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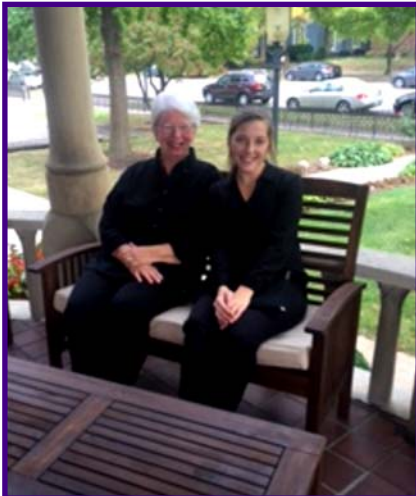
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Café at the Prop

If you haven't been to the Prop for lunch lately, you're missing a real treat. Since March, Propylaeum members and guests have been enjoying nicoise salad, French onion soup, and Propylaeum favorites like chicken velvet soup, poppy seed dressing, and Mrs. Curry's rolls courtesy of the Food Guys Catering. Long time Prop member and Past President Jan Conner Wahls commented "I have tried a number of different items and they are all delicious."

The Food Guys also provide our Prop Day luncheons and cater many of our special events, such as the Pages at the Prop dinner with Vern Petri. Chef Chip Huckaby worked directly with Petri to create an Italian meal straight out of Petri's cookbook. Café at the Prop also participates in dining special events in Indianapolis like Taco Week, Devour Indiana, and Tenderloin Week. Taco Week kicked off with 13 Prop members meeting for lunch in the Northeast Room.



Leva Huckaby and Aamber Shake

Our Propylaeum team is headed by Chef Chip Huckaby, Sales Executive Jennifer Platte, Manager Leva Huckaby, and Assistant Manager Aamber Shake. Leva and Aamber provide personalized service, making it a point to greet all visitors to the mansion and café. They take the time to get to know members and guests, noting favorite drinks or dishes and having them readily available. The personal service makes a nice addition to the Propylaeum and is commented upon frequently. The Propylaeum menu is designed by Chef Chip (Carl L.) Huckaby II. Chef Huckaby started cooking as a boy with his father, Carl Huckaby, while standing on buckets in the kitchen. He is a former Executive Chef with both the Brickyard and Nordstrom Restaurants. He was the youngest



Leva Huckaby and Aamber Shake

certified sous chef (second in command in the kitchen) in 1996 for the American Culinary Foundation at that time. Personalized menus are developed by Platte for catering events when people rent the mansion or carriage house. Food Guys Catering is at five other Indianapolis venues as well as the Hops & Fire Craft Tap House in Greenwood.

Huckaby and the Food Guys are committed to growing the dining experience at the Propylaeum and they have gone above expectations with variety, quality, and professionalism. We have Food Guys Catering to thank for the new porch furniture that members and guests have been enjoying. The Café is open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Buffet Returns to the Prop

After several years, the Propylaeum will once again offer a Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet with the Food Guys Catering preparing the meal. The Thanksgiving Buffet will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

Thanksgiving at the Prop has always been a very popular event, bringing Prop members, their families, friends, and guests to the mansion to enjoy a buffet-style dinner with a wide variety of

Thanksgiving favorites and some dishes sure to be new favorites.

Members are encouraged to make their reservations as early as possible as this event has always sold out. Reservations may be made by calling 317.638.7881 ext. 2.

The full Thanksgiving Buffet menu is listed on page 4 of the Bulletin.

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A Letter From the President

Dear Prop Members and Friends

It has been an exciting week at the Propylaeum. I attended the Monday night event where our group met with members from NAWBO and Pass the Torch for Women. We heard stories from several successful ladies who told the attendees about mentoring and how mentors helped them to achieve their goals of owning their own companies. We signed up five new members.

The Prop Day program was very interesting. We learned about the underground railroad in Indiana.

We have two upcoming events that I believe you should support. Pages at the Prop will be featuring Susan Crandall on September 28. Her book, *Flying Circus*, was wonderful and I highly recommend it if you are looking for a good book to read. The PROPERly Chic Style Show on October 10, is always a lot of fun and I encourage you to bring your friends.

We are looking forward to many exciting events this Fall and I encourage you to attend and bring your friends.

Joanne



Joanne Solomon

A Note From the Executive Director

Considering Strong Women

I was recently talking with a group of college-aged women, (my daughter and her friends). When asked what I do, I was very proud to say that I'm the Executive Director of the Indianapolis Propylaeum. The follow-up is always "what's that?"

Kathy Willing recently provided me with a great way to describe the Indianapolis Propylaeum:

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

These young women were excited to hear about the leadership and activism of May Wright Sewall and the century of influential women in Indianapolis who came after. Our Women's Enrichment Series and May Wright Sewall Leadership Award brings into focus the impact and importance of female leaders in Indianapolis today, and will inspire the women leaders who will precede them.

Consider how you can support the Indianapolis Propylaeum through bringing in new members, attending events, and through a financial contribution. Consider what the Indianapolis Propylaeum means to you and consider the strong women that you are, and the strong women who will come after you.

Liz



Liz Ellis

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for women and the community
and to maintain and preserve the historic 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

Fashion: Communicating a Message

Fashion trends may seem irrelevant when we think of the Propylaeum's legacy of May Wright Sewall and her service to the cause of women's rights. However, fashion always reflects what is going on in a society, and in the early 1900's it accurately reflected the metamorphosis of the American woman, tired of being a second-class citizen, tired of restrictive codes of dress and conduct. New inventions such as the bicycle and typewriter and new occupational opportunities in industry and business had given women a new sense of freedom and self-respect which demanded a less restrictive, less gender-driven code of dress. Shorter skirts (all the way to mid-calf), looser, less structured, less restrictive clothing, and, in some cases, even pants signaled that women were no longer defined by society's impractical rules. Following her hard-fought and successful campaign for suffrage, the American woman continues to this day to express her identity and point-of-view in the fashion she selects.

What's your fashion message? See the latest fall trends by Secret Ingredient at our annual PROPERly Chic Style Show and brunch on October 10. In the meantime, here's a quick summary of some of the latest options on the runways of New York and Paris.

Color: Power red, often seen worn head-to-toe. Contrast that with pinks, from a soft ballet slipper pink to in-your-face electrics. And chocolate brown is the new black.

Fabric: Rick, silky velvets for casual and dress. Vintage inspired



fur, real and faux. New interpretations of denim and, of course, leather and suede in updated looks like jumpsuits and culottes.

Patterns: Couch florals, like grandmother's, 70's over-sized plaids, and leopard prints.

Themes Matrix: Futuristic looks in leather, lamé, patent, a. Western inspiration with denim, cowhide prints, and grommet trim, 70s ... think bohemian, hippy, disco. and metallic.

Looks: Deconstructed suiting and oversized jackets with broad shoulders. Lots of layering including dresses over pants. mid-length skirts, belted coats, including the classic trench. Nylon coats and leisure suits. And message tees.

Accessories: Wide belts with everything, glittery boots and booties, fishnets, Victorian high collars, retro hats—including bucket and brimmed, long envelope and hatbox shaped handbags, and feathers.

So inventory your closet and make your reservations NOW for PROPERly Chic this October 10. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for bubbly, silent auction bidding, and shopping in the on-location Secret Ingredient "boutique." Food Guys have put together a yummy brunch menu, served at 11:30 a.m.. Cheer your fellow members on as they walk the runway at 12:15 p.m.. And don't miss the show's finale with two "mystery" models! BRING YOUR FRIENDS. See you there.

Prop Day—Go U!

Members and guests attending Prop Day on September 20 showed their true colors. With tables set for IU, Purdue, and Depauw, members could pick their spot. While there were a dew Ball State and Indiana State alums, everyone had fun "picking sides."

Jeannie Ragen-Dinius entertained everyone with her enthusiast and passionate presentation on the underground railroad in Indiana while those attending enjoyed a prime rib lunch.



Joanne Solomon, Roni Embry, Marilyn Pecsok, Pam Johnson, Nancy Roth, Jill Chambers, and speaker Jeannie Regan-Dinius at the DePauw table.



Kathy Willing at the Purdue table.



Diane Tolliver, Rose Wernicke, Bev Watkins, Sherry Watkins, pegg kennedy, Jan Wahls, and Miriam Ross at the IU table.

May Wright Sewall Leadership Event

Honoring Outstanding Women Leaders of Today

Each year the Indianapolis Propylaeum selects one or more outstanding examples of civic leadership and innovation for the May Wright Sewall Leadership Award. This year the recipients are Dr. Jamia Jasper Case Jacobsen and Glenda Ritz.

The dinner and awards program will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for Propylaeum members, \$100 for non-members and may be purchased at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or by calling our event office at 317.638.7881 ext. 3.



Dr. Jamia Jasper Case Jacobsen actively contributes to American Society in such fields as education, civic improvement, child advocacy, and addiction counseling.



Glenda Ritz served as Indiana's superintendent of public instruction from 2013 to 2017. Her work focused on providing increased support for public schools, families, and communities.

Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series



October 19, 2017

Dr. Ora Pescovitz and Naomi Pescovitz



February 22, 2018

Martha Hoover



April 26, 2018

Angela Brown

Tickets on sale now at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents

PROPerly Chic Style Show



Make your reservation today, seats are filling-up fast. You don't want to miss this year's PROPerly Chic Style Show. Co-chairs Beverly Watkins and Sherry Watkins have planned Secret Ingredient shopping both before and after the brunch, as well as door prizes and a silent auction. Sip on your mimosa as you shop, bid, and view our very own Propylaeum models as they take to the runway in the latest Secret Ingredient fashions.

This year we will again be collecting previously worn shoes in any condition for Changing Footprints. This local organization sorts and distributes over 20,000 pairs of shoes yearly to agencies such as Wheeler Mission and Coburn Safe Place. Its partnership with Nike enables shoes that are no longer wearable to be 100% repurposed into playground material. So please bring any and all of your out-of-favor shoes to PROPerly Chic.

Please drop off your door prize/silent auction items by Friday, September 29. We want to fill every seat, so invite your friends. Tickets are available through Eventbrite via our website or by calling the Propylaeum at 317.638.7881 ext. 3. The cost is \$42 for members, \$48 for non-members. See you there.

Thanksgiving Buffet

Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet menu at the Propylaeum powered by Food Guys Catering.

Thursday, November 23 from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. reservations required. \$32 adult member, \$35 adult non-member, \$15 kids 5-12, and kids 4 and under eat free.

Appetizer & Salad Station:

Traditional Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressing Mixed Green Salad with Cranberries, Walnuts, Feta and Maple Apple Cider Vinaigrette, Baby Spinach Salad with Blue Cheese Crumbles, Red Onion, Heirloom Tomatoes, Pistachios and Dark Cherry Vinaigrette, Fresh Fruit Spray, Peel & Eat Shrimp, Cheese Ball with Assorted Crackers

Dinner:

Herb Roasted Whole Turkey, Cranberry Relish, Gravy, Carved Brown Sugar Glazed Ham, Potato Encrusted Cod, Pasta Primavera, Red Skin Mashed Potato, Classic Potatoes Au Gratin, Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Pecans, Corn Pudding, Green Bean Casserole, Maple and Honey Glazed Carrots, Assorted Breads and Butter

Dessert:

Pumpkin Roll, Assorted Pies: Pumpkin, Pecan, Sugar Cream, Caramel Apple Crisp, Dark Cherry Chocolate Bon Bon

To make your reservation, please call 317.638.7881, option #2.

Group News

Prop Co-Hosts Open House

On Monday, September 18, the Propylaeum, NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) and the Pass the Torch for Women Foundation, co-hosted a fall open-house event titled "Propel Your Career Through Mentoring." Over 70 women attended.

The event was a joint effort by all three groups and included a panel discussion with female business owners, Carol Curran, Patty Prosser, and Mary Beth Oakes. Propylaeum Executive Director, Liz Ellis, welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the Prop and the inspiring women who have been members. Lori Ball,

Board Chair for Pass the Torch for Women, moderated the panel discussion.

The Propylaeum offered discounted membership to women in attendance at the event and five new members signed-up that night.



Patty Prosser, Carol Curran, Mary Beth Oakes, and Liz Ellis

If you would like more information on NAWBO visit their website at www.nawboindy.org. If you would like more information on the Pass the Torch for Women Foundation, their website is www.passthetorchforwomen.org.



Fun Friday at Benjamin Harrison Historic Site

On September 8, 2017, the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, formerly the Benjamin Harrison House, was the destination for the Propylaeum's monthly Fun Friday. The group had beautiful fall weather as they walked to the Presidential Site, which is our neighbor and located just down the street at 1230 N. Delaware, Indianapolis IN 46202. Our group was assigned a docent, Mr. Don Saxon, for our tour.

Mr. Saxon started the tour with a visit to the first floor. These rooms included the formal living room, informal living room, study, kitchen and dining room. The dining room contains a cabinet with White House china. Caroline Scott Harrison, Benjamin's first wife,



Cathy Michel, Jill Chambers, and Nancy Roth

started the White House China Collection and designed the first set of china. She was an artist, and her pictures are prevalent throughout the house. The second floor contains the master bedroom suite with a dressing room and the other bedrooms. Some of Mrs.

Caroline Harrison's dresses are displayed in these rooms. She was a small woman with a 17-inch waist. There are family photographs and pictures of the children growing up displayed on the walls. The tour ended on the third floor, which houses rotating exhibits, with the current one being an Exhibit of Presidential Pets. The home is beautifully maintained, and approximately 75%-80% of the furniture and decorative items are original.

According to the Benjamin Harris Presidential Site's web page, the Benjamin Harrison Site is a not for profit organization whose purpose is to maintain and preserve the Harrison home, collections and grounds as a museum and memorial to the only President of the United States elected from Indiana. Benjamin and Caroline Harrison built their home in 1874-75. The land was relatively expensive for the time and cost \$4,000. The cost of constructing the house was \$29,000. The President lived in this house until he died in 1901, and his family until 1913, except for the years that he was serving in the Senate and at the White House. In 1937, the home was sold to the Jordan Conservatory of Music with the understanding that the home and its artifacts would be forever preserved. In 1966, it was run as an historic site and opened to the public for tours, like the one the Prop members enjoyed.

For additional information on the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, visit the website at www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org. Our next Fun Friday is actually a Super Saturday and is scheduled for October 14, 2017. We will be enjoying the *Belle of Louisville* Octoberfest.

Happenings



Priority Parking

In a random drawing of attendees at the September Prop Day, Propylaeum member Sherry Watkins walked away with the coveted Priority Prop Parking space. Each month at Prop Day, a front-row parking spot will go to one lucky attendee. Watch the *Bulletin* for how you could win next month.

Sherry Watkins, left

October Prop Day—Hoosier Hauntings

Freelance writer Courtney Johnston will speak about her career and “Haunted Indianapolis” a story she wrote last year regarding the ghosts around Indy, how she researched and who she talked with about these special places. There will be a special contest and guests are invited to come dressed as their favorite literary character.

The luncheon at noon, followed by the special program, is \$25 for Indianapolis Propylaeum members and \$30 for nonmembers. Reservations are required at 317.638.7881, option ext. 3 or e-mail events@thepropylaeum.org by noon, Friday, October 13, 2017.

Fun Friday

Our October Fun Friday Trip will be on October 14 and will be a trip on the *Belle of Louisville*. This trip is organized through Ambassador-Grueninger.

Book Group

Book Group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon in the NE Room. We will meet October 24 for lunch and to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. There will be no Book Group in November.

Euchre Group

Euchre Group will meet immediately following Book Group. We will meet October 24 in the Cafe at the Prop.

Bible Group

Would you like to join us in September for a Bible Study on Heaven? *Searching for Heaven on Earth* is one consideration. Let me know which day and time would be your preference. Dr. David Jeremiah is the speaker — well-known and enjoyed. Plan on an hour and a half. Jan Conner Wahls, 317.726.1928.

October Birthdays

- 11 Barb Hiser
- 13 Rose Wernicke
- 13 Sherry Watkins
- 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.

Calendar

OCTOBER

- 10: PROPerly Chic Style Show & Brunch. 10:30 a.m.
- 11: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 12: She VOTES 2020 Kickoff Meeting 5:30p.m.
- 14: SUPER SATURDAY ~ Belle of Louisville Trip
- 16: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 18: Flu Shot Clinic. 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
- 18: PROP DAY~ Luncheon & Program. Noon
- 19: WES presents Ora and Naomi Pescovitz 5:00 p.m.
- 24: Book Group. *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Blackman. Noon.
- 24: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.
- 28: Party at the Prop ‘til the Candy Drops Halloween Open House 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 14: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 14: May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- 15: PROP DAY~ Luncheon & Program. Noon.
- 20: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 23: Thanksgiving Buffet. 11 a.m. — 5 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 6: Holiday Cheer on Delaware—Prop Holiday Open House 4 p.m. -7 p.m.
- 8: Fun Friday
- 12: Board of Directors Meeting 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
- 18: Investment Group 10 a.m.
- 20: Prop Day— Luncheon & Program. Noon. Holiday Sweaters, bring hats and gloves
- 26: Book Group. Noon.
- 26: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.

Indy Seafood Week October 23-27

Pistachio Encrusted Trout over Roasted
Butternut Squash & Dark Cherries

Café at the Prop
Monday -Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tea at the Prop

By reservation. Each Wednesday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.