



OPENING STRATEGY FOR COVID-19

Propylaeum Annual Meeting

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Propylaeum staff and board members continue to monitor state and local guidelines for reopening businesses. The safety of staff, members, and guests is our top priority.

June 1 we will slowly begin the re-opening process. By appointment, small groups may come to the Propylaeum to meet or tour. We will be limiting the size of groups and we will be spacing out appointment times.

Between groups the common area handrails, door knobs, and restrooms will be wiped with disinfectant. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the first floor. Second and third floor areas may be restricted.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The place that connects and celebrates women.

IMPACT STATEMENT

The Indianapolis Propylaeum is a rich part of the history of Indianapolis women. 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.

OFFICERS

Rose Wernicke, President
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Alex Barnstead	Karen Pfeiffer
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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 Membership Services & Recruitment: Cathy Michel
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Executive Director: Liz Ellis
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 Facilities Manager: Janice Radford
 Bulletin Editor: Liz Ellis



President's Letter

How have you spent the last 10 weeks? I used the time to sort through my house and my life, along with lots of walks. At the Prop, although we have not been able to meet, we also have been working on sorting through our opportunities, making improvements and creating new ways to move forward in uncertain times, all with you – our members and friends, at the forefront of our minds. I hope you are doing well and look forward to seeing you again!

Rose Wernicke



Note from the Executive Director

We Need Your Support

We have a long road ahead of us. As we begin the process of reopening the Propylaeum we understand that even with social distancing measures it may still be months before members and guests feel comfortable enough to be together in a group.

Your continued support through membership, sponsorships, and charitable contributions is critically important. Contributions can be made on our website or can be sent directly to the office. We are counting on you to help see us through.

Liz Ellis

Commemorating the
*Centennial of
 Women's Suffrage*
 1920-2020

Prop Member Spotlight

Jill Chambers has been a member of the Propylaeum since 1990. At the time, Jill was serving as president of the Women’s History Association and was contacted by Joanne Solomon to serve on the Propylaeum historical marker committee. After helping get the marker approved, Jill knew she had to be a member of the Prop.

“I’ve been involved with the board and committees every since I joined.” Jill said. “I chaired the Talbott Street Art Fair parking committee until I was able to pass that into Diane Tolliver’s very capable hands” she laughed.



Jill, center front, with suffragists at the Indiana State House

“I have been involved with programs and organized Prop Day speakers, and I helped with Salon Society, and the 90th, 95th and 100th anniversaries of women’s suffrage.”

Jill has been active in women’s organizations for years. “I was involved with NOW (National Association of Women) in the 1970s and marched all over the country for the Equal Rights Amendment” she said. “I have faith it will pass someday.”

Recently, a photo of Jill and a group of women protesting in Indianapolis was part of an exhibit at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center.

Today, Jill is still involved with the Women’s History Association as well as the National League of American Pen Women. “I’ve moved toward the preservation of women’s history.” Jill said.

“I love the Propylaeum, I love the people, the history, the programs ... and I really miss being there!”

Jill and her husband Barry like to spend time with their granddaughters and travel both nationally and internationally.



Jill and Joanne Solomon at the Marilyn K. Glick Women’s Enrichment Series

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We anticipate that Propylaeum programs will be online possibly through the end-of-the-year. While guidelines may allow for in-person programs we believe that attendance could be very low because so many of our attendees fall into the at-risk category for COVID-19.

All people entering the Propylaeum will be required to wear a mask and sign a waiver. The waiver and full guidelines are available online at www.thepropylaeum.org/COVID19. If you would like us to send you a copy please contact us.

If you would like to make an appointment to come to the Propylaeum, please call LaurieAnne Perez at 317-638-7881 x. 4. If you have questions about our policy or procedures, please call Liz Ellis at 317-638-7881 x5.

We will do everything that we can to keep you up-to-date through the summer and fall. Information will be posted in the monthly newsletter and on our website.

Southeast Room Paint

Karen Pfeiffer has been working on repairing the decorative paint at the Propylaeum. Can you believe that the base coat of color on the southeast room walls is green? The finish on the walls is a Jazz or Tiffany glaze, consisting of several layers of paint applied in a stippled fashion to achieve a complex color. When Jim Glass presented the history and architecture of the Propylaeum at February Prop Day, he described the décor of the southeast room as French Baroque. Then known as the music room, the Schaf family hired Cincinnati interior designer William F. Behrens to plan and oversee the remodeling. Thanks, Karen, for your work to help preserve this unique feature!



Top left: the repainted wall before trim is painted, top right: the base coat for the wall.

Propylaeum Annual Meeting

The Propylaeum's Annual Meeting will be on video, sent to you by email on June 8. You will hear about what happened during 2019 and what is to come for 2020. We will honor retiring board member Jim Glass and bestow the Circle of May Wright Sewall service award, along with an announcement of the election of board members. A follow-up conference will be held over Zoom on June 9 at 2:00 for your questions and comments. Please contact Rose or Liz for access information.

Propylaeum Goals

The Propylaeum Board has developed a set of goals to elaborate on our new mission statement: The place that connects and celebrates women. The statement of goals provides a roadmap for our operations and programs and presents the unique purpose for the Propylaeum.

- A welcoming place for women to use their voice, inspire leadership, connect with others and continue the legacy of women supporting women.
- Programs that offer opportunities for enrichment, education, exploration, culture, and community.
- Preserve and maintain the place that has been the home for women since 1923.

Look for a discussion of our values next month: collaboration, inclusivity, leadership, stewardship, integrity.

CALENDAR

Until it is safe to resume group activities, we will not be including dates for upcoming programs. All activities listed in the calendar will be web-only.

June

- 9 Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 15 Investment Group, 10 a.m.
- 23 Book Group, Noon.

July

- 14 Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 20 Investment Group, 10 a.m.
- 28 Book Group, Noon.

August

- 11 Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 17 Investment Group, 10 a.m.
- 25 Book Group, Noon

IWC Supports Prop

The Indianapolis Woman's Club has partnered with the Indianapolis Propylaeum since 1890. In May, the IWC presented the Propylaeum with a check for \$2,500 to support the renovation and restoration of a light fixture in the clubroom. Contributing to Propylaeum maintenance needs helps the Propylaeum meet the operating budget.

Thank you Indianapolis Woman's Club, we look forward to partnering for another 130 years.

For all upcoming events, follow us on:



Membership

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

June Birthdays

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| 2 | Tiffany Talbert | 16 | Margaret McWhirter |
| 6 | Paula McKay | 17 | Lynda Parker |
| 9 | Mary Jean Alig | 28 | Ruth Black |
| 10 | Angela Stephens Tarter | 29 | Judy Davis |