

Urgent Matters:

- We will continue to engage Virtually until Governor Whitmer advises us further.

Virtual Member Gatherings:

- **May 6, 6:30 pm - Safe & Timely MI Elections** Secretary of State **Jocelyn Benson** and Congresswoman **Brenda Lawrence** will update us and answer questions on steps being taken to make sure that MI's upcoming elections are safe, fair and on-time. **Members only.** Register [Eventbrite](#) to receive **Zoom link**

Summer Dine-Arounds hosted by Members. Limited to no more than 12 participants, to facilitate conversation. Consider ordering your meal from a local restaurant!

- **June 10** – Host: **Donna Inch**
Theme: *What are some of the positive outcomes of the experiences over the past weeks? What are we looking forward to?* Attendance limited to 10 members. RSVP: dminch10@gmail.com.



- **June 17** – Host: **Carolyn Cassin** Theme: *How is the world changed for us? At a personal level? From a business point of view?* Attendance limited to 10 members. RSVP: aparnis@miwf.org



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

- **September 2** – Leader Dog Event - Join us for Puppies and Pinot! Have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Canine Development Center, meet a Future Leader Dog Puppy and hear about services directly from a of client. Light dinner and great conversation included!



- **October 7-9** – IWF World Leadership Conference, Detroit, MI

- **December 2** - Holiday Gathering at Bloomfield Hills home of Linda Schlesinger-Wagner

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters,

The past few weeks have been devastating for so many, and we are yet to discover the long-term economic impact of this global crisis that has touched nearly everyone in the world in some way.



Several of our members were infected with COVID-19, but, thankfully, are fully recovered. Many of our members have lost loved ones and friends, including valued Michigan leaders. We are thinking of you.

*As we begin to emerge and start to help create our "new normal," the IWF sisterhood will continue to be a source of valuable information and supportive friendships. Our thanks to **Dr. Betty Chu, Marianne Udow-Phillips, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Rabbi Tamara Kolton** for participating in two of our first, memorable IWF virtual gatherings.*

Michigan and Global members are also sharing their expertise through podcasts.

Vern Davis Anthony & Marianne Udow-Phillips joined me for a [POWERING UP](#) podcast conversation about the COVID impact in MI, including the disproportionate impact on African Americans.

*The newest [IWF Game Changers](#) podcast, on Covid-19's Impact on Food Supply, features two IWF members on the front lines of global food supply, **Karla Chambers**, owner of Stahlbush Island Farms and **Karen Caplan**, CEO of Freida's Specialty Foods. Both are compelling conversations.*

We look forward to being together again, but in the meantime, I hope you will join us as we use ZOOM, podcasts and other virtual platforms to share our expertise and deepen our friendships.,

Anne

Welcome New Members

Our thanks to **Leslie Murphy** and **Gilda Jacobs**, for their excellent work co-chairing this



year's off-cycle and abbreviated new member process.



Leslie and Gilda, as well as multiple board members, recently

hosted a "Virtual Welcome" for our outstanding newest members. I'm sure each would love to hear from her IWF MI sisters!



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



Dear IWF-MI Members/Friends:

As our lives – personal and professional – continue to be disrupted by the fallout of the new coronavirus, we know many members are wondering: What about October?

In April, we had Zoom meetings with the Co-Chairs of our IWF 2020 conference as well as with the IWF-Michigan board.

On April 30, chapter president Anne Doyle joined us on a call with IWF CEO Stephanie O'Keefe and COO Heath Nash.

It was a great and open conversation and we presented several scenarios.

Over the next 2 weeks, they will explore those scenarios with the international Executive Committee and full board. We are hopeful to have a strong direction for October by the end of May.

Our next Conference Planning Zoom Conf Call is Friday, May 15 at 8:00 am.

Warmest Regards and Stay Safe,

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News & Member Sharing:

Read about **Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha's** experience with Covid-19, her recovery and her aspiration for more equitable community that invests in public health for everyone. Welcome to IWF,



Mona. We are so glad you are healthy and can continue to bring your wisdom and tireless service, dedicated to healthcare for all! <https://www.crainsdetroit.com/other-voices/dr-mona-her-battle-covid-19-and-call-action>



With cases of the COVID-19 virus quickly escalating across Metro Detroit, the U.S., and around the

globe, Dr. Betty Chu is directing the actions Henry Ford Health System is taking to manage the crisis. Read about Betty's leadership in the [Michigan Ross Alumni magazine](#) using the link.

Detroit Office of Arts, Culture and Entrepreneurship, led by **Rochelle Riley**, has joined Mitch Albom and Huntington Bank (thanks to **Sandy Pierce**) to launch a new fund to provide relief for artists whose lives and livelihoods have been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. "We want our artists, our creatives, our entertainers to know that the city cares about them," Rochelle said. To support the fund visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/detroit-artists-crisis-emergency-fund>



Vivian Pickard was appointed to the board of directors for the Henry Ford Health System Foundation.



Kathleen Ligocki was elected to serve on the PPG Board of Directors. PPG is a specialty coating, paint and materials company, based in Pittsburgh. Kathleen is a serial CEO, most recently at Agility Fuel Solutions, a leading manufacturer of clean energy solutions for commercial vehicles. She also serves on the boards of Lear Corporation, Carpenter Technology, Farmers Business Network and the Foundation of Indiana University, her undergraduate alma mater.

<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20200416005724/en/Ligocki-Joins-PPG-Board-Directors>

Olga Stella hosts the [Detroit City of Design podcast](#), which explores

ways that design can create conditions for better quality of life and economic opportunity for all. Season 2 launched April 1, with new episodes coming bi-monthly through July. You can listen [here](#) to the most recent episode which features Angela Glover Blackwell, an iconic leader in the national equity movement, on why designing equitable systems is important now more than ever. Subscribe for free on Apple, Spotify, Stitcher, or your favorite podcast app.



Five IWF MI leaders have been asked by Governor Whitmer to serve on the newly formed Michigan Economic Recovery Council. Its purpose is to provide the Governor with insight on the timing, pace and staging of resuming economic activity. We applaud and support their important work.



Nancy Schlichting is serving as Co-Chair of the MERC, with DTE Exec. Chairman Gerry Anderson.

Vernice Davis Anthony, CEO

VDA Health Connect LLC, and **Ora Pescovitz**, President -Oakland



University, are members of the Healthcare Advisory Group within MERC.



Denise Brooks Williams is a member of the MI

Corona Virus Task Force on Racial Disparities.



Marianne Udow-Phillips is providing expertise and advice along with the University of Michigan School of Public Health, working on the research and strategies to safely guide the process.

Pamela Reid is a faculty presenter at the American Psychological Association's Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology. The Institute has shifted to an online format with 30 psychologists from various professional settings in attendance. Pam's presentation is on transformational leadership and the challenges of academic administration.



www.apa.org/pi/women/programs/leadership She is

also completing her final year as a member of the APA Board of Publication and Communications, which oversees more than 90 journals, book publications, as well as online services.



Tenneco Inc. recently announced the appointment of **Aleks Miziolek** to its Board of Directors. Aleks will also serve on Tenneco's Nominating and Governance Committee.

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

- **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](http://www.iwfmichigan.org)

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2020 Global 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.org) website.

- Behind the Scenes, co-chairs **Vivian Pickard & Anne Mervenne**
- Communications/Marketing, co-chairs **Marla Drutz & Rochelle Riley**
- Dine-Around co-chairs **Saunteel Jenkins & Donna Inch**
- Entertainment/Music, co-chair **Tonya Allen & Lisbeth Ardisana**
- Fundraising, co-chairs **Sandy Pierce & Denise Ilitch**
- Faith-Based Opportunity, Co-Chairs: **Carol Goss & Kathleen McCann**
- Gift Bag Co-Chairs: **Alex Miziolek & Beth Gotthelf**
- Opening Reception, co-chairs **Patricia Mooradian & Lisa Payne**
- Pop Up Shops, Co-chairs: **Carolyn Cassin & Barbara Allushuski**

- Closing Gala – Co-Chair: **Mary Lynn Foster & Denise Lewis**
- Program Advisor – **Beth Chappell**

For a complete list of 2020 Committee Volunteers go to our website: 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