

Good News & Member Sharing:



Mary Kramer (center) Group Publisher, Crain Communications, being inducted into the Hall of Fame, with Rochelle Riley (right) and Anne Doyle (left) to applaud. Mary's induction brings to FOUR the number of IWF-MI members who are in the MI Journalism Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Faye Alexander Nelson**, DTE Energy Vice President; Board Chair & President, DTE Energy Foundation, named 2017 WONder Woman by the Women Officials Network of MI for her accomplishments and continuing contribution to women, girls, leadership in our state.



Pictured left to right: Joan Young, Sue Ellen Eisenberg, Faye Nelson, Anne Doyle, Ruth Holmes - all previous Wonder Women honorees!



Patricia Maryland to step into CEO post at Ascension | Healthcare *IT News*. To read the full article [click here](#).

Congratulations to **Florine Mark**, President and CEO of The Weight Watchers Group, Inc., who will be recognized at the Michigan's Governor's Fitness Gala with the Healthy Workplace award on April 20 in Detroit.



Florine is the keynote speaker at the Ballard Benefits Works, Inc. annual conference in Novi, Michigan on April 26. Florine will discuss ways to reach your full potential –within your career and personal life.

Florine will join a panel of women business leaders at Comerica Bank Women's Business Symposium on April 28 in Troy, Michigan. She will discuss issues related to women in business and leadership positions today.

Tina Abbate Marzolf, Former CEO, Area Agency on Aging 1-B, is proud to announce her son Max Marzolf is graduating from Avondale high school on June 1. He is attending Oakland university with a partial scholarship in the fall and plans to study finance!



Linda Solomon, award-winning photojournalist and author, has devoted her career to teaching children how to express their feelings through photography and her “Pictures of Hope.” An inspirational Pictures of Hope photo exhibition will debut at Health Leadership High

School on May 9 in Tucson, AZ. An 18-year-old Albuquerque teen will have the opportunity to achieve her heartfelt dreams when she is rewarded with The Hope Scholarship, a FULL-RIDE college scholarship to Blackburn College. Congratulations!!

Mary Kramer is Master of Ceremony for Campaign Mission Macomb, she states, “Community colleges like Macomb are changing lives by connecting people to livelihoods through certification and associate-degree programs. Macomb Community College is a huge asset in that county, and as a trustee of the foundation, I am happy to support their May 23 kickoff! They are at 75% of their five-year goal, with a year to go.” For more information email: foundation@macomb.edu or 586-445-7302.

2017 IWF Michigan New Member Orientation – a warm welcome!



It was a cool day in Michigan but inside the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, the first orientation session for new members was a warm welcome. Eleven of the 20 new members met with several of the current Board, Membership and Engagement Committee members.

It was the first new member gathering following the extensive membership process headed by Dottie Deremo and her dedicated committee.

The orientation program was planned by the Engagement Committee of Tina Abbate-Marzolf (chair), Chris Dardarian, Ruth Holmes and Linda Solomon. The presentation of Her-story of IWF-

Mich, brought smiles, laughter and useful information to everyone with their story telling.



The introductions, personal stories, tasty buffet and treats were the perfect combinations to begin the welcome to IWF. Ruth presented the new members with gift bags of globes, journals and some dark chocolate as a reminder of the ‘sweet times’ that await us all as

IWF–Michigan prepares for the global conference in October 2020.

“Please join us for a Grand Salute to David DiChiera on May 19 as the Michigan Opera Theatre and community honors an amazing visionary at an historic event. A special discount offering is for our members as I hope you and your guests take the opportunity to attend. If you would like to see "Cyrano" which is David's opera, just use the **PARTNER20** code at checkout.” **Roz Lullove Cooperman**, Creative, Communication & Multimedia Strategist.

A GRAND SALUTE TO
David DiChiera

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017
AT THE HISTORIC
DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
Reception at 5:30 p.m.
Performance at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US!
Michigan Opera Theatre will honor Founder and Artistic Director David DiChiera with a "Grand Salute" tribute concert as he transitions to Artistic Director Emeritus at the end of the season.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Detroit audiences! Renowned opera singers Christine Goerke and Denyce Graves, as well as American Ballet Theatre Principal Dancer Veronika Part are among the artists scheduled to perform!

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Florine Mark
April 1, 2017
Member
Luncheon

2017 Upcoming Member Events

- **May 3 @ 6:00 pm** - Eastern Market Gallery tour & Thai dinner
- **June 7 @ 6:00 pm** - Visit by IWF CEO Stephanie O'Keefe (see below) at [The Rattlesnake Club](#).



STEPHANIE O'KEEFE is coming for a very special visit to Detroit to meet with us and get a feel for the city as we begin preparing for the 2020 Global Conference.
Members Only

- **June/July** – Dine Arounds (dates/times tbd)
- **August** (no event)
- **Sept – Dec** tbd (first Weds of the month)

IWF Conferences

We would like to 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. And 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.

Attending this year's Stockholm World Cornerstone Conference May 17-19 are:

Joan Young, Pam Reid, Nancy Philippart, Carolyn Cassin & Anne Doyle!

Upcoming 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**

Condolences:

Sincere condolences go out to **Beth Chappell** in the loss of her husband, Warren, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Donations can be made to Hospice of Michigan or United Way of Southeastern Michigan in Warren's memory.

Reminders:

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