

Good News & Member Sharing:



Heather Paquette, (left) Michigan Managing Partner, KPMG, and **Cindy Niekamp**, (right) Retired Sr. VP, PPG Industries – Independent



Public Board Member, will be launching a Detroit-based chapter of Women Corporate Directors (WCD). WCD is a professional women's organization with 80 chapters around the world that brings together a community of women who serve on public company boards and large privately held boards. Cindy and Heather are excited to help facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences of women directors in our region, and to help train women for future board service.

Anyone interested in joining WCD, please contact them. An introductory meeting will be held on November 13 at 6:30pm at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club. [Click here for more information.](#)



Juanita Moore, President & CEO, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, was honored as one of 25 local women of color

recipients of the Power of 25 Walker's Legacy Awards October 18. The award recognizes women who have thrived in an array of industries. The award is named for Madam C. J. Walker, the first self-made African American woman to become a millionaire.



Glenda Price received the Legacy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hannan Foundation last month during their inaugural 70 Over 70 awards program.

Glenda is also one of the honorees of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion's Humanitarian Awards on November 8. The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion serves as a catalyst for change, develop, organize and empower individuals and communities to advance equity and opportunity for all.



Vernice Anthony, CEO VDA Health Connect, will be receiving the prestigious Sy Gotlieb Award on November 2. The Symond R. Gottlieb, former Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAH) Executive Director, award is presented to an individual who

has dedicated their work to significantly improving quality, access, and delivery of health care.

Anne Mervenne, President, Mervenne & Company, chaired the Gala Weekend for the 50th Anniversary of James Madison College at Michigan State University. Anne led a committee of faculty, students and alumni in executing seminars & celebratory events over October 12-14.





Denise Ilitch, President, Ilitch Enterprises, LLC, and **Cindy Niekamp**, will be speakers at Inforum’s National Conversation on Board Diversity breakfast on November 15 at the Great Lakes

Culinary Center. [Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

Linda Solomon’s TH Muller Galleri exhibition in Detroit runs through November 12. IWF Michigan members attending the opening were: **Denise Ilitch, Sue Marx, Karen Ebben, Andra Rush, and Blanca Fauble.**



Did You Know???

Saunteel Jenkins, CEO, The Heat and Warmth Fund, would like to invite IWF Michigan members to two events:



- 12th Annual Night of Warm Hearts Gala, November 10, at 6pm at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel. Includes dinner, dancing and honoring community heroes who help move their mission forward. Purchase tickets at www.thawfund.org or call 313-963-2681.
- Grab your girlfriends and join THAW for a fun Girl’s Night Out at L.K. Bennett in Somerset Mall. Thursday, November 30, 6:00-8:30pm. During this event shoppers will receive 10% off all purchases and **THAW** will receive **10% of all sales**. Champagne and hors d’ oeuvres will be served! For more information contact Stacy Ziarko at szarko@thawfund.org or 313-963-2681

The Engagement Committee, chaired by Board member **Tina Abbate-Marzolf**, has developed a member survey so your voice and feedback can be heard! It will be distributed in the next few months. Please take the time to respond.



GM CEO Mary Barra is being honored this month by the New York chapter of the IWF. She will receive their Muriel Siebert Leadership Award at the [“Breakfast of Corporate Champions”](#) event on November 14th in NYC. IWF member and GM Board Director Patricia Russo will make the presentation. We have asked Mary to mention that Detroit will be hosting the 2020 IWF Global Conference and to invite everyone to come!



Michigan Women’s Foundation teamed up with Shinola last month to present a fabulous panel of young women entrepreneurs. IWF member **Blanca Fauble**, (far right) owner of Campaign Works LLC, attended to support IWF Member **Carolyn**

Cassin, President & CEO, Michigan Women's Foundation, along with IWF Member **Heather Paquette** (far left)

Sue Marx, President, Sue Marx Films is offering to host an informal gathering at her home for any of our members who need a little help with their computer skills. Is there an IWF-MI Sister who would be willing to lead this informal session? Nothing too complicated, just a chance to bring your favorite online device and those aggravating issues that have you stumped to work through with friends over a glass of wine. Whether you are willing to help or need some help, Sue would love to hear from you.





Chris Myers Moore, founding president of IWF Michigan, writes she has been dealing with heart issues, Pre-Mature Ventricular Contractions or PVCs. She is part of a Cleveland Clinic study, and hopes to have her health issues under control soon.

Management for the Panama Canal Authority (she wore a pink hardhat during construction to showcase her gender!)



The highlight is always the closing gala reception, where each year the IWF inducts one inspiring leader into its prestigious Hall of Fame. This year’s inductee was Hillary Rodham Clinton – who has been an IWF member for over 30 years, since her Arkansas Days. Her introduction and remarks were live-streamed on [IWF' Facebook page](#).

President’s Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters,

Dottie Deremo, Ruth Holmes, Mary Kramer, Pam Reid and I just returned from the IWF World Leadership Conference in Houston, where over 800



IWF members and guests from every continent gathered to discuss global issues, viewed through a female lens.

The theme “Global Citizen” was a platform for panel discussions and break-out sessions with nationally and internationally recognized experts on themes as compelling as: extreme weather, energy economics, sexual trafficking, the obesity pandemic and urban challenges. Behind-the-scenes choices included visits to NASA’S Johnson Space Center, the Texas Art Institute, Buffalo Bayou’s underground water cistern and Houston’s historic Project Row Houses.



There was plenty to celebrate, too. A fascinating, on-stage conversation with Ellen Ochoa, former astronaut and current Director of the Johnson Space Center that included a surprise greeting

from astronauts on the International Space Station. The inside story of the recent expansion of the Panama Canal, told by IWF member Ilya Marotta, the Executive VP of Engineering & Program



COME WITH US!! If you’ve never been to an IWF Global Conference, or haven’t attended in many years, I hope you’ll come with us. Melbourne, Miami, Barcelona, Toronto, Vienna and Seattle are all on-deck. Until you have experienced the global sisterhood and compelling, content of these gatherings, you haven’t begun to tap the full value of your IWF membership. Chicago had 26 members at the Houston conference; Florida: 35; New York: 17; and 15 members travelled all the way from Australia! As we begin to plan for hosting in October 2020, now is the time to mine the gold that awaits you at these amazing gatherings.

IWF PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL – As your president, I also attend the President’s Council sessions. Membership engagement was the main topic, with broad agreement on what makes IWF unique, particularly:

- It is an aspirational organization of the most prominent and influential women in the chapter’s region, but whose reputation and impact are national or global.
- Membership in IWF is the link to a powerful, international sisterhood that creates opportunities to meet, learn from and develop relationships with influential leaders we would otherwise never meet.
- There is growing emphasis on the “I” mindset of International Women’s Forum members as global citizens engaged well beyond their communities.

BUDDY SYSTEM for NEW MEMBERS – I also want to ask each of our members who nominated a new Member to take personal responsibility for engaging them in our chapter. Encourage them to attend monthly gatherings, drive together or save them a seat, invite them to serve on a committee with you!

2018 COMMITTEES FORMING NOW -- Thank you for the great response I received from so many of you who volunteered to serve on a Committee next year. Programming was the most popular. But there's still room for a few more of you to get involved on the Nomination (that develops slate of new Board members) and Engagement (which focuses on enhancing membership experience) committees. We'll also have info soon on Committees that will begin working on the 2020 conference. Many hands make light work and it's a great way to deepen friendships with some of SE Michigan's most inspiring women!

Anne

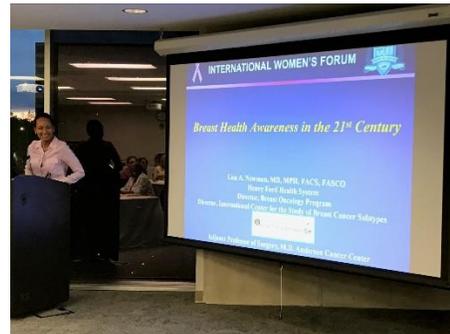
2017 Upcoming Member Events:

- **November 1 @ 6:00 pm– Dr. Glenda Price**, will host this event to include a panel of educators who will address some of the pressing issues from k-12 to college facing our community. Location: Marygrove College.
- **December 6 - Holiday Party @ 6-9:00 pm** – We will celebrate together at the [Detroit Yacht Club](#) on Belle Isle. Members are free and guests are \$55. A map and directions will be provided later with the Evite. It will be a festive event with a beautiful display of richly decorated Christmas trees. There will be a lovely buffet dinner and a cash bar.

We ask participants to bring a donation for the food bank and/or toiletries for a donation to Alternative for Girls.

Add to your calendars - Member Events normally held the first Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm.

October Event Pics at Henry Ford Hospital



IWF GLOBAL ANNOUNCES New Member Portal

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new IWF member portal: members.iwforum.org. The site was developed to provide you with a more interactive and interconnected IWF network. We encourage you to use this platform as an online venue to reach out to IWF members from across the globe. It provides the opportunity to share news, ask questions, and gather information, as well as continue the dialogues started at our conferences and events. Our goal for the portal

is for it to serve as a catalyst for increased communication among forums and members.

Among the features of the site are:

- A complete membership roster with dynamic search functions.
- Member discussion boards for issue-area interests and fields of expertise.
- The ability to post, share, and find news and local forum events for the entire membership.

To take part in the conversation, members should begin by logging into the portal and creating their profiles. To fill out your profile, please watch the video tutorial below or follow the enclosed written instructions. For any assistance with logging in or with any questions, please contact iwf@iwforum.org.

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

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[Video tutorial \(detailed narrated version\)](#)

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[Written tutorial \(download PDF\)](#)

[Member Portal FAQ](#)

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**
 - **Vienna - May 2020**
 - **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
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Reminders:

If you have not done so, please update your member profile on the IWF Michigan Website: www.iwfmichigan.org

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
