

### Urgent Matters:

- Don't forget to add our monthly meetings to your calendar – **the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of each month.
- March 4 – Deadline for New Member nominations.

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

- **March 4, 6-8 pm** - New Member Engagement Dinner Gathering. Bloomfield Open Hunt Club 405 E Long Lake Rd, Bloomfield Twp.
- **March 4** \*\*Special Regional Invite: - IWF Chicago -Women Who Make a Difference Annual Dinner. Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago. RSVP: [info@iwfchicago.org](mailto:info@iwfchicago.org)
- **April 11, 12:00 pm** - Spring Luncheon - Florine Mark's Home. Farmington Hills
- **May 6** – Luncheon with National Keynote Speaker; guests invited. Location TBD
- **May 13 – 15** \*\*Special Global Event, IWF Cornerstone Conference. London. (sold out)
- **June 4** \*\* Special Regional Invite- IWF Ohio. Toledo Museum of Art. RSVP: [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 Dinner Meeting includes tour of the Leader Dog for the Blind Facility in Rochester. Involves playing with puppies!
- **October 7-9 – IWF WORLD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DETROIT, MI. We hope all IWF MI members will attend!**
- **December 2** - Holiday Gathering - Location TBD. We'd love a member to host us in her home as Deborah Wahl did in 2019. No cost to the hostess!

### President's Message:

*Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends,*

*In our January newsletter, I introduced you to our six IWF MI members who stepped forward to serve and were elected to a two-year term on our 11-member Board of Directors.*



*This month, I'd like to thank the six retiring Board members who just completed*

*four years of service: Dottie Deremo, Verna Green, Ki Hammer (Treasurer), Tina Abbate Marzolf (Secretary), Nancy Philippart and Joan Young (Vice President).*

*Thanks to their hours of investment as committed board members and officers, our chapter is financially healthy, we have added outstanding new members and are on the brink of hosting an IWF Global Conference for the first time in our chapter's 35-year history.*

### **Board Progress 2016-2019**

- Won and prepared for hosting IWF World Leadership Conference
- Enhanced New Member Nomination Process
- Created monthly member newsletter
- Created first printed directory with photos for all members. Being updated for 2020 to include our 19 new members.
- Provided member name tags
- Increased membership by 30%, while ensuring professional, cultural and generational diversity
- Increased member attendance at Global Conferences
- Hosted IWF CEO Stephanie O'Keefe for a well-attended 2018 news media briefing and 2019 news conference to raise awareness for 2020 conference
- Implemented “no charge” policy in 2020 for member meetings
- Enhanced reputation of IWF MI with IWF Global Board, President's Council and Washington, DC staff

- Surveyed Members and focused programming on greater opportunities for members to get to know one another and enhance member relationships

*Board members Vern Davis Anthony, Elaine Didier, Laurie Horiszny, Linda Solomon and I will continue for one final term, working with new members Carolyn Cassin, Beth Chappell, Donna Inch, Saunteel Jenkins and Pam Reid.*

**IWF GLOBAL WEBSITE:** *If you are a new member or simply haven't signed in yet to the IWF Global member portal, I encourage you take advantage of this benefit, which gives you access to 7,000 accomplished IWF members in over 70 countries, as well as information on the Mission and activities of the organization.*

*New members should have received an electronic welcome that includes instructions for accessing the IWF global member portal. If you didn't receive the packet or need assistance getting logged in, contact Brenda [bcralle@iwforum.org](mailto:bcralle@iwforum.org) or Randi [RBerger@iwforum.org](mailto:RBerger@iwforum.org) by email or 202-387-1010.*

**Anne**

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## New Member Nominations



Long-time members Gilda Jacobs and Leslie Murphy are Co-Chairs of this year's off-cycle and abbreviated new member process.

All members received an email on Feb. 17, explaining the Board's decision to invite a small number (fewer than 10) additional, prominent SE MI leaders who could provide valuable support related to the October global conference.

If you are aware of a key SE MI leader whom you believe should be considered for membership this cycle, please submit the **completed** nomination forms **THIS WEEK**. In addition to being sent to you, they are available on our IWF MI website.

Following the Committee and Board's review, the recommended slate will be sent to members for voting approval.

In addition, the Board is extending one-year "Honorary Memberships" to several leaders whose pre-eminent stature will enhance the rich scope of our Forum. They are: Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack and General Motors CEO Mary Barra.

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



Dear IWF-MI Members/Friends:

Here's an update on IWF Detroit 2020 planning:

February was a busy month! **Behind the Scenes** committee members gathered in mid-February at co-chair **Vivian Pickard's** home to fine-tune the many submissions for experiential activities for the IWF members and guests we will welcome in October.

The conference runs Oct. 7-9, and Behind the Scenes immersions are the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 8.

We have more than 30 strong suggestions and those will be submitted to the IWF National team later this month.

Many, many thanks to **Vivian**, co-chair **Anne Mervenne** and the committee members who have worked hard to identify the best our region has to offer in arts & culture, technology, mobility, entrepreneurship, health and more. We had a productive afternoon and are on track to complete the final drafts by mid-March. We have strong offerings, from **Cranbrook** to the **Ford Rouge Plant** to **Belle Isle** to the trading floor of **StockX**, the "stock exchange of things," including Hermes bags. IWF National will make the final selection, whittling the list to probably 20 or 25 -- based on past experience of attendees' preferences as well as ensuring that the opportunities are not too similar to those offered in Toronto and London.

Many thanks to **Sandy Pierce** for continuing to raise money for a successful conference. We stand at \$425,000 – on our way to the \$500,000 goal. This ensures we'll have \$\$ for a terrific strolling dinner at the Opening Reception, Motown-themed entertainment during the conference and an amazing performance for the closing gala (thanks to the

Entertainment Committee chaired by **Tonya Allen** and **Beth Ardisana**.)

**Volunteers needed:** IWF National recommended that we put a “postcard book” together that encourages attendees to add pre- and post-conference travel and tourism items on their agenda. They can be Detroit-centric or around the state. They’ll list our ideas, with links, on the IWF Web site. We’ve asked for ideas for “shoulder” trips in recent weeks, but now we need to put some structure around that. **Who would like to co-chair this effort?** It would be wonderful if all of our IWF Michigan members submitted one “favorite thing” – a restaurant, a B&B, an experience – we’ll have a tremendous itinerary that even our own members can enjoy. If you’re interested, please reach out to us (emails below).

**Other news:** The closing gala on Friday, Oct. 9, will feature the induction of three outstanding women into the IWF Hall of Fame. Past inductees include: **Rosa Parks, Hillary Clinton, Madeline Albright, Judith Jamison, Maya Angelou** and so many remarkable women inducted to date. Former Detroit Virginia “**Ginni**” **Rometty**, who recently retired as CEO of IBM, will be one of the three. A public announcement will be made when all three inductees are selected, but glad to see a woman with strong ties to Detroit as one of the three.

**Our next Conference Planning Conf Call is Friday, March 20 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://IWF Michigan) 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 **Saunteel Jenkins and Donna Inch**
- Entertainment/Music, co-chair **Tonya Allen and Lisbeth Ardisana**
- Fundraising, co-chairs **Denise Ilitch and Sandy Pierce**
- Faith-Based Opportunity, Co-Chairs: **Carol Goss and Kathleen McCann**
- 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**

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

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## News & Member Sharing:

**Alternatives For Girls (AFG)** and event Co-Chairs **Ronia Kruse**, CEO, OpTech, and **Monica L. Martinez**, SVP, Comerica Bank, 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; **Palencia Mobley, P. E.**, 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 IWF member **Amy Good**, CEO at [agood@alternativesforgirls.org](mailto:agood@alternativesforgirls.org) or call 313-361-4000, ext. 225.



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**Nancy Schlichting** was invited by Duke Health to represent the Chancellor for Health Affairs, Dr.



Gene Washington, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in January. “It was truly an extraordinary experience-- participating in health sessions, getting to know world leaders (e.g. the former

Prime Minister of New Zealand), sharing ideas with corporate CEOs, enjoying the perspectives of young leaders, having dinner with Nobel Prize winners, and hearing from some of my favorite celebrities including Yo Yo Ma, Jane Goodall, and Al Gore. I never expected to have such a unique opportunity and enjoyed every minute of it!" Nancy reported.

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With the documentary, "Aretha Franklin Remembered," Detroit Public TV celebrates the legendary Queen of Soul and the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame with her greatest hits from television appearances spanning the 1960s-2000s. Many of these performances have never been seen in the U.S. DPTV will be airing this special tribute on Friday, March 6, at 9 p.m.

Joining hosts Fred Nahhat and Lisa Hall live in the studio will be members of the Franklin family and **Linda Solomon**, highly-respected Detroit photographer, who will discuss her latest book, "The Queen Next Door: Aretha Franklin, An Intimate Portrait."



Published late last year, the book is full of firsts as Solomon was invited not only to capture historic events in Aretha's music career but to share the Franklin family's most intimate and cherished moments in her beloved hometown of Detroit. Viewers pledging \$84 (or \$12 a month as a sustainer) to DPTV that evening will receive a copy of this inspiring book, along with an Aretha Franklin-inspired tote bag, designed and produced by Cristal Franklin, Aretha Franklin's niece.

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**Roz Cooperman** has made special arrangements for IWF-MI members to receive a **30% discount** to see *The Dance Theatre of Harlem* on March 14 and 15. The Executive Director is Anna Glass, a long-time friend of Roz and her family.



To see this amazing production featuring talented young people, use this code when purchasing tickets: KAPDTH2020. NOTE! The discount expires March 8 at noon. [www.michiganopera.org](http://www.michiganopera.org)

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On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the DIA will be on Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County primary ballots for a millage renewal. Voting "YES" will allow the museum to continue to offer free field trips to more than 80,000 students a year, free weekly programs for seniors, and free admission to residents of the tri-county area. This 0.2 mils millage has an average cost to the taxpayers of \$15 per household. For more information, please check out [www.yesforthedia.org](http://www.yesforthedia.org) or contact



NEW IWF member **Nina Holden** at [nholden@dia.org](mailto:nholden@dia.org) or 313-494-5235.

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**Carolyn Cassin, CEO, and Blanca Fauble,**



Director of Development, Michigan Women Forward invite you to attend and be inspired at the **Michigan Women Forward's** annual **WomanUp &**



**Celebrate!** event on Monday, April 27 at the MotorCity Casino. Detroit's dinner is chaired by IWF-MI members **Ronia Kruse**, founder and CEO of OpTech, LLC and **Carla Walker-Miller**, founder and CEO of Walker-Miller Energy Services, as well as Ann Chavez, senior vice president and Chief Legal Officer, DTE Energy.



This year's event will present special Women of Achievement and Courage Awards to Joan Budden, president and CEO, Priority Health, Kim Trent, Deputy Director - Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, State of Michigan, and the Sister Survivors of MSU, USAG and USOC—a group made up of survivors of the Larry Nassar case. It will certainly be an inspiring and meaningful program.

In addition to the awards presentation, the event will include dinner and a silent auction featuring items from many female entrepreneurs supported by MWF. For more information, to learn about sponsorship opportunities or purchase a table, contact Blanca Fauble at [bfauble@miwf.org](mailto:bfauble@miwf.org); 313-771-3526.

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**Mary Lyn Foster** and her husband (Art) recently enjoyed a week-long vacation in Hawaii. While there, she said “Aloha” to her colleagues at the American Red Cross on Oahu and Teresa Carver the Hawaiian Interim Regional CEO along with several members of her team. In the photo, she and Art are enjoying a Hawaiian Luau!

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Members of the Girl Scouts of South Eastern Michigan Advisory Council, who are also IWF members (**Laurie Horiszny, Carolyn Cassin, Glenda Price, Nancy Philippart, and Joanne Faycurry**), invite you to join them at the annual Girl Scout Cookie Gala, Thursday, March 26, 2020. Get your tickets at [gssem.org/cookiegala](https://gssem.org/cookiegala) so that you can sample truly delicious creations from local chefs who use Girl Scout Cookies to create and prepare their own recipes. There will be signature cookie cocktails and silent and live auctions. Best of all, your ticket purchase will help empower girls in SE MI to continue to enjoy leadership development provided by the premier leadership organization for girls, Girl Scouts.



*The tastiest gala in town*  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**  
**6:00PM - 9:00PM**  
**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
[gssem.org/cookiegala](https://gssem.org/cookiegala)

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**Denise Lewis** celebrated the second year of the endowed lectureship at Barnard College/Columbia University established in the name of Denise Lewis and dear college friend, Adaeze Ezekoye. The 2019 lecture was delivered by Jaki Shelton Green, Poet Laureate for the state of North Carolina, and she spoke about “The Poet as Documentarian, Historian and Agitator.”

The lecture was well-received by attendees from the Barnard-Columbia campus and from other colleges in New York City area. We share the photo of Adaeze and Denise with speaker Jaki Green.



The Lewis-Ezekoye Distinguished Lecture is an annual event aimed at highlighting the innovative work of scholars, artists and activists who address key issues relative to the African Diaspora experience. Our IWF sisters will be notified of the 2020 lecture scheduled for October 15, 2020.

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On February 13, **Patricia Mooradian**, president & CEO of The Henry Ford, along with Matt and Marc Jonna, co-founders of Plum Market, opened the brand-new Plum Market Kitchen inside Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. Plum Market Kitchen at The Henry Ford features chef-crafted, prepared foods available for breakfast, lunch and dinner with an emphasis on all natural, organic and locally sourced ingredients. The menu includes Plum Market’s signature collection of recipes along with new dishes developed exclusively for The Henry Ford. This collaboration marks the first time the Plum Market team has partnered with a cultural destination.

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Applications are now open for this September's [Detroit Month of Design](#), an annual showcase of Detroit's design talent that attracts 45,000 attendees. Design Core Detroit is striving to make the 10th anniversary of the festival the best one yet. New IWF member, **Olga Stella**, invites IWF members to learn more and consider participation in the official event schedule. Click [here](#) to view the 8 ways to participate. Applications close on Monday, April 13th at 11:59pm. Please feel contact Olga with questions or attend the Design Core's [Drinks x Design: Business](#) event on March 12 to learn more.



## 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](http://www.iwfmichigan.org)

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## 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
- Donna Inch
- Saunteel Jenkins
- Linda Solomon



In January **Beth Gotthelf** attended the cyber security conference.

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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](mailto:pdalrick@comcast.net)

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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 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**
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