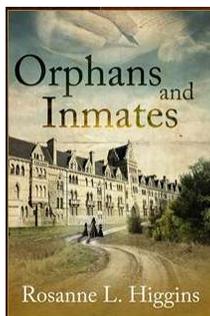


The Possible Lives of 1800s Poorhouse Residents in WNY
By Rosanne L. Higgins

June 15, 2023 (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

Rosanne L. Higgins grew up in Buffalo. Her experiences traveling in both the United States and in Europe as a child and later to Ireland resulted in a love of history and cultural diversity from an early age. In 1998 she earned a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University at Buffalo where she studied the relationship between biology and poverty during the nineteenth century.

In 2012 she was invited to join the Erie County Poorhouse Cemetery project undertaken by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Buffalo. This project and her dissertation work gave her a familiarity of the



inmates of the institutions in WNY. This led to a historical book series chronicling fictional accounts of poorhouse residents. Each book is an adventure into life as it was in the 1800s--mixing history, spiritualism, love, hardships, and victories. (This edited text was taken from rosannehiggins.com.)

Menu: Grilled chicken kabobs, roasted zucchini and summer squash, baby salt potatoes, rolls, salad, rice pudding, lemonade, water.

Location: Randall Memorial Baptist Church Pavilion, 6301 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221

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My Mother's Holocaust Story By Bill Lin

April 20, 2023 (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

Bill Lin was born in Poland just a few years after WWII to holocaust survivors. Most of his extended family had perished. He has some childhood memories of post-war life in Communist Poland, including incidents of anti-Semitism. The family immigrated to Israel during the 1950s and eventually immigrated to the United States in 1960. Mr. Lin and his wife moved to WNY in 1977 and raised their family in Amherst.

Mr. Lin will present his mother's story. Although many survivors were not able to talk about their experiences during the war, his mother was able to put some of her memories on paper. He uses excerpts from her memoir to talk about her personal journey, about the destruction of much of her family, and about picking up the pieces after the war.

The experiences and suffering of ordinary people during this tragic and tumultuous period educate us about the consequences of bigotry, intolerance, and ignorance. (This edited text was taken from the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo website.)

Kosher Menu: Lemon pepper chicken, Israeli salad, rice with mushrooms and spinach, brownies, coffee, tea, water.

Location: Temple Beth Tzedek, 1641 North Forest Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221



What Will I Talk About? By Mike Randall

May 18, 2023 (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

Mike Randall has had more than forty years in television and a fifty-year career in theatre. That should make him 90 years old, but he is still just a kid at heart and not very good at math. You have seen him on WKBW-TV as the weather guy and feature reporter since 1983. Or maybe you have caught him on stage as Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, or one of the other many roles he has played on local stages. Actor, meteorologist, story-teller, ventriloquist, magician, playwright, artist, husband, father, and animal lover. What will Mike Randall talk about? You never know until he opens his mouth! (This edited text was provided by Mike Randall.)

Menu: Roast beef, rolls, grilled vegetables with balsamic glaze, baked beans, vegetable risotto, surprise dessert, coffee, tea, water.

Location: Randall Memorial Baptist Church Dining Hall, 6301 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221

