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# PROGRESS THROUGH PRESERVATION OF GREATER AKRON

## **PTP Annual Meeting Monday, January 28, 2019 Akron Woman's City Club**

**The 2019 Annual Membership Meeting for Progress Through Preservation of Greater Akron (PTP) will take place on Monday, January 28 at the Akron Woman's City Club, 732 West Exchange Street in Akron. (Please note this is the same location as last year's meeting!) We will meet at 6:00 and dinner will begin at 6:30.**

After dinner our speaker will be native Akronite, David Giffels who will speak on *The Hard Way on Purpose*. Mr. Giffels is an associate professor at The University of Akron where he teaches creative nonfiction writing and literature courses, and serves on the faculty of the NEOMFA: Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing. A former writer for the Akron Beacon Journal, he is the author of *All the Way Home: Building a Family in a Falling-Down House* (2008), *The Hard Way on Purpose: Essays and Dispatches from the Rust Belt* (2014), and *Furnishing Eternity: A Father, a Son, a Coffin, and a Measure of Life* (2018). He will speak on his personal experiences growing up in Akron, restoring a house in desperate need of love, and his philosophy of life and family. After Mr. Giffel's presentation we will hold our annual business meeting including the election of Board members.

Our venue, the Akron Woman's City Club, was originally the home of Goodrich president Bertram G. Work and was known as Grey Lodge. Built in 1901 in the Georgian Revival style (with several later additions), the house originally faced South Portage Path (the street has been rerouted) and was one of a group of homes owned by Goodrich executives on the Perkins' property that was called Mutton Hill. The home remains as an example of the beautiful mansions that once graced the original "West Hill." **For those who would like to learn more of the history of the building and tour the first and second floors, a tour will begin at 5:30.**

For dinner you have the choice of three entrées: Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Marsala, or Veggie Lasagna. Dinner includes salad, entrée, rolls, coffee, hot or iced tea, along with dessert. A cash bar offering beer and wine is available. The cost of dinner is \$35 per person. Please RSVP to Alice Christie at [achristie@malone.edu](mailto:achristie@malone.edu) or 330-864-8364 by Thursday, January 24 and indicate your choice of entrée and whether you would like to join the tour.



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