

Urgent Matters:

- We will continue to engage Virtually until Governor Whitmer advises us further.
- Voting for New Member Slate April 8-15.

Virtual Gatherings:

- **April 2, 6:00 -7:00 p.m. REVISED TIME! Covid-19 MI Impact Update.** Member Presenters: Dr. Betty Chu, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Marianne Udow-Phillips. Host: Anne Doyle.
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/989692496>; Phone: +13126266799 – code: 989692496# US
- **April 10, 7:00 pm** – Virtual Gathering led by Rabbi Tamara Kolton. "Because I knew you, I have been changed for good." A sacred candle lighting ceremony and intimate discussion inspired by the song "For Good" from Wicked.

In-Person Events – No Charge, But RSVP'S REQUIRED:

- Spring Luncheon - Florine Mark's Home. Farmington Hills – *to be rescheduled*
 - **June 4 **** Special Regional Invite- IWF Ohio. Toledo Museum of Art. RSVP: carol@camcguire.com
 - **Summer Dine-Arounds at Member Homes. Dates, locations and hosts TBD.** Need volunteers for Dine ArounDs!!!
 - **September 2** – Leader Dog Event - Join us for Puppies and Pinot! Have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Canine Development Center, meet a Future Leader Dog Puppy and hear about our services directly from one of our clients. Light dinner and great conversation included!
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- **October 7-9 – IWF WORLD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DETROIT, MI.** We're crossing our fingers that it won't be cancelled!
 - **December 2** - Holiday Gathering at Bloomfield Hills home of Linda Schlesinger-Wagner

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends,



The Covid-19 crisis is a time machine to our future. That description, by Anne Marie Slaughter in last Sunday's NY Times, captured my feelings exactly. Once we get through this crisis, we will all be changed.

Virtual human connection – via Zoom, Facetime, Skype and video calls – isn't nearly as good as in-person, but it's not bad.

We're testing this new way of staying connected with our first two Virtual IWF MI gatherings this month, by tapping the tremendous expertise of our own members.

This Thursday evening, April 2, three of our members who are on the front lines of MI's fight to cope with the devastating medical and economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis will brief us and answer questions. Dr. Betty Chu, Assoc. Chief Clinical Officer/Chief Quality Officer, Henry Ford Health Systems; Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Marianne Udow-Phillips, Exec. Director of the University of Michigan's Center for Health & Research Transformation.

Then, on Friday evening April 10, member Tamara Kolton, a humanistic Rabbi, will lead a virtual Shabbat gathering for IWF MI members.

Our thanks to Betty, Debbie, Marianne and Tamara for carving out time to help us stay connected with one another through this terrible chapter. I hope you will join us for one or both. Stay safe and sane.

Anne

New Member Voting – April 8-15



Our thanks to long-time members Leslie Murphy and Gilda Jacobs, co-chairs of this year's off-cycle and abbreviated new member process, for their work to develop a slate of nine outstanding candidates for membership in IWF and our MI chapter.

Following board review of the slate, candidates were contacted to explain the benefits and commitment of IWF membership. Dana Nessel will be contacted after this crisis has subsided slightly.

You will receive the on-line ballot next week for the following candidates:

- Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, pediatrician; exposed Flint water crisis.
- Kerry Duggan – Partner, Sustainability, Ridge-Lane LP; former White House Deputy Policy Director to Vice President Biden.
- Linda Forte – Board member & former SVP Comerica Bank
- Linda Hubbard – President & COO Carhartt
- Dr. Darienne Hudson – President & CEO United Way, Detroit
- Dana Nessel, MI Attorney General (pending acceptance)
- Anne Parsons, CEO & President, Detroit Symphony
- Ann Thomas, WJR Radio Producer and Host, “Women Who Lead”
- Shannon Washburn, CEO Shinola

PLEASE VOTE: April 8-15

2020 IWF World Leadership Conference Update from Co-Chairs Mary Kramer & Faye Nelson



Dear IWF-MI Members/Friends:

We hope first and foremost that this message finds you well. All of our lives have been upended since early March – personally and professionally. And we know our entire IWF Michigan chapter shares the disappointment that our sisters in London are experiencing since the May global forum was canceled.

That cancellation makes our hosting of the October conference in Detroit even more important. As of now, we are still in full planning mode. We – and the IWF national team – are planning on hosting the conference in October.

Our teams are doing great work. Special thanks to **Vivian Pickard** and **Anne Mervenne** for meeting a late March deadline for submitting *Behind the Scenes* profiles for IWF National to review. And the Entertainment committee, chaired by **Tonya Allen** and **Beth Ardisana**, have identified a great Motown performance to include during the day-time programming. They've also used the many suggestions from our members to create a “Detroit-themed music playlist” for hosts of the Dine-Arounds.

But we also know we, too, may have to pivot depending on how the COVID-19 pandemic plays out.

For starters, the national IWF team is going back to the drawing board on program themes, speakers and elements.

Also, registration for Detroit would normally start in June. Stephanie & Heath say that will be pushed to July, so we better know what the world – literally – looks like at that point.

For the present, the IWF national team is working through untangling all of the issues involved in canceling London – including filing a very detailed insurance claim (luckily, IWF is covered!)

Just know that we continue to work through our committees and with the IWF National team and will keep our members updated accordingly.

Our next Conference Planning Conf Call is Friday, April 17 at 8:00 am.

Warmest Regards and Stay Safe,

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2020 Conference Committees:

Co-Chairs are listed below and the complete list of volunteers serving on each committee can be found on our [IWF Michigan](http://www.iwf-michigan.org) website. We know that there

will be roles for every one of our members to pull this off!

- Behind the Scenes, co-chairs **Vivian Pickard & Anne Mervenne**
- Communications/Marketing, co-chairs **Marla Drutz & Rochelle Riley**
- Dine-Around co-chairs **Saunteel Jenkins & Donna Inch**
- Entertainment/Music, co-chair **Tonya Allen & Lisbeth Ardisana**
- Fundraising, co-chairs **Sandy Pierce & Denise Ilitch**
- Faith-Based Opportunity, Co-Chairs: **Carol Goss & Kathleen McCann**
- Gift Bag Co-Chairs: **Alex Miziolek & Beth Gotthelf**
- Opening Reception, co-chairs **Patricia Mooradian & Lisa Payne**
- Pop Up Shops, Co-chairs: **Carolyn Cassin & Barbara Allushuski**
- Closing Gala – Co-Chair: **Mary Lynn Foster & Denise Lewis**
- Program Advisor – **Beth Chappell**

For a complete list of 2020 Committee Volunteers go to our website: iwfmichigan.org

News & Member Sharing:

Alternatives For Girls is tremendously grateful for the outpouring of support from so many IWF sisters-including sponsors and individual supporters-- of our 31st annual Role Model



Dinner, honoring **Denise Ilitch**, among others, and co-chaired by **Ronia Kruse**,



which we have had to cancel. We look forward to recognizing our 2020 Role Models and young women, and honoring them in unique and creative ways in April!

Thank you for recognizing that our continuing work, serving girls and young women who are homeless, and more vulnerable than ever during this season of COVID-19, is more important than ever.

We are here, serving girls and young women in the shelter, with their infants and toddlers; serving those who call in and walk in to our crisis resource center; reaching out via phone to provide counseling and support to our participants; and providing food deliveries to the girls in our prevention program and all of those on the street who continue to need us and **YOU**. Our work will go on, because it must, and because you continue to be here for AFG's mission.

Please stay tuned for more information on our first ever **VIRTUAL** Role Model Recognition Event & Auction Weekend: April 23-26.



For questions, contact **Amy Good**, CEO AFG. agood@alternativesforgirls.org.

Kathleen McCann has joined [Nonantum Capital Partners](http://NonantumCapitalPartners.com), a middle-market private equity firm in Boston, as Executive Partner. She will continue her Executive Chairman role with United Road where she previously served as Chairman and CEO.



Kathleen will serve on Nonantum's Investment Committee and bring valuable investment, industry and management experience to the team and its portfolio companies. www.nonantumcapital.com



Mary Kramer, Group Publisher for Crain's, has been selected to receive a *Lifetime Achievement Award* this year by the Detroit chapter of the Society for Professional Journalists. Congratulations!

Sara Deson

is pleased to announce her daughter, Leah Fried, was married to Craig Manuel on February 8, 2020 by

Rabbi Tamara Kolton in Cabo San Lucas Mexico.



Michigan Women Forward – April 27, 2020 event postponed

Carolyn Cassin and Blanca Fauble,

announce, in light of the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation and out of consideration for guests and staff safety, we have made the decision to postpone our WomanUp and Celebrate dinner to sometime this summer. This decision was not easy considering that the dinner is MWF's largest fundraiser and is essential for us to keep our lights on, our staff employed, and our programs helping women and girls in Michigan. We are hopeful that the event will still be a success and are actively soliciting sponsorships and accepting donations for the event. We hope you will consider supporting MWF and this event with the understanding that the dinner will happen sometime this summer.



IWF-Michigan 2020 Board Members:

Anne Doyle, President
Carolyn Cassin, Vice President
Beth Chappell, Treasurer
Pam Reid, Secretary
Vernice Davis Anthony
Elaine Didier
Beth Gotthelf
Laurie Horiszny
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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

Upcoming IWF Global Conferences:

There are two global conferences each year with *outstanding content and women leaders from all over the world* in attendance. Each Fall IWF global members gathering in North American (US or Canada); each spring on another continent.

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. The experience will open incomparable

- **London - May 13-15, 2020** – cancelled
- **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
- **Santiago, Chile – May 18-20, 2021**
- **Seattle – Sept. 29 - Oct 1, 2021**

IWF Global Member Portal

We encourage you to use this platform to reach out to IWF members. members.iwforum.org.

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. If you have not done so, please update your member profile on the [IWF Michigan Website](http://www.iwfmichigan.org) -- www.iwfmichigan.org
