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FROM THE PRESIDENT TO OUR MEMBERS

We have an abundance of good news to share with you, our members, about key milestones we've reached since our last newsletter. First, if you're following our digital media, which I encourage you to do to see the latest news, you have likely noticed an increase in emails and postings. This is thanks to Kaitlyn McAvoy, who we welcome to the staff as our new Communications Manager. Kaitlyn will help to advance our strategic goals of expressing why preservation matters, engaging more people and telling our story. She will also achieve these goals through our completely redesigned website www.Landmarks.org. We're proud to bring you a user-friendly tool to your desktop or mobile device.

“Chicago will host the 2018 ICOM International Committee for the Historic House Museums conference, DEMHIST, putting our historic house museums on an international stage.”

There will be ample news to share over the next two years with recently announced commemorations and conferences planned in Illinois. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has chosen Chicago to hold its 2017 PastForward Conference November 14-17, 2017, and Landmarks Illinois has signed on as the presenting partner. This will also coincide with the 2017 Chicago Architecture Biennial beginning in September next year. Our historic built environment will be a feature of the Biennial, as well as the Bicentennial of Illinois statehood in 2018. Governor Bruce Rauner is assembling a Bicentennial Commission to plan statewide festivities. In addition, Chicago will host the 2018 ICOM International Committee for the Historic House Museums conference, DEMHIST, putting our historic house museums on an international stage. Check our website for more information about these exciting learning opportunities.

Foundation partnerships are imperative for the support of large efforts like these. They also provide funding for new Landmarks Illinois programs. Through the excellent work of Amy Ege, our Director of Development and Engagement, working with staff program leaders, we've secured several significant grants to further our statewide programs. Please see our “By the Numbers” section on this page for acknowledgement of these incredible investments in our work to help people save places. More information will be posted on the website as we advance these new initiatives.

We hope that you, too, are equally inspired to continue investing in our work and its impact on your community. November is the month you'll receive a year-end appeal gift request. Your gift will go directly toward advocacy and education programming. Your financial support makes a difference, as does your membership, to sustain and expand our work. The annual nonprofit giving season continues with Giving Tuesday on November 29. Our focus will be on membership – give a membership or encourage someone to join online that day. Thank you for including us in your year-end giving and here's to a wonderful year ahead.

Wishing you a joyful season,

Bonnie McDonald

Bonnie McDonald
President



BY THE NUMBERS

\$10,000

GRANT FROM ILLINOIS HUMANITIES to partner with City Colleges of Chicago on preservation video testimonials.

\$15,000

GRANT FROM THE 1772 FOUNDATION to conduct a preservation revolving fund and real estate program feasibility study.

\$33,000

GRANT FROM THE RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS FOUNDATION to support downtown revitalization planning and implementation in Princeton, Illinois.

\$100,000

GRANT FROM THE TAWANI FOUNDATION to conduct a statewide survey of WWI monuments, and create a future grant program, in commemoration of the centennial of the 1917 U.S. entry into the Great War.

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Front cover: Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery in Springfield, Illinois, opened in February 2012. Conn's Hospitality Group, which is the recipient of Landmarks Illinois' 2016 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for Leadership, converted the historic Booth-Grundendike home into the brewery. Find out more about CHG's historic preservation efforts in Springfield on page 3. (photo credit: Frank Butterfield)

PEOPLE SAVING PLACES



PROJECT OF
THE YEAR:
REHABILITATION

STRAND APARTMENTS Chicago
Recipient of the Landmarks Illinois 2016 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Project of the Year Award for Rehabilitation



Historically, this area was a thriving business district and a major center of the South Side of Chicago reaching maturity in the 1920s.



Constructed in 1914-15, the Strand Hotel was designed by architectural firm Davis & Davis. Zachary T. Davis is credited with designing Wrigley Field, Old Comiskey Park and the St. James Chapel of Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary. The architectural features of the Classical Revival-style Strand Hotel building, including the red brick and terra cotta façade, ornate interior lobby and public spaces, remain largely intact today.

In an effort to preserve these architectural features and provide affordable housing for the residents of the Woodlawn community, Holsten converted the Strand into 62 studio- and one-bedroom units and one, two-bedroom resident manager unit. Holsten Human Capital Development, co-developer of the project, provides robust social services to building residents, both in-house and through its network of third-party service providers.

The rehabilitation included new HVAC systems, a new roof, improvements to the façade, sidewalks and a parking lot on an adjacent property. At the beginning of October, all but one of the apartments was occupied. Ground floor retail space has been fully leased to Subway, a national wireless phone company and a local hair salon/art gallery. Holsten's rehabilitation of the Strand Hotel complements other redevelopment efforts in the area, including the rehabilitated Grand Ballroom and the recent, large-scale Grove Park development.

Left, top to bottom: The former Strand Hotel sat vacant and suffered years of neglect before restoration of the historic building took place.

A look inside one of the apartments at the Strand.

The exterior of the Strand Apartments after the restoration.

(photos credit: Joseph Stanford)



LEADERSHIP

CONN'S HOSPITALITY GROUP
Springfield
Recipient of the Landmarks Illinois 2016 Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Award for Leadership

Since 1995, CHG has rehabilitated four historic buildings in Springfield and has recently completed its first project in Peoria.

Through its numerous preservation projects, Conn's Hospitality Group (CHG), headed by Court and Karen Conn, has helped revitalize downtown Springfield. Since 1995, CHG has rehabilitated four historic buildings in Springfield and has recently completed its first project in Peoria. The Conn's stewardship began when they restored a 1909 apartment building and converted it into a bed and breakfast, now called the The Inn at 835. The 11-guestroom hotel has the charm of a former era but with all the amenities of the 21st century.

CGH later transformed the Lincoln-era Maisenbacher Home threatened by demolition into a coffee shop. A local clinic was expanding and planned to demolish the home to create a parking lot. The Conns intervened and moved the house six blocks north to property that had been owned by Court's great-great-grandfather 150 years earlier. The initial plan was to convert the building into a microbrewery, but the property was deemed too small. CHG instead turned the Maisenbacher house into a coffee shop, called Wm. Van's Coffee.



For their microbrewery, Court and Karen Conn opted to acquire the Booth-Grunendike Mansion across the alley, which was built around 1860 and served as office space for many years, but later sat neglected. CHG worked with architects, contractors and city officials starting in September 2011 to renovate the mansion and an adjoining carriage house, turning them into Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery.

With the microbrewery, restaurant, coffee shop and outdoor gathering space, the Conns have transformed this previously lifeless downtown block into a hub of activity and established a model for the ongoing efforts of downtown revitalization. The Conns are now the stewards of over 450 combined years of historic structures in downtown Springfield, while continuously looking ahead for the next opportunity, as CHG's mission states, to "Preserve History through Hospitality."

Above, clockwise from left: CHG's coffee shop, Wm. Van's Coffee, is now a community gathering space for the people of Springfield.

CHG restored and transformed Maisenbacher house into a coffee shop.

Karen and Court Conn founded CHG in 1995. (photos credit: Frank Butterfield)

THE STATE OF PRESERVATION



ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

St. Boniface Church Saved

After 17 years of advocacy, the historic, vacant 1902 church on Chicago's Near Northwest Side will finally have a new life. The property was purchased by Stas Development, which intends to reuse the structure as part of a new housing development and music school in partnership with the Chicago Academy of Music. Closed since 1990, the Henry J. Schlacks-designed church was on Landmarks Illinois' 1999 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois and on Preservation Chicago's 2002 Chicago 7 Most Endangered list. Both organizational and local community members have long advocated to save the historic church.

(credit: Landmarks Illinois)

NORWOOD-MORGAN-WELLS HOUSE



Demolition Threat in Quincy

The 1860 Norwood-Morgan-Wells House in Quincy faces a demolition threat. Quincy Media Inc. (QMI), owner of local newspaper Herald-Whig, seeks to purchase and demolish the National Register-listed building to add adjacent office space. The Quincy Historic Preservation Commission denied the demolition request for the designated landmark in October, but QMI appealed the ruling to City Council. Working with Quincy Preserves and Landmarks Illinois, a local couple signed a contract to purchase the house for rehabilitation contingent upon the Council's denial of the demolition request. At press time, the City Council had voted to draft a resolution in favor of demolition.

(credit: Frank Butterfield)

THE HOTEL BELLEVILLE



Most Endangered Building on Path Toward New Use

The Hotel Belleville, listed on Landmarks Illinois' 2014 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois, is one significant step closer to being saved. The Belleville City Council voted unanimously to enter into negotiations with local developers on a \$12 million redevelopment proposal to convert the vacant building into ground-floor commercial and upper-story senior housing. Threatened by demolition for downtown green space, Landmarks Illinois helped secure a Conditions Assessment for the building and a Determination of Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. By listing the building in the National Register, the developer can make use of the Federal Historic Tax Credit – a critical source of project financing.

(credit: Frank Butterfield)

IN THE FIELD

suburban

HARLEY CLARKE MANSION, EVANSTON



On September 12, the Evanston City Council unanimously voted to allocate funds and resources to repair and allow programming opportunities for the city-owned Harley Clarke Mansion, which is on Landmarks Illinois 2016 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois list. The council also reiterated its desire to retain ownership of the building, while seeking public and private partnerships. LI sees this as a step in the right direction toward rehabilitation and reuse. At the council meeting, LI provided a condition assessment prepared by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., to confirm the building's stable condition. Alderman Mark Tendam called the report "the first sensible thing" he had seen on the Harley Clarke Mansion and said it should be followed. With local advocates, LI will continue to monitor the status of progress and offer assistance as needed.

(credit: Landmarks Illinois)

statewide

PRESERVATION PLANNING, PRINCETON



In September, the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation awarded Landmarks Illinois a grant to support downtown revitalization planning and education for the community of Princeton. Working with landscape architect and Princeton-native Scott Mehaffey, over the next year Landmarks Illinois will build on the recommendations of a Phase I: Inventory, Assessment & Analysis project, which was funded by Landmarks Illinois' Donnelley Preservation Fund. The project will include research and designation of a National Register Historic District, a downtown design plan, creation of a preservation ordinance and a historic tax credit workshop. Partners in the project include Princeton city officials, the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce and a steering committee of local advocates and volunteers.

(credit: Illinois Historic Preservation Agency)

statewide

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT OF 1908 SPRINGFIELD



In planning for rail consolidation in Springfield, an archaeological survey and testing revealed the foundations of a mid-19th century neighborhood, including several buildings destroyed by fire during the 1908 Springfield Race Riot. This traumatic event is nationally significant for its role in forming the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Recently, the archaeological sites that were burned in 1908 have been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at a national level of significance. The current plans for future rail alignment overlaps with this site, and as a result, the Federal Railroad Administration has initiated Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act to engage the public, explore feasible alternatives and mitigate any adverse impacts of the project. Landmarks Illinois is participating as a consulting party along with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Springfield Chapter of the NAACP, among others.

(credit: Fever River Research)

REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING INDUSTRIES COUNCIL EVENT



November 30, 2016

6-8 p.m.

Cocktail Reception and
Award Ceremony

Chicago Union Station

Burlington Room
500 W. Jackson Blvd.

Landmarks Illinois will honor Amtrak with its 2016 Real Estate and Building Industries Council (RBIC) Award in recognition of the restoration projects and capital improvements it has made at Chicago Union Station. The RBIC celebration will unveil the newly restored Burlington Room. Originally constructed as the Women's Lounge, where ladies could wait for the train and enjoy the services of the adjacent beauty parlor and other facilities, the lounge has been closed to the general public for decades, split into small offices and storage with its historic details hidden from view. The Burlington Room will soon reopen to the public as a 3,900-square-foot event space.

Each year, RBIC recognizes individuals, firms and organizations that demonstrate a special dedication to historic preservation through responsible development and planning. For reservations, sponsorship opportunities and past awardees, visit the RBIC event page at www.Landmarks.org.

September 2016, restoration underway in the Burlington Room at Union Station. (Credit: Kaitlyn McAvoy)

GRANT PROFILE



Understanding our Impact on Communities Across Illinois

Since the creation of Landmarks Illinois' Preservation Heritage Fund Grant program in 2004, more than \$730,000 has been awarded in matching grants in 80 communities across Illinois. We believe that historic preservation catalyzes community reinvestment, generates additional economic development and promotes a sense of community pride that improves quality of life. To gain a better understanding of the statewide impact of the Preservation Heritage Fund, LI is embarking on an impact study to evaluate the quantitative and qualitative impact of this program at the local level. This study will evaluate what catalytic affects these seed grants have had in their communities. PlaceEconomics, a Washington, D.C.-based real estate and economic development consulting firm, headed by Donovan Rypkema, will be conducting the study. We look forward to the findings in mid-2017.

PEOPLE

MEET ANNE VOSHEL

Landmarks Illinois Board Member Anne Voshel is a Chicago-based business leader and philanthropist with a BA in Civil Engineering from University of Michigan and an MBA from University of Chicago. She owns AVA Consultants, which provides owner's representative services for commercial real estate. Several nonprofits benefit from Anne's leadership and generosity, including LI, where she has been a board member since 1990, not counting three mandatory sunset years. Anne has served as a committee, event and vice chair.



You are among Landmarks Illinois' longest-serving board members. What drew you to this organization, and what has motivated you to stay involved for 23 years and counting?

I was originally asked to join Landmarks Illinois' former President's Board, but I soon found I could better serve on the "Big Board" (the Board of Directors). Also, before returning to Chicago, I lived for a few years in Houston where most everything was new. I would get nostalgic seeing the older buildings in Chicago, like the Marquette Building and the Rookery – even the bungalow homes. My professional life is focused on developing and renovating buildings, and getting involved with an organization that works to preserve our architectural heritage just resonated with me.

As a respected leader in the male-dominated civil engineering field, what advice would you give women considering careers in engineering or the real estate and building industries?

Ask questions, listen well, work harder than your colleagues, speak up for yourself so your superiors understand your contributions and accomplishments and make sure you enjoy what you do.

You recently matched another board member's major gift commitment with a generous \$100,000 donation in support of LI's Field Office Program via your family foundation, Van Dam Charitable Foundation. Why make such a significant investment in a program serving areas of Illinois outside Chicago?

Our state is filled with wonderful history. If there isn't a voice that speaks up, we

run the risk of losing irreplaceable assets. We were able to get Chicago on good, financial footing. Now it's time to radiate out to the rest of the state.

This fall, you are co-chairing our Real Estate and Building Industries Council event – an annual program you have personally helped grow. Who should come to this event and why?

This year's event will be at Union Station and will include tours of three of the spectacularly renovated areas. This is a great networking event, so anyone in the real estate industry that wants to see a new, exciting space, while meeting developers, bankers, brokers, architects, contractors or others who enjoy seeing part of our history being restored should attend.

Above: LI Board Member Anne Voshel (credit: Diane Alexander White Photography)

Left, top to bottom: The Marquette Building at 56 W. Adams St. is a Chicago landmark and a National Historic Landmark listed in the National Register of Historic Places. (credit: Jim Peters)

One of four bronze panels over the doors of the Marquette Building. (credit: Jim Peters)

The Rookery Building at 209 S. LaSalle St. in Chicago is one of the most historically significant buildings in the city.



Skyline Social & Trivia Night



Close to 200 guests attended the 5th Annual Skyline Social on Saturday, September 10 held at Rebuild Foundation's radically restored Stony Island Arts Bank. The fundraiser was hosted by LI's emerging leaders committee, the Skyline Council. Landmarks Illinois thanks all event sponsors and supporters of the event.

Skyline Council will host its highly popular Trivia Night on Tuesday, January 24 at Revolution Brewing. Teams of six compete in topics related to preservation, architecture, Chicago history and more. Reservations will go on sale in mid-December. To view photos of the Skyline Social and other recent events visit Landmarks Illinois on Flickr.

Skyline Council Members at the 5th Annual Skyline Social. (Left to right back row) Justin Kreindler, Eric Dexter, Lauren Garvey, Matt Seymour, Sarah Van Domelen, Lisa Napoles, Lauren Scheutz. (Left to right front row) Jesse Newton, Anne Frigo, Erika Block, Greg Dowell, Rachel Will, Erica Ruggiero. (Credit: Allison Evans Photography)

Legendary Landmarks Celebration

Landmarks Illinois' annual fundraiser, the Legendary Landmarks Celebration, will be held March 15, 2017 at the historic Hilton Chicago. Celebrating its 12th season and attracting over 750 attendees, the Legendary Landmarks Celebration has become Chicago's unrivaled gala of the people and corporations who continue to shape Chicago's civic and cultural skyline.

We are excited to announce the 2017 Legendary Landmark honorees: internationally renowned sculptor Richard Hunt; entrepreneur and philanthropist Fred Eychaner; and CEO of McCaffery Interests Dan McCaffery (Corporate Landmark).

For more information on past Legendary Landmarks, visit the Legendary Landmarks Celebration event page at www.Landmarks.org.



Landmarks Illinois' past Legendary Landmarks Honorees gathered at the 2016 celebration. (credit: Diane Alexander White)



Preservation Snapshots

EDGAR MILLER LEGACY PROJECT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 5:30 TO 7:00 P.M.
AIA CHICAGO
35 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 250, Chicago

Edgar Miller, a master craftsman as well as a conceptual artist, was able to translate his ideas into nearly any medium and is often referred to as a “Renaissance Man.” This lecture will hone in on a “best-of” glimpse of Miller’s broad oeuvre while discussing the preservation efforts dating back from the 1970s to keep Miller’s most unique pieces of art – the Handmade Homes – intact and vibrant for future generations of Chicagoans to enjoy.

Speaker: Zac Bleicher, Director Edgar Miller Legacy Project
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Glasner Studio, Chicago (credit: Alexander Vertikoff)

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November 29, 2016

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SKYLINE COUNCIL TRIVIA NIGHT
Revolution Brewing

Call for WWI MONUMENTS

In preparation for the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entry into WWI, LI is conducting a statewide survey of monuments to soldiers and veterans of the Great War. If you know of a monument or marker in your community, contact Suzanne Germann at SGermann@landmarks.org. This project is made possible with generous support from the Tawani Foundation.