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Flagler Museum Hosts Ethics in Journalism Discussion

PALM BEACH, FL - On Monday, March 3, 2025, the Flagler Museum hosted a special discussion between Executive Director Emeritus, John M. Blades, and Walter E. Hussman, Jr., titled "Ethics in Journalism." Guests were invited to Whitehall's Grand Ballroom where the discussion was presented as a follow-on to the 2025 Whitehall Lecture Series, The New York Newspaper Publishers of the Gilded Age, that culminated with the fifth lecture of the Series the afternoon prior. The insightful conversation shed light on the ever-enduring world of journalism and its lasting impact on society.

Walter Hussman, a third-generation newspaperman, earned his B.A. in journalism from the University of North Carolina and an M.B.A. from Columbia University in New York. In 2019, the University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism and Media was named in his family's honor.

During the discussion, Mr. Hussman recalled a quotation by one of the Whitehall Lecture Series subjects, Adolph Ochs, publisher of the New York Times from 1896 - 1935, when he said,

"Adolph Ochs coined what I believe is one of the great phrases in American journalism - and it is 'to give the news impartially without fear or favor.' That statement has endured now for almost 130 years, and it's as relevant today as it was then."

During her concluding remarks, Flagler Museum Executive Director & CEO Amanda Skier stated:

"Through programming like tonight's discussion, we are able to explore the significant impact that the Gilded Age has had in shaping our modern American culture. By viewing our present through the lens of this remarkable period in our history, we are able to better understand our country today and make informed decisions to shape its future."

The discussion was followed by a spirited Q-and-A session about the state of journalism in the United States today.

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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

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 located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $28 for adults, $14 for ages 6 - 12, and children five and under are free. Guided tours, audio tours, printed self-guide brochures and the Flagler Museum Audio Tour app are all complimentary with Museum admission. Audio tours and self-guide brochures are available in English, Spanish, French, German and Portuguese.

For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.FlaglerMuseum.us.