



# 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,

Happy February! ,As we brace for a February snowstorm, let's look forward to being together virtually tomorrow at our February 2, 2022, meeting. We're

looking forward to learning more about the United Way from its dynamic leader, Dr. Darienne Driver Hudson. We kicked off January 2022 with a Board meeting where we approved a budget for this coming year. We also launched the **2023 Global Conference in Detroit by meeting with our Conference Chairs, Mary Kramer and Faye Nelson**. They have started reviewing our plans from 2020 and will be sharing with us in the coming months where we'll need to make changes or additions. **Denise Lewis and Beth Chappell** held a Membership Committee meeting in January to start the process of bringing on new members this spring. Watch for an email from them about nominating one of the incredible women you know who should be an IWF Michigan member! It's going to be an exciting year!

Stay safe and warm -- *Carolyn*

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## 2022 Upcoming Events



### United Way for Southeastern Michigan

- **February 2, 2022, at 6:00pm - United Way for Southeastern Michigan** works every day to foster communities where all households are stable, and every child thrives. A well-known part of this work is providing direct support to families in crisis to help them on the path to stability and prosperity. Nearly 40 percent of Southeastern Michigan households live at an income level below the basic survivability threshold, and many families are one crisis away from complete financial collapse.

- Join in and experience our Cost of Living simulation to understand what difficult decisions families must make. This digital empathy-building tool engages participants to experience current community issues through simulated life events -- including housing shortages, rising childcare costs, and food insecurity-- while learning about United Way's role to improve them.
  - ***Please have a phone plus access to a tablet or computer (in addition to the phone) for the simulation*** [Click HERE to register.](#)
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**March 2, 6:00 pm - Vernice Anthony** is excited to present the video “Toxic - A Black Woman’s Story” with a panel discussion. The film showcases a day in the life of 'Nina' an archetype for thousands of professional black women experiencing tragedy within their pre-natal journey. Details to follow.

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- **April 13 at 6 p.m.**, join Oakland University President, **Ora Hirsch Pescovitz**, at Meadow Brook Hall to learn how Oakland University is navigating the current challenges in higher education. We will also hear from Madelyn Rzadkowolski, Curator, who will share about the life of

Matilda Dodge Wilson, a self-made, modern woman of the 20th century, whose generosity established Oakland University. We will conclude with an opportunity to walk through the breathtaking mansion.

- **May** – to be determined
- **June** – to be determined
- **July & August** - Dine Arounds in the summer months
- **September** – Michigan American Red Cross: a face-to-face meeting with dinner and make “comfort kits” for people in need
- **October** – The Parade Company – a chance to go behind the scenes to see how it all comes together, including a peek at the floats
- **November** – The Henry Ford Museum Glass Gallery – a new experience at the new gallery
- **December** – Holiday Party at Linda Schlesinger- White’s home

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## News & Member Sharing:



Welcome back! **Maura D. Corrigan** is Counsel to Butzel Long. She previously served as a Justice and Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, Judge and Chief Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, Director of the Michigan Department of Human Services, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief Assistant, and Assistant Prosecutor in Wayne County. Former Chief Justice Corrigan also served as a Visiting Fellow with the American Enterprise Institute. She currently concentrates her practice on appeals and litigation strategy, and continues to work locally and nationally in child welfare advocacy and poverty studies.

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**Glenda Price** has been selected by the DSO Classical Roots Committee as the 2022 Honoree. She will receive the honor at a celebration and concert on March 5 at Orchestra Hall. This annual event is presented in recognition of an individual who has contributed to the mission of the Classical Roots program to increase awareness of and support for African American composers in classical music.

For more information and to purchase tickets, [click HERE](#).

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**Cindy Niekamp** is excited to share that she recently received her certification as an executive coach from the Center of Executive Coaching. She hopes to leverage her experience as a public company C-suite executive, P&L leader and board member into her newly launched coaching practice. Cindy has always had a personal passion for leadership, executive development and high performing teams, and is delighted to be able to able to dedicate her time to helping others up their game as leaders and executives.

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Congratulations to **Linda Solomon** on her Media Room Spotlight recognition!

As a former columnist at both *The Detroit News* and [The Birmingham Eccentric Newspaper](#), Linda is familiar with the art of storytelling and wordsmithing. As a photojournalist, however, Solomon understands the true power of capturing photographs that speak louder than any words on a paper or choir of voices could ever imagine. That's why photography is such a driving force behind her successful career. To read the full story, [click HERE](#).

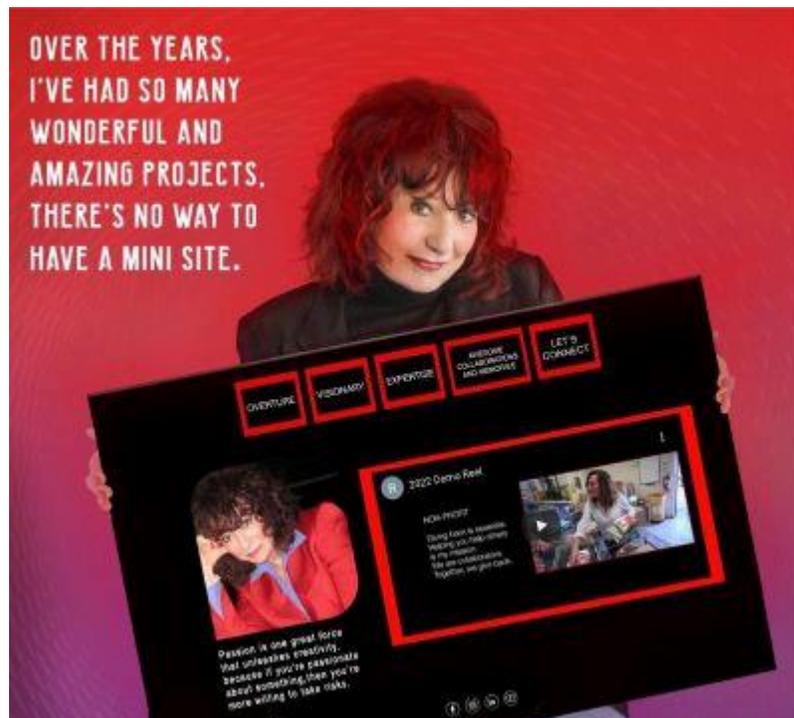
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**Michele Honomichl** would like to offer two opportunities to her IWF Michigan sisters. [EDK-9](#) is hosting open houses at their new training facility in Auburn Hills on **February 17 and March 15 from 5:30 to 6:30**. At these free events, you will be greeted by puppies in training, see a scent dog demonstration, and tour the building. [EDK-9](#) dog teams are already working at McLaren Oakland in Pontiac and Avondale High School, plus puppies are part of the TSA and John Hopkins breeding programs.

The open house is geared toward educating people on scent dog capabilities, training procedures, and the how these excellent dog teams are keeping us safe. SPOILER ALERT – They are always looking for puppy raisers! Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Michele at [mhonomichl@candoiq.com](mailto:mhonomichl@candoiq.com) for additional details



**Roz Cooperman** announces, "My new website is a trip down memory lane and a tribute to all of the amazing projects, clients and teams of crew

members over the years. It really does take a creative village!" You can check it out at [www.rozcooperman.com](http://www.rozcooperman.com)

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**Amy Good** is inviting you to join Alternatives For (AFG) for the 2022 Role Model Celebration for a night of empowering stories and connection! On March 30, 2022, she invites you to celebrate the accomplishments of extraordinary women in the community and the achievements of the girls and young women AFG serves. AFG plans to host the event in person at the MGM Grand Detroit; with COVID-19 monitoring - might be adjusted. "IWF sisters have always been tremendously supportive of AFG, of our mission, and of this event, and has made a tremendous difference for our work. I hope many IWF members can be together again with AFG for this event," states Amy. To learn more about the event and get your tickets, please

visit: <https://alternativesforgirls.org/events/role-model-celebration-2/>





The new IWF global database and website platform will no longer provide Chapter rosters in pdf format to be downloaded. This is related to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and other privacy policies to protect members' information. Hence, the periodic IWF-Michigan Membership pdf rosters provided in the past are no longer accessible. For individual member information, members are asked to log into the [IWF website](#) and go to the Member Roster page. Scroll to the bottom of the Newsletter to find instructions. Thank you.



As president of the **Chicago Forum**, I would like to personally invite you and your local forum members to attend our annual Signature Event on International Women's Day, **March 8, 2022**, in Chicago. We would love to host you and your forum members for this in-person event. See below for details. I hope to see you all in person in the near future.



[IWF Chicago's Signature Event](#) IWF Chicago invites members across the globe to celebrate Women Who Make a Difference on International Women's Day. We are proud to host a fireside chat with April Ryan, the only black reporter covering urban issues from the White House. Join us at the Four Seasons Chicago for an evening of meaningful connection and inspiration.

I hope that you and your members will be able to attend these events.

All the best,  
**Kristen Prinz**

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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.

**Your new Member Portal,  
IWF Connect, is live**

**Activate your exclusive connection to the global IWF membership now!**

[Explore IWF Connect](#)

IWF Connect Gives You Private Access To:

**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

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You can only access the benefits of IWF Connect by activating your profile on the member portal.

**Watch this [video](#) for details on the power of IWF Connect and how to get started.**

### **Login Instructions**

1. Click this link: [www.connect-iwforum.org/s/login/](http://www.connect-iwforum.org/s/login/)
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](mailto: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.

- **Santiago, Chile - 2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference – May 17-219, 2022**
- **Las Vegas, NV - IWF World Leadership Conference - November 1-3, 2022**
- **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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