

### 2018 Member Events:

- **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. \$35/pp. [Click here to RSVP](#). Deadline 5/8.
- **June 6, 5:00 pm (Wednesday) – Little Caesars Arena Behind-the-Scenes Tour.** Guide will meet us at Belfor Training Center entrance located near the southwest corner of the building. **PARKING:**  The Henry Street garage is the closest parking facility to the arena and can be reached by entering off W. Fisher. 6:00 pm dinner at Mike's Pizza Bar. *Price to be announced.* Denise Ilitch host.
- **July/August - Dine-Arounds** at member homes. These popular, smaller gatherings require reservations. Locations and hosts to be announced.
- **September 26, 5:30 pm (Wednesday) - The Burden: African Americans and the Enduring Impact of Slavery.** IWF-MI member Rochelle Riley will speak about the themes of her new book, followed by facilitated dialogue and discussion on the topic of race. Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Host committee Carol Goss, Shirley Stancato, Juanita Moore and Saunteel Jenkins worked with Rochelle to develop plans for what is certain to be a memorable evening.

### Highlights of April 7 member meeting



The traditional IWF-MI Spring members-only luncheon, hosted by Florine Mark at her beautiful home in Farmington Hills, was once again spectacular. Complete with a take-away gift from The Lip Bar, remarkable lunch and list of lively questions including what your motto is. Thank you once again Florine!



### Members Motto Sharing:

- “Keep moving, keep smiling and do unto others as you want others to do unto you....and be sure to eat your fruits and vegetables!” Florine Mark.
- “Engaged youth grow to become engaged adults, who, together, form thriving communities.” Amy Good.
- “If you are going to write the story of your life, do not let anyone else hold your pen.” Ruth Holmes.
- “Straight from my mother's mouth to my ears and echoing forever since: *Beauty is as Beauty does.*” Nancy Barker.
- “Persistence and Determination alone are omnipotent.” Karen Ebben.
- “No one ever thanks you for not taking care of yourself.” Ki Hammer.
- “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Donna Inch.
- “To inspire, you must first be inspired.” Chris Dardarian.



## Seven IWF-MI members Down-Under at IWF Global Conference

L to R in photo: **Debbie Stephens, Faye Nelson, Nancy Philippart, Laurie Horiszny, Mary Kramer, Carolyn Cassin** and **Barbara Allushuski** are in Melbourne this week attending the IWF Cornerstone Conference. Laurie will also represent IWF-MI at the President's Council sessions. We'll look forward to hearing at our June member gathering about their experiences and ideas for the IWF conference we'll be hosting in Detroit, October 2020.



**Karen Ebben**, is honored to have been elected to the board of the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan at their Annual Meeting in March. Pictured here with Telva McGruder (Board Chair) and Denise Dalrymple (CEO).

"I'm thrilled to work with GSSEM and their dedicated cadre of volunteers which were recognized at a special luncheon. It's clear to me that:

- Girl Scouts offers the best leadership development experience for girls in the world -one that is designed with, by, and for girls.
- Girl-only experiences in safe spaces are proven to help girls be more successful later in life.
- There is not one experience a girl can have at Boy Scouts she can't have at Girl Scouts."

**Andra Rush**, founder, chair and chief executive officer of Rush Group, was recently inducted into the Michigan Minority Business Hall of Fame for transformational business leadership, creating thousands of jobs and helping to grow the minority business ecosystem in underrepresented Michigan communities.



## Did You Know???



New Mexico IWF members, former New Mexico IWF President, The Honorable Celia Foy Castillo, and Helen Wertheim, volunteered for the second consecutive year to mentor Albuquerque Health Leadership High School seniors participating in the award-winning Pictures of Hope program founded by photojournalist, **Linda Solomon**. Linda and her NM IWF sisters will be together again in May when she announces the winner of the DREAM Scholarship, a full-ride Blackburn College scholarship donated to youth participating in Pictures of Hope.

**Roz Cooperman** and **Ruth Holmes** attended a reception at Meadowbrook Hall for 67 International Fellows from 65



countries who were visiting Detroit as part of a year of study on global issues of diplomacy and defense at the National Defense University in Washington, DC. Only three women. Pictured with guests from Belgium, Nigeria, Senegal, Norway and Ethiopia. "Like IWF conferences these events bring us together," said Ruth.



On April 21, **Donna Inch**, retired Ford Motor Company executive, and Michigan Congresswoman, **Debbie**

**Dingell**, participated as commencement speakers for Eastern Michigan University. Both received honorary doctorate degrees from the University.



Founded in 1849, Eastern Michigan University is the second oldest university in Michigan.



**Ruth Holmes**, immediate past president of our IWF-MI chapter, was recently honored as a “Community Diversity

Champion” by the Community House of Birmingham. She was nominated by the Women Officials Network. The Diversity Champion Honor Roll recognizes outstanding individuals in the Detroit area who have helped their organizations adopt *or* implement policies supporting diversity and inclusion.

## News & Member Sharing:

**Roz Lullove Cooperman** has made arrangements with The Michigan Opera Theatre for The International Women’s Forum, and their guests, to receive a special discount for its final production of the season, “**Summer King**,” May 12-20.



All tickets, for any performance, are at a discount of 25% when you use the code: **BASEBALL25** at checkout or at the box office. If you have questions, please contact her at [roz@rozcooperman.com](mailto:roz@rozcooperman.com). See you on the aisle! 248.346.1293  
[www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org)

**Laurie Horiszny** invites any interested members and guests to purchase tickets to one of two performances by the Community Chorus of Detroit May 18 (7:30) or May 19 (2:00) at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave, Detroit. A BorgWarner colleague is a member of the 95-voice choir. To obtain discounted advance tickets (at \$16), IWF members should contact her, Denise Hobbs, directly: [drhobbs1964@gmail.com](mailto:drhobbs1964@gmail.com)



Composers of the spring repertoire include Jake Runestad, Kim André Arnesen, and Craig Hella Johnson, among many greats, with a world premiere of Daniel Elder’s “Shadows Will Fall,” commissioned for the Community Chorus of Detroit. Website: <http://www.communitychorusofdetroit.com/>

Laurie would be happy to hear from any IWF sisters who are interested in attending one of the performances ([lhorieszny@gmail.com](mailto:lhorieszny@gmail.com)). If they let her know which conference they are attending, groups can be arranged to meet before or after the concert.



**Barbara E. Allushuski**, President & CEO Blue Heron Talent, LLC writes, “I have served as a director of Level One Bank for 8 years and I chair the Compensation

Committee. It has been a privilege to work with our CEO, Pat Fehring, his amazing leadership team and my talented fellow directors. Ringing the closing bell at The NASDAQ last month, on the same day we went public, was truly an over the top experience!”

## President’s Message:

Dear IWF-MI Friends/Sisters,



As we prepare to step onto the IWF Global Stage in October 2020, when we will host female leaders from all over the world for the IWF World Leadership Conference in Detroit, our most urgent need is to get to know one another better.

That's why lots of work has been going on behind-the-scenes with Board Members, Committee Members and the 2020 Global Conference Leadership team. Here's a quick update:

**Membership Committee:** Board member Verna Green will be chairing this year's membership committee, working closely with committee members Carol Goss, Carolyn Cassin, Carol Goss, Shirley Stancato, Denise Ilitch, Donna Inch, Aleks Miziolek, and Sue Marx. We'll have news soon on when the new member nomination process will begin.



**Program & Engagement Committees:** Members of these two committees, chaired by Blanca Fauble and Joanne Faycurry, have been thinking through innovative approaches to ensure that our chapter continues to be a unique link to getting to know and sharing meaningful experiences with highly accomplished women committed to advancing women's leadership. They'll be reaching out, individually, to hear your thoughts. When they call, please take the time to give them your honest and constructive ideas. There's always room for improvement!

**Fireside Chats:** Long-time member Sue Marx came up with the idea of hosting small, informal opportunities for members to get together and talk about how our IWF-MI chapter can preserve the intimacy and sisterhood that characterized our first few decades, while evolving to embrace the next generation of SE Michigan women leaders. Sue jump-started the idea by hosting a small group of long-time members at her home, including two former presidents – Chris Dardarian and Ruth Holmes—as well as Zina Kramer, Lois Cohen, Rochelle Lieberman and your current president. It was a lot of fun, but also generated plenty of great ideas! You might call it a “mini dine-around.” Who wants to host the next one?



**Getting to Know You:** One of the ideas that came out of Sue's “fireside chat” gathering was the suggestion that we begin featuring short profiles on our members in the newsletter. So, we're going to do it – featuring

one long-time member and one brand-new member each month – randomly selected!!!!

Hope to see you May 14 at our Member event on Women in Defense. Beth Gotthelf has lined up an impressive panel for a behind-the-scenes perspective on a fascinating and challenging field.

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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
- Miami, October 24-26, 2018
- Barcelona - April 10-12, 2019
- Toronto - November 13-15, 2019
- London - May 2020
- Detroit - October 7-9, 2020

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## IWF Global Member Portal

Have you tried the new IWF Member Portal? [members.iwforum.org](https://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](mailto: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](#)

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## **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](mailto:pdalrick@comcast.net)

## **IWF-Michigan Board Members:**

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