



Newsletter

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IWF members are trailblazers, innovators, and influencers united to advance women's leadership and champion global gender equity.

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

https://www.iwforum.org/about_us_overview



President's Message:

Dear IWF Sisters,

What an inspiring and accomplished group of women we've elected to membership in IWF Michigan! We had the opportunity to meet 17 of them at our Welcome to IWF meeting on June 8. Your Membership Committee and Board will be busy orienting them to IWF this summer. We're gathering in four Orientation Dine Arounds in July and August! You'll get a chance to meet them

again this fall.

We also heard from Mary Kramer about planning for the 2023 Global Conference being held here in Detroit October 4 -6, 2023. You recently received a survey about how you'd like to participate in this exciting event – **please fill it out and return it if you haven't already done so.** Our national IWF CEO, Stephanie O'Keefe and her team will be coming to Detroit this month to start planning the 2023 event in earnest!

Can't wait to see you all this summer at a dine around!

Enjoy this holiday weekend!

Carolyn



June 8 at The Little Club - Welcome our New Members!!

2022 Upcoming Events

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- **July 21 at 6:00 pm - Glenda Price Dine Around** (*full - wait list*)
 - **August 9 at 6:00 pm - Angie Lommen Dine Around** (two seats left)
Register by emailing pdalrick@comcast.net
 - **TBD - Rochelle Riley Dine Around**
 - **September 14 at 6:00 pm - American Red Cross Midwest Region** led by **Mary Lynn Foster** (in-person)
 - **October 5 at 5:00 pm - The Parade Company Event** (in person), hosted by **Sarah Earley** and Tony Michaels
 - **November 2 at 6:00 pm - The Henry Ford Museum** (in-person) “Fueled by Passion” Racing Exhibit. This exhibit is brand new. The glass exhibit is five years old...and the racing exhibit is what the museum team wants us to see. The Racing exhibit is GM sponsored, hosted by **Patricia Mooradian**
 - **December 7 @ 6pm – Holiday Party at Linda Schlesinger-Wagner’s** home

News & Member Sharing:



To keep you connected to the IWF Global Sisterhood, here are highlights from the recent Global Board meeting, which I attended in Santiago just before the opening of the Chile Global Conference. **Anne Doyle**

1. **IWF Digital Future Initiative** - the Board endorsed continuous investment in digital resources to take IWF into the future. With completion of the new Salesforce infrastructure to support a more robust member portal, we are now moving on to updated Website Design which will reflect our new Brand Narrative, new One Platform options and a mobile app. We will be tapping into members with relevant skill sets to form a Digital Futures advisory group to insure we right size our digital transformation for our organization and our members' needs. The new website and One Platform options are targeted for early 2023.
2. **Global Ambassadors Program** - the Board approved the Global Ambassadors Program -a new initiative by the Sustainability Committee to build closer relationships between local Forums and the global organization. Each Director is assigned 2-3 Forums to contact a few times each year . Outreach will start immediately after the Santiago Conference.
3. **Presidents' Council** -focused on the key topics of managing leadership succession and how local Forums deliver IWF's mission. Julie Goldstein will be sending out the presentations to all Forum leaders and a recording of the session can also be accessed on line on the Member Resources section of the Member Portal under the Presidents' Council heading.
4. **Leadership Fellows** - our flagship next-generation leadership development program has also restarted in person sessions at Harvard and INSEAD bringing together classes that had been unable to meet during the pandemic. Recruitment for the 2022-2023 class is currently underway with a June 1 application deadline. The goal is for 32 fully-funded/sponsored Fellows (in addition to our scholarships) and we are well on our way to achieving that goal.
5. **Forum Expansion** - Early steps are underway to explore Forum development in Peru and Columbia. Forum development is

progressing in Northern Italy. Forum restarts are underway for Minnesota and Philadelphia.

6. **50th Anniversary New York 2024** - this special World Leadership Conference & Gala will be May 15-17 with the theme: 50 Years of Women Changing the World . This is a celebration for every Forum because what we are really celebrating is an idea so powerful it traveled the world - that outstanding women can support each other personally and professionally through leadership, inspiration and friendship. All Forums will be asked to contribute to the story we will tell.



Faye Alexander Nelson, Kellogg Foundation Director, Michigan

Programs is a 2022 Michiganiaan of The Year.

Faye says she learned how to have a purpose, how to work hard and gained a passion for making a difference in the lives of others while growing up on Detroit's west side.

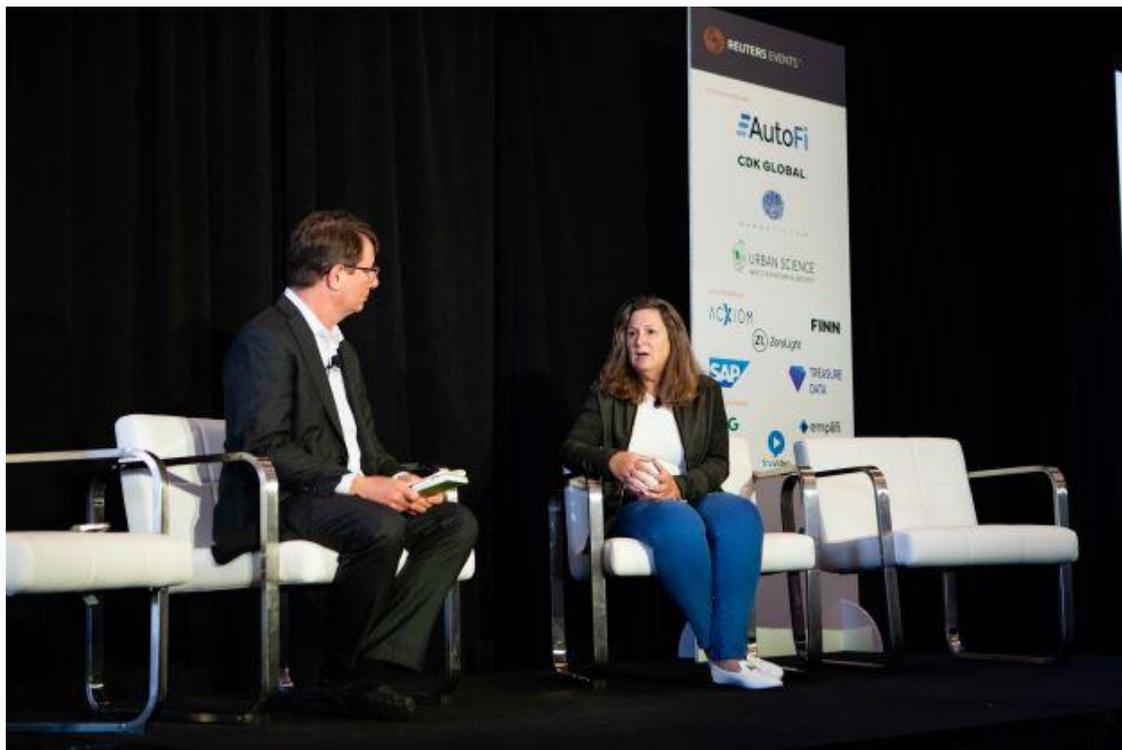
Her sense of purpose is a trait she says comes from her mother, who consistently volunteered in church groups and with the Torch Drive that's now known as United Way. The passion comes from her grandmother. The gift of hard work? That comes from her father, who spent seven days a week on the Chrysler assembly line.

She spent a decade as an antitrust and trade regulation attorney before becoming the driving force behind the transformation of Detroit's riverfront from an abandoned industrial space beginning in 2003 to the catalyst for economic revitalization in the city that it is today.

The Boston Edison neighborhood native and Cass Technical High School graduate says she's proud to give back to the spaces that raised her.

"It's like coming full circle," she says. "Having the opportunity to work in many spaces, I realized what I loved was working in partnership with the community."

To read the full [Detroit News](#) article, [click HERE.](#)



Elena Ford opens the Reuters Automotive Retail Conference in Las Vegas, NV on June 1 with a fireside chat moderated by Global Automotive Editor, Joe White. An audience of senior leaders representing OEMs, Dealers, Tier 1 Solutions Providers, and Industry Disruptors attended their discussion on the future of automotive retail and meeting customers where they are by offering omnichannel experiences.



Nancy Philippart and Laurie Horiszny invite you and other IWF sisters who are Women of Tomorrow (WOT) volunteers to join WOT's exclusive charity event at the M1 Concourse to support Women of Tomorrow in serving over 1,000 young women each year in Metro Detroit.

Contact Laurie if you have questions or if you buy a ticket and hope to sit together: lhoriszny@gmail.com or 248-760-0608.

Early bird pricing of \$450 available for a limited time only! [Click Here](#) to purchase tickets and use promo code EARLYBIRD at check out."



Pictures of Hope workshop created by photojournalist Linda Solomon helps students photograph their Hope for America

ABC News San Francisco

To go to college. To help those in need. To find a talent I'm truly proud of. To find self peace and allow myself some love. These are just some of the many heartwarming dreams written down by a group of Napa County students who recently participated in a workshop called Pictures of Hope.

The program, created by internationally acclaimed photojournalist **Linda Solomon**, teaches students about the power of photojournalism. To read and view the video [click HERE](#)



What a 2022 **Rochelle Riley** has had! After spending two months bouncing back from pneumonia, her City Office announced a new initiative to inventory every mural in the city of Detroit and begin a program that will allow residents and tourists to identify murals in front of them by using their smartphones! She also was in New York with BFF and IWF member **Carla Walker-Miller** to celebrate the four Detroiters nominated for Tony Awards, hanging out with winner Michael R. Jackson, the Cass Tech graduate whose musical, A Strange Loop, won the evening's top award! If you want to support Detroit arts, just give her a call and she'll tell you how!

MURALS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjcyugVx-lo>
<https://www.freep.com/story/entertainment/arts/2022/05/11/detroit-canvs-track-murals-iphone-app-online-registry/9734634002/>



Debbie Stephens has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF). She has served on MACF's Community Investment Grants Committee for four years. MACF exists to cultivate the power of giving within our community, support long-term transformation, and help ensure all residents thrive. MACF, established in 1973 "by the people, for the people", will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2023.



"I am just returned from a fantastic trip to Alaska. We started off on a cruise from Vancouver, and ended the journey in Whittier, AK. Along the way we went into Ketchikan (where we were able to go out on the Aleutian Ballad- the boat from season two of The Deadliest Catch), Skagway, Juneau, Glacier Bay, and the College Fjord. We also spent time in Anchorage and at the Alaska Sea Life Center in Seward. This was a bucket list place for my husband and I. We are both veterinarians and love seeing nature at it's finest, and all the wildlife we can! We spotted Alaska brown bears, a black bear, many bald eagles, mountain goats, many species of birds, sea lions, seals, orcas and humpback whales, and lots of crabs. The one animal that we never saw was a moose, much to our chagrin and the amazement of the locals who claimed that they were everywhere! Oh well...maybe next time. It is so amazing, we cannot wait to return! writes **Haley Murphy**. Executive Director and CEO, Detroit Zoological Society.



Alex Miziolek is proud to announce that she was included in the Directors and Boards, Directors to Watch Gender Diversity issue this month. [Click Here](#) to read more.

This is a reminder that you might need to create a new password as IWF has revamped their website. Please follow the directions below to access the numerous benefits.

Member Portal -IWF Connect

Activate your exclusive connection to the global IWF membership now

IWF Connect Gives You Private Access To: [IWF Connect](#)

- **Member Roster**, lookup and connect with over 7,500 IWF members from 33 countries
- **Latest News**, stay informed about the IWF community
- **Program Passport**, review your itinerary of upcoming events locally & globally
- **Mentorship & Speaking Opportunities**, share your experience with the next generation of women leaders

- **Thought Leadership Library**, explore IWF virtual sessions, conference recordings, podcast episodes and blog posts
- **Resources**, discover everything you need to support your experience at IWF

Login Instructions

1. Click this link: https://www.connect-iwforum.org/s/login/?language=en_US
2. Click “Reset or Create My Password”, located under the orange Log In button
3. Insert your Username, which is the email address associated with your account + .iwf (for example email@email.com.iwf)
4. You will receive an email with a link to setup your password. Click the link, insert your new password, and explore the member portal.

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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.

- **Las Vegas, NV - IWF World Leadership Conference - November 1-3, 2022 **NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!****
- **Helsinki, Finland - IWF Cornerstone Conference - June 14-16, 2023**
- **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**

Reminders:

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

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