

FLAGLER MUSEUM

Director's Annual Luncheon



More than 100 guests attended the **Flagler Museum's Director's Annual Luncheon**. Attendees listened to an engaging presentation by the Museum's recently appointed Executive Director and CEO, **Amanda Skier**. Ms. Skier provided a review of accomplishments over the prior year and outlined some projects and goals for the coming year.

The presentation included a recap of the elaborate Dining Room restoration project completed in September 2024, during which Ms. Skier recognized and thanked **Thomas S. Kenan, III**, and **Dyson and Peter Stockman**, for their generous support of the restoration project.

Ms. Skier also announced that this summer the Museum will take steps to make the history of the *Whitehall Hotel* more visible. These efforts include expanding the Museum's tour path to the hotel addition and laying the groundwork for its restoration. This will include restoration of what is currently called the *West Room*, formerly known as the "Palm Court", and the *Lake Room*, known as the "Loggia" during the hotel era, 1925 to 1959. Ms. Skier stated, "By interpreting these periods and telling the stories of those who have enjoyed and cared for *Whitehall*, we can continuously expand its significance and relevance to the community. I look forward to sharing this journey with all of you, and welcoming you back often, as we continue to restore, discover, and reimagine this remarkable place."

When it was completed in 1902, *Whitehall*, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the *New York Herald* as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, *Whitehall* is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs.

The Museum is open 10am to 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5pm on Sunday. Admission is \$28 for adults, \$14 for ages 6-12, and children ages 5 and under are free. For more information call the Flagler Museum at 561.655.2833 or visit www.FlaglerMuseum.us.

FIRST ROW: Amanda Skier and Sam Lehrman; Linda Olsson and Jeff Smith; **SECOND ROW:** Edith Friedheim and Nancy Marshall; Patrick and Heather Henry; **THIRD ROW:** Stacey and Robert Morse; Julie Desnick, Helen Nicastrì and Kit Pannill; **FOURTH ROW:** David Frisbie and David Harrison; Dan Drennen and David Sarama. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

