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BULLETIN



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2018-2019 Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series Opening with Jennifer Nelson Williams and Sandy Sasso



Tickets are going fast for the opening of our 2018-2019 Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series featuring Jennifer Nelson Williams and Rabbi Sandy Sasso of Women4Change Indiana. The Series begins on October 25 at 5 p.m.

After the tumultuous 2016 election, Jennifer Nelson Williams and Rabbi Sandy Sasso formed Women4Change, a non-partisan organization to find ways to protect American freedoms and to become a voice for women in the state. The dynamic pair

brings women together to empower them to become a strong and positive force to effect change in politics and the community.

Williams and Sasso will discuss how and why they partnered to form Women4Change Indiana as well as the success of the organization and how they see change being made in Indiana.

Tickets are available at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or by calling 317-638-7881 x4. VIP tickets are \$75 and include a meet and greet reception with Williams and Sasso as well as reserved seating for the event. General Admission tickets are \$40. All proceeds benefit the Indianapolis Propylaeum women's leadership programming.

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.

May Wright Sewall Leadership Award

Tickets are on sale now for our 2018 May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Event on November 8 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Award recipients are Pearl Bassett, a civil rights pioneer from Marion, Indiana; Dr. Sue Ellspermann former Lieutenant Governor and current President of Ivy Tech Community College; and Judy O'Bannon, former First Lady of Indiana and Secretary Emerita of the board of directors for Indiana Landmarks. Seating is limited and attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets at their earliest possible convenience.

The May Wright Sewall Leadership Award is given to women who exude the spirit of the award's namesake. Sewall set the bar for civic engagement and leadership in Indianapolis.

For more information on each recipient and to order tickets, please go to www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents, email LaurieAnne Wickens at l.wickens@thepropylaeum.org, or call 317-638-7881 x4.

Tickets are \$125 for the Sewall Supporter and \$100 general admission. Proceeds benefit the Indianapolis Propylaeum women's leadership programming.



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A Letter From the President

Dear Prop Members and Friends

Hello Prop Members and Friends,

Working on the Strategic Plan has reinforced my commitment to the Propylaeum. The rich history of our organization, the dedicated members, and opportunities for the future have come together in a plan that celebrates where we have been, where we are now, and where we can grow. In this month's bulletin, I discuss the facets of our revised Mission Statement. Upcoming programs illustrate the variety of ways we currently activate the mission: the PROPERly Chic Style Show, Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series, the May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Event, and, just for fun, the Ghost Walk-Living History Tour. Hope to see you there!



Rose Wernicke

Rose

A Note From the Executive Director

Fall Fund Drive

The fall Annual Fund drive has begun. Of our \$15,000 goal, \$9,000 has been pledged so far. Annual Fund dollars offer flexibility in planning and executing programs and an additional opportunity to support the Prop. Annual Fund solicitation began last fall and friends of the Prop have donated generously. Look for more information at the end of October. For direct transfer of stock or 401K funds contact Liz at liz.ellis@thepropylaeum.org or 317-638-7881, option 5.



Liz Ellis

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Indianapolis Propylaeum

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Commemorating the Centennial of Women's Suffrage 1920-2020

MISSION STATEMENT

The historic Propylaeum brings women and organizations together to learn, connect, and grow, promoting individual and community development.

IMPACT STATEMENT

The Indianapolis Propylaeum is the center of Indianapolis women's history. It has always focused on providing a platform for women to express cultural and intellectual ideas and a continuing opportunity to enhance our community in every time period since 1888.

The Bulletin is published monthly by the Propylaeum Historic Foundation. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) public not-for-profit corporation established in 2013. It is responsible for preserving and maintaining the Propylaeum building and its Carriage House; increasing awareness of their historic significance; and furthering its educational and charitable endeavors.

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Group News

Special Announcement

There will be no Prop Day in October due to the PROPERly Chic Style Show

Book Your Holiday Event at the Propylaeum



Anyone that has ever been to the Propylaeum at the holidays can attest to its beauty and grandeur when decorated. With both the historical charm of the mansion, as well as curated ornamentation, the Propylaeum is a sight to behold during December. The décor and wintery spirit of the property make it an excellent space to hold a holiday gathering. Whether you are looking to host an intimate dinner party, a lunch-

eon for your family, or a corporate holiday event for your entire organization, the Propylaeum is the perfect location. Not only are both the mansion and the carriage house fully decorated, but we have a selection of beautiful holiday centerpieces and event add-ons. From traditional Christmas to Victorian wonderland, our events staff can work with you to achieve the vision you have for your event. We have packages for all your holiday event needs, and the best part about having your event at the Propylaeum is that you do not have to cook or clean up! If you are interested in hosting a holiday event, please contact LaurieAnne Wickens at 317-638-7881 ext. 4 or at L.wickens@thepropylaeum.org. Don't forget- active members receive a 30% discount on all booked events!

LaurieAnne Wickens

Inaugural Ghost Walk and Living History Tour

Don't miss the opportunity to take part in our first Ghost Walk and Living History Tour. Inspired by stories of residents, guests, and characters that have been a part of the Propylaeum's 130 year history.

Participants will meet the Schmidt family who built the home in 1890 and learn why they chose north Delaware Street for their beautiful mansion. You'll meet Alice Schaf, the beautiful daughter of the Schaf brewing family who was married in the northeast room. There may be an appearance by a burglar who invaded the home, and there will definitely be Propylaeum members enjoying the club and some of the guest rooms. Will Mrs. Gates make an appearance—instructing students on dance and deportment even now? And the tour could never be complete without meeting May Wright Sewall herself.

This event will be fun for the whole family. Get your tickets before it's too late!

Ghost Walk and Living History Tour

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

TOURS BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. LEAVING EVERY 15 MINUTES.

MEMBER TICKETS: \$16

NON-MEMBER TICKETS: \$18

YOUTH (UNDER 15): \$12

For tickets www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or call 317-638-7881 x4.

All proceeds from this event support the historic Propylaeum.

NoExit to Present Tennessee Williams in the Carriage House

The Propylaeum is hosting NoExit in their latest play. The show, *The Mutilated* by Tennessee Williams, runs November 9th-18th.

It's Christmas Eve in New Orleans and two friends must navigate their usual territory of con men, cops, and the cruelty of fellow humans.



In the company of fellow misfits and outcasts, Trinket Dugan and Celeste Griffin attempt to repair a friendship torn apart by unhealthy codependency and a string of hurt feelings. The popcorn is strung on the tree, the carolers are singing, and the booze is flowing. But will their friendship survive the ravages they inflict on each other?

For tickets and additional information visit noexitperformance.org.

Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series



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JENNIFER NELSON WILLIAMS and RABBI SANDY SASSO

Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018
5 P.M.

VIP Tickets: \$75
General Admission Tickets: \$40

www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents
317-638-7881

THE INDIANAPOLIS PROPYLAEUM
2018

PROPerly Chic Style Show & Brunch

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF CHAMPAGNE, SHOPPING, AND STYLE WITH FASHIONS FROM THE SECRET INGREDIENT! THE 2018 STYLE SHOW WILL SHOWCASE "TIMELESS OPULENCE" AS A FALL TREND AND THEME. DOORS OPEN AT 10:30, BRUNCH IS AT 11:30 AND THE SHOW BEGINS AT 12:15.

10:30 AM • OCTOBER 16
1410 N. DELAWARE ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

TICKETS:
\$42 MEMBER & \$48 NON-MEMBERS
CALL 317-638-7881 OR EMAIL
EVENTS@THEPROPYLAEUM.ORG FOR TICKETS



May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Event



**Dinner and Program
featuring
Pearl Bassett, Dr. Sue Ellspermann,
and Judy O'Bannon**

November 8, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Sewall Supporter Tickets: \$125
General Admission Tickets: \$100

GHOST WALK AND LIVING HISTORY TOUR

The haunted mansion tour of the Propylaeum

Friday, October 26
5:30pm-10pm Tours leave every 15 minutes

ADVANCE TICKET

Advance Tickets, Available on/before Oct. 25:
MEMBERS Adults \$16 per person
NON-MEMBERS Adults, \$18 per person; YOUTH \$12 per person

TICKET PRICES DAY OF THE EVENT:

MEMBERS \$20 per person;
NON-MEMBERS \$25 per person; YOUTH \$15

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Group News

Strategic Plan

Linking the Past with the Present with an Eye to the Future

The Propylaeum's 2019-2021 Strategic Plan was introduced in the bulletin last month. This month we will look more closely at the Mission Statement.

Mission Statement: The historic Propylaeum brings women and organizations together to learn, connect and grow, promoting individual and community development.

The Mission Statement's words were carefully selected to encompass who we are and what we do:

Historic – We want to celebrate the long history of the organization, as well as preserve our beautiful, historic building.

Women and Organizations – Our past, present, and future is based on women, topics of interest to women, and relationships with other women's organizations.

Learn, Connect, and Grow – These three actions describe what the Prop does and how we can continue to grow: offer enriching programming, connecting with other organizations and the community, and continually evaluate our offerings to remain relevant.

Individual and Community Development – Our actions benefit the members as well as extend into the community for betterment for all.

More detail about the goals of the Strategic Plan will be discussed in future bulletins.

Goals:

- Offer a vibrant mix of educational and cultural programming that focuses on diverse women's interests.
- Invite the community into the historic Propylaeum to work, stay, and celebrate.
- Make strategic capital investments to upgrade the historic facility.
- Reintroduce the Propylaeum to the community and position it as a vibrant place to gather.
- Generate the financial resources required to carry out the plan.
- Invest in organizational infrastructure to enhance success.

Rose Wernicke

Committees to Take the Prop on the Road

Membership and Financial Development Committees will take the Prop on the road

Members of the Membership and Financial Development committees will be hosting Prop at the Manor, Thursday, October 11 at 2:30. We will be visiting our friends at Marquette Manor to honor Libby Grueninger's 25 years as a member of the Prop, visit with members, and present an update about what is happening at the Prop. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to LaurieAnne Wickens, lwickens@thepropylaeum.org, or 317-638-7881, option 4.

Opportunities Available

Looking for ways to get involved at the Prop? Many one-time and monthly options are available. A few below:

- **Heritage Day Planner** – We celebrate Heritage Day at Prop Day in August and honor our 25-year members. A planner is needed for this once per year event. Contact: Rose Wernicke, rdwernicke@yahoo.com, 317-372-3625.
- **Prop Road Show Event Organizer**—We will be visiting with Prop members at different locations in and around Indianapolis including Marquette Manor, The Barrington, and The Stratford. An organizer is needed to call each place, reserve a room, and contact Prop Members who are there. Contact Diane Tolliver at tolliverd@aol.com, 317-258-5605.
- **Ghost Walk Volunteer**—Volunteers needed for one night event. Actors, registration, tour guides. Contact LaurieAnne Wickens at lwickens@thepropylaeum.org or 317-638-7881 x4.
- **Newsletter Editor** – We publish the *Bulletin* each month for members and friends of the Prop. If you are interested in helping with the *Bulletin*, either design, mailing, or writing articles, contact Liz Ellis, liz.ellis@thepropylaeum.org 317-638-7881 x5.

In Memory of Donna Mikels Shea



Donna Mikels Shea was an award winning journalist and public relations professional in Indianapolis for over 50 years. She is credited with helping found the Indianapolis 500 Festival and helping solve a homicide. She is re-

membered for having snuck into the Claypool Hotel disguised as a maid to interview then presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower, which she wrote about in an article titled "Newsgal 'Maided' Suite, but Not for Long."

At 20, Shea moved to Indianapolis from Marion, Indiana to be a city reporter for the Indianapolis Times. In 1944 women wrote primarily for the "women's pages" and the "society pages." Shea had far-reaching life experiences that included interviewing Charles Manson and reporting on the celebration that broke out on Monument Circle at the end of WWII.

After marrying and having children, Shea moved into the public relations business.

Shea was a long-time member of the Indianapolis Propylaeum. She is survived by her daughter Kelly, son Kevin, and nieces Leisa Decker and Kim Troutt.

Adapted from obituary and article by Will Higgins, Indy Star.

Happenings

Sweeney Named to Federal Bench



Long-time Propylaeum Board Member, Jim Sweeney has been named as a Federal Court Judge. President Trump nominated Sweeney to the seat on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana vacated by Judge Sarah Evans Barker, who assumed senior status on June 30, 2014.

Sweeney joined the Propylaeum Foundation board in ____ and remained throughout the merger between the Club and Foundation in 2012. Sweeney's term on the board expired in May 2017. Sweeney was an active

part of the Propylaeum and made a guest appearance at each Hop to the Prop Easter Egg Hunt.

A reception honoring Sweeney's accomplishments is being planned at the Propylaeum. If you have any special memories of Jim please contact the Prop office at 317-638-7881 x5.

ICW

As a member of the Propylaeum, you are invited to attend any of the Indianapolis Council of Women programs. Our next luncheon and program will be held on November 13. The morning program will begin at 10 a.m. and feature Sgt. Jeffrey Mittman. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by an afternoon program at 1 p.m. featuring State Sen. John Ruckelshaus and State Rep. Terri Austin. Please make a reservation by contacting Joanne Solomon at jsjsolo@aol.com.

Outreach Committee

The Propylaeum Outreach committee is looking for new members. The responsibilities of this committee are to provide activities for our community. At the present time, we provide Christmas sacks, (which include gloves, pencils, erasers, candy canes) to each student attending School 27 (Center for Inquiry), an Easter Egg Hunt, work with the 2020 She Votes Committee, and etiquette luncheons. We are open for other ideas. Please consider joining us. Contact Joanne Solomon jsjsolo@aol.com or call 317-257-4737.

You're Invited
STATE
OF
WOMEN
in Indiana

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 | 6:00PM-8:00PM

RAISE A GLASS TO CELEBRATE THE WOMEN RUNNING IN THIS YEAR'S MIDTERM ELECTION. JOIN US FOR AN ENJOYABLE EVENING OF GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND NETWORKING. (BEVERAGES BY SUN KING BREWERY)

EUGENE & MARILYN GLICK HISTORY CENTER
450 W OHIO ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

<https://stateofwomeninindiana.eventbrite.com>

Calendar

OCTOBER

- 2: ICW Luncheon
- 9: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 11: Porch Party. 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 12: Fun Friday.
- 15: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 16: **PROPERly Chic Style Show**
- 23: Book Group. Noon.
- 23: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.
- 25: **WES featuring Jennifer Nelson Williams and Sandy Sasso. 5 p.m.**
- 26: **Ghost Walk and Living History Tour. 6 p.m.**

NOVEMBER

- 8: **May Wright Sewall Award Dinner and Event.**
- 9: Fun Friday
- 13: Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 19: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 21: Prop Day—Luncheon and Program. Noon.
- 22: **Thanksgiving Buffet. 11 a.m.**
- 27: Book Group. Noon.
- 27: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4: ICW Luncheon
- 5: Holiday Cheer on Delaware—Open House. 4:30 p.m.
- 7: Carriage House Concert featuring Jon Brooks. 7 p.m.
- 8: Children's Holiday Tea with Special Guests. 1 p.m.
- 11: Board of Director Meeting. 11:30 p.m.
- 14: Fun Friday.
- 19: Prop Day—Luncheon and Program. Noon.

October Specials Café at the Prop

National Chili & Apple Month

- Chef Chip's Tomato Chili \$4
- Chef Chip's Chicken Chili \$4
- Apple Dumpling \$5

October Birthdays

- 11 Barb Hiser
- 13 Sherry Watkins
- 13 Rose Wernicke
- 15 Daisy Lloyd
- 23 Susan Brouillette
- 31 Cheryl Eyed
- 31 Betty Means



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