

Good News & Member Sharing:



Congratulations! **Vivian Pickard**, president & CEO, The Pickard Group, honored by Café Mocha Radio's '[Salute Her Tour](#)' award recipient. The mission of the 'Salute Her Tour' is to highlight a variety of talented

women whose stories will inspire others. This year's theme, *Redefining What Perseverance Looks Like from the Inside Out*, speaks to the importance of women maintaining their inner spirit to find strength to be the best they can be. The event was held in Washington DC on August 25, 2017.



Suzanne Shank was honored with a Black Girls Rock 2017 Award. This annual recognition is presented by BET television network in celebration of the top African American women in the field of finance, politics, and entertainment. Suzanne was

recognized as the 2017 "Shot Caller" for being an accomplished pioneer in the world of finance and a role model for African American women and girls throughout the nation. Submitted by Glenda Price. [Click here](#) to see the short video on Suzanne that aired on national TV on August 22.



On behalf of the Consumers Energy Foundation, **Patti Poppe**, president and CEO of CMS Energy and Consumers Energy, presented a \$1 million grant, the foundation's largest gift in company history, to help start the Flint Promise Scholarship

Program. Funding will support a local initiative led by Community Foundation of Greater Flint and a coalition of educators and philanthropic organizations to offer Flint high school graduates a tuition-free path to opportunities for post-secondary education.

The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) bestowed on **Rochelle Riley**, columnist for the



Detroit Free Press, the prestigious Ida B. Wells Award. The [Ida B. Wells Award](#) is named in honor of the distinguished journalist, fearless reporter and

wife of one of America's earliest black publishers. The annual honor is given to an individual who has made outstanding efforts to make newsrooms and news coverage more accurately reflect the diversity of the communities they serve. Beginning September 5, Rochelle will host a new radio talk show on 910 AM Superstation. The show will air from 6-7pm Mon-Friday.



Crain's Detroit Business Group Publisher **Mary Kramer** chats with Paul W. Smith on WJR AM 760 about stories from the Aug. 21 issue. Listen to the interview and then read the stories here:

- [Big sale of Bank of America building in Troy may trigger out-of-town cash rush](#)
- [As downtown rebounds, small arts nonprofits feel the squeeze](#)
- [Michigan food makers aim to fill China's appetite](#)
- [Keith Crain: Detroiters love a party](#)

The Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University is hosting the first ever conference on women Governors from September 8 – 9. Michigan's own first female Governor, Jennifer Granholm, will be speaking on Saturday morning. New IWF Member **Anne Mervenne** has served for over a year on the planning committee, using her network to invite Governors, past and present, and securing the support of the National Governors Association. GVSU Board member, **Mary Kramer**, will be moderating the first event on Friday, September 8 which is a conversation between the Honorable Christine Todd



Whitman, former Republican Governor of New Jersey, and the Honorable Janet Napolitano, former Democrat Governor of Arizona. The objective of the conference is

to both acknowledge the challenges of women Governors and other female political leaders and to discuss how to prepare women for future political leadership roles. For more info: [Women & Leadership, First Conference of US Women Governors.](#)



The updated, 2017 edition of Anne Doyle's book, *POWERING UP! How America's Women Achievers Become Leaders*, is hot off the

presses. IWF Global Conferences and the incredible network of women leaders from every continent were major sources of inspiration and insight for the book. Anne likes to describe her book as, "The graduate work for women who've already leaned in." She will be the closing Keynote Speaker at the Andrus Center Women's Leadership Conference in Boise, Idaho later this month.

Did You Know???

Pictured here is Lindel Tucker, granddaughter of **Ruth Holmes**, winning the Saratoga hunters classic with her pony, Stella. They are a champion team.



President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Friends/Sisters

Standing With Houston: We are all thinking about the people of Houston, as we watch the stunning images from the devastation of people's lives, homes and communities. Amazingly, the IWF Global Conference, scheduled for Houston at the end of October, will still be held. Here's how IWF CEO Stephanie O'Keefe explained how IWF is standing with our Sisters in Houston.

"Gracie Cavnar, president of IWF Texas - Houston, reports that more than half of its members have checked in and are safe. The Hilton Americas, site of our conference, has confirmed that it is outside

of the flood waters and has not suffered damage. Given the information available, we carry forward with our conference and events in Houston. We anticipate some behind the scenes and other conference elements will need to be adjusted. In light of events, we will be adding a community service project as an option for conference attendees to participate in. Additionally, a new plenary session on Extreme Weather is being added to the program.”

I will be representing IWF-MI at the President’s Council sessions and plan to participate in whatever community project Houston IWF offers as a way for us to help while we are there.

IWF Global Board Member Ana Muñoz Visits

Motown: We were thrilled to recently host Ana Muñoz, the outgoing president of IWF Spain, in Motown. Ana has just been elected to the Board of IWF Global. This was her first visit to Detroit so we did our best to roll out the red carpet, including a walk along the Detroit Riverfront on a gorgeous Michigan afternoon, a ride on the people mover, a quick stop at The Henry Ford Museum, the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and a walk-through of the Ren Cen Marriott that will be the host hotel for the 2020 IWF Conference.



The highlight for Ana was the small dine-around I hosted for her to meet other IWF MI members, including Laurie Horiszny, Ki Hammer, Blanca Fauble, Ruth Holmes, Pam Reid and Fay

Beydoun. Ana went home to Barcelona an enthusiastic, new Ambassador for Detroit!

Please keep Pat Dalrick, our outstanding Administrator, in your prayers. Her beloved husband, Dennis, is very ill.

Enjoy the rest of this spectacular Michigan summer. Hope to see you in Mexicantown on September 6th for *Sabor de Southwest Detroit*. Your Program Committee has an amazing evening planned in this dynamic neighborhood.

Anne

2017 Upcoming Member Events:

- **September 6 - Sabor De Southwest Detroit -** Join us for what is sure to be a memorable evening in [Mexicantown](#). Please plan to arrive by 5:45 p.m. at [El Barzon](#) restaurant (3710 Junction St, Detroit, 48210) for a 45-minute, guided bus tour of key attractions in the area. Beginning at 6:50 pm, we will then enjoy an authentic Mexican meal, followed by a brief presentation by the president of the MI Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce and the chief of staff for Detroit Councilwoman Raquel Castañeda. [Click here to RSVP](#).
- **October 4- Cancer Awareness - Henry Ford Health System** – Detroit
- **November 1** – tbd
- **December 6 - Holiday Party** (venue tbd)

Member Events normally held the first Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm.

IWF GLOBAL ANNOUNCES New Member Portal

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new IWF member portal: members.iwforum.org. The site was developed to provide you with a more interactive and interconnected IWF network. We encourage you to use this platform as an online venue to reach out to IWF members from across the globe. It provides the

opportunity to share news, ask questions, and gather information, as well as continue the dialogues started at our conferences and events. Our goal for the portal is for it to serve as a catalyst for increased communication among forums and members.

Among the features of the site are:

- A complete membership roster with dynamic search functions.
- Member discussion boards for issue-area interests and fields of expertise.
- The ability to post, share, and find news and local forum events for the entire membership.

To take part in the conversation, members should begin by logging into the portal and creating their profiles. To fill out your profile, please watch the video tutorial below or follow the enclosed written instructions. For any assistance with logging in or with any questions, please contact iwf@iwforum.org.

[Video tutorial \(portal summary\)](#)

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[Video tutorial \(detailed narrated version\)](#)

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[Written tutorial \(download PDF\)](#)

[Member Portal FAQ](#)

IWF Conferences:

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. It will open your eyes to the tremendous richness of the IWF network and membership. The Houston conference is coming up this fall. There are two global conferences each year with outstanding content and women leaders from all over the world attending both; each fall in North American (US or Canada); each spring on another continent.

Upcoming IWF Conferences:

- **Houston, Oct 25-27, 2017**
- **Melbourne, Australia, May 2-4, 2018**
- **Miami, October 24-26, 2018**
- **Barcelona - April 2019**
- **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
- **Vienna - May 2020**
- **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**

Reminders:

If you have not done so, please update your member profile on the IWF Michigan Website:

www.iwfmichigan.org

Newsletter items are due by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Please keep submissions to no more than two short paragraphs. Email: pdalrick@comcast.net
