

Urgent Matters:

- We will continue to engage Virtually until Governor Whitmer advises us further.
- Board Meeting: Aug 5, 4:30-6:00 pm

Virtual Member Gatherings – Mark Your Calendars!

Summer Dine-Arounds hosted by Members. Limited to no more than 10 participants, to facilitate conversation. Consider ordering your meal from a local restaurant!

- **July 15, 6:00 pm** - Joint virtual dine-around with IWF-Ohio. Limited to 10 participants (5 Ohio/5 Michigan) Pam Reid Host [RSVP preid@usj.edu](mailto:preid@usj.edu)
- **July 21, 22 or 23 – Courageous Conversations on Racism Virtual Meeting, 6-8 p.m. Final date TBD**
- **August 19, 6:00 pm** – Joint, virtual dine-around with IWF-Chicago. Limited to 10 participants (5 Chicago/5 Michigan) Host: Beth Chappell [RSVP bethchappell1905@outlook.com](mailto:bethchappell1905@outlook.com)
- **October 7-** Behind the Scenes Virtual Event, co-hosted by **Vivian Pickard** and **Anne Mervenne**
- **October TBD – IWF Global Virtual World Leadership Conference**

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

- **November 4** – Topic TBD
- **December 2** - Holiday Gathering at Bloomfield Hills home of **Linda Schlesinger-Wagner**. Hopefully in person!!

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters,

Nearly one-third of our chapter membership participated in our recent "Courageous Conversation on Racism" that was skillfully organized and led by member Shirley Stancato, who served as CEO of New Detroit for nearly two decades.



For those of you who were unable to join us, don't worry, last week's conversation was not a one-off. It was simply a first step.

Reverend Larry Simmons, pastor of Baber Memorial A.M.E. church and executive director of Brightmoor Alliance, provided powerful context for the evening with opening remarks that included his experiences as a black man growing up in our racist culture.

We then moved into five, virtual breakout rooms to talk, listen and learn from one another. Facilitators Carla Walker Miller, Linda Forte, Sandy Pierce Saunteel Jenkins and Blanca Fauble guided us through prepared questions.

The conversations went so well that many members wished we had more time in the breakout rooms and expressed interest in additional sessions on this topic.

*Because we did not finish the questions that were thoughtfully developed for our first session, we will complete that conversation at this month's Zoom gathering, which will be held on **July 21, 22 or 23**. We'll let you know the date as soon as our guest speaker is confirmed. I hope you will join us.*

Our country has arrived at a long overdue moment of reckoning over racism. I'm sure that each of you is exploring, as I am, ways we can do more. This is also an opportunity for us to deepen our sisterhood as we talk, listen and learn from one another about this cancer that betrays the American promise and demeans us all.

Anne

Member Survey!

This month, we will be asking you to participate in a member survey to gauge interest in different events, venues, engagement opportunities and a new member experience.

This online survey will have approximately 20 questions that will take 10 to 15 minutes, at most, to complete. We are hoping everyone will take the time to provide us feedback to improve the overall IWF experience as we start planning 2021. Thank you in advance for your input!



Michele Honomichl and Kim Pittel
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News & Member Sharing:

Patricia Mooradian writes, “After its temporary closure to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, The Henry Ford is ready to welcome back visitors and staff safely. The institution’s multiphase approach begins July 2-5 with a special Member Preview Weekend for new and current members, before opening to daily visitors on July 9, 2020. This plan emphasizes the safety of visitors and staff in compliance with state, federal and CDC guidelines.”



In this first phase, Henry Ford Museum will be open Thursday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., with a reservation system in place to limit daily visitation. Both members and daily visitors can digitally reserve or purchase a timed-entry ticket online for a no-wait experience starting June 22. The Ford Rouge Factory Tour and Giant Screen Experience will remain closed during this initial phase. Plans are underway to resume these experiences as soon as possible. Visit www.Thehenryford.org for all details. Can’t wait to see you there!”

Sue Marx announces the opening of a Photography Exhibition at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center on September 7, 2020. Her black and white photographs focus on Detroit in the 60’s and 70’s when she worked as a photojournalist.



From 1970 until 1980, Marx produced “Profiles in Black” a weekly prime time television series on WWJ-TV, the NBC- affiliate in Detroit which is now WDIV. The show was filmed on location throughout the city and was broadcast on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Sue and her husband Hank moved from Detroit to Birmingham in 2000. It’s the first home she had that was without darkroom.

Lisa Payne helped launch and is on the board of a new non-profit that is leveraging the law to help survivors of human trafficking in Michigan.



“In late 2019, I partnered with Nate Knapper, a Detroit FBI agent with a passion to help those who have escaped from human trafficking, to launch The Joseph Project. Named after one of the earliest recorded instances of human trafficking in history - a boy named Joseph in the ancient book of Genesis, The Joseph Project addresses legal consequences related human trafficking. We provide pro bono legal counselling to survivors to help them transition from exploitation to empowerment.

The service is currently operating in SE and SW Michigan. Already, we have seen incredible success in the courts when these victims have the support of strong legal counsel. We are hoping to go national with these efforts and with greater financial resources. See <https://josephproject.com> for stories of the survivors we have helped and more information.

Anne Doyle invites IWF-MI members to join her in supporting the 2020 Roberta Hughes Wright Memorial Golf Classic. “We’ll be playing BEST BALL, so no pressure,” Anne says. “Or just donate your support!” For more info: karen@casablanca.com



The Women's Committee presents:
**2020 Roberta Hughes Wright
Golf Classic**

Benefiting the
Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Newly Renovated Rouge Park Golf Course
11701 Burt Road
Detroit, Michigan 48228

8 am registration and contests
9 am shotgun start
\$175 per golfer includes golf, lunch at the turn and awards buffet
\$600 per complete foursome registration at once

Golf Classic
Chair: Karen Chappelle
Co-Chairs: Retha and Walt Douglas, Cynthia and Larry Long
Honorary Chairs: Wilbur Hughes and Barbara K. Smith

Neil A. Barclay, President and CEO



Founder & Executive Chair, **Linda Orlans**, was named an award winner of the inaugural #NEXTPowerhouseAward honoring the most influential women in the mortgage industry. The winners are celebrated for being technologically innovative, sharing new ideas and pushing the limits to keep their companies and the industry moving forward.

Linda is an active philanthropist in the community and has established a social responsibility across her companies – actively helping the underserved, as well as championing gender equality.

“I am thrilled to receive this award. It is an honor to be recognized with such an esteemed group of successful, career-driven women each of whom strives to make a positive impact in our companies, communities and the industry,” said Orlans.



Anne Mervenne, a former Republican Ingham County Commissioner, former staffer in the Michigan Senate and current CEO of Mervenne & Co., joined with a Democratic colleague to make the case, in

a bi-partisan manner, to ban guns from our state Capitol. Click here to read.

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2020/07/01/opinion-ban-guns-capitol-chambers-restore-michigan-democracy/5355370002/>

Racism Resources

Following our recent conversation on racism, a number of our members shared these resources:

- [Www.MaxwellBoise.com](http://www.MaxwellBoise.com) (website created by member April Boise’s son)
- [75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)
- <https://www.deadlinedetroit.com/articles/25564/slavery-is-detroit-s-big-bad-secret-why-dont-we-know-anything-about-it>
- AARP articles:
 - Interviews with older adult protesters sharing stories: www.aarp.org/politics-society/history/info-2020/...
 - Statements about fighting for social justice www.aarp.org/politics-society/advocacy/info-2020/...
 - Black Civil Rights leaders, current and past: www.aarp.org/politics-society/history/info-2020/...
- PBS News Hour episode, "What the 1960s Can Teach us About Modern Day Protests"

- www.pbs.org/newshour/show/...
 - NPR's Life Kit episode, "Want To Have Better Conversations About Racism With Your Parents? Here's How"
 - www.npr.org/2020/06/09/873054935/...
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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 have gathered in North American (US or Canada), and each spring on another continent.

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

- **Virtual – October TBD, 2020**
 - **Seattle – Sept. 29 - Oct 1, 2021**
 - **Santiago, Chile – May 18-20, 2022**
 - **Detroit, MI – Fall 2023**
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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](http://www.iwfmichigan.org)

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