

# The Indianapolis Propylaeum

## Annual Report

### May 2018



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# meeting agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes for 2017
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Financial Development
5. Programs
  - Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series
  - May Wright Sewall Award Event
  - 16th Annual Salon Society
6. President's Report
7. Executive Director's Report
8. The Circle of May Wright Sewall Induction
9. Recognition of Retiring Board Members
  - Joanne Solomon
  - Othmar Grueninger
10. Presentation of Slate for Board of Directors
11. Voting for 2018-2021 New Board Members
12. Installation of New Directors
13. Memorial Remembrance
  - Margaret Cislak
  - Barbara (Beezy) Farris
  - Sherry King
  - Ellie Noe
14. Adjourn for Lunch
15. Short Meeting-----New Board of Directors

## Board of Directors

Joanne Solomon, President  
Jim Glass, Vice President  
Rose Wernicke, Treasurer  
Diane Tolliver, Secretary  
Alex Barnstead  
Veronica Embry  
Borrke Funkhauser

Othmar Grueninger  
pegg kennedy  
Cathy Michel  
Debra Renkens  
Karen Pfeiffer  
Roxanne Whitley-Anderson

# meeting minutes

## Propylaeum Historic Foundation, Inc.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, May 17, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Propylaeum Historic Foundation, Inc. was held at the house Club Room on May 17, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Jim Glass, Vice President, who also welcomed all present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Wahls. A packet was distributed to each person present and contained the agenda and reports.

The minutes of the May 16, 2016 meeting were approved as moved by Sue Hetherington and seconded by pegg kennedy.

The President's Annual Report was read. The Treasurer's report was given by Rose Wernicke. pegg kennedy reported on the Women's Enrichment Series and that over \$40,000 income was brought in by this event. Vice President Jim Glass gave reports for the Financial Development Committee including the Capital Campaign and a recent meeting with Lilly Endowment. Liz Ellis gave the Executive Director's Report.

Joanne Solomon, President, arrived at 11:25 and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Outgoing Board members were recognized: Mary Burger, Kandy Kinker, Shirley Roberts, Sue Hetherington and James Sweeney.

The Circle of May Wright Sewall, established in 1996, was awarded to 6 individuals. John (deceased) and Grace Long; Jack (deceased) and Marilyn Pecsock; James (deceased) and Sue Hetherington.

The Board Development Committee consisted of Sue Hetherington as the Chair, James Sweeney, and pegg kennedy. Proposed individuals for the Board of Directors: Alexander Barnstead, Veronica Embry, Kenneth Giffin, Michael Grueninger, Karen Pfeiffer and Roxanne Whitney-Anderson. The Board Development Committee also presented the following slate of officers: Joanne Solomon, President; James Glass, Vice President; Rose Wernicke, Treasurer; Diane Tolliver, Secretary. A short meeting will follow the Annual Meeting and these two slates will be voted upon by the Board of Directors.

Memorial recognitions were held for Julia Lacy (passed in 2016), Carolyn Adams Litz (passed in 2017), and Jane Browne (passed in 2017).

The Annual Meeting was adjourned to outside the house, south side, for the dedication of a tree in memory of John Long, Past Foundation President. This was donated by Gerry and Joanne Solomon. The Annual Meeting reconvened inside the Club Room.

The Board of Directors convened for a brief meeting. The newly elected officers and new members of the Board of Directors were installed by Grace Long, Past President.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

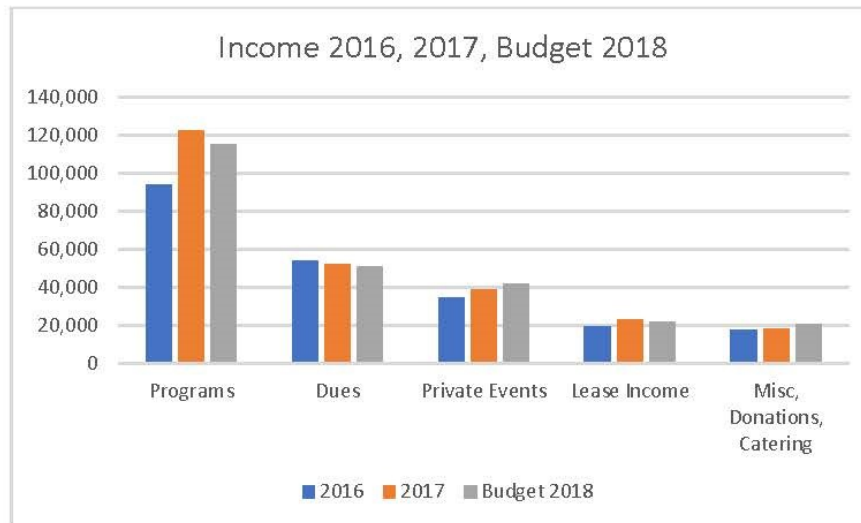
Diane K. Tolliver, Secretary  
Propylaeum Historic Foundation, Inc.  
May 5, 2018



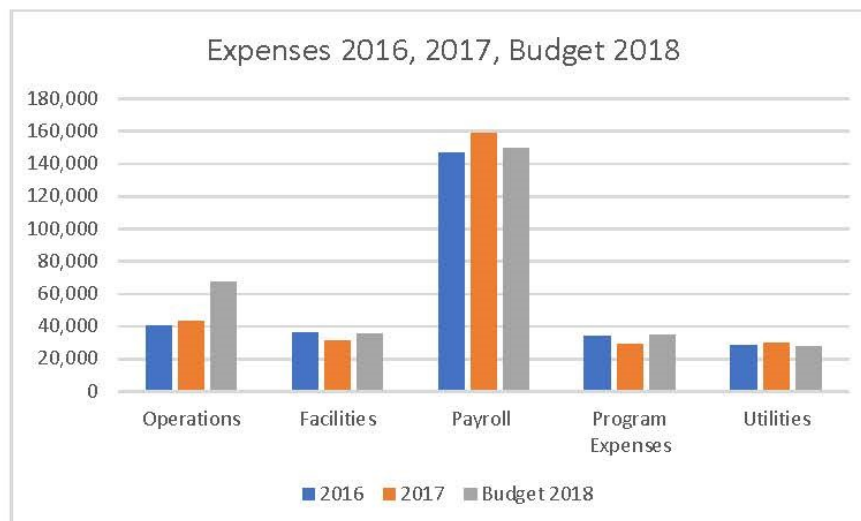
Joanne Solomon and Grace Long with tree dedicated in honor of John Long

# treasurer's report

Financial information for the Propylaeum is discussed below. More detail may be obtained from the Treasurer or the Executive Director.



The chart above compares the operating income categories for 2016, 2017, and budgeted 2018. The largest source of income continues to be programs and has increased due to the Women's Enrichment Series and increases in Salon Society and May Wright Sewall Leadership sponsorships. Private Events income is expected to gradually increase.



Expenses have been reduced to a minimum for all categories. The large increase in Operations expense for 2018 is due to the \$22,500 budgeted for the architectural study.

Profit and Loss Statement	2016	2017	Budget 2017	Budget 2018
Income	218,420	253,120	211,422	248,976
Expenses	284,948	292,230	288,479	316,354
Donations	66,528	80,229	77,057	46,627
Net	0	41,119	0	-20,751

The chart above compares the financial results for the Propylaeum for 2016 through 2018. For 2017, although expenses were higher than budgeted, income and donations were also higher than budgeted, creating a positive cash flow to apply to the 2018 budget. The finance committee, strategic planning committee and board are continuing to explore ways to meet the budgetary needs of the Prop.

Fund Balances	2016	2017	Budget 2018
Operating	51,974	80,707	49,631
Restricted Funds:			
Scholarship Fund	1,355	1,355	1,355
Maintenance Reserve	49,783	48,191	48,201

## Finance Committee Report

The finance committee met five times during 2017. In March, the committee reviewed the proposal from Blue and Company and voted to have them prepare the Propylaeum’s Personal Property Tax Return and Form 990 – Nonprofit Organization Tax Reporting. In May, the committee reviewed the accounting flow of information through the office and approved signers for checks. In October and November, the group met to prepare and refine the budget for 2018. During 2018 the finance committee will prepare and implement documents to create an Endowment fund.

Rose Wernicke  
Treasurer

### Finance Committee

Rose Wernicke, Chair  
Mary Burger  
Susan Fasig  
Jim Glass  
Kandy Kinker  
Debra Renkens  
Joanne Solomon  
Diane Tolliver

# Financial Development Committee Report

Annual Meeting, Indianapolis Propylaeum

- Growing May's Vision Campaign
  - Goal: \$100,000 to be pledged between August 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018
  - Campaign has raised \$86,292 to date.
  - Benefits: It has helped balance operating budget for 2018 (approximately \$68,000 deficit projected as of April 10) and is underwriting the architectural feasibility study (\$18,500 balance)
  - Pledges to date received from members:
    - Total, member pledges: \$29,051
    - Board pledges: \$57,241
  - All members who have not made a pledge yet to the campaign are being asked to help us meet our goal by June 30.
- Annual Fund drive
  - Spring 2018—semi-annual fund drive—targeting all those who've been to Propylaeum in last year who are not members
  - Fall 2018—contributions from members and friends
- Central Indiana Community Foundation
  - pegg kennedy and Liz had lunch with Brian Payne, CEO, this month
  - Foundation willing to increase financial support of Propylaeum and provide advice on development
- Establish Endowment (Propylaeum Legacy Fund)
  - First \$5,525 has been contributed
- Planned Giving
  - A source for contributions to the endowment/Legacy Fund
  - Diane Tolliver suggested DAR planned giving program as model
  - Strategic Plan will address and make recommendations

Submitted by

Jim Glass  
Vice President

## Financial Development Committee

Jim Glass, Chair  
Alex Barnstead  
Roni Embry  
Othmar Grueninger  
Marilyn Pecsok  
Joanne Solomon



# donors

## annual fund

Lorene Burkhart  
Audrey Cline  
Marilyn Creedon  
Eli Lilly & Co. Foundation  
Donna Emmick  
Marni Fechtman  
Gloria Harbin  
pegg kennedy  
Alison Kistner  
Thomas Krasean  
Martha Lamkin  
Bonnie Lewis  
Jane LoDuca  
Jane P. McClelland  
Betty Means  
Cathy Plump  
Marcia Rice  
Pat Garrett Rooney  
David Sease  
Bonnie Reilly  
Joanne Solomon  
Ann Thompson

## growing may's vision

Sheila Barton-Bosron DDS  
Rebecca Bushong  
Suzayne W. Davis  
Eli Lilly & Co. Foundation  
Cheryl J. Eyed  
Sherrill Estelle Franklin  
James Glass  
Libby Grueninger  
Gloria L Harbin  
Mary Lou Hurst  
Brenda Huston  
pegg kennedy  
Paula McKay  
Cathy Michel  
Nancy Miller  
Anne Pantzer  
Marilyn Pecsok  
Karen Pfeiffer  
Nelson Price  
Debra Renkens  
Marcia Rice  
Nancy Roth  
Joanne Solomon  
Diane K Tolliver  
Rose Wernicke

## women's enrichment series

Barnes & Thornburg, LLP  
Elaine E. Bedel

Linda S Carlen  
Central Indiana Community Foundation  
Elizabeth Ellis  
F. C. Tucker Company  
Dawn Fazli  
Ann S. Frick  
Nancy Fyffe  
Marianne Glick  
Sue B. Hetherington  
pegg kennedy  
Grace Long  
Cathy Michel  
Plews, Shadley, Racher, and Braun  
Mary Linda Ray  
Debra Renkens  
Marcia Rice  
Shirley Roberts  
Joanne Solomon  
Angela Stephens Tarter  
Ann Strong  
Diane K Tolliver  
Vectren Foundation, Inc.  
Beverly Watkins  
Sherry L. Watkins  
Rose Wernicke  
Katherine Willing  
Ann S. Wright

## may wright sewall leadership

Mary Busch  
Eli Lilly & Co. Foundation  
Cheryl J. Eyed  
Carey Hamilton  
Gloria L Harbin  
The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis  
Karlee Macer  
Mary Jane Meeker-Stogsdill  
Don Pennington  
Marcia Rice  
Nancy Roth  
Robert Sewall  
Joanne Solomon  
Monica L. Vojnovich  
Melanie Wright

## salon society

Mary Jean Alig  
Janet Barb  
Suzanne Blakeman  
Georgia Bowman  
Brigitt Caito  
Jill Chambers

Penny Conner  
Suzayne W. Davis  
Eli Lilly & Co. Foundation  
Ann S. Frick  
Cheryl J. Eyed  
James Glass  
Nancy Haldrup  
Sue B. Hetherington  
Kandace Kinker  
Martha Lamkin  
Grace Long  
BJ Maley  
Carol McHenry  
Cathy Michel  
Nancy Miller  
Marilyn Pecsok  
Patty Ragan  
Debra Renkens  
Sharon Reynolds  
Marcia Rice  
Miriam Ross  
Joanne Solomon  
Thomas Stump  
Rosemary Tanner  
Nancy Turula  
Monica Vojnovich  
Rose Wernicke  
Katherine Willing

## properly chic style show

Marcia Rice

## halloween bash

Angela Stephens Tarter

## grants

Lilly Endowment, Inc.

## wes in-kind

Indianapolis Monthly  
Printing Partners  
Sun King Brewery  
Urban Times  
WFYI

## gifts made in memoriam

Ann Frick  
Indianapolis Council of Women  
Sue Hetherington  
Marcia Rice  
Joanne Solomon



# president's report

The Propylaeum Historic Foundation has had many successes this past year. Two of our biggest ones were taking in over 20 new members from last May and working to narrow the financial gap that we have been carrying. We are working on having a balanced budget in 2019. This is due in part to our wonderful Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Program, the success of our May Wright Sewall leadership Award Dinner, and our annual Salon Society Event. These programs are open to the public and were well received. We are leading the city in spotlighting women who are working to make a difference in our community and state. The Propylaeum sponsored a Christmas Open House for our members and friends which were very well received. There were plans to have a Woman's Tea in March but had to be cancelled because of the weather. It has been rescheduled for July.

We want to continue with other fun programs such as the PROPERly Chic Style Show, Pages at the Prop, Talbert Street Art Fair parking, as we begin to grow new events.

We have begun to work on several projects to secure the future of the Propylaeum. Soon we will be getting the written results of our Building Preservation Plan. This complete report will show us what we need to do to protect our building. It will also prioritize the needs to be addressed first and the cost. Hopefully, we will be able to apply for grants to help us complete the recommendations. By September, we should have a strategic plan that we are now working on. This will guide the Board in planning for the operational part of the Foundation. We need to continue to grow and operate events to bring in money. Interviews have been made and our members will be receiving surveys. For years, the organization has been discussing starting an endowment. This is becoming a reality. We are going to name it the Propylaeum Legacy Fund and we have already received a donation. Our Executive Director will be working on reaching our membership with the possibilities of putting the Propylaeum in their estate plans.

Nancy Schowalter who worked for the club/foundation for over 20 years retired.

The success of this year has to be credited to the hard work of the Board, Chairman of the Committees, and our membership. The Indianapolis Propylaeum is gaining strength each year to protect our historic house and the mission of our organization.

Joanne Solomon  
President



President Joanne Solomon and Stef Hogsett, wife of Indpls Mayor Joe Hogsett

# executive director's report

Thank you all so much for a great first year. The Propylaeum is growing in nearly every way possible because of the hard work and dedication of so many people. Strong board leadership has set the tone for active and effective committees, increased fundraising, and growth in membership.

The coming year will see a new strategic plan, marketing plan and logo, and building preservation plan. New staff members are on the horizon with an emphasis on event sales, marketing and networking.

We are working toward creating more partnerships with women's organizations and outside groups and promoting the Propylaeum as the best place for organizations to meet.

There is so much happening at the Prop. Watch the *Bulletin* for new Prop events that we are rolling out in 2018. You can always join a committee to share your experience and expertise as well as build comradery with other members. We promise there is something for everyone!

Let me know what ideas you have!

Liz



## Board Development and Governance

**Goal: Full board engaged and focused on mission and goals.**

- Updated Indianapolis Propylaeum By-Laws
- Four new board members, Alex Barnstead, pegg kennedy, Karen Pfeiffer, and Roxanne Whitley-Anderson with others to be voted on today.
- Strong committee structure.
- Strategic planning committee to work with consultants to prepare a three-year strategic and marketing plan

## Fundraising

**Goal: Grow funding to increase programming, meet our mission, and attain financial stability.**

- Created a donation appeal to non-donors and will continue to grow this avenue of fundraising
- Raised \$82,000 through Growing May's Vision
- Increased sponsorship for both the Women's Enrichment Series and May Wright Sewall Leadership event
- Received \$50,000 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- Finance Committee creating the structure for the Indianapolis Propylaeum Legacy Endowment. Received first gift toward the endowment.
- Planning stages for planned giving materials. Would encourage all members to consider how they can ensure the Propylaeum will be a viable organization in perpetuity through estate gifts.

## Programs

**Goal: Mission driven, sold-out, well sponsored, and informative programming.**

- WES
  - ◊ Very successful 2017- 2018 Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series, increased sponsorship, increased exposure, increased ticket sales
  - ◊ Speakers set for 2018-2019 season: October 25, 2018 - Jennifer Nelson Williams and Rabbi Sandy Sasso founders of Women4Change Indiana; February 21, 2019 - Dr. Lisa Harris, President of Eskenazi Health; April 25, 2019 - Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, first female bishop of the Episcopal Church.
- May Wright Sewall Leadership Award
  - ◊ Increased sponsorship, increased exposure, and increased ticket sales
- Pages at the Prop
  - ◊ Invited in two Indiana Authors, Vern Petri and Susan Crandall. Both very well attended.

## Membership

**Goal: Attract and maintain an ever-growing, engaged. Diverse membership**

- 27 New Members in 2017.
- Total Current Membership is 136:
  - ◊ Active 69
  - ◊ Contributing 18
  - ◊ Couple 8 (x2 =16)
  - ◊ Honorary 8
  - ◊ Golden 24
  - ◊ Student 1
- Holiday open to attract new members
- New member open house to engage new members

## Events and Marketing

**Goal: The Propylaeum is an attractive venue for all types of meetings and events.**

- Increased wedding revenue from 2017 to 2018
- Increased event revenue, attracted more women's organization to partner with and to hold meetings at the Propylaeum.
- Grown attendance at Prop programs and created new member programs.

## Building and Operations

**Goal: Full engaged staff and preservation and protection of the Historic Propylaeum.**

**Café at the Prop is staffed and attracting customers to the Prop.**

- Moved Propylaeum office from front of the house to the back of the house
- Leaks repaired in the mansion and carriage house with damage to interior walls, and boiler.
- Plaster ceiling in the back room of the carriage house has begun to fall.
- New furniture and furnishings have been donated to the Prop
- Townhouse is now for lease and has been cleaned and painted
- Hiring Event and Marketing Coordinator, will consider intern for fall and spring semesters
- Catering contracted with MPD Distinctive Catering and Food Guys Catering
- Café - Increased business, taking part in Indianapolis restaurant events i.e. Devour Indy, Bacon Week, etc.
- Food Guys Catering purchased furniture for the front porch

# events

In 2017 Food Guys Catering joined the Propylaeum and opened Café at the Prop. They are also our second preferred caterer along with MBP Distinctive Catering. Lunch in the Café has steadily grown and we are drawing in groups of 10-12 people for lunch meetings and get-togethers.

Luncheons of 25 or more people were our largest event category followed by bridal/baby showers, and dinner events. We had guests in our overnight rooms on three separate weekends and we had six Carriage House Concerts.

We have tremendous room for growth in our events. We have seen an uptick in interest for weddings, receptions, and rehearsal dinners so far in 2018 and we are planning more and different member events.

Partnering with women's organizations continues to be an important part of our mission. The Indianapolis Woman's Club, Indianapolis Council of Women, and Zonta continue to meet at the Propylaeum on a regular basis.

We partnered with Pass the Torch for Women and the National Association of Women Business Owners for an open house event, as well as continuing to host both professional and social women's fraternities for luncheons, dinners, and parties.

In June we had a sell-out play in the carriage house based on the Triangle Shirt-Waist Fire written and performed by Q-Artistry. In December we hosted an Indiana Landmarks Holiday Open House and had over 150 people tour our home. We also took part in the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site Candlelight Tour.

Moving forward we have endless opportunities to grow events. In 2017 we held three weddings and receptions and in 2018 we have eight on

the books as well as three for 2019.

We are excited about new marketing materials through our Strategic Plan and are confident about continued growth.

Liz Ellis





# marilyn k. glick women's enrichment series



The Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series finished its second year with a net profit of \$55,172.91. Approximately 350 people attended the events, creating more exposure for the Propylaeum.



Dr. Ora Pescovitz and her daughter broadcast journalist Naomi Pescovitz opened the series, followed by restaurateur Martha Hoover and Metropolitan Opera star and Indianapolis native Angela Brown. The Propylaeum sponsored Brown for a convocation at Shortridge High School under the umbrella the Enrichment Series Goes to School. She spoke and performed for 450 students.

Students from Second Helpings and Ivy Tech's culinary program attended the Martha Hoover lecture, thanks to scholarships provided by Prop members.

The series reached a wide audience through advertising in Indianapolis Monthly, spots on WFYI radio and Eventbrite, an internet-based ticket-selling venue, as well as social media.



## WES Committee

pegg kennedy, Chair  
Jim Glass  
Debra Renkens Diane Tolliver  
Beverly Watkins  
Sherry Watkins  
Rose Wernicke  
Kathy Willing

*Inspiring the next generation of female leaders and providing direct access to these leaders, promoting individual networking, and strengthening community and industry partnerships in Indianapolis.*

# program support

## Title Sponsor

Marianne Glick

## Gold Sponsor

Dr. Kenneth and Debra Renkens

## Silver Sponsors

Bedel Financial

Democrat Women of the Ind. House of  
Representatives

Dawn Fazli

James Sweeney

Vectren

In Memory of Odell and Velma Watkins

## Bronze Sponsors

Kevin and Erin Johns

pegg kennedy, Realtor, F.C. Tucker Company

Plews Shadley Racher & Braun

Joanne Solomon

Diane Tolliver

F.C. Tucker Company, Inc.

The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis

Indianapolis Recorder

## In-Kind Sponsors

Indianapolis Monthly

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Urban Times

WFYI

## Honoring Significant Women

Laura Appelt honored by Rose Wernicke

Megan Appelt honored by Rose Wernicke

Mary Barnstead honored by Alex and Rachel Barnstead

Dr. Geraldine Baumgartner honored by pegg kennedy

Trudy Calloway honored by Nancy Fyffe

Joan Herrman Carlen honored by Linda Carlen

M. Jean Cunningham honored by Angela Tarter

Dr. Rowan Daggett honored by pegg kennedy

Claire Ellis honored by Liz Ellis

Nancy Friedman honored by Alex and Rachel Barnstead

Norma Grider honored by Shirley Roberts

Betty Michel honored by Cathy Michel

Dorothy Hamill honored by Grace Long

Charlotte Tucker Hudson honored by pegg kennedy

Mary Tucker Jasper honored by Jamia Jacobsen

Anita Johnson honored by pegg kennedy

Betty Julian honored by Joanne Solomon

Amy Frick Longoria honored by Ann Frick

Lena Raper Watkins Rush Matlock

honored by Sherry Watkins

Gleeda Graham McConahay honored by Kathy Willing

Emily Muse honored by Shirley Roberts

Joann Paugh honored by Cathy Michel

Erin Pav honored by Cathy Michel

Lucinda Charlotte Ray honored by Mary Linda Ray

Tennie Renkens honored by Debra Renkens

Leigh-Anne Rice-Weddle honored by Marcia Rice

Leslie Erin Roberts honored by Shirley Roberts

Helen Rudesill honored by Ann Strong

Sarah Sharp honored by Debra Renkens

Mary Muse Shields honored by Shirley Roberts

Helen Benson Tolliver honored by Diane Tolliver

Velma Watkins honored by Beverly Watkins

Heidi Wernicke honored by Rose Wernicke

Sabrina Wernicke honored by Rose Wernicke

Pearl Reed Watt honored by Sherry Watkins

Betty Widolff honored by Rose Wernicke

Brooke Wright honored by Ann Wright

Christa Elizabeth Case Yearly honored by Jamia Jacobsen

All of my reading teachers honored by Sheila Barton-  
Bosron

## Program Support

AAUW of Indiana

AAUW of Indianapolis

Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma

Broadway United Methodist Church

Central Indiana Community Foundation

Indianapolis Council of Women

The Indianapolis Propylaeum

Indiana State Teachers Association—Retired

Zonta International

# may wright sewall leadership award

The 2017 May Wright Sewall Leadership Award was given to two outstanding women who exemplify the spirit of May Wright Sewall. Dr. Jamia Jasper Case Jacobsen and Glenda Ritz received the award. Ninety guests filled the clubroom to overflowing for this dinner event. Bios for both women may be found in the Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series and May Wright Sewall Leadership Award program and on our website.



Glenda Ritz, Jamia Jacobsen, Phyllis Geeslin, and Mary Busch



Jamia Jacobsen and Cathy Michel



Glenda Ritz and Sherry Watkins

## Award Recipients

2017 Dr. Jamia Jasper Case Jacobsen  
2017 Glenda Ritz  
2016 Myra Borshoff  
2015 Elaine Bedel  
2014 Phyllis Geeslin  
2013 Rose Marie Pennington  
2012 Bonnie Carter  
2011 Kathleen Prectel

2010 Barbara Oliphant  
2009 Doris Dimond  
2007 Cheryl Sparks  
2007 Janice Michael  
2007 Meme Kramer  
2007 Mary V. Anderson  
2006 Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman  
2005 Dr. Mary E. Busch



# salon society

Our Sixteenth Annual Salon Society was held April 15, 2018. It was a huge success netting \$20,790.62. This was possible thanks to a wonderful committee composed of Diane Tolliver, Joanne Solomon, Jill Chambers, Nancy Roth, Monica Vojnovich, Linda Carlen, Barbara Hiser, Lori Beals, Gloria Harbin, Amanda Nierman, and Melissa Smith.

Thanks to Debra Renkens who arranged the beautiful chamber music comprised of Jennifer Christian, principal oboist with ISO, Alistair Hewlett, flutist, and Gregory Martin, pianist.



Greg Martin, piano, Alistair Howlett, flute, and Jennifer Christen, oboe



pegg kennedy, guest, Rose Wernicke and Joe Wernicke

New this

year was a wine pull under the direction of Gloria Harbin. Almost everyone got involved in purchasing a mystery bottle of wine, not knowing what they were getting until pulling the bottle out of the bag. Every bottle was sold.

We were lucky this year to have great items for a live auction with Roni Embry acting as our auctioneer. Live auction items included a two-night stay at French Lick Resort, a one-night stay at the Story Inn in Nashville, IN, and a Tuscan Dinner prepared by Carol Fazenzi at the Nestle Inn in Indianapolis together with 4 of her books "The Stonecutter's Aria."

And again, Diane Tolliver worked tirelessly on a great auction where every donated basket was purchased!

We wish to thank all the underwriters, board members who donated the wine, attendees, The Food Guys for great appetizers and dinner, and everyone else responsible for making this a VERY successful and profitable salon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Michel, Salon Society Chair  
Diane Tolliver, Silent Auction Chair

## Salon Committee

Cathy Michel, Chair  
Lori Beals  
Linda Carlen  
Jill Chambers  
Nancy Haldrup  
Gloria Harbin  
Barb Hiser  
Amanda Nierman  
Nancy Roth  
Joanne Solomon  
Diane Tolliver  
Monica Vojnovich

# properly chic style show

The 2017 PROPERly Chic Style Show and Brunch took place on October 10, 2017, and was a fun and fashionable success, with 56 in attendance (61 tickets sold) and a net profit of \$3315.

Chaired for the third year by sisters Beverly Watkins and Sherry Watkins, PROPERly Chic is always a popular and eagerly anticipated fall event, attracting Prop members as well as many of their guests, some of whom decide to join the membership ranks to be part of the fun.

For the second year, attendees were asked to bring their unwanted footwear to be donated to Changing Footprints. This organization collects new and used shoes for distribution to homeless, disaster-stricken, or underprivileged people locally, nationally, and internationally. Over 200 pairs were collected at the event!

Our favorite in-house caterer, Food Guys, provided an elegant brunch of Egg Strata, Fruit Cup, Au Gratin Potatoes, broiled Stuffed Compari Tomato. Assorted Mini Fall Breakfast Muffins, and Pumpkin Cheesecake. The Quirky Feather Confectionary provided complimentary truffles at each setting. The tables and mantles were

adorned with copper lanterns, purple, green and ivory flowers, grape clusters, and dried moss in a Fall Grape Harvest theme.

Once again, our favorite boutique, Secret Ingredient, provided the latest fall fashions and owner Jeanne Rush updated us with current trend information as she introduced each model. She and Store Manager Susie Eckert were kept busy both before and after the show, writing up sales in their temporary shop set up in the North Dining Room. Ten

## The stylin' models were all Prop members:

BJ Maley  
Beverly Watkins  
Jill Chambers  
Linda Williamson  
Roni Embry  
Rose Wernicke  
Roxanne Whitley-Anderson  
Susie Sencaj

percent of the sales were donated back to the Propylaeum and Ms. Rush also generously donated a \$25 gift card to our silent auction.

There was a special finale to the show this year with two surprise guests taking the runway. Glenda Ritz and Jamaica Jacobsen received special recognition as the 2017 recipients of the May Wright Sewall Award.

The raffle in the main hall and the silent auction in the



Bev Watkins and Roni Embry



Roni Embry, Rose Wernicke, and Susie Senjac



Jamia Jacobsen and Glenda Ritz

Cafe drew many ticket sales and much competitive bidding as guests kept their eyes on their favorite prize. And Oliver Winery's best Creekbend Vidal Blanc Sparkling was in big demand at the popular Mimosa Bar.

Lovely piano music drifted through the Salon from our resident pianist, Shirley Judkins, as guests, some adorned in their favorite hats, enjoyed the fashion, food, fellowship, and fun of this elegant annual event.

## Indianapolis Propylaeum Style Show Recap

<b>Income</b>			
	Donation		\$150
	Ticket Sales		\$2,581
	Silent Auction		\$1,160
	Raffle		\$400
	Mimosas		\$247
	Secret Ingredient Sales %		\$475
		Total Income	\$5,013
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Catering		\$1,698
		Total Expenses	\$1,698
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>\$3,315</b>



# prop day

There have been eight programs from September 2017 through April 2018. There has been a variety of speakers each 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday for the Prop Day Luncheon Programs which have included:

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** Prop Day brought us Jeanne Regan Dinius of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to talk about Indiana's participation in the Underground Railroad.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** hosted Courtney Johnston, a relatively new Hoosier who shared her adventures in journalism, including her forays into the City Market Catacombs and the rest of Haunted Indianapolis!

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**, Nora Spitznogle, Senior Director of Program for Second Helpings, Inc. joined us to share the story of that much needed and very efficient food delivery organization and those food insecure folks who benefit from it.

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**, gave us *Joy to the World*, presented by author, public historian and performer Glory June Greiff. She share much loved holiday poems, readings and thoughts to set us all in that holiday spirit.



College Day



Dr. Joe Wernicke

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, showcased Eric Mundell (pronounced like bundle) and Amy Vedra of the Indiana Historical Society for a discussion of their book *Mapping Indiana*. The talk covered the scope of the decade long project as well as some of the authors' map highlights from the book.



Dr. Anita Morgan

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**, the program featured Dr. Joe Wernicke and Nashmeen Mosiehuddin, a Development Director for CARE which works around the globe to save lives,

defeat poverty and achieve social justice putting special emphases on women and girls because when they do well, their communities do well.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** we learned much from Dr. Anita Morgan, currently a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History at IUPUI and past president of the Indiana Association of Historians. She shared some of her incredible research for her upcoming book on the Indiana Women's Suffrage Movement.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** brought Mary C. Woolling a writer of inspirational essays and sentimental stories. As president of [Communi-cate](#), LLC she has published several books which she shared with us. Her stories are a part of her Here's to Life series which highlights the up-beat of everyday joys.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** will feature children's author Rabbi Sandi Sasso, who will also be presenting on a completely different subject at the September 25<sup>th</sup> Women's Enrichment Series.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**, a surprise!

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** will tackle downsizing with Susie Malley.

**Surprises throughout 2018!**

Jill Chambers  
Prop Day Program Chair



Diane Tolliver and Jill Chambers Prop Day Halloween Party



Prop Day centerpiece competition



A birthday surprise for Jan Wahls on her 90th



# membership committee

September 18 Pass the Torch and NAWBO had an event at the Propylaeum; the people who attended this event were identified as potential members. To encourage membership, it was decided for the first time to offer half price Active membership (\$360.00/year) and Contributing membership (\$100.00/yr). At the end of 2018 if half price members wish to continue their membership it will be at the cost for regular membership.

This was successful, so we offered it at all events through December 2017. The membership drive resulted in 14 new active members, 12 new contributing members, and one student membership. Some of these new members have already become active on committees and interest groups.



New members Gloria Harbin and Danielle Reed

Fun Fridays continue to be a way to meet other members and visit some interesting places. Fun Fridays are the second Friday of the month with the exception if there is something scheduled that we want to attend for Fun Friday we change the day. Some of the places we visited were the IMA lecture and lunch, Willowfield Lavender Farm, President Benjamin Harrison Home, Belle of Louisville bus trip for Oktoberfest, Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory, and the office/warehouse of Second Helpings.

## Membership Committee

Cathy Michel, Chair  
Jill Chambers  
pegg kennedy  
Joanne Solomon  
Diane Tolliver  
Monica Vojnovich  
Jan Wahls  
Bev Watkins  
Sherry Watkins  
Rose Wernicke

There are great Fun Fridays coming up so keep reading the newsletter to hear what they are.

Pages at the Prop is always a great way to meet Indiana authors. We invited Vern Petri back for a second time for a special evening of hearing him speak and having a dinner made from the recipes he shares in his book, *Tuscany al Verano, The Culinary Journey from Lucca*.

We also met Susan Crandall in September. One of her books, *Whistling Past the Graveyard*, was optioned for a movie. We are looking for a sponsor for Pages at the Prop to help defray cost.

Being a member of the Propylaeum also offers Columbia Club reciprocity for dining and Propylaeum members may attend any other Women's Council meeting.



Diane Tolliver with new member Lori Beals

Events the Membership committee hosted the past year was an Open House September 13, Holiday Cheer on Delaware Dec 6, and a new member cocktail party January 11 introducing Prop history, committees, and interest groups to members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Cathy Michel, Membership Chair



Liz Ellis gives an overview of the Propylaeum at our Pass the Torch for Women/NAWBO Open House



New members Nora Spitznogle took members on a tour of Second Helpings for Fun Friday



Author Vern Petri talks about *Tuscany al Verano*



Author Susan Crandall talks about her book *The Flying Circus*



# facilities committee



Second floor sitting room, formerly Prop office

Our beautiful mansion and carriage house remain in remarkably great shape for 127 years old.

Rearranging rooms on the second and third floors provided added space for guests in the home. Moving the Propylaeum office from the front of the house to the back of the house gave us a beautiful “bridal suite” for brides and bridesmaids to use. The “sitting room” off the bridal suite is now often used for informal meetings, a waiting area for events, and a lounge for overnight guests.

The Propylaeum office is now located on the second floor in the back of the house in what was the “family room.” Moving the Prop office next to the event office creates a small office area that is much less intrusive to the public area of

the house and can be easily closed off during events. The “groom’s parlor” which was formerly in the family room has been moved to the third floor in what was room 9 that was unusable due to water damage on the walls. The room was cleaned, repaired, and painted and is now a third-floor retreat for the groom and groomsmen for weddings. This room also houses our beer memorabilia and the room feels decidedly more masculine than the rest of the house.



Paxton love seat

Over the Thanksgiving weekend we had two major leaks, one in the carriage house and one in the mansion. The leak in the carriage house occurred in the basement above the boiler. The boiler sat in up to six inches of water and had to have an extensive overhaul. The cause of the leak was simply a worn pipe. The leak in the mansion was discovered in the butler’s pantry off the kitchen. Water was dripping from the ceiling. To find and stop the leak contractors had to go through the ceiling in the butler’s pantry, the wall in the second-floor powder room, and a wall in the bathroom of bedroom 5 on the second floor, before the cause of the leak was discovered. Again, the leak was due to worn pipes. Damage to the butler’s

pantry and bathrooms was not extensive but it was discovered that water had leaked down into the built-in China cabinet in the Café. Fortunately, all damage and repairs are covered by insurance, though we were responsible for the deductible for both separate incidents.

Furniture and décor donations from Louise and Larry Paxton, Andre Lacy, and Indiana Humanities allowed us to rearrange rooms for better use and flow. Twin-beds were removed from bedroom five and replaced with a French provincial king-sized bed. A beautiful antique roll-top desk was added to room seven and an antique loveseat is now in the hall at the top of the stairs. The Paxtons also donated some original artwork and beautiful antique lamps that are throughout the house. Mr. Lacy donated holiday décor that was displayed throughout December.



Lacy bed, room 5

The Building Preservation Plan that will be completed in 2018 will help us to prioritize our maintenance needs and give us a blueprint to help make sure that 1410 N. Delaware street remains beautiful for another century.

Karen Pfeiffer

# outreach committee

## 2017 Talbot Street Parking Lot FUNdraising Event

The 2017 Talbot Street Art Festival Parking Lot FUNdraiser for the Propylaeum was a success and we broke all previous records for income. Our net profit for the weekend was \$2,351. (See below for previous years.)

It was a lovely, sunny, and not-too-hot weather on Saturday, 6/17/17. We sold out of spaces a few times during the first shift on Saturday and we even parked vehicles on the grass. (Rose Wernicke maximized the amount of vehicles parked with her analytically sharp brain.)



Joanne Solomon

Sunday was Father's Day, overcast, and we had a pesty little late afternoon shower that dropped the temperatures but did not cause us to go inside.

Monica Vojnovich served as the hostess on Saturday and Jan Wahls on Sunday. They greeted lots of visitors during their shifts, answering questions, welcoming them to use our facilities, and inviting them to use Cafe at the Prop. From my vantage point, it appeared there was a steady stream of customers enjoying lunch in the Cafe and on the tables set up on the front porch Saturday. Leva, Amber, and Chef Izzy wooed everyone with their culinary delights and professional services. A nice extra touch was the special beer and wine served these two days! Guest traffic on Sunday was a little slower.



Diane Tolliver

Parking lot attendants were Jill and Barry Chambers, Rose Wernicke, Linda Carlen, pegg kennedy on Saturday and Joanne and Gerry Solomon, Cathy and Jon Michel and myself on Sunday. From collecting money, handing out literature about upcoming events at the Prop, and flagging cars into the Prop lot, there was still time to enjoy blowing super bubbles.

It was great to have Cafe at the Prop employees Leva and Amber check on us outside and those working the hostess table once or twice. Parkers and pedestrians were told about the Cafe being open until 4 and many seemed truly happy about that!

This is the history of income for parking cars during the Talbot Street Art Fair. The income is very dependent upon weather.

Submitted by

Diane K. Tolliver, Talbot Street Parking Lot Fundraiser Chair

### History of Income

2004	\$641.00	2011	\$1493.00
2005	\$682.00	2012	\$1425.00
2006	\$615.00	2013	\$1600.00
2007	\$1095.00	2014	\$1135.00
2008	\$700.00	2015	\$1750.00
2009	\$1035.00	2016	\$2270.00
2010	\$895.00	2017	\$2351.00





Hop to the Prop Easter Egg Hunt



The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who lunch buffet



St. Frances and Clare etiquette luncheon



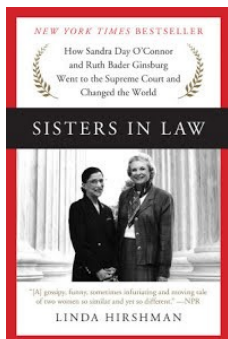
Soroptimist Leadership dinner



Halloween Bash

# special interest groups

## Bas Bleu Society



The Propylaeum book group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month except for November/December which are combined. We gather at noon for lunch and discussion of current book.

There are months when a member who does not participate every month is interested in the book we are reading and comes and joins us. Sometimes members are at the house for something else but will join us for lunch and discussion. All are welcome, and it makes book group fun and interesting.

Books are suggested and decided on by the group. We have initiated having a different member be responsible for leading the discussion each month. This has worked very well in keeping us focused on the book.

Following are the books we read May 2017 – April 2018:

May - *Melville in Love* - Michael Shelden, June - *A Spy Among Friends*, Kim Philby and the Great Betrayal - Ben Macintyre, July - *Flying Circus* - Susan Crandall, August - *Underground Railroad* - Colson Whitehead, September - *The All Girl Filling Station Last Reunion* - Fanny Flagg, October - *A Man Called Ove* - Fredrik Backman, November/December - *Destiny of the Republic* - Candice Millard, January - *Sisters In Law* - Linda Hirshman, February - *Yes, Chef* - Marcus Samuelsson, March - *Small Great Things* - Jodi Picoult, April - *Georgia* - Dawn Tripp

Please plan on joining us sometime, the book for May is *An American Family* by K. Khan.

Respectfully Submitted

Cathy Michel  
May 1, 2018

## Propylaeum Investment Group

2017 was our second year to proceed as a "new club" after the resignation of several of the founding members who were finding it difficult to continue attending (the Club was formed in 1997). Those of us left did not want to dissolve, however, and voted to carry on with our eight remaining members. We had one additional founding member resign in February, taking us down to seven members.

We did rewrite our Partnership Agreement in 2017, one of our goals. But, our small membership and everyone's busy schedules resulted in a limited attendance at some meetings, making it difficult to attain our goals of educating ourselves more, recruiting new members, and thus being able to do more buying and selling of stocks.

2017 was, however, a profitable year for the Investment Club due to the stellar performance of the stock market. And we have a congenial group which is determined to meet our goals in 2018.

For anyone interested in joining Investment Club, we meet the 3d Monday of the month (except December) in the NE Room at 10:00 a.m. until approximately Noon. Anyone who can, stays for a delicious lunch served in our meeting room by the Cafe staff.

Cheryl J. Eyed  
President  
May 2018