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May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner November 8



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.

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.

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 Indiana.

Williams, Sasso Speak to a Full House



Jennifer Nelson Williams and Rabbi Sandy Sasso, founders of Women4Change Indiana, spoke to a full house at the kickoff of the 2018-2019 season of the Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series.

The pair, introduced by title sponsor Marianne Glick, discussed the formation of their non-profit, non-partisan organization in November of 2016. Today, the organization has over 14,000 members.

Williams presented first followed by Sasso then together they took questions from the audience.

With a PowerPoint presentation that included statistics on the state of women in Indiana, Williams and Sasso painted a picture of determination for positive change and civility, not just within politics, but in everything we do.



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A Letter From the President

Dear Prop Members and Friends

October was a busy month. We now have a Strategic Plan to guide the organization for the next few years and we have hosted some fantastic events: Properly Chic Style Show, Prop Goes on the Road to Marquette Manor, first event of the Women's Enrichment Series, and the Ghost Walk-Living History Tour. The events reached a broad spectrum of the community, from some of our long-standing members, current active members, and friends from the community. I am looking forward to the May Wright Sewall Leadership Event on November 8, honoring three women whose trail-blazing experiences have had far reaching effects on the community. Hope to see you there!

Rose



Rose Wernicke

A Note From the Executive Director

Membership Drive

Once again we are offering an introductory half-priced active membership for new members of the Propylaeum, now through December 31. Propylaeum membership continues to grow as we add new events and programming and new opportunities for members to become involved. Of course, membership supports the historic Propylaeum and our mission, including women's leadership and arts and culture. It's also a lot of fun, too.

As an added bonus, we are offering guests discounted lunch for our December Prop Day. The member who brings the most guests could win Priority Prop Parking!

And remember, membership to the Propylaeum is a great holiday gift!



Liz



Liz Ellis

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.

Indianapolis Propylaeum

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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

Prop Road Show Visits Marquette Manor



Front row from left: Diane Tolliver, Betty Olsen, Libby and Othmar Grueninger. Back row: Cathy Michel, Sue Hetherington, Suzanne Kenny, Sheila Barton Bosron, Jim Glass, and Rose Wernicke.

Propylaeum staff and board members went to Marquette Manor to meet with Prop members who may not be able to visit the Propylaeum as often as they would like. Prop member and Marquette Manor resident, Sue Hetherington, helped organize the event.

Rose Wernicke, Propylaeum

President, presented a slide-show about history of the Propylaeum and the current strategic plan. Executive Director, Liz Ellis dis-

cussed changes within the house, Propylaeum events, and new staff member LaurieAnne Wickens.

Board vice president Jim Glass took the opportunity to discuss the Building Preservation Plan and the results of that plan. Board secretary, Diane Tolliver then took time to interview and film all of the Prop members asking why they joined the Prop, and about some of their fondest memories from the Propylaeum.

Next stop on the Prop Road Show will be The Barrington and The Stratford. If you would like to help plan or if you would like to attend, please contact Diane Tolliver at tolliverd@aol.com or by calling 317.258.5605.



Betty Olsen will celebrate 100 years on her next birthday.

Opportunities Available

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

- **Holiday Decorating and Décor**—Volunteers needed to help decorate the Propylaeum for the December holidays. We will be decorating on Wednesday, November 28 beginning at 10 a.m. We are also in need of holiday décor including lighted garland, garland and greenery, white lights, candles, battery operated candles, poinsettias, and holiday ribbon. Items can be dropped off at the Prop anytime. To help decorate please contact LaurieAnne Wickens at l.wickens@thepropylaeum.org or 317.638.7881 x4.
- **Holiday Open House Organizer**—December 5 we will hold our 2nd *Holiday Cheer on Delaware Open House*. This event is open to the public and last year brought in nearly 150 people. Short-term help is needed with decorations, centerpieces, invitations, and day-of coordination. Contact LaurieAnne Wickens at l.wickens@thepropylaeum.org or 317.638.7881 x4.
- **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.
- **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.

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

The Propylaeum Board adopted the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan at the October meeting. Now the work begins to implement the strategies for meeting the goals outlined in the plan. During the planning process, the board and consultants discussed ways for the Prop to thrive while maintaining our historic authenticity into the future. The following provides a brief description of the goals.

Offer a vibrant mix of educational and cultural programming that focuses on diverse women's interests. This goal encompasses continuing to produce our high-quality, signature programs (Prop Day, Salon Society, Women's Enrichment Series, May Wright Sewall Leadership Award, Style Show) and creating partnerships with other organizations to add to the offerings at the Prop.

Invite the community into the historic Propylaeum to work, stay and celebrate. We have a large, beautiful facility; let's find ways to fill the house!

Reintroduce the Propylaeum to the community and position it as a vibrant place to gather. The Propylaeum is one of the best-kept secrets in Central Indiana. Many do not know who we are or that we are open to the public.

Make strategic capital investments to upgrade the historic facility. Ratio Architects have completed a Preservation Plan for the property, which will serve as a guide to restoring and upgrading the facilities.

Generate the financial resources required to carry out the plan. We are exploring ways to fund the long-needed improvements to the buildings, and have also begun Annual Fund drives to offer friends, members and the community an opportunity financially support our mission.

The Board will hold a retreat in early December to discuss ways to attain the desired results. We look forward to your input. If you have any comments or questions, please contact any member of the board.

Group News

Inaugural Ghost Walk and Living History Tour

With a small army of volunteers, the Propylaeum inaugural Ghost Walk and Living History Tour, held on Oct. 26, was a great success. Including the talents of many Prop members and friends, it was the antics of Mrs. Gates, her students, and pianist Miss Dolores that stole the show. With a stern demeanor and rousing beat, Mrs. Gates et. al. were the finale of a very fun tour of the Propylaeum.

Actors included Diane Tolliver as Mrs. Gates, Miss Dolores as Miss Dolores, Anderson Cooper and Katelyn King as dance students, Gus Ellis and James Wickens as children, Megan Fasig as maid Elizabeth Miller, Jill Chambers as an older Mrs. Fletcher Hodges, Salvador Perez Lopez as the burglar, Barb King and her daughter as suffragists, Rose Wernicke and Roni Embry as young Mrs. Fletcher Hodges and Mrs. Gertrude Lynn, Jan Wahls as the inimitable May Wright Sewall, Heidi Prawat as Alice Schaf on her wedding day, and Ruth Black as the first owner of the home Mrs. Lillian Schmidt. Volunteers are needed for next year!



PROPERly Chic Style Show Draws Large Crowd



Diane Tolliver and Janet Barb shop accessories.

In what has fast become one of the favorite events at the Prop, the PROPERly Chic Style Show allowed Prop members and guests the opportunity to see and shop all the newest fashions for the fall, courtesy of The Secret Ingredient.

Guests enjoyed brunch and mimosas while models worked their way through the tables. Jeanne Weber-Rush, owner of The Secret Ingredient described all of the outfits and explained the style. While shopping through racks of clothes and accessories provided by The Secret Ingredient, guests could also bid on silent auction items.

Thank you to all of our models: Libby D'Alton, Cindy Dillman, Roni Embry, BJ Maley, Nora Spitznogle, Diane Tolliver, Bev Watkins, Rose Wernicke, Roxanne Whitley-Anderson, and Linda Williamson.



Special Announcement

There will be no
Prop Day in
November due to
Thanksgiving

May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Event ~ Nov. 8



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

Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet at the Propylaeum

Cold Station

Cranberry Pecan Baked Brie, Cocktail Shrimp Display,
Cheddar Cheese Ball, Cream Cheese Ball, Caprese
Salad, Tossed Salad, & Caesar Salad

Egg & Omelet Station

Eggs, Egg Whites, & Egg Blend
Toppings: Bacon, Ham, Sausage, Pork Belly, Mush-
rooms, Peppers, Red Onions, Green Onions, Tomatoes,
Spinach, Caramelized Onions, Pickled Jalapenos,
Pico de Gallo, White Cheddar Cheese, Gouda Cheese,
Swiss Cheese

Pancakes & Cinnamon French Toast

Toppings: Blueberry Syrup & Carol Blankenship Syrup
Bananas Foster, Whipped Cream, Butter, Powdered
Sugar, Chocolate Chips, Strawberries, & Mixed Berries

Carving Station

Brown Sugar Glazed Ham
Slow Roasted Rosemary Brined Turkey
Cranberry Relish & Orange Glaze

Hot Station

Bacon, Sausage, Fresh Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Eggs
Benedict, Mac & Cheese,
Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Mashed Potatoes,
Candied Sweet Potatoes, Bread Dressing, Oyster
Dressing, Braised Short Ribs, Crumb Crusted Salmon

Assorted pies and desserts

Seating times: 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

Members \$32
Non Members \$35
4 – 10 Years of Age \$16
3 & Under Are Free

Reservations Required
317-638-7881 x2

Children's Christmas Tea

With Santa & Special Surprise Guests-
Whoooo could they be?

December 8th
1:00-3:00

Get pictures with Santa,
listen to a Christmas story,
complete a holiday scavenger
hunt, and enjoy a delicious
afternoon tea!

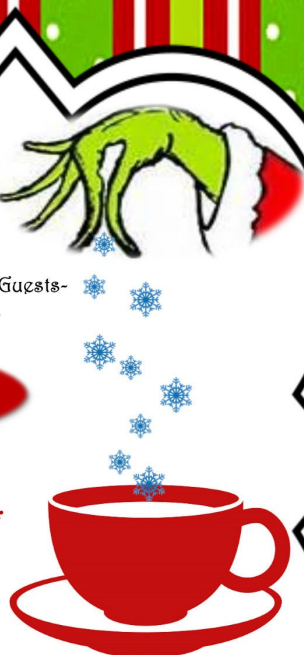
Tickets:

\$35.00 Members

\$40.00 Non-Members

\$18.00 Children 12 and under

For tickets and more information call 317-638-7881 or visit
www.thepropylaeum.org



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

For tickets and additional information visit
noexitperformance.org.

For all upcoming events, follow us on:



Fun Friday to Attend Saturday Evening Play

Fun Friday will be held on Saturday, November 17 as Prop members and friends attend the NoExit performance of the Tennessee Williams play "The Mutilated" in the Propylaeum Carriage House at 8 p.m. The mansion will be open for drinks prior to the play at 7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at noexitperformance.org or contact LaurieAnne Wickens at l.wickens@thepropylaeum.org or call 317.638.7881 x4.

Exclusive Screening "Going All the Way"

November 26, 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Dan Wakefield's novel "Going All the Way" was a best-seller when it was published in 1970, but it was more than a quarter century before it was made into a movie. Just as the novel was set in Indianapolis, the movie was filmed here! The cast included early appearances from Ben Affleck, Rose McGowan, Rachel Weisz, and Jeremy Davies—all of whom were mostly unknown when the film was made, but have gone on to become stars.

Meet the Screenwriter, Dan Wakefield, who wrote both the novel and the screenplay for "Going All the Way" He will introduce the film and answer questions after the screening.

Tickets are \$25. To reserve your ticket visit danwakefield.com or call the Propylaeum office 317.638.7881 x4.

Children's Christmas Tea

Enjoy a traditional children's holiday tea on December 8 at 1 p.m. at the Propylaeum with very special guests! Whooooo could they be?

There will be activities, photo opportunities, and fun holiday themed food. Our dazzling 1890s Victorian mansion will be beautifully decorated for the holidays and open to tour.

This is a fun event for the whole family. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or by calling 317.638.7881 x4.



Holiday Open House

Join us on Wednesday, December 5 for our holiday open house from 4:30 p.m.—7 p.m. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks with friends and get into the holiday spirit in our beautifully decorated turn-of-the-century mansion. RSVP at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or by calling 317-638-7881 x4.

Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 8: May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner and Event. 5:30 p.m.**
- 12: Architecture in Mexico, Dr. Jim Glass, Riviera Club 7:30 p.m.
- 13: Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 13: Indianapolis Council of Women Luncheon
- 17: Fun Friday on Saturday Night. NoExit performance of "The Mutilated" in the carriage house. 8 p.m.
- 19: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 22: Thanksgiving Buffet. 11 a.m.**
- 26: Film Screening *Going All the Way*. 6:30 p.m.
- 27: Book Group. *Educated* by Tara Westover. Noon.
- 27: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.
- 28: Decorate for December holidays. 9 a.m.
- 29: Indiana Author Open House and Book Sale 5 p.m.—7 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4: Indianapolis Council of Women 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 Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 18: Book Group. *An Irish Country Christmas* by Patrick Taylor. Noon.
- 19: Prop Day—Luncheon and Program. Noon.

JANUARY

- 8: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 10: New Member Open House 5 p.m.
- 16: Prop Day—Luncheon and Program. Noon.
- 19: Bridal Open House
- 21: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 22: Book Group. *Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien. Noon.
- 22: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.

November Birthdays

- 8 Diane Tolliver
- 8 Bev Watkins
- 10 Alex Barnstead
- 12 Jamia Jacobsen
- 13 Rebecca Bushong
- 13 Phyllis Geeslin
- 15 Jill Chambers
- 19 Marilyn Pecsok
- 24 Monica Vojnovich
- 28 Pat Hull
- 30 Nancy Aiken



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