Urgent Matters:

- Please add our monthly meetings to your calendar – Generally the 1st Wednesday of the month.
- June 18, 5:00 pm Committee Co-Chairs meeting for 2020 Global Conference. Location: Crain Communications
- Aug 20-22, IWF CEO Stephanie O’Keefe and her team will visit us in Detroit to talk about advance planning for the October 2020 IWF World Leadership Conference.
- Aug 21 – 6pm. IWF-MI dinner and group discussion with Stephanie O’Keefe and her team. Location: TBD.

Member Events:

- Summer Dine-Arounds. Planning is in full swing for our traditional summer dine-arounds. Five members or group of members have raised their hands to host. Thank you! Additional dates will be shared as they are firmed up.
  - June 19, 6:00 pm - Barb Allushuski hosting at Andiamo’s Wine Cellar – Livonia (20 members max)
  - June 25, 6:00 pm - Lisa Payne at her home in Bloomfield Hills. FULL – waiting list started
  - July 17, 6:00 pm - Linda Schlesinger-Wagner at her home in West Bloomfield (including spouses)
  - August 16, 6:00 pm - Rabbi Tamara Kolton at her home in Birmingham
  - TBD - Peg Talburtt interested in co-hosting a dine-around with someone in the Ann Arbor area.
- Sept 4 (Wed.) – Location and theme TBD
- October 2 (Wed.) – Location and theme TBD
- November 6 (Wed.) – Location and theme TBD
- December 4 (Wednesday) Holiday Party – Deborah Wahl is hosting at her Bloomfield Hills home. She is looking for three people who love the holidays and would like to help plan some fun ways to celebrate. Please reach out to Deborah at 630.408.9891 or DLWAHL14@gmail.com

If you would like to help host (which simply means planning the event details), please contact Kathleen McCann or Joanne Faycurry, Co-chairs of the Engagement Committee. The more the merrier!

May 6 Member Meeting Pics - Bowling Tradition Returns!

Thank you Rose Berberian and Glenda Price for hosting our May event by bringing back (by popular demand!) this fun tradition. You could tell from the whoops and hollers on the lanes that we had a joyful, high-energy gathering. Bowling at the DAC was an annual event for years in our chapter, which is why long-time members have matching bowling shirts! If you don’t have an IWF-MI bowling shirt and would like to order one, please let Pat Dalrick know.

President’s Message -

Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends,

Thank you to each of you who took the time to vote for re-election of half of our chapter Board
directors and for the two, recommended by-laws updates. The revisions were approved and the following Board members were re-elected to serve one more (their FINAL) two-year term on the Board. Seventy-nine of our 111 members voted and support was nearly unanimous for the board slate and the by-laws updates.

**Board members who will complete their final term at the end of 2020:**
Anne Doyle, President
Joan Young, Vice President
Elaine Didier
Laurie Horiszny
Linda Solomon
Vernice Anthony Davis

**IWF Game Changers Podcast.** IWF International recently launched its *Game Changers* podcast that features interviews with trailblazing IWF members from all over the world. I have been asked to help launch and host the IWF podcast, which can be heard on all major platforms, as well as through the IWF website.

The first three episodes feature:

**Olympic Gold Medalist Donna DeVarona,** who co-founded the Women’s Sports Foundation with Billie Jean King and was named by *Sports Illustrated*, “One of the 100 Greatest Athletes of the 20th Century.

**Shamim Jawad** of Afghanistan and **South African Totsie Memela**, both featured panelists at the recent IWF Cornerstone Conference in Barcelona, who are on the front lines of the global crisis of millions of girls with no access to schools or education.

In July, the podcast will feature **General Linda Singh**, the first African American and first woman to be named head of all military operations and training for a state National Guard. Singh made history when Maryland’s Governor named her to the position several years ago. All of the top military commanders for Maryland are now women.

Have a great summer. Hope to see you at one of the five Dine-Arounds that our members are graciously hosting in their homes. These are intimate, memorable evenings that have always been one of the most popular IWF events, in local chapters and at the global conferences. Don’t miss this great chance to get to know more of our fascinating IWF-MI Sisters.

Anne

**October 2020 IWF World Leadership Conference - Co-Chairs**

**Mary Kramer and Faye Nelson**

Conference Committees and Co-Chairs are now in place and have begun their work. A June 18, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. working session has been scheduled for Committee Co-Chairs to report on their progress. It will be held at the Crain Communications offices in Detroit.

If you haven’t signed up for a committee yet, please do. We’re counting on every member to get involved by choosing the committee where your skills, networks and interests align with planning needs.

We are also looking forward to the August 20-22 visit to Detroit by IWF International’s top leadership – CEO Stephanie O’Keefe, COO Heath Nash and conference planner Paul Johnson. This will be an important opportunity for IWF-MI and the IWF International leadership to work together to begin “putting the meat on the bones” of our Oct. 2020 conference, including Behind-the-Scenes experiences, as well as themes and panelists for the conference content. Mark your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 21, which will be opportunity for all of our members to be part of this exciting creative process.
Below is a list of the 2020 Conference Committees and Co-Chairs. Please let one of us know how you’d like to be involved. It’s going to be a lot of fun and a great way to deepen our friendships with some of the most accomplished and respected women in SE Michigan.

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2020 Conference Committees:

- Behind the Scenes, co-chairs Ellen Hill and Vivian Pickard;
- Communications/Marketing, co-chairs Marla Drutz, Linda Solomon & 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);
- Opening Reception, co-chairs Patricia Mooradian and Lisa Payne.
- Gift Bag chair: Ruth Holmes
- Closing Gala & Hall of Fame – TBD

News & Member Sharing

Anne Mervenne was honored on May 4 as the 2019 Distinguished Alumni for James Madison College at Michigan State University. Anne was recognized for her professional accomplishments in public service, her dedication to helping women abroad run for office and her service to James Madison College as an alumni leader.

Florine Mark, President and CEO of The WW (formerly Weight Watchers) Group, received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Wayne State University. The honor was bestowed upon Mark for her commitment to community health and her outstanding achievement in business.

Roz Lullove Cooperman was recently interviewed by Tara Alexandra Kachaturoff for her cable show, Michigan Entrepreneur. Roz shared stories of her career and experiences, with touches of humor! Program is airing in June on Birmingham-Bloomfield cable.

Rochelle Riley, former columnist at the Detroit Free Press, has been named Director of Arts and Culture for the City of Detroit. In the newly created position, Rochelle will give shape and focus to Detroit’s investments in arts and culture and advocate for opportunities for one of the most inventive and resourceful creative communities in the world. She will work with artists, cultural organizations, philanthropic funders and entrepreneurs to advocate for, promote and develop arts and culture.

“Detroit does not have a creative corridor,” Rochelle says. “Detroit is a creative corridor, with people filing in from around the world every year. The arts and culture and entertainment industry is a multi-billion industry in this city, one that can produce jobs and opportunities that will re-establish Detroit as a thriving creative epicenter.”

Mark & Karen Ebben celebrated the marriage of their son Don to Rosemary Dutka on May 3, 2019. The aviation themed reception was held at the Kalamazoo Air Museum.
The Honorable Joan E. Young will receive the Oakland County Bar Association’s Distinguished Career Achievement Award at its Annual Meeting on June 3, 2019. Judge Young served the citizens of Oakland County as both a probate and circuit judge during her 28 years on the bench. She was one of the architects of the Family Division of the Circuit Court and spent 19 years as a member of that division. At various times, Judge Young was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as Chief Judge of the Oakland County Probate Court, the 52nd District Court, and the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court. She presided over The Adult Treatment Court for fourteen years in addition to her other duties.

Nancy Schlichting, a professional director, Executive-in-Residence at Cornell University, Sloan Program in Health Care Administration and retired CEO of the Henry Ford Health System, has been busy giving a number of significant speeches recently and upcoming, including:

- Alphega International Pharmacy Conference in Monte Carlo, Monaco
- American Health Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, keynote speaker, Boston, MA
- Medtronic Neuroscience Leadership Conference, keynote speaker, Irvine, CA
- Michigan Health Association 100th Annual Meeting, keynote speaker, Mackinac Island, MI

Rochelle Riley and broadcast legend Diana Lewis invite you to an exhibit of the works of Detroit artist Lawrence J. Gary at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 8, 2019. The exhibit will be at the William Banks Museum, the former home of the historic WGPR-TV, the first African-American owned TV station in the country. The event gives patrons a chance to experience the station where so many African American television stars got their start - and to meet a fantastic artist!

Lawrence, a native Detroiter, is the artist who brought his family to the Detroit Free Press and presented Rochelle with a painting to honor her years of service to the community. Here's the video from that day:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjgJTGJ7_U

Riley and Lewis hope you will join the gang to appreciate good art, have a bite and listen to some great music. Any net proceeds will be donated to the Dominican Literacy Center. RSVP HERE BY JUNE 3 - and please share with fellow art lovers!

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 Full 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.

- Toronto - November 13-15, 2019
- Detroit - October 7-9, 2020
- Santiago, Chile – May 2021 (new!)
- Seattle – Sept. 29 - Oct 1, 2021

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) pw: iwforum
Video tutorial (detailed narrated version) pw: iwforum

If you have not done so, please update your member profile on the IWF Michigan Website -- www.iwfimichigan.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)
Verna Green
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

MORE BOWLING MEMORIES!