

Urgent Matters:

- **Mark your 2021 calendars for IWF MI gatherings, which are normally the 1st Wednesday of each month.**
- **IWF MI Board Meeting: February 3**

2021 Virtual Member Gatherings

- **February 3 – 6:00 pm - 2019 Covid-19 and Vaccine Dialogue - Led by IWF-MI Chapter Members Marianne Udow-Phillips and Betty Chu. Please submit questions in advance to pdalrick@comcast.net [Click here to register](#)**
- **March 3 – 6:00 pm – New Member Meeting**
Virtual Meeting with fun activities aimed to engage and reintroduce 2020 New Members



- **April 7 – 6:00 pm – Women In Leadership Panel** - Virtual panel discussion with Linda Hubbard, Kathleen Ligocki, and Lashinda Stair
- **May** - Topic is TBD
- **June - Fluorine Mark Brunch** (Date is TBD)
- **July Dine Arounds** Need (2) Volunteer Hosts
- **August Dine Arounds** Need (2) Volunteer Hosts
- **September 1 – 6:00 pm – Belle Isle Restoration**, In-person event hosted by Sarah Earley
- **IWF Virtual World Leadership Conference November 3-5, 2021**
- **October 6 – BasBlue**
- **November 3, 6:00 pm – Leader Dogs for the Blind**, In-person *Pups and Pino* event hosted by Michelle Honomichl

- **December 1, 6:00 pm – Holiday Party**, In-person event

President's Message

Dear IWF Sisters –

Happy February! Here in Michigan, we know that greeting means that the end of winter is in sight!

Your IWF MI Board and Committee chairs have been hard at work in January, creating a year's worth of programming that will inspire, inform and connect us in many different ways. We'll be sending out the 2021 calendar of meetings in the next few weeks so you can be sure to attend. We're still in the process of forming committees so let us know if you have the willingness to serve. But be forewarned! If you don't call us, we may be calling you!



Our new Board held its first meeting last week and we had a lively discussion about IWF Michigan's future, our values, and our purpose as an organization. We'll be meeting again in February to create a structure and process to make sure you are all engaged in this discussion. Our goal is to emerge by the end of 2021 with a membership consensus and some specific plans for how to live our purpose as an organization.

Stay tuned! We'll see you on February 3 for a very important discussion on Vaccine's led by IWF's own health care experts, **Dr. Betty Chu and Marianne Udow-Phillips.**

Please stay safe and healthy.

Carolyn

News & Member Sharing:

Linda Forte is pleased to be an Executive Leadership Team member of Detroit Go Red for Women Movement. Through research, advocacy, and education, AHA/Go Red for Women is striving to mitigate the disproportionate impact of COVID-19, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and other chronic diseases that burden all people, but



especially black and brown communities. The flyer below provides details regarding the February 26, 2021, Go Red For Women Virtual Event. I hope that all IWF Members will join us for the event! Click here for more information and to register: Heart.org/DetroitGoRed



GO RED FOR WOMEN® INVITES YOU TO
SAVE THE DATE

The American Heart Association invites you to join us at this year's Go Red For Women digital experience as we stand united, even while apart. Please join us in the fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke; the No. 1 health risk for women!

February 26, 2021 • 12p-1p
Digital Experience | Detroit

Visit Heart.org/DetroitGoRed for more info

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Linda is joined by other IWF MI Members who are also Executive Leadership Team members for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women. **Tricia Keith** ELT Co-Chair and ELT members **Ronia Kruse**, **Ki Hammer**, and **Patricia Mooradian**.

Anne Doyle (Honorary Event Chair), and **Amy Good** (Alternatives For Girls' CEO), invite IWF members to [Alternatives For Girls'](#) (AFG's) 33rd annual Role Model



celebration. We are proud to be recognizing four women who are inspirational and powerful role models in our community: Racheal Allen (Marygrove Conservancy), Marifer Calleja (DTE Energy), Agnes Hagerty (Trinity Health), and Lisa Ludwinski (Sister Pie).

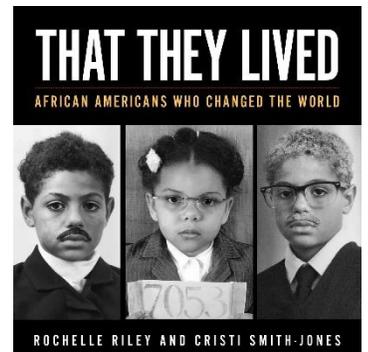


This year's event will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 31 from 6:00-7:00 pm. AFG's Role Model Celebration is the agency's largest fundraising event of the year. It provides critically important support for AFG's work supporting homeless and high-risk girls and young women, for whom AFG provides shelter, transition to independent living, crisis intervention, street outreach, and prevention services. To find out how you can support AFG's efforts, please reach out to Dawn Barrack, Director of Fund Development, at dbarrack@alternativesforgirls.org



Rochelle Riley's new book "That They Lived: African Americans Who Changed The World," hits bookstores on February 2, 2021. "We're teaching all children and some adults that we

all have greatness in our pasts and every important person was once a child," Rochelle writes. Get copies for your family and every child you know. You can pre-order now at amazon.com or from Wayne State University Press.



Mary Lynn Foster Regional CEO - Michigan American Red Cross, writes, "I am pleased to share that we were able to host **Governor Gretchen Whitmer** at our American Red Cross Blood



Donation site on Saturday morning, December 19 where she generously rolled up her sleeve and donated a unit of blood to help save a life!" Mary Lynn presented the governor with a Red Cross mug as a token of her appreciation.



Saunteel Jenkins, Chief Executive Officer, The Heat and Warmth Fund is proud to announce that THAW will present its 18th annual Winter Survival Radiothon in partnership with WWJ

Newsradio 950 on Friday, February 12 from 5 am to 7 pm. Throughout the day, supporters can donate to help keep families warm this winter.

An online silent auction will open Monday, February 8 at 1 pm and close Monday, February 12 at 6 pm. For more information and updates regarding the auction and hourly donation incentives, visit thawfundevents.org or call 1-888-579-4950 on February 12.

Anne Doyle, a Detroit PAL Board member and Chair of the Game Changers committee, invites IWF Sisters to share info about these six upcoming PAL Girls Empowerment Workshops. They are a wonderful opportunity for at-risk girls, in particular, who need as much encouragement, guidance and support as possible. The workshops are virtual and limited to 60 girls. But girls of all ages – even IWF members curious about how PAL is serving SE Michigan girls – are welcome to participate. Anne would love to hear from you: anne@annedoyleleadership.com



Manufacturing Technology Center, emphasizing the extraordinary distances electric vehicles can sustain,



removing charging barriers and EV's surprising rate of acceleration. You can read the full blog post by clicking [here](#).

Detroit PAL and the FCA Foundation present

Girls Empowerment Series

(G.E.M.S) 2021

Calling all young female athletes ages **13-17** to join our virtual, 4-part workshop series. "Girl Talk" with a dynamic, all female panel, games, gifts, activities, and a virtual dinner.

<i>Dates:</i>	<i>Time:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>
Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:00 PM	FREE!
February 3rd, 17th	via zoom	Space is limited!
March 3rd, 17th	(link provided after registration.)	Registration info below.

Register Four Ways!

1. Registration Link - GEMS
2. www.detroitpal.org
3. Instagram - @detroit_pal
4. Facebook & Twitter - @DetroitPAL

Karina Funk, an IWF Boston member named by Barron's as one of the "Most Influential Women in Finance," is the featured interviewee on this month's **IWF GAME CHANGERS**



podcast. She's a leading Voice on ESG as an investment strategy and a strong advocate for women's leadership in the board room. Our own **Anne Doyle** interviews Karina. [Listen here](#) or wherever you get your podcasts: podcasts:

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 gather in North American (US or Canada), and each spring on another continent.

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. Because this year's global conference is virtual, it is easier (and more cost-effective!) than ever to experience the richness of this Global Sisterhood you are now part of.



Beth Gotthelf writes, "IWF Suncoast has a lot of nice events and are very welcoming of their Michigan sisters. Here are the upcoming events. Let me know if you would like to participate in any of them and meet some locals that stretch from Tampa to Naples." Email her ay:

gotthelf@butzel.com

- 2/4/21 - Women Directors in the Board Room: Emotional Intelligence, Influence and Impact
- 2/12/21 - Can You Change Your Political Style or Are You Stuck With it?
- 2/22/21 - The Pandemic's Disparate Impact on Working Women

The latest post on IWF's In the Lead blog, *3 Things You Need to Know About Electric Vehicles*, is by **Deborah Wahl**, Chief Marketing Officer at General Motors. She highlights the research and findings from GM's Battery Innovation Lab and

- **Virtual World Leadership Conference November 3-5, 2021**
- **Santiago, Chile – May 18-20, 2022**
- **Detroit, MI – October 4-6, 2023**
- **New York – May 15-17, 2024**
- **Seattle – rescheduled for 2025**

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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
