



# 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,

Welcome to these 44 incredible women! Our membership voted ***unanimously*** to invite them into our chapter. Their bios and pictures were emailed to you earlier.

**Deeana Ahmed**, VP, Strategy and Government Relations, ONE | Our Next Energy, Inc.

**Tiffany Albert**, Sr. VP, Health Plan Business, BCBS of Michigan

**Michelle Bassett** Executive VP, Client Services, Bassett Business Group

**Tonya Berry**, Senior VP/Transformation & Engineering CMS Energy Corp

**JoAnn Chavez**, Senior VP/Chief Legal Officer DTE Energy

**Andrea Cole**, Executive Director, Ethel and James Flinn Foundation

**Christina Coplen**, Partner, Spencer Stuart

**Mary Culler**, President, Ford Fund; Chief of Staff/Office of the Executive Chairman; Development Director/Michigan Central, Ford Motor Co.

**Gretchen Gonzalez Davidson**, Chair, Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs

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**Tina Freese Decker**, President/CEO, BSHS Beaumont Health/Spectrum Health

**Zenna Elhasan**, General Counsel/Board Secretary Kresge Foundation

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**Linda Gillum**, First Vice Chair, Cranbrook Education Community

**Christine Goerke**, Associate Artistic Director; opera star Detroit Opera

**Anika Goss**, CEO, Detroit Future City

**C. Denise Griffith**, COO, GS Group LLC

**Joi Harris**, President/COO DTE Gas

**Deidre Lambert-Bounds**, President and Co-Owner Ignite Social Media

**Wendy Lewis Jackson**, Managing Director/Detroit Program Kresge Foundation

**Terri Kemp**, VP/Human Resources, American Axle & Manufacturing

**Joneigh Khaldun, M.D.** VP/Chief Equity Officer CVS Health

**Lori Rush Lancaster**, President, Dakota Integrated Systems

**Grace Lee**, CEO/President Ashford, Connex LLC

**Preeti Malani, M.D.** Chief Health Officer, University of Michigan

**Philomena Mantella**, President, Grand Valley State University

**Kate Levin Markel**, President, McGregor Fund

**Sonya Mays**, President/CEO, Develop Detroit

**Barbara McQuade**, Professor & Commentator/MSNBC, University of Michigan Law School

**Kylee Mitchell Wells**, Executive Director Ballmer Group

**Kary L. Moss, Esq.** Acting National Political Director, Director, Affiliate Support and Nationwide Initiatives, ACLU

**Dr. Hayley Murphy**, CEO, Detroit Zoo

**Alison Orlans**, President/CEO, Orlans Group

**Angelique Power**, CEO, Skillman Foundation

**Lisa Prasad**, VP/Chief Innovation Officer, Henry Ford Health

**Michelle Sourie Robinson**, President/CEO, Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council

**Kelley Root**, Executive Editor, Crain's Detroit Business

**Trina Scott**, Chief Diversity Officer (Rocket Companies) and EVP, Amrock (appraisal services) Rocket Companies, Amrock

**Monique Stanton**, CEO, Michigan League for Public Policy

**Nancy Tellem**, Founder, BasBlue

**Margaret Trimer**, VP/Strategic Partnership, Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio & Indiana

**Linzie Venegas**, President, Ideal Group

**Lisa Wozniak**, Executive Director, Michigan League of Conservation Voters

We look forward to meeting many of them on **June 8** at the welcome picnic and also throughout the summer!

I've just returned from the IWF Conference in Santiago, Chile and can't wait to share the excitement and energy that is building throughout the world for the Detroit IWF Meeting in 2023! The future is female!

**Carolyn**

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## 2022 Upcoming Events

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*Please join us on **June 8 at 5:30 pm** for a New Member Picnic as a wonderful event to get to know our incoming new IWF Michigan members. We also will hear an*

*update regarding the exciting plans for the October 2023 IWF International Conference in Detroit hosted by our Chapter.*

**5:30 p.m.** Meet and greet

**6:00 p.m.** Strolling Dinner

**6:30 p.m.** –Introduction of New Members - Denise Lewis and Beth Chappell,  
Nominating Committee Co-Chairs

**7:15 pm** - October 2023 IWF Global Conference update - Mary Kramer & Faye  
Nelson Conference Co-Chairs

**8:00pm** meeting concludes

**Members only. No guests.**

**We will be outdoors on the lawn weather permitting at the historic  
Grosse Pointe Club (Little Club)**

6 Berkshire Pl #3719, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

***Club dress code prohibits denim of any kind.***

**[Click Here to Register for June 8 Event](#)**

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- **July 21 at :6:00 pm - Glenda Price Dine Around**
  - **August 2 at 6:30 pm - Angie Lommen Dine Around**
  - **September-** American Red Cross Midwest Region led by **Mary Lynn Foster** (in-person)
  - **October 5 at 6 pm-** The Parade Company Event (in person)
  - **November** - The Henry Ford Museum (in-person)
  - **December** – Holiday Party at Linda Schlesinger-White's home

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# News & Member Sharing:

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IWF Michigan attendees at the **Santiago, Chile - 2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference** – **May 17-19, 2022**. Left to right: Tamara Kolton, Anne Doyle, Glenda Price, Nancy Philippart, Shirley Stancato, Carolyn Cassin, Denise Lewis.

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**Nancy Philippart** and **Laurie Horiszny**, along with their co-mentor Cindy Brown, were named the Women of Tomorrow (WOT) Mentors of the Year for the 2021- 2022 school year. They will be recognized at the Women of Tomorrow Girls on Track Event at the M-1 Raceway in Pontiac on July 20. **Please mark your calendars to attend the July 20 event, which will run from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.** featuring rides with professional drivers around the M-1

track, cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and silent and live auctions. Several IWF members are WOT mentors.

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**Beth Gotthelf** is National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Directorship Certified to be board ready, having gone through the courses and taking the exam, which made her feel like she was back in school.

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In late April, **Suzanne Shank** travelled to London to accept The International Finance Review's (IFR) Inaugural US Diversity & Inclusion House of the Year award on behalf of Siebert Williams Shank for its leading participation in large transactions. She also had the opportunity to meet Princess Anne who hosted the award ceremony.

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**Kerry Duggan** (MS '06), founder and principal of SustainabiliD and founding director of the SEAS Sustainability Clinic in Detroit, addressed the largest commencement in SEAS' history in a first-ever outdoor ceremony on April 30 on Elbel Field. She drew from her experiences as a national political advisor, visionary climatech executive, and former government official, to relay to the graduates the importance of learning and acquiring new skills with every job they do, no matter how menial, and to recognize and utilize their strengths to impact change. "Recognize your superpower and skills that you have, fill the gaps that you don't have, and use both strategically to move policy as far as you can, as fast as you can," said Duggan.

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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](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**
- **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**

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### **Reminders:**

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

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