

Urgent Matters:

- **Holiday Party: December 5, 6:00 p.m. at Iridescence, Motor City Casino, Detroit.**
- **2019 Member Gatherings.** Please add to your calendar; held on 1st Wed. of each month.
- **Dues Increase 2019.** IWF Global is increasing dues for 2019, which requires our chapter to increase dues, as well, to \$450 annually.
- **December 10:** Barcelona IWF Global Conference Registration Opens! It is certain to sell out quickly, so register MUY PRONTO!

Member Events:

- **December 5 (Wed) Holiday Party; 6:00 p.m. --** Spouse or guest invited. Members pay 50%; guests pay full price. Iridescence restaurant atop the [Motor City Casino](#), 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cost: \$50 for guests; half price (\$25) for members. Free valet and deck parking. Photographer available to take updated head shots for our 2019 Member Directory. **Reservations & payment in advance required.**
- **January 2019 –No IW-MI Gathering**
- **February 6 (Wed) –** We'll kick off our first 2019 gathering with a Speed Dating event that will give current and new members a chance to get to know each other better. The evening will include a brief orientation about the history and mission of IWF. **We're still looking for IWF members to help us plan this interactive event. Please contact Tina Abbate Marzolf at 248-933-2060 or Trisha Keith at 313-910-5824.** Call today because we hope to conduct our first planning meeting soon.
- **March 6 (Wed) –** Mining Member Gold. Host Planner: Beth Ardisana; lardisa@asgren.com.
- **April (Saturday TBD) –** Spring Luncheon hosted by Florine Mark at her home.
- **May 8 (Wed) –** DAC Bowling Party returning by popular demand for this IWF-MI tradition! Host Planner: Rose Berberian; rosebphd@aol.com
- **Summer Dine-Arounds. Looking for hosts!**
- **Monthly Gatherings on 1st Wednesday of each month; occasional exceptions.** PLEASE Contact Tina, Beth or Rose, Host Planners, to volunteer to help with planning!

2019 New Members:

Congratulations to the 14 fantastic SE Michigan women leaders who have accepted our invitation to join the IWF Sisterhood. Several have accepted our invitation to join us this Wednesday evening for our December Holiday Gathering.

Let's welcome:

Angela K. Lommen, Program Director, BAE Defense Systems

Barbara Whittaker, Founder, BW Limited

Christina Lovio George, Founder, Lovio George Communications

Deborah Wahl, Chief Marketing Officer, Cadillac

Gwen MacKenzie, Ascension Health senior executive (recently re-wired)

LaJune Montgomery-Tabron, CEO, Kellogg Foundation

Kimberly Pittel, Vice President, Ford Motor Company

Lauren Rakolta, CEO, DFM Solutions

Linda Orlans, Founder, Board Chair, Orlans PC

Linda Schlesinger-Wagner, Founder, Skinnytees

Marilyn French Hubbard, Author & Founder, National Assoc. Black Women Entrepreneurs

Ora Pescovitz, President, Oakland University

Pamela Fletcher, Vice President, General Motors

Susan Smyth, Chief Scientist, Global Manufacturing, GM (recently re-wired)

Two Losses:

Carol Hollenshead



One of our loved and highly-respected IWF Michigan members, Dr. Carol Hollenshead, passed away on November 17th following a long fight with cancer. Here are highlights from her obituary, shared by her husband, Bruce Wilson.

Carol was a righteous feminist. Just as the U.S. Women's movement was taking hold, a county clerk told Carol, "You'll need to get a court order to keep your maiden name after marriage." Instead, Carol consulted with an attorney who advised her to, "Do nothing; there is nothing in the law requiring a name change." And so she did nothing! That attorney was the famous (and courageous) Jean King. Fittingly, in May of this year the Women's Center of SE MI honored Carol with the inaugural Jean King Award for activism on behalf of women

Carol built her career at the University of Michigan, serving at the Institute of Gerontology, the Nursing School, and the Office of Vice President for Research. Her passion for advocating for women took her to a seemingly predestined mission when she was named Director of the Center for the Education of Women. Over her 20 years at CEW she touched the lives of countless women through counseling, scholarships, advocacy and research.

Confronted by an old boys' network at U of M, Carol recognized the need for an "old girls' network," and hosted a brunch for other senior women administrators at the University. That brunch became a monthly networking event that endures even now some 35 years later.

Carol was a nurturing mother to her two children. Her own experiences and her sense of simple justice led her to press the University for enlightened leave and tenure policies in support of working mothers.

She was also an avid traveler. She climbed to the Tigers Nest in Bhutan, watched orangutans in Borneo, followed wild dogs in Botswana, ate friend scorpions in China, petted whales in Baja California and snorkeled with sea lions in the Galapagos.

All are welcome to join a celebration of Carol's life at 2:00 PM on Saturday January 12 at the Nie Funeral Home, 3767 West Liberty Road in Ann Arbor. Contributions in her honor may be made to the Center for the Education of Women (cew.umich.edu) or Alternatives for Girls (alternativesforgirls.org).

Margaret Taylor Smith

Another long-time member, Margaret Taylor Smith, formerly of Birmingham, passed away on November 19, at the age of 93, at her home in Indianapolis. Margaret lived a wonderful life, contributed to the lives of countless men, women, and children and left a legacy to be proud of. She served on multiple Boards, including the Kresge Foundation and the Detroit Medical Center. She was recognized by *Crain's Detroit Business* as one of the "100 Most Influential Women in Detroit" in 1997. A 1947 graduate of Duke University, she was a founding member and Chair of the Council on Women's Studies and an avid global traveler.

A private memorial service will be held in Durham, North Carolina where Margaret's ashes will be interred next to her husband's at Duke University. Donations - online: <https://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/bingham/donate>.

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends:

Guess who called me over the weekend! IWF MI's founding president, Chris Meyers. It was Chris who took the initiative in 1985 to bring together six other prominent SE Michigan women to start our IWF-MI chapter. Two of the seven, Rose Berberian and Chris Dardarian, are still active members. Patricia Hill Burnett, Gladys Barsamian, Marie Farrell Donaldson and Karen Ritchie passed on. Chris now lives in Florida, but she stays in touch and is still a voting member. That's why she was calling.



"Anne, I'm blown away by the caliber of the new members that have just been voted in," she told me. "Never in a million years did I dream that our little chapter would eventually be a magnet for such influential women to connect with one another."

Thanks to Chris and so many incredible women who have been part of IWF-MI through the decades, we are now a Sisterhood of 113 (counting our 14 new members) fascinating, accomplished and ambitious women who share a commitment to advancing women's leadership.

I have noticed, through attending global conferences and being part of the IWF'S President's Council, that momentum is building for the organization to become a more active and visible voice for advancing women's leadership.

With over 7,000 members in 30 countries, IWF is now the preeminent global network of women leaders. Since its founding in 1974 – with the goal of

connecting diverse women at the top of their companies or industries (facing “lonely leader” challenges) -- it has grown to become a unique forum that provides Members opportunities to: 1) Connect with an amazing, global sisterhood; 2) Grow as leaders; and 3) Take an active role in shaping the future.

Our chapter has grown and evolved along with the global organization through the years. Chris was also thrilled when she heard that we will be hosting the IWF Global Conference in 2020, confiding in me, “Anne, I never thought you’d get it! But tell me how I can help.”

We are about to step onto the global IWF stage. It’s time to start building the buzz about this unique organization that is poised to be an important and influential voice. I hope when you speak publicly or have opportunities in your many circles of influence to mention IWF that you will do it with pride. Include it on your resume. And it’s not too early to start building the buzz about what IWF coming to Motown can mean for Detroit.

News & Member Sharing:



Tina Abbate Marzolf writes, “The American House Foundation works to provide assistance for low income seniors. We provide emergency funding to support their needs throughout the year, for items like new

refrigerators, furnace repairs, and medical equipment that will help keep them independent. During the holiday season we want to make sure no senior is forgotten. This year we will provide over 1,400 seniors with holiday care packages like those in these photos. Our staff deliver the care packages and make sure that at risk seniors feel special during the holiday season.” To donate go to: <http://americanhousefoundation.org>



Fay Beydoun, Exec. Director of the Arab American Chamber of Commerce, has been selected to serve on Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer’s



transition team. In her role, she will work with the Economic Development Group.

Congratulations Fay!

Wayne State University has received a gift of \$1M from two graduates to establish a new center for global engineering education. The center, which will be named the **Nancy Philippart** and Thomas McGrail Center for Global Engineering Education, will serve as the epicenter for international programs and global initiatives, according to a news release.



“The ability to work across cultures and countries is essential, particularly in many engineering fields where international offices have teams working together,” Philippart, an adjunct professor in the College of Engineering, said in the release. “Students who have the opportunity for global learning are going to have life-transforming experiences that shape their future success.”

Click here to read the full article in [Crain’s Detroit Business](#).



Debbie Stephens has joined the Board of Directors of the Letterwinners M Club, University of Michigan’s organization of 11,000 student-athlete alumni from 23 varsity sports. The Letterwinners M Club promotes the excellence and leadership of the UM

athletic program. Debbie was a four-year varsity letter-winner in softball while studying engineering at U of M. She is also a 2017 inductee into the Ann Arbor Pioneer High School Athletics Hall of Fame, as a seven-time letter-winner in three sports.

2020 IWF Global Conference Update from Co-Chairs Mary Kramer and Faye Nelson



We will convene a meeting in January of the various co-chairs. Meanwhile, members can start thinking of distinct “behind-the-scenes” experiences that are not available to the average person or tourist and send us

your ideas! More - much more - to come! **Mary & Faye**

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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 opportunities to meet and build friendships with fantastic women leaders from all over the U.S. and over 30 countries.

- **Barcelona - April 10-12, 2019**
(Registration opens Dec. 10!)
 - **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
 - **London - May 13-15, 2020**
 - **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
 - **Santiago, Chile – May 2021 (new!)**
 - **Seattle – Sept. 29 - Oct 1, 2021**
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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 -- www.iwfmichigan.org](https://www.iwfmichigan.org)

IWF-Michigan Board Members:



Anne Doyle, president
Joan Young, vice president
Ki Hammer, treasurer
Tina Abbate-Marzolf, secretary (missing from group photo)
Vernice Anthony Davis
Dottie Deremo
Elaine Didier (missing from group photo)
Laurie Horiszny
Nancy Philippart
Linda Solomon

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
