

### Good News & Member Sharing:



#### Mary Kramer Headed for Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame

Mary Kramer, Group Publisher at Crain's Communications, will be inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame on April 9<sup>th</sup> in East Lansing. She is one of five veteran journalists and "media stars" who were chosen for this prestigious honor for the contributions they have made to the field of journalism.

Tickets are available to attend the banquet through the [Hall of Fame's website](#) and coverage in [The Detroit News](#).

**Carolyn Cassin and Suzanne Shank Make Headlines** – Our IWF-MI members often make headlines, which we would love to share in this newsletter. Here are two recent examples from the Sunday *Detroit Free Press*, which featured separate profiles on cutting edge work being done by IWF-MI members Carolyn Cassin, CEO of the Michigan Women's Foundation, and Suzanne Shank, CEO OF Siebert Cisneros Shank & Co. in New York.



"CEO Cassin: Women Key to Detroit's Growth" -- [The Detroit Free Press](#)



"Detroit Shank Has U.S. Infrastructure On Her Mind" -- [The Detroit Free Press](#)

**Faye Alexander Nelson** has been named a 2017 WONder Woman by the Women Officials Network of MI for her accomplishments and continuing contribution to women, girls, leadership in our state.

She will be honored on **Thursday, April 27** at the San Marino Club in Troy for her continuing contributions. Information: [eileenpulker@gmail.com](mailto:eileenpulker@gmail.com) (sponsorships), [e.siewert@wayne.edu](mailto:e.siewert@wayne.edu) (reservations) or call Coco Siewert at 248.642.7024.



**Florine Mark** is Honorary Chair and speaker at the 2017 "Mastering Your Chair: Women, Work & the Will to Lead" event on March 1 at the Henry Hotel in Dearborn. She will lead a roundtable discussion on women in business.



Florine will be the keynote speaker at the Women of Sapphire Luncheon in Palm Beach, Florida on March 20. She will discuss the "Joy of Giving." More than 500 women from across the region are expected to attend.



Long time Forum member **Nancy Barker** presented the American Heart Association “Cor Arte” award to two women who have made the Great Lakes Bay Area ‘Go Red for Women’ event a spectacular annual success. In the Midland, Bay City, Saginaw area the version of the familiar “Go Red” has been expanded into a full day conference. The AHA named this award in Nancy’s honor as the Go Red founding chair back in 2004.

**March International Women’s Day Events:**

**Women of Influence Breakfast: Wed. March 8, 7-10 a.m. Colony Club, Detroit.**

*Crain’s Detroit Business* and *United Way* for SE Michigan’s Women United group (convened by **Beth Chappell** & KPMG’s Heather Paquette) are co-hosting this women’s breakfast event. Barb McQuade, the outstanding U.S. Attorney for MI’s Eastern District, will be honored. Keynote speaker is Wendy Steele, creator of Impact100, a nonprofit model that encourages women to use the collective “power of the purse” to create grassroots grantmaking.

**International Women’s Day Dinner, Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 pm, Club Venetian, Madison Hgts.**

This annual event is sponsored by the law firm of Petrella Brown & a local International Women’s Forum Group (not associated with our IWF). Keynote Speaker: Coco Zhang-Miske, a Chinese-born Renaissance woman, accomplished in the arts, science and business. Currently a Global Technology Planning Manager for GM, she is a graduate of the Beijing School of Dance and performed with the China Operatic Dance Troupe.

**RSVP Deadline 2/28:** Katlynd Waldecker or [katlynd@petrellabrown.com](mailto:katlynd@petrellabrown.com)

Alternatives For Girls, and event co-chairs Don Manvel and Barbara Whittaker, will host the Annual Role Model Dinner on Thursday, March 23 at Cobo Center. The 2017 dinner will not only celebrate the role model awardees, but also *Alternatives For Girls’ 30th Anniversary* of serving homeless and high-risk girls and young women.



**The dinner will honor the 2017 Role Models:**

**Carol Goss (left)**- Former President & CEO, The Skillman Foundation; Cindy Estrada - Vice

President, UAW; Dr. Rosemary Sarri - Professor Emerita of Social Work, University of Michigan

**Joanne Faycurry** is one of the patrons of the Women of Tomorrow “Inspiring Detroit Honoree’s Event” that will be held March 30 at the DAC. *IWF Member Andra Rush (right)* will receive the *Motivating Leader Award*. **Florine Mark** is Honorary Chair.



Contact Joanne for tickets and information.

**LIGHTS, COURAGE, ACTION!**

Michigan Women’s Foundation’s annual fundraiser will be held at the MotorCity Casino on Monday, April 24.

The event is organized by a committee of 25+ extraordinary professional women and directed by four dynamic co-chairs and **IWF Michigan** members:

**Cynthia Ford  
Sandra Pierce**

**Faye Nelson  
Andra Rush**

Corporate sponsorships are available starting at \$2,500. For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact: Mindy Lopus at [mlopus@miwf.org](mailto:mlopus@miwf.org) or 313-962-1920.

Individual tickets at \$175 per person will be available for purchase online in March.



**Beth Gotthelf** & JVS proudly invite 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. **Beth 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.

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**IWF Michigan** was well represented as awards were presented to members at the Women Thrive Conference, on February 2, sponsored by the Michigan Business and Professional Association. **Tricia Keith** received a Role Model Award, and **Glenda Price, Andra Rush, and Nancy Schlichting** received Hall of Fame awards for lifetime achievement.

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*Nancy Philippart wishes support of:*

**15th Annual Cookie Gala is celebrating "100 Years of Girl Scouts Selling Cookies"**

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Join us at the **MGM Grand Hotel Ballroom** in Detroit as we celebrate this exciting milestone. Come be part of the excitement as local Chefs create and prepare their own recipe of either a decadent dessert or appetizer

made from Girl Scout cookies! You won't want to miss our signature "cookie cocktails", cookie photo booth and featured auctions.

For more information regarding tickets, table sales or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jeni Carino at 313-870-2545 or [jcarino@gssem.org](mailto:jcarino@gssem.org).

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**Dottie Deremo** reports on New Member



Nominations -- The Membership Committee has been hard at work reviewing the outstanding class of SE Michigan leaders you have nominated for Membership in IWF-MI. The Committee will complete its

work in the next two weeks. Following Board review, a Slate of recommended nominees will be sent to all Members for approval by email voting later this month. Stay tuned!

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### 2017 Upcoming Member Events

- March 1 @ 6:00 pm-** Alternative for Girls - Detroit
- April 1 @ 12:30 pm –** Florine Mark luncheon
- May 3 @ 6:00 pm -** Eastern Market dinner
- June –** Dine Arounds & visit by IWF CEO Stephanie O'Keefe



**February 1 Behind the Scenes -Henry Ford Museum**

**Roz Cooperman** invites and hopes your calendar will permit your attendance in April:



Company Premiere!

# La Fanciulla del West

(Girl of the Golden West)

By Giacomo Puccini

Directed by Mario Corradi,  
featuring the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra

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WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE?**

- Puccini declared this to be his best opera, which was a follow-up to *Madame Butterfly*
- The music in this opera is so great, that Andrew Lloyd Webber stole it for *Phantom of the Opera* and is still paying royalties to the Puccini estate!
- This opera is based on a David Belasco play, which premiered on Broadway in 1905.

**4 ROLLICKING PERFORMANCES  
AT THE DETROIT OPERA HOUSE:**

Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m.

FREE Opera Talk one hour prior to performance

TICKETS AND INFO AT:  
[michiganopera.org](http://michiganopera.org)  
or 313.237.7464

## Reminders:

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

[www.iwfmichigan.org](http://www.iwfmichigan.org)

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](mailto:pdalrick@comcast.net)