

Good News & Member Sharing:



POPPE HELPS MAKE HISTORY ON 2017 FORTUNE 500 LIST

CMS Energy and Consumers Energy President and CEO **Patti Poppe** is one of a record 32 female CEOs on *Fortune Magazine's* 2017 list of Fortune 500 CEOs. That's the largest number of women since the list debuted in 1955. "It's a particularly cheering stat given 2016's dismal showing, when women held only 21 of the top jobs, a drop from previous years," *Fortune* notes. *Forbes* also ranked Poppe's organization the top largest employer to work for in Michigan.

Poppe, was also named one of Michigan's top 2017 "Change Makers" by *Crain's Detroit Business* for leadership in the face of transformative change.



Nancy Schlichting, recently retired CEO of the Henry Ford Health System, will be recognized in July in Nashville by *Modern Healthcare* magazine as one of the Top 25 Women in Healthcare (for the 5th time!)



Shirley Stancato Receives Honorary Degree for Racial Equity Work

Shirley Stancato, president and chief executive officer of New Detroit, has received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from University of Michigan for her efforts to promote racial equity in the region.

Stancato, a prominent civic leader, expert on race relations and social justice advocate, joined New Detroit in 2000. Under her leadership, New Detroit, the nation's oldest urban coalition, has developed ambitious initiatives to identify and eliminate racial disparities in southeast Michigan.



The MI-ACE (American Council on Education) Network for Women in Higher Education, representing the leadership of 40+ of Michigan's public and private, four and two-year universities and colleges, honored Congresswoman **Debbie Dingell**

with its prestigious *Public Policy Pioneer* designation at its June 5-6 state conference in Lansing.

She joins other remarkable women who have achieved "Pioneer" status, among them the late Helen Milliken, Elly Peterson, Martha Griffiths and Chief Justice Mary Coleman.

Florine Mark, President and CEO of The Weight Watchers Group, was recognized for her contribution to women in business and the positive financial impact on the region, as Detroit Public



Television's first Bravo! Honoree. The broadcast aired on Detroit Public Television and dptv.org/florinemark on June 13.

Florine was also honored with the Jewish Community Center's President's Award on June 14.

Welcome new member **Deborah Stephens**, who is transferring her IWF membership from Calgary, Canada to our MI chapter.



Stephens is returning to Midland for a new executive position with Dow Chemical. She has been president of Dow's business and governance across Canada, as well as Chair of the Board of the Chemical Industry Association of Canada (CIAC). In 2016, Stephens was honored with the prestigious Northwood University Distinguished Women's Award. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Operations Engineering from the University of Michigan. While at U of M, she was also a four-year varsity letter winner in softball and member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.



WJR radio has chosen **Anne Doyle** as one of its 2017 WOMEN WHO LEAD. A special broadcast and breakfast will be held in October. [Click here](#) for Anne's podcast interview with Ann Thomas, Host of Women Who Lead and Executive Producer WJR's Paul W. Smith Show.

Did You Know???

Laurie Horiszny is an avid scuba diver? She and her husband have dived all over the world. Laurie provided one her favorite photos of a decorator crab from Raja Ampat, Indonesia.



"The two things sticking up are anemones that she has stuck on her carapace to disguise herself," says Laurie.



Peg Talburt & Jim Peggs celebrate the arrival of 9lb 11 oz grandson, Jameson T Peggs, born in Portland, OR on May 28. Everyone is thriving!

President's Message

Dear IWF-MI Sisters,

Thanks to many of you, IWF CEO Stephanie O'Keefe was "blown away" by her recent two-day experience in Detroit. Her June 7-8 visit to Detroit was Step One in planning for the IWF World Leadership Conference, which will be held in Motown October 7-9, 2020.



Rooms are already booked at the Ren Cen Marriott for the gathering that could attract 1,200 leaders from

nearly 40 countries for what O’Keefe calls, “The Davos of Women’s Leadership Conferences.”

We had four goals for her 36 hours with us:

- Create opportunities for Stephanie and IWF-MI members to meet one another and begin brainstorming themes and exciting content for the 2020 conference.
- Raise Stephanie’s personal awareness of the momentum building in Detroit, as well as our excellent facilities and unique behind-the-scenes venues for conference events.
- Build awareness among local news media about the IWF, our MI members and the significance of the 2020 conference.

All those goals were achieved – and then some! We had a tough time keeping Stephanie on schedule as she relished her VIP experience at The Henry Ford, (thanks to Patricia Mooradian) a fascinating showcase tour of downtown momentum (thanks to the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau) and quick peeks at the Charles H. Wright Museum, Art Institute and RiverWalk.

The true highlight, however, was our Member Dinner with Stephanie at the Rattlesnake Club. You could have heard a pin drop as she shared insight on how IWF is growing in relevance and significance, as well as listened to the many creative ideas our MI-IWF members shared. I took lots of notes!



Media Brunch at the DAC. We had an outstanding response from local media outlets to our invitation to an on-the-record conversation with Stephanie O’Keefe about the IWF. Seven of the nine

journalists we invited attended the event, which Mary Kramer, Glenda Price and I hosted. Journalists’ interest in the conference is high and all the reporters offered to help build community awareness.

2020 Conference Planning Gearing Up. Mary Kramer, Faye Nelson and Cindy Niekamp have

stepped up to the important leadership role of Co-Chairing the Task Force that will begin working on plans for the 2020 conference. Joanne Start is taking the lead on the Dine-Around Committee, which will lead the fun (but challenging!) task of lining up homes to host intriguing leaders from every continent for dinner!

This initial team is getting together this month to begin planning that will include determining the sub-committees we will need. Please think about getting actively involved now – and send me an email! Many hands make light work. The best part of showcasing our amazing, resilient City to the world will be the friendships we deepen as we put our shoulders to the wheel together.



June/July Dine-Arounds. My special thanks to Zina Kramer (left), Cindy Niekamp, Carolyn Cassin and Chris Derdarian for hosting four dine-arounds this month and last. These intimate gatherings have always been a hallmark of the IWF. I hope you

will give yourself the gift of breaking bread (or sharing wine!) with other spectacular IWF-MI members. Please take photos and share with Pat!!

Anne

2017 Upcoming Member Events:

- **July - Dine Arounds – Cost \$45.00 per event:**
 - **Monday, July 10 at 6:00 pm – Cindy Niekamp** residence: 111 Willits Street, Suite 510, Birmingham, MI 48009
 - **Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 pm – Chris Derdarian** - Village Club on Long Lake road in Bloomfield Hills
 - **Monday, July 17 at 6:00 pm – Carolyn Cassin** residence: 217 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
 - **August (no event)**
 - **Sept – Dec** first Weds of the month – topics TBD
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June 7 Event Rattlesnake Club Pic:



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Newsletter 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

IWF Conferences:

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. It will open your eyes to the tremendous richness of the IWF network and membership. The Houston conference is coming up this fall. There are two global conferences each year with outstanding content and women leaders from all over the world attending both; each fall in North American (US or Canada); each spring on another continent.

Upcoming IWF Conferences:

- **Houston, Oct 25-27, 2017 – IWF World Leadership Conference**
 - **Melbourne, Australia, May 2-4, 2018 – IWF World Cornerstone Conference**
 - **Miami, October 24-26, 2018 – IWF World Leadership Conference**
 - **Barcelona - April 2019**
 - **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
 - **Vienna - May 2020**
 - **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
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Reminders:

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