The Friends of History, the department's wonderful group of supporters, participated in a great event in the fall of 2010 at the Palmer House, a landmark in Chicago since the mid-nineteenth century. Local historian Ken Price discussed the Palmer House's rich history in an illustrated presentation and then led the Friends of History on a tour of the hotel.

On Saturday, October 30, 2010 the Friends of History/Alumni and guests attended breakfast at the historic Palmer House, a landmark in Chicago since the mid-nineteenth century.

After a brief welcome by Jackie Davis, Friends of History Board, a sumptuous breakfast was enjoyed by all. James Barrett, History Department Chair, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, spoke of department news to the attendees.

An illustrated presentation of Palmer House’s rich history was given by Ken Price, local historian, as well as a tour of Palmer House showcasing its classic architecture and lavish interior.
Jackie Davis of the Friends of History Board greets guests at the Palmer House.

An assortment of recent publications by UIUC professors were on display.
A tempting array of breakfast items were consumed by Friends of History/Alumni and guests.

Illustrations of The Palmer House through the years were displayed for viewing.
Please Join Us
On Saturday October 30th, 2010
The University of Illinois Friends of History will be hosting: "History at the Palmer House"

Event Information:
- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Ticket price: $100 per person ($50.00 is tax deductible)
- Location: Historic Palmer House Hotel, 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois
- RSVP by October 25, 2010
- For reservations go to http://guest.cvent.com/d/zdj7w/4W

Agenda:
- Enjoy a plated breakfast while discovering the interesting history of the hotel, presented by Ken Price, Palmer House Historian and Director of Public Relations.
- The presentation includes a slideshow of historic photos and stories about Bertha and Potter Palmer the hotel’s founders who also established the world renowned Impressionist collection at Chicago’s Art Institute.
- After breakfast and the program there will be a tour of the hotel!

Did You Know?:
- The Palmer House is thought to be the country’s and North America’s oldest hotel in continual operation, and will celebrate its 140th anniversary in 2011.
- From 2005-2008 the hotel underwent a $170 million restoration which highlights the property’s French Baroque decor and architecture.
- The hotel is in walking distance of many of Chicago’s best known museums, shops and attractions.

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The Friends of History are a group of University of Illinois alumni who seek to promote history awareness and to support the U of I Department of History. For more information or to become a member visit: www.history.illinois.edu, and click on 'friends'.