

2018 Member Events:

- April 7, 12:30 pm (Saturday)** – Traditional IWF-MI Spring members only luncheon, hosted by Florine Mark at her beautiful home in Farmington Hills. \$45.00 per person. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

- May 14, 6:00 pm (Monday)– Women in Defense.** Panel to include President of Women in Defense. Location: BAE Systems, 34201 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. Proof of US Citizenship required in advance. Beth Gotthelf, host.
- June 6** – Save the Date – Theme and Location tbd.
- July/August** - Dine-Arounds at member homes. These popular, smaller gatherings require reservations. Locations and hosts to be announced.

Highlights of March 7 member meeting at Solanus Casey Center:

Co-founder of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Detroit's Solanus Casey was recently beatified as a Catholic saint at a ceremony at Ford Field. Pilgrims from all over the world are expected to begin visiting his tomb here. Fr. Dave Preuss, Director of the Center provided a private tour and talk on the life, history and impact of this humble man. Thank you Kathleen McCann, hostess.



Did You Know???



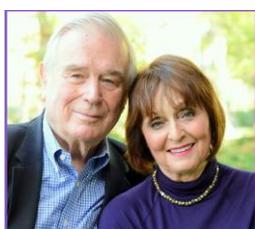
Denise Ilitch, President of Ilitch Enterprises, LLC, was recently named Chair for the Horizon Global Board, the world's leading manufacturer of branded towing and trailering equipment. Denise previously served as Co-Chair. Mark Zeffiro, the company's chief executive officer, said "Denise is well-qualified to serve as board chair and has clearly demonstrated the leadership and commitment necessary to drive and achieve Horizon Global's strategic priorities". Denise is excited to lead this great company and believes that Horizon Global is well positioned for the opportunities that lie ahead.



Sue Marx, President, Sue Marx Films – one of our longest IWF-MI members, won an Academy Award in 1987 for *Best Documentary Short Subject*. Her film, *Young at Heart* – about two widowed artists in their mid-eighties who meet on a painting trip and fall in love – will make you laugh out loud and, maybe, shed a tear or two. If you've never seen this memorable film, *Young at Heart* will be featured during this year's *Detroit Free Press* Film Festival on Thursday, April 12 at the DIA. And if you want to see our IWF-MI sister accepting her Academy Award, here's the [YouTube](#) link!



Florine Mark, President and CEO of The Weight Watchers Group, Inc. has been named the 2018 recipient of the William Davidson Lifetime Achievement Award by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. This award honors individuals who have devoted a lifetime of service to the Jewish community of Detroit and Jewish people nationally. All winners become a member of the Jewish Federation’s Board of Governors for life. Florine will be honored at a special event on May 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. at The Berman Center for Performing Arts in West Bloomfield, Michigan.



Bill and **Nancy Barker** have had a hand in building much of what makes Midland dynamic today. Bill helped found MEDC; Nancy, the Midland Center of the Arts. Nancy is a volunteer in many of Midland’s

organizations. Founder of the Careers for Women program at Northwood University in the 70s, she was also the first woman officer of the university. She was president of the National Council of Women of the USA, a member of ArtServe’s state board, and is currently on the bar of Michigan Women in Higher Education. They are being honored at a luncheon on April 13 by Creative 360 in Midland.

Fay Beydoun, Executive Director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, CEO of Tejara, Chairwomen of the Michigan Export Council was honored by NAWBO with the Greater Good Award presented by President Donna Joseph, who stated *“Your contributions and efforts have a lasting impact on the quality of life and Business. You have tirelessly shared your skills and assets to those surrounding communities, organizations and affiliates.”* Past recipients include, **Mary Kramer, Shirley Stancato, and Debbie Dingell!**



News & Member Sharing:



HOT OFF THE PRESS from the 2017 Membership Committee

Dear Members,

Your voices have been heard! The 2017 Membership Committee wishes to thank you for your terrific participation in the New Member Nomination, Selection, and On-Boarding process as well as your insightful feedback in the Member Survey on how this process could be improved in 2018.

You overwhelmingly supported the new process for its increased professionalism, inclusion, fairness, and transparency. Nevertheless, you recommended a few process improvement “tweaks.”

Based on your feedback, the following changes have been made to the process that will be rolled out in 2018:

1. All names of the nominees nominated by the Membership and the Membership Committee will be circulated to the entire Membership. Members will have two weeks to contact the Membership Committee Chair with any factual objections they may have regarding a particular nominee. Any such factual objections will be vetted by the entire Membership Committee as part of their deliberations in preparing a Candidate Slate.
2. An added emphasis has been built into the process for racial, ethnic, and religious diversity to assure that we are living our mission and adhering to the guidelines of our parent organization, IWF International.
3. Members will be able to vote for each candidate on the slate individually in 2018 as opposed to the 2017 process of only being able to vote for the entire slate in an up or down fashion.
4. The Board is committed to expanding the number of new members we may be able to induct in any given year. The new On-Boarding of New Members process and better engagement worked very well this year. As we approach our sponsorship of the IWF Global Conference in

Detroit in 2020, we realize that our Chapter will be strengthened by being able to expand membership. Therefore, the Board will be critically looking at the new member limitations that exist in our current Bylaws.

So, as they say in radio, “*Stay tuned for further adventures!*”

Personally, I would like to give a big “shout out” to my amazing 2017 Membership Committee member colleagues. This wonderful team put in countless hours to create a process worthy of our Chapter’s high-powered women leader members. Please take a moment to thank Carolyn Cassin, Carol Goss, Zina Kramer, Florine Mark, Leslie Murphy, and Shirley Stancato when you see them.

We can now pass the baton to the 2018 Membership Committee that will have a preset system of principles, process, and documents that has been vetted by our entire organization. New Committee Chair (required to be a Board member) and 2018 members to be announced soon. The good news is the 2018 Membership Committee and the Committees to follow will not have to reinvent the wheel.

Thank you again for your incredible patience and support as we move our Chapter to the next level of professionalism. It has been my privilege to serve our Chapter this last year.

With sincere appreciation,

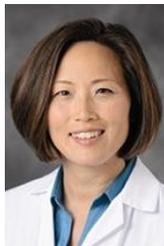
Dottie Deremo

2017 Membership Committee Chair

Act now to end gun violence

by **Betty Chu**

“Today, if you are looking at the helpers in the aftermath of so many terrible mass shootings, you will find them looking right back at you. I write on behalf of Michigan physicians everywhere when I ask when and how we can — as a society — begin working together to solve our problems related to gun violence in our state and nation. To read the full commentary on Gun



Violence that I wrote recently for *The Detroit News* [click here.](#)”



Carolyn Cassin, President & Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Women’s Foundation, and **Andra Rush**, Chairman and CEO, Rush Group Family of Companies, and Co-Chair of this year’s MWF *Lights*,



Courage, Action! Dinner, invite us to help support MWF’s work for the women and girls of Michigan. This very special evening, which brings together many of SE’s Michigan’s most influential women, continues to grow. It will be held this year at Detroit’s Cobo Center on Monday, April 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Last year IWF-MI filled several tables. Carolyn is happy to arrange for IWF members to sit together – if you let her know by noting **IWF** on your registration response. Register online at: www.miwf.org

Roz Cooperman reports, “I am always asked, ‘*What do you do?*’ In answering that question, I am sharing my latest demo reel, **DARE TO BE DIFFERENT**, featuring a portfolio of projects.



“With a history of over 25 years - plus, the projects that are featured is just the tip of the iceberg. From one IWF member to another, if there’s anything I can do for your organization, do reach out to me as the world is our ‘*creative muse.*’” *Click here:* [YouTube](#)

Anne Doyle was recently one of the featured



“Storytellers” at the Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers, which is held monthly at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American

History. Justice & Grace was the theme for the March stories. Anne’s was about the challenges and tests she faced – including in sports locker rooms and with the Beavers of the DAC -- as one of the first female TV sports broadcasters in the U.S. To hear her story, click here. https://youtu.be/AYAM-HW40_0

Blanca Fauble, Director of Development and Executive Director of the Foundation Board of Trustees, HAVEN of Oakland County, would like to invite you to HAVEN'S Fifth Annual Blossom Gala on May 3. The spring-themed fundraiser, will celebrate the season and the new beginnings it represents, particularly for survivors of domestic and sexual violence served by the Oakland County non-profit. [Click here](#) for more info & to purchase tickets or sponsor.



- **Barcelona - April 10-12, 2019**
 - **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
 - **Europe - May 2020**
 - **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
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If you are planning to attend the Melbourne Conference this May, please let



Board Members [Laurie Horiszny](#) or [Nancy Philippart](#) know. Laurie

will represent our chapter at the President's Council sessions that begin one day earlier. Other members who are planning to attend

include: 2020 Detroit Conference Co-Chairs Mary Kramer and Faye Nelson, as well as Carolyn Cassin, and Dow Chemical executive Debbie Stephens, one of our newest members, who recently transferred to IWF-MI from IWF Canada.

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Members/Sisters,

This coming Saturday, Florine Mark is once-again hosting her IWF sisters for what has become one of our chapters' "don't miss" gatherings. Although she has many talents, we all know that her skills as a hostess are legendary! We will gather around a gorgeously-set table, dine on deliciously healthy food and get to know one another, by sharing responses to one of Florine's famously intriguing questions! If you've never been to this now-traditional IWF event, you're in for a treat! If you've had the pleasure of experiencing it before, I know you'll be there if you possibly can.



Looking forward to seeing many of you there! *Anne*

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. 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:

- **Melbourne, Australia, May 2-4, 2018**
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FOR MELBOURNE IS OPEN! www.iwforum.org
- **Miami, October 24-26, 2018**

IWF Global Member Portal

Have you tried the new IWF Member Portal?

members.iwforum.org. We encourage you to use this platform to reach out to IWF members.

To take part, begin by logging into the portal and creating your profile. For any assistance with logging in or any questions, please contact iwf@iwforum.org.

[Video tutorial \(portal summary\)](#)

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If you have not done so, please update your member profile on the [IWF Michigan Website](#)

Reminders:

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