



Newsletter

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At IWF, we are committed to advancing women's leadership globally and locally. We champion equality worldwide.

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President's Message:

Dear IWF Sisters,

Never let it be said that IWF Michigan women take the summer off! We've been busy during July hosting in-person dine arounds for the first time in two

years, and several of our Impact interest groups have continued their discussions over dinner. And August is just as busy – with more dine arounds (see below) and several more Impact discussions. We'll have a full report for all of you in September on our findings and recommendations!

Please take time this month to relax and reconnect with your IWF sisters. They are a fierce and powerful tribe of women, and we are all fortunate to be connected to each other through IWF Michigan. Enjoy this last full month of our pure Michigan summer!

Carolyn



2021 Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **August Dine Arounds (in person):**
 - **August 4 - Kim Pittel & Donna Inch Co-hosts** 49473 Pine Ridge Court, Plymouth **RSVP:** kpittel@sbcglobal.net
 - **August 12 - Michele Honomichl host** 4757 Gallagher Rd. Rochester **RSVP:** mhonomichl@candoiq.com



- **September 1 – 6:00 pm – Belle Isle Restoration**, In-person event hosted by Sarah Earley



- **October 2 (Saturday) at 12:00 pm – Florine Mark Annual Fabulous Brunch**



- **November 3, 6:00 pm – Leader Dogs for the Blind**, In-person *Pups and Pino* event hosted by **Michelle Honomichl**

Are You Game to Walk Blind?

We invite you to join us at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, where you will have the opportunity to visit the Canine Development Center to learn what it takes to for dogs to become leaders. Meet dogs in training and puppies that are ready to go to their volunteer homes for the next nine months. Take a walk with a Leader Dog around a course to experience what it is like to be visually impaired and dependent on your canine partner to independently travel through everyday life. Enjoy fellowship of your IWF friends over wine and light dinner. Leader Dogs for the Blind is a hidden gem of an organization that is well funded and incredibly well run by President, Sue Daniels and her team. We look forward to seeing you there! Invite will be sent in October mark your calendar!

- **December 1, 6:00 pm – Holiday Party, In- person event - Looking for Volunteer Host!!!**



News & Member Sharing:



The movie R E S P E C T starring Jennifer Hudson debut nationally August 13. "The producers have selected my photograph of Aretha from my book *The Queen Next Door* to be featured in the film with a film credit. Here I am with the star of the film Jennifer Hudson," writes **Linda Solomon.**



Wanted to be sure to give a shout out to our other IWF Members winning the distinguished Michigan Business Hall of Fame award, in addition to Rochelle Riley (May Newsletter). They are **Debbie Dingell, Florine Mark, Shirley Stancato and Leslie Murphy.** **Dr. Darienne Hudson** was honored in the Women Leadership in the Workplace category as well. The awards honors women whose careers have reached exceptional levels of success and have elevated and encouraged women in the workplace.





"Our family (32) is off to Zion National Park for 5 days in September – celebrating my husbands 80th last year. We rented a house that sleeps 56 – will be riding ATV's – yummy catered dinners and lots of fun...." writes **Linda Schlesinger-Wagner**.



Linda Hubbard, President and COO of Carhartt, Inc. was appointed to the Board of Directors of Hibbett, Inc. on May 26, 2021. Hibbett is a leading athletic-inspired fashion retailer with 1,071 Hibbett Sports and City Gear specialty stores located in 35 states nationwide. Linda is a Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Management Accountant and prior to joining Carhartt was an audit partner at Plante Moran. Linda qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and will serve on the Hibbett Board Audit Committee.

Anthony F. Crudele, Chairman of the Hibbett Board, stated, "We are pleased to welcome Linda to the Hibbett Board of Directors and we will benefit from the broad skill set she brings to our Board. Linda has partnered with many retailers and brings the vendor's perspective to our retail experience, as well as strong sourcing and logistics disciplines. Linda's work on the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank brings a different business and geographic perspective and we look forward to her contribution to the Board."



Nancy Schlichting writes, "We are in the midst of a major change in our lives. We sold our Bloomfield Hills home, bought a home in Palm Springs, CA, and have decided to split our time between Palm Springs and Traverse City! It is very exciting, but bittersweet, since we will be leaving the Detroit area. We still have family here though, so will be visiting often! I will greatly miss my IWF Michigan friends!"



Shirley Stancato, the long-time CEO of New Detroit and a current trustee on the Wayne State board, shared her insights with **Anne Doyle** on “*Race Relations in 2021 America*,” for Anne’s Power Up Women podcast. A long-time advocate for building relationships across differences, Shirley talked about growing voter restrictions, the teaching of Critical Race theory and Juneteenth, our newest federal holiday, as well as ways each of us can be social justice allies. The episode is available wherever you get your podcasts and through Anne’s website: https://www.annedoyleleadership.com/PoweringUp/Podcast/Episode/Race-Relations-in-2021-America_3473



Roberta LaJous, former president of IWF Mexico who has just been elected to the Global Board, is this month’s IWF Game Changers podcast featured member. LaJous draws on her international expertise, from serving as Ambassador to Spain, Bolivia, Cuba and Austria, to talk with our **Anne Doyle** about the fragile state of Democracy, including in the U.S. Democracy, as well as how the Cold War and the Cuban Missile Crisis inspired her lifelong passion for foreign affairs and diplomacy. Listen here or wherever you get your podcasts. https://www.iwforum.org/new_world_new_rules_the_state_of_democracy

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Upcoming IWF Global Conferences:

There are two global conferences each year with *outstanding content and women leaders from all over* the world in attendance. Each Fall IWF global

members gather in North American (US or Canada), and each spring on another continent.

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. Because this year's global conference is virtual, it is easier (and more cost-effective!) than ever to experience the richness of this Global Sisterhood you are now part of.

- **IWF WLC Dine Arounds - October 28, 2021**
- **Virtual World Leadership Conference - November 4-5, 2021**
- **Santiago, Chile - 2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference – May 18-20, 2022**
- **Las Vegas, NV - IWF World Leadership Conference - November 1-3, 2022**
- **Detroit, MI - World Leadership Conference - October 4-6,,2023**
- **New York - 2024 World Leadership Conference – May 15-17, 2024**
- **Seattle, Washington - 2025 IWF World Leadership Conference - May 21-23, 2025**

IWF Global Member Portal

We encourage you to use this platform to reach out to IWF members.

members.iwforum.org. To take part, begin by logging into the portal and creating your profile. For any assistance with logging in or any questions, please contact iwf@iwforum.org.

If you have not done so, please update your member profile on the [IWF Michigan Website](#) -- www.iwfmichigan.org

Reminders:

Newsletter items are due by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Please keep submissions to no more than two **short** paragraphs. Email:

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