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The Sayre Mansion Celebrates 30 Years in Business

Anniversary Afternoon Tea Set for September 12

Bethlehem, PA (August 21, 2023)- On September 12, The Sayre Mansion will mark 30 years since its opening day. To commemorate the milestone, the mansion is hosting a special anniversary afternoon tea from 2-4 p.m. with the unveiling of recently discovered historical photographs.

The Gothic Revival style home was built in 1858 for Robert Heysham Sayre, chief engineer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. In 1898, Sayre commissioned an ambitious addition to his home that became a crowning achievement for the avid book lover. A three-story private library, which was staffed by a live-in librarian, housed 15,000 books. Despite extensive research there were no known photographs of the impressive library in existence, until recently. Sarah Trimmer, The Sayre Mansion's director of hotel operations and sales, found a listing on eBay for an original photograph featuring Robert Sayre's library. After contacting the seller in Oregon, she learned there was a second photograph showing a different angle. Trimmer immediately scooped up the treasures for delivery back to Bethlehem, PA. Both photos were enhanced, enlarged and professionally framed. After the unveiling on September 12, the images portraying the library in its former glory will be on display at the mansion for guests to enjoy.

"We're excited to celebrate 30 years of exceptional hospitality and share the rich history of this Bethlehem landmark," says Trimmer. "Unveiling the photographs on this auspicious occasion is a wonderful way to link the past and present."

Robert Sayre lived at the home on Wyandotte Street until his death in 1907. Since then, the home has served as a fraternity house and an apartment building. A local couple saved the property from demolition in the late 1980s and following a multi-million-dollar restoration opened The Sayre Mansion as a bed and breakfast. In 2002, the current owners acquired the Carriage House, which was parceled off decades earlier. With the purchase, the original two-acre Sayre Mansion property was reunited.

The Sayre Mansion 30th Anniversary Afternoon Tea is \$35 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 610-882-2100.

About Settlers Hospitality

Settlers Hospitality, boutique multi-concept hospitality in Hawley, PA, consists of The Settlers Inn, Ledges Hotel, Silver Birches Resort, Hotel Anthracite, Sayre Mansion, The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Glass- wine.bar.kitchen, Kōl Steakhouse, Cocoon Coffeehouse and Bakery, Lake Region Fitness, Art on the Edge and Gorgeous Floral. For more information, check out SettlersHospitality.com

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