

2018 Member Events:

- **January 13, 7-9:30 pm**– Celebration of the Coming Year - Drinks and Desserts Gathering – IWF-Michigan Members and Spouse, Life-Partner or Significant Other are invited for drinks and desserts at the home of **Laurie Horiszny**, 1041 Greentree Road Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. RSVP to pdalrick@comcast.net
- **February 7** - Amy Good and Carolyn Cassin – Human Trafficking – location tbd
- **March 7** – Capuchin Soup Kitchen presentation & tour – Kathleen McCann host.
- **April (Saturday – date tbd)** – Florine has agreed to again host her marvelous luncheon.
- **May 2** – Panel of speakers to focus on women in defense and national defense to include the President of Women in Defense – Beth Gotthelf host. Location tbd
- **June 6** - Behind-the-Scenes tour of the new Little Caesar's Arena (tentative) host Denise Ilitch & Carolyn Cassin.
- **July/August** - Dine Arouds (TBD)
- **Please add to your calendars - Member Events normally held the first Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm.**

Highlights of December 6 Holiday Party:



We celebrated together at the [Detroit Yacht Club](#) on Belle Isle. It was a festive event with a beautiful display of richly decorated Christmas trees and entertainment by

the Detroit Women's Chorus.



Special thanks to NYC members Elaine Didier and her husband Gordon who made it possible for such a memorable evening in one of Detroit's architectural jewels, as well as to Pam Reid, Blanca Fauble, and Ruth Holmes for their special contributions to a gorgeous event. Attendees generously donated to the St. Clair Food Bank and to Alternative for Girls.

Did You Know???



photo by Jacob Lewkow

**Alternatives For Girls
Awarded Crain's 2017 "Best
Managed Nonprofit Award"**

Led by CEO **Amy Good**, the Detroit-based organization was lauded for having doubled its budget and increased its services over the past ten years while achieving financial stability. Alternatives For Girls (AFG), serving homeless and high-risk girls and young women through shelter/transition to independent living, street outreach, and prevention programs, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. [Click here for the full article.](#)

Two IWF Michigan Members will be inducted into Michigan Business Hall of Fame 2018



Florine Mark,
The Weight Watchers
Group

Sandra Pierce, The
Huntington National Bank



Sandy and Florine will be honored at the 22nd Annual Women's Thrive Conference and Awards Luncheon,

which will be held Monday, February 12 at the MGM Grand, Detroit. The Women Thrive mission is to promote high professional standards, encourage leadership, provide education and assure equal advantages for women who have demonstrated excellence in their professions, place of employment, and volunteerism - elevating & empowering women business leaders of today and tomorrow! [Click here for more info.](#)



United Road was sold to The Carlyle Group in a successful private equity sale from Charlesbank Capital Partners.

Kathleen McCann will remain as Chairman and CEO of the largest car-hauler in North America. United Road moved 3.5M vehicles for OEMs, dealers,

auctions, rental, fleet and finance companies over the last twelve months, up from 1.5M vehicles in 2012.



In other news, Kathleen was blessed to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Fr. Solanus Casey Beatification held at Ford Field on November 18, 2017.

Over 60,000 from around the world attended the Mass which was covered by national and international press.

News & Member Sharing:



Pam Reid was elected president of the Greater Detroit Phi Beta Kappa Association. The Association covers members from the Southeast Michigan area including Ann Arbor and East Lansing. The major activities include

sponsoring scholarships for students and promoting programs that bring speakers and intellectual exchange opportunities to its members.



Kathleen Ligocki was just named to the Carpenter Chemical Board of Directors. Kathleen also serves as a director at Lear and continues to be the CEO of Agility Fuel Solutions. All this keeps her away from MI and her IWF sisters. She writes, “I certainly miss you guys!!!”



Nancy Schlichting was appointed to her third public company board-- HealthSouth. The company is a rehabilitation hospital and home care company, based in Birmingham, Alabama. She is also currently

serving on the Walgreens Boots Alliance and Hill-Rom Holdings, Inc. Board, as well a private equity health care board and several nonprofit boards. She has also agreed to serve as executive-in-residence at Cornell University this coming year. She writes, “I am having a ball in my "retirement"--also continuing to give speeches (relating to my book, Unconventional Leadership) and serving as a mentor for several young women and men, including some leaders in the VA.”



Blanca Q Fauble, Principal Owner of Campaign Works LLC and EFBQF Hospitality of Indiana and Ohio, a 2017 new member, has been selected by HAVEN of Oakland County, to be the Director of

Development and Executive Director of the Foundation Board of Trustees. In her role she will develop and execute a robust fund development program that includes prospective donors, corporations and foundations. She will oversee grant writing, marketing, PR and Community Relations.



Tanya Heildeberg-Yopp, a 2017 new member, has been named interim CEO of The United Way of Southeast MI.



leaders, **Sandy Pierce** and **Denise Ilitch** (left), have committed to serve as Co-Chairs for the critically important Fundraising Committee for the IWF World Leadership Conference that will be held in Detroit (for the 1st time ever!) in October 2020. Thank you, Sandy and Denise!!!

Sue Ellen Eisenberg was a featured speaker at the State Bar of Michigan’s NEXT Conference in September. The Conference focuses on the future of law practice by bringing Michigan lawyers together to learn from industry experts and connect with attorneys from throughout the state. Sue Ellen spoke about the hallmarks of an effective sexual harassment investigation conducted through a neutral investigator. She and other panelists made the case that workplace misconduct, such as sexual harassment, can be significantly reduced through a proactive and sharply focused program of prevention and correction.



A Host City must raise a *minimum* of \$300,000 – but we hope to reach \$500,000. IWF Global will bring more than double that amount to the table and tremendous staff support to ensure a world class experience for the nearly 1,000 global leaders from every continent expected to attend. The Metro Detroit Visitors & Convention Bureau (thanks to **Donna Inch** and **Patricia Mooradian**) has supported this exciting event from our initial proposal. We are counting on the active involvement of every Member. If fundraising is your forte (or you want to learn from the best!), this may be your Committee!



Detroit Free Press columnist, **Rochelle Riley**, who became a new member in 2017, regrets that she is not able to continue as an active member for the near future.

As pleased as she was to become part of IWF, she discovered she has too many balls in the air. In addition to her full-time job as a Detroit Free Press columnist, Rochelle recently won a Pulliam Fellowship to study the effect of violence and toxic environments on how children learn. We’ll miss her, but she promises to follow our planning for the 2020 Global Conference. Here’s more on her research: <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2017/09/18/rochelle-riley-grant-study/676930001/>



Board Member Laurie Horiszny to Chair Board Nominating Committee. Are you interested in serving on the IWF-MI Board? The first step is to actively serve on a Committee. If you’ve done that, let Laurie know you are interested in serving. All of

our present board members are eligible to serve another two-year term, but Laurie and other members of the Nominating Committee, **Florine Mark**, **Marianne Udow Phillips** and **Saunteel Jenkins**, are starting to build a strong Board bench.

Dine-Arounds – IWF Signature Gatherings. Since the earliest beginnings of IWF, in 1974, intimate dinners in the private homes of members have been one of the unique characteristics of IWF gatherings. This tradition is so valued that it continues today at all global conferences. Imagine the rare thrill of being invited to dinner at the private home of one of the leading women of Mosco, Johannesburg, Rabat, San Francisco, Buenos Aires, Miami or Tel Aviv. Each of our members who has attended IWF global conferences has experienced that unique pleasure.

President’s Message:

Dear IWF-MI Friends/Sisters

Two of our long-time members and deeply respected SE Michigan business



IWF-MI started with dinner in Members’ homes, as well. A number of years ago, we moved to larger spaces because of the size of our chapter. But, based on Member interest and benchmarking we have done with

other IWF chapters, in 2016 we re-launched dine-arounds as an essential ingredient of building sisterhood. Since then, we have held nine dine-arounds, (four in 2016 – hosts **Mary Kramer, Laurie Horiszny, Leslie Murphy, Glenda Price** & five in 2017 – hosts **Chris Dardarian, Anne Doyle, Carolyn Cassin, Cindy Niekamp & Zina Kramer**), with very strong, positive feedback from all attendees. The Programming Committee plans to continue the dine-around tradition this year, with multiple smaller gatherings in different parts of SE Michigan. If you are willing to host, Programming Committee Chair **Blanca Fauble** would love to hear from you! bfauble@comcast.net



Member Engagement. Being an active member of the IWF Michigan requires paying your dues and attending at least one function per year. Our by-laws require that the Board annually review these requirements. In 2017, twenty-five percent of our 101 members attended *only 1 or 0* IWF-MI functions. The Engagement Committee and Board will be reaching out to inactive members, after we've reviewed the results of the Member Survey. If you haven't taken survey yet, please do so. The results of the survey will be shared soon.

In the meantime, if you nominated a new Member, please help her "on-board," by offering to drive together to our functions and make it a priority to introduce them to others. Do the same with long-time members. Driving together to meetings when you live in the same area is fun and a great way to deepen friendships. Plus, some of our older members appreciate the offer to ride with others.

Hope to see many of you on Saturday, January 13th when Laurie Horiszny is hosting us for Drinks and Desserts. Thank you, Laurie!

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**
- **Barcelona - April 10-12, 2019**
- **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
- **Vienna - May 2020**
- **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**

IWF Global Member Portal

Have you tried the new IWF Member Portal? members.iwforum.org. We encourage you to use this platform as an online venue to reach out to IWF members.

To take part in the conversation, begin by logging into the portal and creating your profile. For any assistance with logging in or with 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: www.iwfmichigan.org

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
