

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)
- Don't forget to add our monthly meetings to your calendar –**the 1st Wednesday** of each month.



Pam Reid and Beth Gotthelf took some fabulous photos – [click here to](#) see all your gorgeous faces!



Member Events:

- **January** – No Member Gathering.
- **January 19** – Board Member Off-Site
- **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** – Location and Topic TBD
- **April Spring Luncheon – Saturday (TBD)** at home of Florine Mark.
- **May 5** – Location and Topic TBD
- **Summer Dine-Arounds** – small gatherings in member homes. **Will you host?**
- **Sept 1** – Location and Topic TBD
- **October 7-9** – IWF World Leadership Conference
- **Nov 3** - Location & Topic TBD
- **December** - Holiday Party

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends,



2020 is going to be a defining year in our history. For the first time, we have the privilege of hosting our IWF global sisterhood in Detroit for the World

Leadership Conference. Over 800 accomplished and influential leaders from six continents will gather here Oct 7-9, many for their first visit to Motown.

If you are not already involved in the team and committees that Conference Co-Chairs **Mary Kramer** and **Faye Nelson** have put together, now is the time! It's a great way to get to know other members, as we work together to showcase this amazing Renaissance City to the world.

In addition to working together preparing for the **October 7-9 IWF Global Conference**, we will also have opportunities to come together nearly every month. Join us!



Michelle Honomichl and Kim Pittel have stepped forward to co-chair our



Holiday Party Pics – Thank you Deborah Wahl for hosting us at your beautiful home, and co-hosts Tina Abbate-Marzolf, Marianne Udow-Phillips, Vernice Anthony, Ki Hammer and Leslie Murphy for helping to plan a joyful and memorable party!



Engagement/Program Committee. Their priority is to create opportunities through our gatherings for members to get to know one another and deepen our friendships. Please send Michelle, Kim or me your ideas. Here's to a great 2020!

Anne

New Membership Update from Committee Chair Shirley Stancato

My thanks for the excellent nominations we received from our IWF-MI members and for everyone who served on the Membership Committee. We would like to announce the following **19 new members**, which brings our chapter membership to 129

accomplished and influential leaders who support the IWF mission of advancing women's leadership and championing global gender equity. Meet our new IWF Sisters:



Jocelyn Benson – Michigan Secretary of State. Former Dean of Wayne State Law School.



April Miller Boise – Senior Vice President & Chief Legal Officer, Meritor, Inc. Co-founder and Chair (11 years), Women's Initiative, American Law 200.



Susan Burns – Wayne State University Vice President of Development & Alumni Affairs and president, WSU Foundation.



Paula Carethers – Detroit Development Manager, Ford Motor Company; helping to transform the historic Michigan Central Train Station in Corktown into the mobility hub for Ford.



Shawne Duperon – Founder, Project Forgive Foundation, which was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. Motivational speaker; President, Shawne TV.



Byna Elliott -- Vice President, Chief Corporate Community & Economic Development Officer, Fifth Third Bank. Named by *Savoy* magazine to its *Most Influential Women* list.



Elena Ford – Chief Customer Experience Officer at Ford Motor Company; first female **Ford** family member to hold an executive position. Twice named to *Automotive News* list of *100 Leading Women*.



Stacy Fox – Principal, Co-Founder, SVP and General Counsel, The Roxbury Group/ Deputy Emergency Manager for City of Detroit through bankruptcy. *Automotive News 100 Leading Women* and *Crain's 100 Most Influential Women*.



Nina Holden – Senior Vice President & Chief Development Officer, Detroit Institute of Arts. Named *Outstanding Fundraising Executive* by AFP, 2017.



Alicia Masse – Founder and Managing Director, Alderney Advisors, LLC. Leads one of the few female-owned, automotive M&A restructuring firms in the U.S.



Terry Merritt --Senior Vice President Walbridge, Aldinger. *Crain's 100 Most Influential Women*; Board member: Inforum Center for Leadership; Haven, Michigan Women Forward.



Carla Walker-Miller – Founder, president and CEO Walker Miller Energy Services. President, MI chapter of American Association for Blacks in Energy; Inforum Board member.



Carrie Lewand-Monroe – Executive Vice President for Strategies & Programs, Invest Detroit. Named to *Crain's 40 Under 40* list.



Dr. Pamela Wartain-Smith – Prominent physician and Founding Director of Center for Personalized Medicine. Author of nine books; global speaker; pioneer in anti-aging and functional medicine; women's health advocate.



Chief Lashinda Stair – 1st Assistant Chief of Police, City of Detroit. Actively involved with DPD's Women in Blue & Women Behind the Badge initiatives and Girls for Global Growth.



Olga Stella -- Executive Director, Design Core Detroit. Advisor to Detroit Mayor. Led the team that helped Detroit earn the UNESCO City of Design designation. *Crain's 40 Under 40*.



Maximilliane Straub -- Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President, Bosch North America. *Automotive News 100 Leading Women*. Chair of the Board, Inforum.



Robin Terry – Chairman and CEO, Motown Museum. Leading the \$60M transformation of the iconic museum, the #1 international tourist destination in MI. *Crain's 40 Under 40*.



Denise Brooks-Williams -- Senior Vice President and CEO, Henry Ford Health Systems North Market. *Crain's Most Influential Women*.

Board Development Update from Committee Chair Laurie Horiszny

Congratulations and Thank You to our six new Board Members:



Carolyn Cassin, President/CEO Michigan Women Forward.



Beth Chappell, Former president/CEO Detroit Economic Club.



Beth Gotthelf, Esq. Equity Partner Butzel Long



Donna Inch, Former president/CEO Ford Land Development.



Saunteel Jenkins, CEO The Heat and Warmth Fund Former Detroit City Councilwoman



Pam Reid, PhD., President Emerita of the University of Saint Joseph

Future Board Service. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let us know. We ask that you first serve on and preferably co-chair a committee.

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!



First, congratulations to the Fundraising Committee co-chaired by Sandy Pierce and Denise Ilitch for hitting the \$250,000 mark! That's a remarkable achievement! The committee is meeting Jan. 8 to outline the next steps to achieve the overall goal of \$500,000. IWF National requires us to raise a minimum of \$250,000. Raising additional dollars will help us elevate our game and make Detroit's conference a memorable experience for IWF members from around the world!

IWF National hopes that we will use SOME of the "extra" funds raised to nominate an "up-and-comer" woman from Michigan for the IWF Fellows Program. Our nominee should be someone who is likely to lead a major company or organization. We'll be sending criteria out soon so all IWF-

Michigan members can review and nominate someone you know.

Here are some other ways we can engage all IWF-Michigan members:

- * **ATTEND!** Make sure you have blocked off conference dates: Oct. 7-9, 2020!
- * **VOLUNTEER!** Many IWF members have already volunteered to host a dine-around, but we have other ways to engage, including an all-hands-on-deck activity before our conference begins: Stuffing at least 500 gift bags! IWF National assures us this is an "all-day job."
- * **BUY A TABLE** for the closing gala on Friday night, Oct. 9. IWF has not announced the honorees for the Hall of Fame, but this closing dinner will cap the 3-day experience. Tables of 10 will cost \$10,000. This is a tax-deductible expense, and it would be wonderful to have companies and organizations tied to IWF-Michigan members buying tables and perhaps inviting up-and-coming women in those organizations or young women served by our many nonprofits to attend. We will have details on how to purchase tables closer to the event, but we want to plant the seed now.
- * **HELP US WITH IN-KIND DONATIONS:** If we find donors for flowers or wine for the closing gala or opening reception - or for other costs during the event - we can count that toward our \$500,000 fund-raising goal. Any good contacts or recommendations? Let us know.
- * **RECOMMEND** pre- and post- Conference travel or cultural experiences for IWF members from around the world to experience as they travel to Michigan. Rochelle Riley recommended a "culture pass" for various venues and activities. How about some IWF members looking at the calendars before Oct. 7 and after Oct. 9 to see what's going on locally that we can recommend as a "package?" We're also looking for ideas for travel outside of Detroit for those who want to experience more of Pure Michigan.

Thanks to all the IWF members serving on the committees working to make this conference a stellar success!

Our next co-chair call is Friday, January. 17. Each committee must be represented on the 8 a.m. call by one of the co-chairs.

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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.IWFMichigan.com) 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 & TBD**
- 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

News & Member Sharing:

Linda Solomon is proud to announce that Roger Friedman, one of the most prominent entertainment writers, headlined her book as “[Linda Solomon’s Extraordinary Book of Intimate Aretha Franklin Photographs is the Holiday Gift of the Year](#)”



Linda states he was very close to Aretha. Click on above link to read the full article.



Congratulations to **Shirley Stancato** who has been named to the Wayne State University Board by the Governor. [Detroit Free Press](#) story.



Denise Ilitch is raising awareness of addiction through sharing her personal pain of losing her beloved brother. [Detroit Free Press](#) article.

Saunteel Jenkins is excited to share news that The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), for the 17th year, will partner with WWJ radio for the Winter Survival Radiothon on Feb. 7, 2020. Since 2003, listeners have helped raise over **\$20 million** for THAW families!



For 35 years, THAW has been a leading provider of utility assistance statewide and have distributed over \$200 million dollars in assistance to over 275,000 households. Each year many families struggle to keep their heat and electricity on during cold Michigan winters.

Over 92 cents of every dollar raised by THAW goes directly to those families that need assistance. A silent auction will be available leading up to the radiothon. Throughout the day, individuals can call in at 888-579-4950 to donate. For more information, visit thawfund.org.

THREE IWF-Michigan members will be honored on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Bates Street Society Black Tie Dinner at the Community House in Birmingham at 6pm.



Ora Hirsch Pescovitz will be honored for contributions to Education.



Linda Solomon will be honored for her contributions to Arts & Culture.



Mary Kramer will be honored for contributions to the business community.

The Bates Street *Society* was created in 2015 to recognize donors who make significant charitable contributions to support the work and mission of The Community House in Birmingham. Tickets are \$250 each, \$350 for patron level and a VIP table of 10, \$3,500.

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.

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 -- 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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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