

2018 Member Events:

- March 7, 6:00 p.m. Solanus Casey Center Tour & Talk.**  Co-founder of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Detroit
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 will provide a private tour and talk on the life, history and impact of this humble man. [Click here to register and pay: \\$35.00/pp](#) Kathleen McCann, host.
- April 7, 12:30 pm (Saturday)** – Traditional IWF-MI Spring luncheon, hosted by Florine Mark at her beautiful home in Farmington Hills.
- May 14, 6:00 pm (Monday)– Women in Defense.** Panel to include President of Women in Defense. Location: BAE Systems, Sterling Heights. Beth Gotthelf, host.
- June 6** - Behind-the-Scenes tour of the new Little Caesar's Arena (tentative) Denise Ilitch & Carolyn Cassin, hosts.
- July/August** - Dine-Arounds at member homes. These popular, smaller gatherings require reservations. Locations and hosts to be announced.

Highlights of February member meeting on Sex Trafficking:

Hosted by Amy Good at Alternatives For Girls in Detroit, and co-chaired by Peg Talburtt, additional speakers included AFG's Street Outreach director, and April, survivor of sex trafficking. Presentations noted that sex trafficking can take place close to home; that major Detroit cultural or sports events are typically



accompanied by increase sex trafficking activity and associated dangers; and that approximately one out of seven runaway children become victims of sex trafficking. Members learned about the increase in sex trafficking associated with “massage parlors”; the controversies surrounding “Back Page”, the classified advertising website whose ads include child and adult trafficking; and learned to call (888) 373-7888 to report suspected sex trafficking. Members expressed great appreciation in particular for April’s courageous sharing of her powerful story of struggle and recovery.

Did You Know???



On March 7 at 10:30 am, **Pam Reid** will moderate a program on women in the workplace at Wayne State University with Gloria Steinem, entitled “[Me Too and Time’s Up: The Future of Feminism?](#)” including a discussion with a panel of professors from University of Michigan and Michigan State

University. The event is free, but [reservations are required](#).

Pam also escaped Michigan and spent two weeks in Cancun recently.



Vernice Davis Anthony named Interim CEO of Focus Hope



“Being asked to serve as Interim CEO of Focus Hope, after having served on the board for almost 10 years, I find myself going full circle back to my roots in Detroit as a WSU student,

living in the Focus Hope neighborhood, seeing the organization rise up in response to the Detroit 1967 Rebellion,” writes Vernice. “Focus Hope’s mission, ‘We pledge intelligent and practical action to overcome racism, poverty and injustice,’ really speaks to what has driven me throughout my entire career. Focus Hope is a fantastic organization with a great legacy and a wonderful future, and I am very pleased with the opportunity to serve in this interim capacity.”

Suzanne Mallare Acton will be conducting *Voices of Light*, a powerful oratorio for soloists, choir, and orchestra,



accompanying a screening of Carl Dreyer’s majestic 1928 silent film *The Passion of Joan of*

Arc. Performances are at the Detroit Institute of Arts’ Detroit Film Theatre, on Saturday, March 24, at 8 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m., with a student/senior dress rehearsal on Friday, March 23, at noon. Tickets can be purchased online at www.dia.org or at the DIA box office at 313-833-4005.



Congratulations **Fay Beydoun**, Executive Director, American Arab Chamber of Commerce, for being chosen as the “Greater Good Award” honoree by the NAWBO Greater Detroit chapter. The award was presented at NAWBO’S 2018 “Top Ten Influential Women in Business” dinner on March 1.

News & Member Sharing:

International Women’s Day Celebration March 8, 2018

International Women’s Day is Thursday, March 8 and is celebrated all over the world. For over a decade, this day has been celebrated with a local dinner hosted by another group coincidentally named the International Women’s Forum.



This year, **Kathleen McCann**, CEO, United Road Services, Inc. will be the keynote speaker. Let’s support the event for International Women’s Day to be held at Club Venetian on John R Road in Madison Heights.

If interested, please visit www.petrellabrown.com, or call 248-223-9883. **Ruth Holmes** will ask them to put our IWF members together or just come meet some new people.

Judy Trepeck, President & CEO, The Trepeck Group, LLD is proud to announce that her daughter, attorney Julie Trepeck Harris, has been honored and recognized by The National Advocates as one of their Top 100 lawyers in Michigan!



Patricia Mooradian, President of The Henry Ford is pleased to announce that they made the *New York Times*’ list of the “**Ten Coolest Museums in the World**,” and are very proud to be **ranked #1**. She writes, “That’s wonderful national recognition of our unparalleled collections, visitor experiences and world-class hospitality.” [Click here](#) for the full rankings and a link to their recent blog.



Alternatives For Girls’ (AFG’s) Role Model Dinner, co-chaired by Faye Nelson and Pam Rodgers



To be held Wednesday, March 28 at Cobo Center, the event will feature live and silent auctions, plated dinner, and remarks from the honored role models, as well as several girls and young women from



Alternatives For Girls' programs. Donations raised will provide critical support to homeless and high-risk girls and young women.

Nine other IWF members have been honored by AFG as role models in past years at this event! They are: **Vernice Anthony, Carol Goss, Mary Kramer, Patricia Maryland, Glenda Price, Andra Rush, Shirley Stancato, Denise Starr, and Joanne Start.**

Tickets are \$200 each, at alternativesforgirls.org.

President's Message:

Dear IWF Friends/Sisters,

Happy International Women's Day – celebrated around the world on March 8!



Our newsletter is overflowing (as always!) with examples of the many ways our members are helping to encourage, empower and celebrate the talent and potential of girls and women. From moderating discussions on the future of Feminism with an iconic national leader, speaking at an International Women's Day event, co-hosting a major fundraiser for Alternatives for Girls, directing inspiring music of the Detroit Orchestra, stepping forward to lead Focus Hope, raising an accomplished daughter, being honored by NAWBO, or leading one of the world's great museums, our members are as engaged in making a difference as they are influential and widely-respected. And those are just this month's examples!

Here are two more ways our IWF-MI sisters are raising their voices as thought leaders in our community, both featured in Sunday's *Detroit Free Press*.

Tonya Allen, president and CEO of the Skillman Foundation, authored a guest column, "Detroit Kids Should Be Part of City's Resurgence, Too." <https://www.freep.com/story/opinion/contributors/2018/03/04/detroit-children-poverty-education/390506002/>

Rabbi Tamara Kolton wrote a commentary, "Meet Eve, the Spiritual Mother of #MeToo." <https://www.freep.com/story/opinion/2018/03/03/me-too-bible-eve/364158002/>

Here are a few of the ways I'm celebrating Women's History Month.

On March 8, I'll be in Washington, DC, participating in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 2-day conference, *Partner With Purpose: Business for Gender Equality*. Marie Nelson, VP of News and Public Affairs for PBS-TV and I are leading a Fireside Chat on *Gender & Power in the Age of #MeToo*.



On March 23, I'll help Detroit PAL celebrate the opening of its new *Kids at the Corner* facility and multi-sport fields on the historic site of the old Tiger Stadium. PAL serves over 14,000 SE Michigan boys and girls annually, building character and health through sports programs. I'm serving on the Women's Committee for PAL, which is committed to better serve at-risk girls through its *Girls Changing the Game* initiative. <http://detroitpal.org/programs/girls-programs/>

We have such incredible women in our chapter, who share the IWF Mission of advancing women's leadership in our communities and globally. I'm always looking for new ways we can help our members get to know one another better and build a sense of true Sisterhood. Our Programming Committee has great plans for our regularly-scheduled, monthly meetings this year. But many of you have also expressed interest in Roundtable discussions – with one another -- on important topics, such as the #METOO movement. I'm interested in your ideas on how we can continue to create opportunities for SE's Michigan's most fantastic women leaders to become a supportive and trusted Sisterhood.

I'd love to hear from you.
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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**

If you are planning to attend the Melbourne Conference this May, please let Board Members

Laurie Horiszny lhoriszny@borgwarner.com

or Nancy Philippart

philippartn@gmail.com— *who will be*

leading our Michigan delegation –

know! Other members who are planning to attend include: 2020 Detroit Conference

Co-Chairs Mary Kramer and Faye Nelson, as well as Carolyn Cassin, Anne Mervenne and Debbie Stephens, one of our newest members.



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.

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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
