual will
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Introducing Our New Board Member Erica Linden



As the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Brockport, my duties include records management, accounts payable, grants management, design and editor of the village newsletter, website manager, and customer service. Recently, I have been very involved in clean energy and climate smart efforts on behalf of our municipality, as well as comprehensive

plan strategies. I also coordinate the annual Canal Clean Sweep and Earth Day celebration along the Erie Canal within the village.

My family and I have lived in the village for eight years and truly love this "Victorian Village on the Canal." I have two daughters, ages 10 and 11, two Gordon Setters, and four rabbits! My graduate degree is in public management; much of my early work experience was with the federal government, nonprofit service, and grant writing. Currently, I am on the board for the newly formed Brockport Community Rowing Club, a member of Walk Bike Brockport Community Action Committee, and the Western Monroe Historical Society. I am also the business manager for my husband's consulting business, Linden Preservation Services, Inc. Some hobbies include hiking, reading, needle felting, and yoga.

NYALGRO offers a wonderful learning opportunity by providing resources, connections, and of course, the annual conference. I look forward to contributing to this terrific group, and I know I – and my municipality - will continue to benefit from all it has to offer! I can be reached at *elinden@brockportny.org*



Exploring Lake Placid

During your time at the Conference you may find some time to explore the surrounding areas of Lake Placid. The Adirondacks are mainly for outdoorsy vacationers; there are lots of opportunities for skiing and snowboarding at Whiteface Mountain in winter, as well as hiking and boating at Saranac Lake during the warmer months. But the region holds a range of attractions for other niche travelers. History buffs will appreciate John Brown Farm State Historic Site and Fort Ticonderoga; you can also enjoy learning about Adirondack wildlife at The Wild Center. Meanwhile, sports fans can add Lake Placid's Olympic Jumping Complex, Olympic Sports Complex and Olympic Museum to their must-see lists. For more information refer to *wnw.lakeplacid.com*.





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State Archives Update

The Archives' Records Management Database, designed in Microsoft Access, has been a popular tool among New York State local governments and state agencies to track and manage paper records, especially inactive paper records. However, in recent years, the Archives' version of the database became outdated, the most recent version being in Access2003. The Archives recently updated the Records Management Database to Access2016. If you'd like the updated version, please contact *recmgmt@nysed.gov* or you can download it here <u>http://www.archives.nysed.gov/records/mr_use.shtml</u>

This winter the Archives introduced the Winter Webinar Series. This series of online training events was designed for local officials to obtain records management training without having to travel in the cold and snow to a workshop. Each has been recorded and you can watch them through the Archives YouTube channel available at http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/recordings. The following sessions were scheduled between January and March:

January 3 Disaster Recovery for Records Managers

- January 24 Records Appraisal for Records Managers
- February 14 Introduction to Information Technology for Records Managers
 - March 7 Introduction to Historical Records for Local Governments
 - March 21 Developing or Renewing a Records Management Plan

The Archives will be introducing some new webinars in 2018 on such topics as managing infrastructure records, information governance, and change management for the records manager. Keep an eye out for some new advisories too. In addition, we have made some significant updates to our popular workshops, The Legal Aspects of Records Management and The Electronic Records Bootcamp.

Finally, work continues on the updates to the Archives' records retention schedules for local governments. Archives staff are combining all four local government schedules—the MU-1 for municipalities (including towns), the CO-2 for counties, the ED-1 for school districts, and the MI-1 for miscellaneous governments into one General Schedule for Local Governments. We can't say yet when the new schedule will be completed, but staff is working hard on the updates. —Dave Lowry



RESERVATION POLICY

TAXES ARE ADDITIONAL UNLESS EXEMPT

- The cut-off date for making reservations will be Friday, May 4, 2018.
- A deposit in the amount of \$200 is due at the time of reservation.
- Cancellations must be received 7 days prior to arrival in order to avoid cancellation fee of \$200. Cancellations and changes received within 7 days of arrival will result in a penalty of the full package stay. Guests that do not check in by 11:59PM on their scheduled date of arrival or who do not show for any portion of their stay will be charged the full package stay.
- If tax exempt, please submit a valid ST-129.
- Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM.
- Early arrival and late departure rates are available on request and are subject to availability.









New York Association of Local Government Records Officers (NYALGRO) Sunday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 6, 2018

PLEASE SUBMIT ONE FORM PER ROOM WITH ALL ROOMMATES LISTED

		Please circle one:
Package #1 - Sunday thru Monday	SINGLE \$268.15	DOUBLE \$203.65pp
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Package #3 - Sunday thru Tuesday Afternoon	SINGLE \$539.93	DOUBLE \$410.93pp
Includes Two Nights Lodging and all n	neals	
Package #4 - Sunday Night thru Wednesday	SINGLE \$668.93	DOUBLE \$539.93pp
Includes Three Nights Lodging and all	meals for conference (no	meals Wednesday)
Package #5 - Lunch/Breaks Only Monday/Tuesday	\$95.00 pp	
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Arrival		BY MAY 4, 2018
Departure		High Peaks Resort
Amount Due		2384 Saranac Avenue Lake Placid, NY 12946
CC#	_Exp	Fax: (518) 523-1120
I have read and agree to the above reservation po	licies (see back of form)	reservations@highpeaksresort.co
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Cancellations for a refund must be made by close of business May 4, 2018. Please complete and return with a check to: NYALGRO, c/o Jessica McClennan, Village of Woodbury, PO Box 546, Central Valley, NY 10917.

2018 Tentative Schedule – Please check the areas you wish to attend.

<u>Sunday, June 3, 2018</u> 6PM - 7PM 7:30PM – 9PM	Wine Glass Painting with Angie - FREE EVENT Welcome Reception
<u>Monday, June 4, 2018</u>	
8:30AM - 9AM	New Member/First Time Attendee Orientation
9AM - 10AM	Opening Ceremony/Keynote Speaker
10:30AM – Noon	Managing Case Files OR 🛛 LGRMIF : TIP to Demonstration Grants
1PM – 2:30PM	Creating an E-mail Policy OR 🛛 🗍 Making an Office Retention Schedule
3PM – 5PM	A Disaster Has Hit - Now What??????
6PM – 7PM	President's Cocktail Hour
7PM - ????	Banquet and Awards (food choice selected on hotel registration form)
<u>Tuesday, June 5, 2018</u>	
8:30AM – 12PM	Electronic Records Boot Camp
8:30AM – 10AM	Cloud Computing and the Technological Stratosphere
10:30AM – Noon	Working with Your Historian
1:30PM – 3PM	Fire District Q&AORI Round Table/Open Forum - Q&A on Any Topic
3PM – 4:30PM	Tour Lake Placid On Your Own (suggestion included on insert)

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