

Good News & Member Sharing:



[Ascension names Patricia Maryland CEO of health care division](#)

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Ascension has named Patricia Maryland, [the former president and CEO of St. John Providence Health System](#) in Warren, as CEO of its giant health care division.

As CEO of **Ascension Healthcare**, Maryland will oversee 141 hospitals and 2,500 ambulatory clinics across 24 states, [including Michigan, where the system has 15 hospitals](#). Catholic-sponsored Ascension is the nation's largest not-for-profit hospital company with fiscal 2016 revenue of \$21.9 billion.

Here's the full story in [Crain's Detroit](#)

A few years ago, **SUE MARX FILMS** produced a 30-minute documentary film called "it All Adds Up" about the Wayne State University annual six-week summer math camp for inner city Detroit junior high school kids, held on the campus. It's truly a remarkable camp and with help from Detroit Public Television it broadcast nationally on PBS, said Sue

Marx. The National Science Foundation just awarded the program a 3-million-dollar grant because someone, somewhere saw it on TV and wanted it to be replicated in other cities. "After I learned about the camp, I raised private money to make the film, and now I feel like how a new mom feels after giving birth. And the two WSU math professors, Leonard Boehm and Steve Kahn who created it are the proud fathers," reported Sue.

Nancy Schlichting recently joined the boards of Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc., Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Duke University Health System.

IWF Michigan Members Honored February 2

Leslie Murphy wanted to advise IWF-Michigan members that Women United members have partnered with [MichBusiness.com](#) for the Women Thrive Conference, scheduled for **Feb. 2** at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Gather your girlfriends, your colleagues and all women who want to be inspired and join us to celebrate this year's honorees!

WOMEN UNITED



This inspirational event will feature a keynote speech from HGTV host Egypt Sherrod and an opportunity for attendees to assemble 100 baby bundles. These bundles will be filled with baby supplies and information to connect new parents to resources in their community, ensuring newborns have all they need to grow and be successful.

Among those being recognized at the event are:

- **Tricia Keith** – Current Leadership giver and Women United member, BCBSM
- Lizbeth Ardisana – Current Alexis de Tocqueville (AdT) and Women United member, ASG Renaissance
- Mindi Fynke – Current Leadership giver and Women United member, EHIM
- **Andra Rush** – Current AdT and Women United member, Detroit Manufacturing Systems
- **Nancy Schlichting** – Current AdT and Women United member – formerly of Henry Ford Health System

Women United Members even receive a discount! [Click here to register](#). Use the discount code UWMember17

Lois P Cohn wrote:

[Alternatives for Girls](#) has captured my heart and my head. I have been working with AFG to establish a social enterprise endeavor known as [Sew Great Detroit](#). As part of the project, I have designed an over-the-shoulder bag called [Hold the Phone](#). The women and girls of AFG who sew the cell phone bags have learned a marketable skill, receive above minimum wages and benefits, and most of all--- have a sense of accomplishment and the dignity of a job well done. We have sold out our “first run” to local stores. Upon establishing a new location at Pony Ride in early 2017, we will begin larger production and wider distribution.

Congratulations to **Faye Alexander Nelson** who was just named a 2017 WONder Woman by the Women Officials Network for her accomplishments and continuing contribution to women, girls, leadership in our state.

Please **save the evening of Thursday, April 27th** at the San Marino Club in Troy to honor our IWF member and others for this award.



Beth Gotthelf & JVS proudly invites you to the ninth annual Trade Secrets, **6 p.m., Wednesday, Mar. 29**, at the Troy Marriott to hear the inspirational story of Connie Holzer, CEO and dealer principal of Tom Holzer Ford in Farmington Hills. As honorary chair, Holzer will give the keynote address and share insights about how she built the company into one of the top car dealerships in the world. **She would love IWF Michigan members to organize a table(s).**

The Women to Work Program has served more than 2,200 women over the past 25 years.

Event tickets start at \$150. Numerous Trade Secrets sponsorship opportunities are available. Purchase tickets or become a sponsor by visiting www.jvsdet.org/tradesecrets or by calling Judy Strongman at (248) 233-4213.

New York Times Article On Detroit Street Lights Features Dr. Lorna Thomas

[The Lights Are On in Detroit](#)

With 65,000 new streetlights, the city sends a message: It's O.K. to go out after dark. Restaurants feel the glow. So do schoolchildren.

“DETROIT — Just before the holidays, on a dark street a few blocks from downtown, a group of public officials crowded onto a makeshift stage before a shivering crowd, flipped a big switch — and the last of this city’s 65,000 new streetlights blazed on.

The whole thing came in under budget and on time. When was the last time anyone could say that about a major infrastructure project in Detroit? “An example of how good government should work,” as **Lorna L. Thomas**, chairwoman of the lighting authority, put it at the switch-flipping ceremony.”

[Click here to read the full story in The New York Times](#)

2017 Upcoming Member Events (tent)

February 1 - Behind the Scenes - The Henry Ford Museum (reservations closed)

March 1 - Alternative for Girls - Detroit

April (date tbd) – Florine Mark luncheon

May 3 - Eastern Market dinner

June – Dine Arounds & likely visit by IWF CEO Stephanie O’Keefe

Reminders:

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

www.iwfmichigan.org

2017 Membership renewal dues invoices for \$400 were emailed the end of November and are due ASAP. Please advise pdalrick@comcast.net if you wish to remain a member.

Roz Cooperman invites and hopes your calendar will permit your attendance on March 12:



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