

### Urgent Matters:

- **2020 CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP LEADS:** It's time to approach SE Michigan corporations about sponsorship opportunities. Please email your suggestions and contacts to Fundraising Co-Chair Sandy Pierce ([sandy.pierce@huntington.com](mailto:sandy.pierce@huntington.com))
- Don't forget to add our monthly meetings to your calendar –**the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of each month.

### Member Events – No Charge, But RSVP'S REQUIRED

- **February 5, 6-8 pm**– Host Pam Reid created a special event at the [826michigan & the robot factory](#). Experience how every child can become a confident writer, inspired by local authors and volunteers. [826michigan](#) offers a robust roster of innovative programs which include tutoring, in school activities, workshops, field trips and more at no cost to students in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Light dinner will be provided. Where: Detroit Robot Factory, 1351 Winder St., Detroit, MI 48207 RSVP [Evite.com](#).
- **March 4, 6-8 pm** - New Member Meet & Greet Engagement Gathering. Bloomfield Open Hunt Club 405 E Long Lake Rd, Bloomfield Twp, 48304
- **\*\*Special Event: March 4 - IWF Chicago Event -Women Who Make a Difference -Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago, IL.** RSVP: [info@iwfchicago.org](mailto:info@iwfchicago.org)
- **April 18, 12:00 pm** - Spring Luncheon - Florine Mark's Home. Farmington Hills
- **May 6** - Event TBD Location TBD
- **\*\*Special Event May 13 – 15, 2020 IWF Cornerstone Conference** London, United Kingdom (sold out)
- **June 3** - - IWF Global Conference: Behind the Scenes – Test Drive #1 Will need committee leads to define the test drives
- **\*\*Special Invite: June 4 - IWF OHIO EVENT - Toledo Museum of Art.** [carol@camcguire.com](mailto:carol@camcguire.com)
  - **Summer Dine-Arounds at Member Homes.** Dates, locations and hosts TBD. Need volunteers for Dine Arounds

- **September 2** – “Pinot & Puppies” Leader Dog Event -IWF Meeting, dinner, and a tour of the Leader Dog for the Blind Facility. Involves playing with puppies
- **October 7-9 – IWF WORLD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DETROIT, MI**
- **November 4** - Conference Recap and dinner Possible locations:
  - Detroit Whiskey Factory (recap, dinner, whiskey tasting)
  - Bowling at the DAC
- **December 2** -Holiday Gathering - Location TBD

### President's Message:

*Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends,*



*In addition to our chapter's monthly gatherings and working on Committees for this fall's IWF*

*Global Conference, there are two other opportunities coming up this year for you to experience the benefits of IWF membership.*

**March 4 IWF Chicago event – 5:30 p.m.:** *Our IWF Sisters in Chicago have extended an invitation for Michigan members to attend their Signature “Women Who Make A Difference” event, tied to International Women’s Day. Futurist Edie Weiner will be the keynote speaker at the dinner event at the Four Seasons Hotel. For tickets: [info@iwfchicago.org](mailto:info@iwfchicago.org).*

**June 4 IWF Ohio event – 6:00 p.m.:** *Then in early June, we are invited to join our IWF Ohio Sisters for a member event they are hosting at the Toledo Museum of Art & Glass Pavilion, followed by a light dinner and chance to get to know Ohio members, as well as to get them excited about attending the October Conference. For tickets: Ohio IWF president Carol McGuire: [carol@camcguire.com](mailto:carol@camcguire.com).*

*How about planning a road trip to Chicago or Toledo with several other IWF MI members!*

*And don't forget to check out the **IWF Game Changers** podcast, which you'll find on all major podcast platforms. Each month, it is my privilege to interview an inspiring IWF member, often from another continent. You'll find **Game Changers** wherever you listen to your podcasts.*

*It's going to be an exciting year. I'm looking forward to sharing it with all of you and getting to know our 19 outstanding new members. Let's welcome them.*

*Anne*

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



Dear IWF-MI Members/Friends:

Here's the latest update on plans for the Detroit global conference!

Conference planning for IWF Detroit 2020 has been underway for the past two years! Thanks to all who have submitted ideas for Behind the Scenes, joined committees and volunteered to host Dine-Around dinners during the conference, Oct. 7-9. Working closely with IWF leadership in Washington, we are in 'execution mode!'

All conference committees are up and running; more than 50 IWF MI members are serving on committees or committed to hosting Dine-Arounds. More opportunities to engage will arise by summer when final schedules are set for such roles as dine-around volunteers, greeters at the opening reception, Ren Cen wayfinders etc.

We wish to congratulate our fundraising team, chaired by Sandy Pierce and Denise Ilitch, for their outstanding efforts in raising the important funds needed for this event. We are pleased to report that, to date, \$350k has been committed from the following companies: GM, \$100k; DTE Energy, \$100k; Consumers Energy, \$75k; Ford, \$50k; Huntington Bank, \$25k, with several others in the pipeline.

As we conclude our update report, please remember to share with us your pre and post travel ideas, ideas of what's happening in Detroit before or after the conference, your favorite restaurant (we would like to curate a list of the BEST restaurants!) and ways to get TRADE for items like flowers, wine, etc.

More to come as conference planning remains dynamic. Please know that we very much appreciate all of the hard work of our IWF sisters as we prepare to host what will be a fantastic event.

**Our next Conference Planning Conf Call is Friday, February 21 at 8:00 am.**

Warmest Regards,

**Mary Kramer**  
[mkramer@crain.com](mailto:mkramer@crain.com)

**Faye Nelson**  
[fnelson611@gmail.com](mailto:fnelson611@gmail.com)

**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://IWFMichigan) 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 and Anne Mervenne**
- Communications/Marketing, co-chairs **Marla Drutz and Rochelle Riley**
- Dine-Around co-chairs **Joanne Start and Saunteel Jenkins**
- Entertainment/Music, co-chair **Tonya Allen and Lisbeth Ardisana**
- Fundraising, co-chairs **Denise Ilitch and Sandy Pierce** (we have set a goal of \$500,000 raised in this state)
- Gift Bag Co-Chairs: **Alex Miziolek & Beth Gotthelf**
- Opening Reception, co-chairs **Patricia Mooradian and Lisa Payne**
- Pop Up Shops, Co-chairs: **Carolyn Cassin and Barbara Allushuski**
- Closing Gala – Co-Chair: **Mary Lynn Foster & TBD**
- Program Advisor – **Beth Chappell**
- Faith-Based Opportunity, Co-Chairs: **Carol Goss and Kathleen McCann**

For a complete list of 2020 Committee Volunteers go to our website: [iwfmichigan.org](http://iwfmichigan.org)

## News & Member Sharing:

**Laurie Horiszny** and her family traveled to Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia for the holidays. The Japanese Combined Fleet was sunk there in February 1944. The shipwrecks are now covered with corals and anemones of countless kinds. Scuba diving there was a unique combination of history, amazing South Pacific sea creatures, and witnessing of nature's ability to reclaim (given enough undisturbed time). Laurie is pictured in the foreground here with her son, Ross, ascending a mast. A Clark's anemone fish is protecting its home (below).



Former Free Press columnist **Rochelle Riley** will be the keynote speaker at the 127th anniversary celebration of The Daily Tar Heel, the University of North Carolina campus newspaper where she got her start in college. She will return to her alma mater in April to host the N.C. Media and Journalism Hall of Fame induction banquet. She was inducted into the Hall last year. Rochelle left the newsroom last May to become Director of Arts and Culture for the City of Detroit, overseeing the Office of Arts, Culture and Entrepreneurship.

**Vernice Anthony** celebrating her 75th Birthday in



Florida with girlfriends, including IWF member **Marilyn French Hubbard**. Vernice states, "I've finally joined the 'Three quarters of a Century Club'."

**Alternatives For Girls (AFG)** and event Co-Chairs **Monica Martinez**, SVP, Comerica Bank, and **Ronia Kruse**, CEO, OpTech, will host its 31<sup>st</sup> annual Role Model Dinner on Thursday, March 26 at the Renaissance Center Marriott hotel.



Three outstanding women will be honored with the 2020 Role Model Award: **Denise Ilitch**, President, Ilitch Enterprises, LLC; Palencia Mobley, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, Detroit Water and Sewerage Company; and Laura Chavez, Branch Manager, Flagstar Bank. Each awardee exemplifies the values of Alternatives for Girls, including recognizing the importance of empowering girls and young women. It promises to be an inspirational evening.

In addition to the awards presentation, the event will include dinner, a silent and live auction and the opportunity to hear the stories of the girls and young women in AFG's programs first-hand. For more information, to learn about sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, please contact **Amy Good**, CEO at [agood@alternativesforgirls.org](mailto:agood@alternativesforgirls.org) or call 313-361-4000, ext. 225.



**Patricia (Pat) Maryland** joined Encompass Health as a new corporate board director. As a national leader in integrated healthcare services, Encompass Health (NYSE: [EHC](https://www.encompasshealth.com)) offers both facility-based and home-based patient care through its network of inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, home health agencies and

hospice agencies. With a national footprint that includes 133 hospitals, 245 home health locations, and 82 hospice locations in 37 states and Puerto Rico, the Company is committed to delivering high-quality, cost-effective, integrated care across the healthcare continuum. Encompass Health is ranked as one of Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For.

Pat recently retired from Ascension. She was the CEO of the Ascension Healthcare Division.

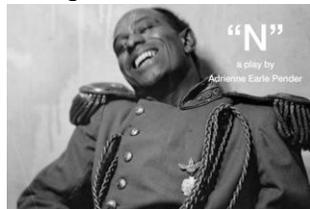
**Linda Solomon's** book *The Queen Next Door: Aretha Franklin, An Intimate Portrait* has been selected by the Library of Michigan as one of Michigan's Notable Books for 2020! Congratulations!!!



**Roz Cooperman** wishes to announce that the Plowshares Theatre is back with an astounding original production, "N" a play by Adrienne Earle Pender will premiere beginning January 1.



"N" portrays a life-and-death struggle between actor Charles S. Gilpin and playwright Eugene O'Neill. In 1920, Gilpin was the most famous Black man in America. He became the first African-American dramatic star in a lead role on Broadway, receiving accolades and recognition. In 1930, while O'Neill went on to become a legend, Gilpin was lost to history. "N" explores the challenging relationship between the two men and how it ultimately hinged on one word; a word that lifted one of them to the heights of American theater and destroyed the other. This is an amazing story! Be a part of the Michigan Premiere.



January 31-February 16, 2020  
 Fridays at 7:30 PM  
 Saturdays at 8:00 PM  
 Sundays at 2:00 PM  
**Tickets**  
 Regular: \$20 - \$25  
 Student: \$10  
 Marygrove College Theatre  
 8425 W. McNichols  
 Detroit, MI 48221  
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 "Could someone pay YOU to say the N-word?"  
 www.plowsharetheatre.org

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In December 2019, **Patricia Mooradian** welcomed Darren Walker to The Henry Ford to announce The Ford Foundation Equity Initiative, a

\$10 million grant, from the Ford Foundation, making the 90-year-old institution more accessible to all regardless of backgrounds or barriers. The grant allows The Henry Ford to, over the next five years, fully engage 40,000 4th and 5th graders enrolled in the Detroit Public Schools Community District with free field trips to the institution and help the organization zero in on all middle schoolers in DPSCD to learn from and have free access to The Henry Ford's digital Innovate curriculum.

## 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** – sold out
- **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](https://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](mailto:iwf@iwforum.org). 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 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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- 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](mailto:pdalrick@comcast.net)