

IWF members are trailblazers, innovators and pioneers united to advance women's leadership locally and globally.

Urgent Matters:

- **All Hands on Deck for 2020 IWF Global Conference!** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Nov. 7. That's when we'll roll out ways for every IWF-MI member to get involved.
- **We Need Your Photo!** Many of you have asked us to create a pictorial roster. We'd love to, but need your help! Please upload your photo to the IWF Global Website. It's not hard! Directions and links are on the last page of this newsletter.

2018 Member Events:

- **September 26, (Wednesday) 5:30 pm - *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. 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. We hope that you will try to read, *The Burden*, in advance, which will enrich the conversation. Location: Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Cost \$40.00. [Click here to register.](#)
- **October 22, (Monday) 6:00 pm - Political Predictions, hosted by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and WDIV-TV GM Marla Drutz.** Panelists Nolan Finley, Steven Henderson, Debbie Dingell and other women candidates. Location: Detroit Club 712 Cass Ave, Detroit. Cost: TBD.
- **November 7 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm – 2020 Conference Planning Rollout.** Location TBD.
- **December – Holiday party.** Spouse or guest invited. Location and Date TBD.



August 1 Dine Around - Hosts: Anne Mervenne, Beth Gotthelf and Cheryl Dube at Iridescence, Motor City Casino.



August 11 Dine Around –Host Ki Hammer at Hammer Dearborn residence.



President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends,

I hope you had a great summer. One of my highlights was an 18-day trip to Peru, including (of course) visiting spectacular Machu Picchu. Carolyn Cassin and Beth Chappell both gave me great tips on what to pack and what not to miss. Best two tips: bring only ONE pair of shoes and be courageous and try the CUY (guinea pig!).

IWF Summer Highlights included **FIVE** Dine-Arounds in July and August. Thanks to Dine-Around hosts Chris Derdarian, Cheryl Dube, Beth Gotthelf, Laurie Horiszny, Gilda Jacobs, Ki Hammer and Anne Mervenne, over half of our members were able to share a meal, a glass of wine and get to know each other a little better at these intimate dinners.

Enthusiasm and great ideas were on the menu when Engagement Committee Co-Chairs Joanne Faycurry and Kathleen McCann led a working-dinner meeting at the DAC of the



newly-formed committee. There was strong support for scheduling IWF gathering dates well in advance, as well as for asking all members to help plan an IWF-MI program at least once every three years. Also, expect to receive a personal phone call from a committee member, encouraging you to attend our November 7 meeting that will highlight planning for the 2020 conference.



The most memorable event of our summer of 2018, however, was the week-long "Home-Going" celebration for Aretha Franklin – widely regarded as the greatest singer/musician and one of the most influential women of our lifetimes. Perhaps many of you stood in line, as I did, to pay your respects to the Queen of Soul.

At least three of our members had very special relationships with "Ree-Ree," as she was known to her closest friends:

Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence was asked to speak at her funeral. Her powerful remarks can be seen on [YouTube](#).



Linda Solomon was entrusted by the Franklin family to be their personal photographer at the funeral and is working on a book of very personal photos Aretha invited her to shoot for several decades.

Rochelle Riley's multiple, powerful columns captured the spirit of this unforgettable woman, the legacy she left and the joyful sendoff she was given. [Click here](#) to read column.



Although RESPECT for Aretha crossed cultures, borders and generations, her messages and her powerful presence resonated most deeply

with women. As the headline on one of Rochelle's memorable columns put it, "Aretha Franklin's Greatest Lesson: Teaching Women to be Respected."

Aretha belongs in the IWF Hall of Fame. When it happens (hopefully in October 2020 here in Detroit), I know she'll be with us!

Anne

News & Member Sharing:

New Detroit leader Shirley Stancato, a shining light in challenging times

CONGRATULATIONS to **Shirley Stancato**, CEO of New Detroit, for being chosen as this year's recipient of the Neal Shine Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership, an honor reserved for standout Michiganders with lifelong roles in supporting regional cooperation and progress. The *Detroit Free Press* wrote, "For nearly two decades, Detroit native **Shirley Stancato** has applied a combination of gentle influence and powerful advocacy to push for racial justice in her hometown as the head of the nonprofit New Detroit. Click [here](#) to read the full article.



Pamela T. Reid is one of 25 women of color psychologists featured on the newest panel of "I am Psyched!! Women of Color Changemakers" an exhibit of Inspiring histories and inspiring lives of women of color firsts sponsored by the American Psychological Association. The panel was unveiled at the STEAM Fair hosted by the Women's Congressional Policy Institute. The Women Changemakers panel is now touring nationally.



Linda Solomon will be one of four honorees at the 4th Annual [Imaging Alliance](#) in New York City on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6:00 pm. The event is to *salute and celebrate* passionate and talented photojournalists and storytellers who have given back through the power of imaging. [Click here for more information](#).



Photojournalist forged friendship with Aretha during years covering her

The Queen of Soul was shy. Photographer **Linda Solomon** discovered that when she met the singer on the set of the Channel 7 show "Kelly & Company" in 1983. Click here to read the full [Detroit News](#) article.



Joanne Faycurry, Judy Trepeck, Nancy Philippart and Laurie

Horiszny invite you to join them at the M-1 Racecourse on September 12, 2018, 6 to 9 p.m., to support Women of Tomorrow, a mentoring program for at risk high school age women. Click [here](#) for ticket info.



Ruth Holmes would like to put together an IWF table!! Make your reservations now to help celebrate with our member, **Rochelle Riley**, as she receives the 2018 WONder Woman Award. The event honoring Rochelle and three others will take place at the WONder Women Awards Banquet on Thursday, September 27 starting at 5:30 pm at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver in Troy.



Please make your reservations by going to: www.womenofficialsnetwork.org Ask to be placed at the IWF table. Questions: e.siewart@wayne.edu



Nancy Philippart was recently sworn in as a new Director of Board of the Women's Official Network (WON) on August 17, 2018, at the Doyle Center in Bloomfield Hills. [WON](#) works to empower women leaders in the public sector.

Michigan entrepreneur **Andra Rush**, CEO of The Rush Group, recently sold her majority stake in Detroit Manufacturing Systems, a large-scale component manufacturer for global brands

Rush built DMS from scratch, launching in June 2012 when the tier-one automotive supplier was established as a joint venture with minority stakeholder Faurecia Interior Systems with just 25 team members in an empty warehouse on Detroit's west side. DMS, which recently won Ford Motor Company's World Excellence Award for Diversity Supplier and earned the domestic automaker's Q1 quality endorsement, now employs nearly 1,000 in Detroit and 200 in a 1-year-old facility in Toledo, Ohio, and generates \$1 billion in annual revenue.



Rush maintains ownership of Rush Group, including Dakkota Integrated Systems, Rush Trucking Corporation and Rush Supply Chain Management.

Roz Cooperman, Chief Experience Officer, recently dialogued with Michael Schudrich, chief Rabbi of Poland, about the continuation of her documentary started 25 years ago, "*Faith of Our Ancestors*."



The power of the story is what happened to young people who found out they were Jewish upon the death bed of a family member. Where are they 25 years later, as the Jewish community continues to grow in Poland, is key to the story. To view the conversation. Click here: [Faith of Our Ancestors - A Dialogue with Rabbi Michael Schudrich](#)

Sarah Earley, Chair of Belle Isle Conservancy, invites her IWF Michigan sisters to join her on Thursday, October 11 at the 14th annual Polish the Jewel, the Belle Isle Legacy Luncheon, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Funds raised at this year's event will support their Beachfront Revitalization project. That project completely re-envisioned the beach on the north side of the island, adding a new splash park, patio, landscaping, and visitor amenities.

Tickets are available at belleisleconservancy.org or by calling the Conservancy's office at 314-331-7760. Those interested in purchasing a Benefactor ticket will enjoy a Benefactor party on Tuesday, September 20 from 5:30 to 7:30pm at C.A.N. Art Handworks in Detroit.

Rochelle Riley, columnist *Detroit Free Press* advises that the audiobook for "*The Burden: African Americans and the Enduring Impact of Slavery*" is coming in October! The book, which is the topic of our September 26 IWF gathering, was just named one of summer's Good Reads in the August issue *Hour* magazine.



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:

- [Miami, October 24-26, 2018](#) **sold out – waiting list.**
- **Barcelona - April 10-12, 2019**
- **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
- **London - May 13-15, 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 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](#)

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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