PROPYLAEUM

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

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An Inside Look at the Indiana Fever

What brings a professional women's basketball team together? How does the front office interact with the coaches and players? Join us on February 4, as Dr. Allison Barber, CEO of the Indiana Fever, describes how the Fever organization uses the values of commit, compete, and contribute, to gain success on and off the court. Dr. Barber brings her experiences of shooting for the goal throughout her life and career, as a college athlete and in each professional role she has held.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The place that connects and celebrates women.

GOALS

A welcoming place for women to use their voice, inspire leadership, connect with others, and continue the legacy of women supporting women.

Programs that offer opportunities for enrichment, education, exploration, culture, and community.

Preserve and maintain the place that has been the home for women since 1923.

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President's Letter

Happy New Year! As we look forward to a new year, we remember those we lost over last year: Margaret McWhirter and Georgia Bowman who joined the organization in the days of purchasing stock; Judy Davis, Libby Grueninger, Marilyn Pecsok, and Virginia Francisco, all members of over 25 years; and Ninalou Isaacson, a member for almost 20 years. These women contributed to the life of the Prop and left their imprints on the organization. The Propylaeum continues to grow and evolve based on the strength of its members. I am grateful for you, the ones who currently shape and form the Propylaeum!

Rose Wernicke



Note from the Executive Director

Resolutions

What are your New Year's resolutions? I challenge each of you to resolve to pick up the phone and call a member you haven't spoken to in a while, write an email or note to a friend, to attend a Prop Day program or Historic Neighborhoods program and learn something new about Indianapolis.

I've heard from so many people who miss the interactions and the friends they have made at the Propylaeum. Let's all resolve to share kindness, grace, and support for one another throughout 2021.

Happy New Year

Liz Ellis

For all upcoming events, follow us on:







In Memoriam

We remember the following members who passed away between September 2020 and January 2021.

Georgia Bowman was raised in Anderson, Indiana and attended Anderson High School. She graduated from Ball State University with both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees graduating Magna then Summa Cum Laude. Georgia worked for IPS for 36 years as an elementary teacher, curriculum consultant, and principal. She was named Principal of the Year by the Principal's Association. Georgia joined the Propylaeum in 1981. Georgia passed away on January 2, 2021.(legacy.com)

Elisabeth "Libby" Grueninger grew up in Indianapolis and attended Shortridge High School. She attended Butler University and completed her degree at the Art Institute of Chicago. Libby worked as a fashion illustrator for L.S. Ayres. Libby and her husband Othmar founded the global travel company Grueninger Travel Service which included Ambassadair. She was the proprietor of the Carmel Theater for ten years. Libby joined the Propylaeum in 1993. Libby passed away December 4, 2020. (legacy.com)

Mary Virginia Francisco was raised in Indianapolis and attended Broad Ripple High School. Virginia attended Butler and Indiana University before pursuing her Master's Degree at the University of Kentucky. She worked as a librarian at Harry E. Wood High School and Northview Junior High School. Virginia's graduate thesis on libraries is on display at the Indiana State Library. She joined the Propylaeum in 1991. Virginia passed away on October 20, 2020. (legacy.com)

Margaret McWhirter was born in Villa Grove, Illinois and graduated from Danville, Illinois High School. She received degrees from DePauw University and Northwestern University. Margaret was involved with many organizations in Indianapolis and was the first chairman of the Lawrence Township School Board and oversaw the building of Lawrence Central High School. She joined the Propylaeum in 1978 and served as a board and committee member for many years. Margaret passed away on November 22, 2020. (legacy.com)

Marilyn Pecsok grew up in Indianapolis. She attended Shortridge High School where she graduated first in her class. Marilyn earned her Bachelor's degree at Depauw Univsersity and her Master's degree at Butler University and she taught third grade for eleven years at IPS #90. Marilyn was involved in many charities and served on many boards including the Indianapolis Propylaeum. Along with her husband Jack, Marilyn was instrumental in raising funds for the new roof. Marilyn joined the Propylaeum in 1994. She passed away on December 15, 2020. (legacy.com)



2020-2021 MARILYN K. GLICK WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT SERIES



DR. ALLISON BARBER

PRESIDENT & COO OF INDIANA FEVER

FEBRUARY 4, 2021 7:00PM VIA ZOOM



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THE INDIANAPOLIS PROPYLAEUM'S ANNUAL

Women's Literary Tea

THE NOTORIOUS MRS. CLEM
MURDER AND MONEY IN THE GUILDED AGE



PRESENTED BY DR. WENDY GAMBER
CHAIR OF IU DEPT. OF HISTORY

MARCH 6 3:00PM

ONLINE, VIA ZOOM



A Bicentennial Look at Indy's Architectural History with Jordan Ryan



January 27, 7PM

2020-2021 MARILYN K. GLICK
WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT SERIES



KATRICE HARDY

EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF INDYSTAR

APRIL 8, 2021 7:00PM VIA ZOOM



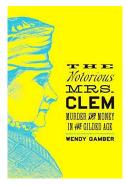
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Women's Literary Tea

The Women's History Tea has been renamed and will now be known as Women's Literary Tea, to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. as a virtual event.

In connection with the Prop's celebration of Indy's Bicentennial, Dr. Wendy Gamber, Chair of the IU Department of History, will be



our featured speaker to talk about her book, "The Notorious Mrs. Clem, Murder and Money in the Gilded Age." This is the story of an Indianapolis housewife who was suspected of two gruesome murders in 1868. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation which should be especially interesting since the Prop Book Club has chosen this as their read for February.

We will also have an on-line auction in conjunction with the Tea as a fundraiser. It will begin on Monday, March 1, at Noon and end after the Tea on March 6 at 6:00 p.m. We will have some very nice items including a lovely china tea set, a Downton Abbey Gift Set and an autographed copy of Dr. Gamber's book.

For further information, go to https://www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or call the Prop at 317-638-7881.

You can sign up for the Tea online now. Auction registration information will be available later. Please join us, and feel free to wear your favorite spring hat and enjoy a cup of tea as you watch!

Fever continued....



Tickets are available at https:// www.thepropylaeum.org/ programs. The program begins at 7 p.m. with an introduction by Tamika Catchings, former Fever player and current VP of Basketball Operations, the featured speaker, Dr. Allison Barber, and followed by a Q and A.

The series concludes on April 8 at 7 p.m. with Katrice Hardy, Executive

Editor of the IndyStar and Midwest Regional Editor for USA Today Network.

The Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series ia a yearly three-part lecture series featuring Indiana women who have "broken the mold." This series offers a chance for the community to meet and hear from women leaders who hold all types of positions, from top philanthropists, to pioneers in the judiciary, to business leaders, athletes, and activists. The Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series is a one-of-akind program that is unmatched in Indiana for its innovation, scope, and focus. This is a not-to-be-missed experience.



Historic Neighborhoods of Indianapolis

Indy Bicentennial Architecture

Join us for a presentation by Jordan Ryan, independent architectural historian and archivist and secretary of the board for Historic Urban Neighborhoods of Indianapolis, on the value of historic Indianapolis archival collections. This virtual program will highlight local architectural collections recently made accessible during Ryan's work managing the Indianapolis Bicentennial Collecting Initiative on behalf of the Indiana Historical Society. The initiative was officially endorsed by the City of Indianapolis' Bicentennial Commission. After highlighting newly available architectural, planning, and infrastructure-related collections, Ryan will discuss the civic and research values of building municipal collections; they will end with a summary of the Indianapolis Bicentennial efforts. Ryan is an interdisciplinary architectural historian, archivist and scholar offering boutique built environment, planning, and land use history and archival research consulting services.

This event is the second event in a new series presented by the Propylaeum focusing on historic neighborhoods of Indianapolis, such as Meridian Place, Ransom Place, Lockerbie, and more. Local experts and enthusiasts will discuss the history, architecture, and historical significance neighborhoods throughout Indianapolis and will share photos and stories from past and present.

WES Goes to School

Enrichment Goes to School has been an important part of WES since its inception. Although the pandemic prevents the Propylaeum from presenting live in-school programs, we have a great opportunity to fulfill an urgent need of teachers and students who are engaged in virtual learning— those old-fashioned physical BOOKS to read at home! Many of the students who are not able to be in their classrooms do not have access to books; friends and members of the Propylaeum can fulfill this urgent need. Please donate age-appropriate books for elementary, middle school and high school students. Use this as an occasion to declutter your home, or purchase a few children's classics and donate them. Please drop off your donations at the Propylaeum before March 15.

More information to come.

CALENDAR

All activities listed in the calendar will be web-only. For more information and to register for programs please visit our website www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents

January

- 14: Board of Directors Meeting. Contact Rose Wernicke. 11:30 a.m.
- 18: Investment Group. Contact Diane Tolliver. 10 a.m.
- 19: Virtual Prop Day featuring Jackie Nytes. 7 p.m.
- Book Group. The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton.
 Contact Cathy Michel. Noon.
- 27: Historic Neighborhoods Series featuring Jordan Ryan. 7 p.m. Contact Marjorie Kienle.

February

- 4: Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series featuring Dr. Allison Barber. 7 p.m.
- 11: Board of Directors Meeting. Contact Rose Wernicke. 11:30 a.m.
- 15: Investment Group. Contact Diane Tolliver. 10 a.m.
- 16: Prop Day. Lunch and Learn. Noon.
- 23: Book Group. *The Notorious Mrs. Clem: Murder and Money in the Gilded Age* by Wendy Gamber. Noon.



Acknowledging the women who impacted our lives and communities through their existence.

\$100 Donation to list one name and picture in the virtual Women's Enrichment Series program for the 2020-2021 Year

THE INDIANAPOLIS PROPYLAEUM



Membership

Active Memberships contribute to the culture and social life of the organization. Dues are partially tax deductible and members may carry a monthly account, receive a 30% facility rental discount for private events held at the Propylaeum, receive special event pricing for Propylaeum Events, and enjoy member benefits through Columbia Club reciprocity. Visit **thepropylaeum.org** for more information.

January Birthdays

- 1 Patricia Lyster
- 3 Nancy Roth
- 18 Michelyn Gallagher
- 21 Joanne Solomon
- 23 Rachel Barnstead
- 28 Brenda Huston

*We love to honor our members. Please let us know if you have an upcoming birthday or if we missed your birthday.