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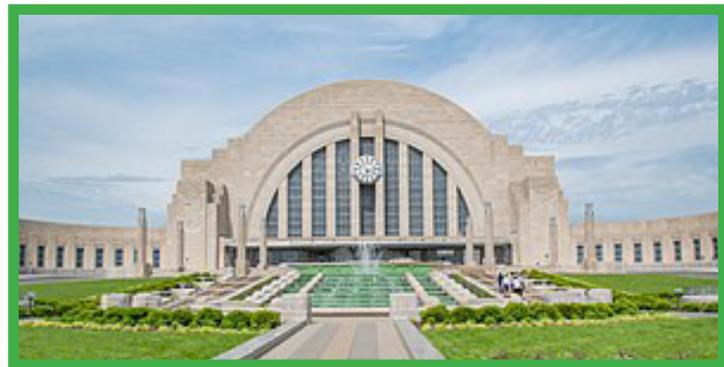
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Join us as Barbara Jennings shares with us the story of the three years of restoration of our National Historic Landmark and community icon – Cincinnati Union Terminal.

This art deco masterpiece was begun in the 1930s and is now revitalized to serve generations to come.



Thursday, March 19, 2020

7 PM

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Thursday, May 7, 2020

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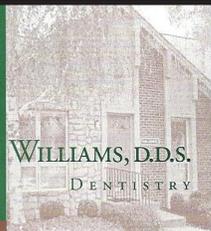
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CELEBRATING 25 TOP-SELLING YEARS

Sherry Sheffield Named Colonel Robert Reily Award Recipient...

By Mary Killen, President

After receiving a nomination, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to present the Colonel Robert Reily Award to Sherry Sheffield. In part, the nomination stated "There is no greater resource for Wyoming history than Sherry. And no one has done more to preserve and promote history than her. Whether it is setting up the Historical Society museum, obtaining Wyoming artifacts, maintaining collections, working a booth at Fall festival, or compiling the newsletter, Sherry is involved and the key element in its success."



Col. Robert Reily

The Board of Trustees cordially invites members to a presentation ceremony and celebration which will be held on May 4, 2020. Invitations will be mailed to members with details.

Fittingly named for our city's founder, the Colonel Reily Award, which was created in 1984, honors those, who through significant contributions, further the historic quality of our city while serving to educate the general community and promote historic awareness of Wyoming.

The first recipients of the award were Katie and Henry Bond in 1984 for their contributions in preserving historic Wyoming homes, second recipient in 2000 was Annie Lou Helmsderfer as one of the founders of the society and promoter of Wyoming history, and, then in 2007, Jenni McCauley was honored for her contributions and leadership in establishing Wyoming's historic district. The fourth award was given to Mary Ann McIlwain Dodson and her late parents James T. and Gertrude McIlwain who were pioneers in restoration of an old Wyoming home. The award was presented during Wyoming's 150th birthday celebration in 2011 which included a weekend of events for residents of the city.

As in the past, an honorarium will be established through contributions made by invitees. Sherry has requested that funds be designated for the purchase, upgrade and expansion of technology to enable digital flattening scanning of book pages.

A permanent plaque with her name will be displayed in Wyoming City Council Chambers.

FEELINGS AND HOPE...by Bill Donovan edited by Glenn Lewis

I believe it was in the third grade when I first noticed Jean. She had dark hair and could run faster than any girl in gym class. She was really cute. She was very good in English, spelling and reading but showed little interest in history or geography. She also did well in high school except she struggled with chemistry and physics. Would you believe these were my two favorite subjects? I felt pretty big when she asked me to help her on a science project. After that I began doing my homework every night without fail, just in case she might want my help again. Soon we sort of became lab partners. By now we were in our teens and Jean was a real beauty. I never let on that I liked her.

Most of my childhood days began in the late 1920's and continued through the Great Depression, when Franklin Roosevelt was our President. Money was hard to come by in those days and I never had enough for a date, I mean a real one with a box of candy and flowers. Although Jean and I managed to get together a couple of times before I left for the military.

After basic training and a lot of tests, the Army sent me to flight school. There I had little time for myself. Still, I was able to write Jean. We were miles apart, but our letters brought us closer together. Whether we knew or not we were building a special relationship.

Once, I made it home on a weekend pass and took Jean to a Humphrey Bogart movie. We had fun but our time together was too short. Back at camp I paid for roses to be sent to her on a regular schedule. I could tell from her letters that she was impressed. Unfortunately, while stationed in England, a delivery of roses arrived days after I had been reported missing-in-action (MIA). This must have turned her world upside down.

Thanks to the Queen's own Highlanders, I along with other Americans pilots were liberated and sent back to the states. Some of us ended up in Michigan teaching raw recruits how to fly. Every one of those cadets was no older than a high school senior. When I was given a pass, I lit out for home. Jean and my parents were the only people I really wanted to see. On the first evening alone with Jean, I told her that I was crazy about her. She grinned and said she felt the same about me. Then she grew silent and held out her hand to be taken. I took it into my hands.... We walked a ways and then we became engaged, just like that. After leaving Jean at her front door, I was so excited I ran all the way home, woke mother and told her the news. She said she was not surprised, rolled over and went back to sleep.

Before leaving for camp, Jean and I agreed to wait for the war to be over before we married. But the very next time I was home in October of 1944, Jean told me I was too practical and that we shouldn't wait any longer. I went along with her without objection. And so it was, we would have a big church wedding on the 27th of December. She and her parents would take charge of all the arrangements including a fancy reception. I don't know how they did it on such short notice.

Come that special moment for us to pledge our undying love, Jean was late! I wondered if she had second thoughts and wanted out. My kid brother, Paul, always knew what to say and assured me all brides were late! I wanted to believe him. After what seemed to be an eternity, twenty agonizing minutes, she came into view at the back of the church walking slowly down the aisle toward me. She was the prettiest bride I ever saw.



(Note: The late Bill Donovan (right) was raised in Wyoming and served in WWII. His daughter provided us with this story of her father's memories. This is the 2nd of 3 articles.)

**FIELD TRIP TO UNION TERMINAL....
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR....
FREE TO MEMBERS....**

The Wyoming Historical Society has scheduled a special tour of Cincinnati Union Terminal which is free to our members. Come to hear the March 19th program, "Restoration of Cincinnati Union Terminal" then attend our follow-up tour on March 22, Sunday afternoon, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. We'll have a guided tour of Union Terminal and see "first hand" the features we heard about at the program just days earlier. On this guided tour will be restored areas long shut off from public view. You'll become an expert on Cincinnati's fantastic Union Terminal!

Please fill out the form at the top of the next page and either mail it, email it or drop it off to us by March 12th. You can drop it at our offices (there is a mail slot in our south door) or put our name on the envelope and drop at the city offices. They will put in our mail box. There are a limited number of people in a tour so please respond quickly. We are looking forward to another fun adventure.

TOUR RESERVATIONS - UNION TERMINAL - MARCH 22

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RAMSTETTERS RECEIVE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD...

Since Tony and Cathy Ramstetter purchased the Reily House in 2009, they have graciously opened their doors to many a Historical Society event. Whether it's the 150th Naming Anniversary of Wyoming, the dedication of the Reily Historical Marker or the yearly 3rd grade tours, they have graciously welcomed young and old into their home.

Tony served as a Wyoming Historical Society Trustee, 2010-2016, serving on several committees. Cathy is on the City's Historic Preservation Commission. That's a perfect match considering the love and care they have put into putting and keeping the Reily House in fine condition.

In 2015, Cathy formed the non-profit Successful Healthy Children. She served on the School Board of the Corryville Catholic School and is founder of their Wellness Council and Student Health Council. In 2017, her company received a \$5000 grant from the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office to implement health education for all students. Cathy serves on the DePaul Cristo Rey High School Board of Directors and is a member of the America School Health Association Board of Directors. Last month she participated in the 2020 Reagan Institute Summit on Education in Columbus.

Tony is the Founder and President of Prestige AV and Creative Services. His company is actively involved in many fundraising events including

the Anthony Munoz Foundation, Susan G. Koman Race, Reds Fest and the Cure Starts Now. The Terry Ramstetter Foundation, honoring Tony's late brother, has raised over \$50,000. They provide meals for Ronald McDonald House, supplies for students at inner-city Catholic schools and award scholarships to 1st year high school students at Catholic high schools.

We are delighted that Tony and Cathy have been chosen as Citizens of the Year and we thank them for all the support they give the Wyoming Historical Society.



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*It's all about
Union Terminal
on March 19th.*

THE "NORTH HALL" ... OF THE WYOMING HISTORY MUSEUM

What is the North Hall? For those who have had the pleasure of visiting our offices and museum, you know that to get from one to the other you must travel the back hallway to the opposite end of the building. That back hallway, the thirty feet directly across from our office door, has been turned into the newest addition to our museum...the North Hall. Stop by, we'd love to show you what we are made of!



This Historic Timeline was done in 1991 by Anita Marks. It combines Wyoming's history with that of the rest of the world.

The Trowel and Error Garden Club has donated several framed collages involving Centennial Park. See what you remember!

And an early map will have you wondering why some streets on the map never happened in real life.