

Urgent Matters:

- **New Member Voting:** On-line ballots have been sent out for members to vote on 14 candidates who have been recommended for membership. [Please Vote by Friday, Nov. 16!](#)
- **Holiday Party: December 5, 6:00 p.m. at Iridescence, Motor City Casino, Detroit.**
- **2019 Member Gatherings.** Please add to your calendar; held on 1st Wed. of each month.
- **Dues Increase 2019.** IWF Global is increasing dues for 2019, which requires our chapter to increase dues, as well, to \$450 annually.

Member Events:

- **December 5 (Wed) Holiday Party; 6:00 p.m. --** Spouse or guest invited. Members pay 50%; guests pay full price. Iridescence restaurant atop the [Motor City Casino](#), 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit. Cost: \$50 for guests; half price (\$25) for members. Free valet and deck parking. **Reservations & payment in advance required.**
- **January 2019 –No IW-MI Gathering.**
- **February 6 (Wed) – Member Speed Dating.** Great chance to get to know new members. (Host Planner: Tina Abatte Marzolf).
- **March 6 (Wed) – Mining the Member Gold.** (Host Planner: Beth Ardisana)
- **April (Saturday TBD) – Spring Luncheon** hosted by Florine Mark.
- **May 8 (Wed) – Bowling Party at DAC.** Return by popular demand of this tradition! (Host Planner: Rose Berberian)
- **Summer Dine-Arounds**
- **Monthly Gatherings on 1st Wednesday of each month; occasional exceptions.** PLEASE Contact Tina, Beth or Rose, Host Planners, to volunteer to help with planning!

Please Vote for New Members!

Voting opened Thursday, Nov. 8 & will close at 11:59 pm, Friday, Nov. 16.

Thank you for nominating a solid group of candidates for our IWF-MI chapter. The

Membership Committee, chaired by **Verna Green**, is pleased to present 14 candidates for your consideration. Each IWF-MI member received an email last week with links for voting and background on candidates.

Candidates for IWF-MI:

- Angela K. Lommen, Program Director, Combat Vehicles Sustainment, BAE Defense Systems ([Defense](#))
- Barbara Whittaker, President, BW Limited ([Purchasing/Procurement](#))
- Christina Lovio George, CEO, Lovio George Communications ([Communications/Mktg](#))
- Deborah Wahl, Global Chief Marketing Officer for Cadillac, GM ([Automotive/Marketing](#))
- Gwen M. MacKenzie, Former Sr. VP & Michigan Market Leader, Ascension Health ([Health Care/Medicine](#))
- LaJune Montgomery-Tabron, President/CEO, W.K. Kellogg Foundation ([Philanthropy](#))
- Kimberly L. Pittel, Group VP, Sustainability, Environment & Safety Engineering, Ford Motor Company ([Automotive/Engineering](#))
- Lauren Rakolta, CEO, DM Solutions ([Manufacturing](#))
- Linda Orlans, Executive Chair, Orlans PC ([Real Estate/Entrepreneur](#))
- Linda Schlesinger-Wagner, Owner, Skinny Wear ([Retail/Entrepreneur](#))
- Marilyn French-Hubbard, President of Healthy, Wealthy & Wise: Change Agents ([Consultant/Human Resources](#))
- Ora Pescovitz, M.D., President, Oakland University ([Education](#))
- Pamela Fletcher, VP, Global Electric Vehicles, GM, ([Automotive/Engineering](#))
- Dr. Susan Smyth, former Chief Scientist, Global Manufacturing & Dir. R&D GM (retired) ([Science: Auto-Related](#))

This year's Membership Committee members included **Linda Solomon, Carolyn Cassin, Carol Goss, Denise Ilitch, Donna Inch, Sue Marx, Aleks Miziolek** and **Shirley Stancato**. The Committee followed the nominee review process designed by last year's committee. Those nominees who were not included in this year's ballot will be re-entered into next year's membership nomination process.

The board welcomes your ideas on improvements to the Member Nomination Process, which we know is not perfect. We invite you to share your thoughts at any board meeting – in person or call in!

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends:

As president of our chapter, I attend the Presidents Council working sessions that are held at all global conferences. These sessions are a valuable forum for sharing best practices from chapters all over the U.S. and globally, and building friendships with other IWF leaders, such as Kate Mason from Australia (in photo below).



In Miami last month, the session focused on three important areas: 1) Bylaws Best Practices; 2) One-Portal Website Project; 3) Social Media. I am writing up a detailed report for the Board on each of these initiatives, which will have benefits for our chapter. If you are interested, my report will be posted to our IWF-MI website soon, or just email me and I'll send you a copy!



Dues Increase: No one likes to hear that dues are increasing, but we must. Because IWF Global is increasing the amount that we must pay annually for each member and to continue to cover our costs to provide services and value to our members, the Board has voted unanimously to increase the dues to \$450, beginning January 2019.

New Members: We will soon be welcoming up to 14 new members to our chapter. Your opinion is important, which is why this year, for the first time, you will be able to vote on each candidate – rather than a slate. Please take the time to review the summary of each candidate's outstanding credentials and vote by next Friday, Nov.16. Those who receive enough votes (80% of a quorum of voting members) will be invited to join us for the first time at our December 5 Holiday gathering.

We know the process isn't perfect and the Board wants to hear your ideas for improvements. IWF Global has a recommended process, which we will be reviewing. Our thanks to the outstanding and very thoughtful work done by the Membership Committee. *If you are interested in serving on the Committee next year, please let me know!*

Collection Woes -- We are lucky to have an outstanding administrator in Pat Dalrick. But we need to use her valuable time wisely. You can help by paying for member gatherings in advance or at the event so that Pat does not have to invest time trying to collect afterwards. Remember, if you

RSVP for an event and are unable to attend, you still owe the full event price.

Pictorial Roster and Holiday Party Head-Shots -- We've had many requests for a pictorial roster of our IWF Membership. We hear you – BUT, we need your help! Please upload your photo and update your profile on the IWF Global Website. Directions & links are on the last page of this newsletter. If you want help, Randi Berger at IWF Global is happy to talk you through it! Just ask: Rberger@iwforum.org. **For those who don't have a recent headshot, we will have a photographer at our Holiday gathering available to take a new one – no charge!**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope to see you at our Holiday gathering on Dec. 5.

Anne Doyle anne@annedoylestrategies.com

2020 IWF Global Conference Update from Co-Chairs Mary Kramer and Faye Nelson

The countdown has begun! In just about 23 months, IWF Michigan will roll out the red carpet for as many as 1,000 IWF global members from around the world. And the kickoff could not have been better! **Ellen Hill Zeringue** hosted 40 members at the Tigers Club at Comerica Park. Ellen even had the scoreboard light up with the IWF logo for all Detroit to see!



Some details for 2020 are set:

- Dates: Oct. 7-9, 2020
- Official conference hotel: Marriott RenCen.
- Working theme: "The Future City."
- Opening Reception Venue: The Henry Ford.
- Eight Working Committees handling everything from the Opening Reception to Fundraising to signature program elements like the "Behind-the-Scenes" and "Dine-Arounds."

IWF Global sets conference format, which begin with an Opening Reception on a Wed. night, speakers/programs on Thurs. morning, immersive behind-the-scenes experiences in the host city on Thurs. afternoon, dinners in private homes on Thurs. night, more speakers/programs on Friday and a final gala on Friday night, including Hall of Fame inductions.

At our kickoff meeting, some members shared conference experiences from Melbourne (May) and Miami (Oct.) and ideas for making the Detroit conference a memorable experience. **Peg Talburtt** filled FIVE flip-chart pages with your ideas that will



be distilled and handed off to appropriate committees for consideration.

Here's a Sample of Those Ideas:

- How can IWF Michigan members meet as many attendees as possible and make them feel welcome?
- Have a police escort for buses to the Opening Reception to breeze through traffic and make attendees feel welcome and special.
- Have Motown music at every session.
- Have a dynamic video played at future IWF conferences in Barcelona and Toronto to promote the Detroit conference.
- Market the event to our own members.
- Create side trip ideas for visiting IWF members to try before or after the official conference.
- In addition, 21 members volunteered to work on a specific committee.



Committees & Co-Chairs. Members already selected to serve as co-chairs of specific committees are hoping you will contact them to sign up!

- Behind the Scenes, co-chairs **Ellen Hill** and **Vivian Pickard**;
- Dine-Around Committee, co-chairs **Joanne Start** and **Saunteel Jenkins**;
- Entertainment/Music, co-chair **Tonya Allen**;
- Fundraising, co-chairs **Denise Ilitch** and **Sandy Pierce** (we have set a goal of \$500,000 raised in this state);
- Communications/Marketing, co-chairs **Marla Drutz** and **Linda Solomon**;
- Opening Reception, co-chair **Patricia Mooradian**;
- Pop-Up Shops/Gift Bag co-chair: **Ruth Holmes**
- Gala Committee - TBD
- With eight committees, there are plenty of ways for all members to engage. GET INVOLVED!



We will convene a meeting in January of the various co-chairs. Meanwhile, members can start thinking of distinct "behind-the-scenes" experiences that are not available to the average person or tourist and send us your ideas! ore - much more - to come!

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October 22 Event: Political Perspectives

Thank you, Congresswoman **Debbie Dingell** and WDIV-TV General Manager **Marla Drutz**, for once again hosting what has become an IWF tradition: an outstanding and



insightful, political discussion about the important midterm election. Panelists Stephen Henderson, Nolan Finley and Devin Scillian provided a broad

and diverse perspective on issues, candidates and the challenges facing Michigan and our nation. Nearly half of our IWF-MI members attended the October 22 memorable gathering, held at the beautifully-renovated Detroit Club.

News & Member Sharing:

Welcome **Michele Honomichl**, IWF Chicago transferee. As she returns to Michigan, Michele, Founder & Chief Strategy Officer of Celergo, LLC, is joining our chapter.



Celergo is a leading Global Payroll Services Provider managing local, offshore, and expat payrolls in over 150 countries. Michele started her career at Ford Motor Company, as an international internal auditor. She is an MSU graduate & earned her MBA at Indiana University. *One of the great benefits of IWF membership is the ability to transfer your membership to other chapters.*



Linda Solomon, who brings her Pictures of Hope program to Detroit children who deserve HOPE, is thrilled to share that **Vivian Pickard** has volunteered to mentor six-year-old, Shania, living in Cass Community Services. Shania's dream "is to have a home for my friends to visit." Here is link to [The Detroit News](#) story.



BRAGGING RIGHTS from **Sue Marx**, an Academy Award-winning filmmaker: “I have three daughters and three granddaughters. My youngest granddaughter, Jude, grew up in Albuquerque, graduated with honors from Bowdoin College in Maine, won a Fulbright, and is now teaching university students in Puebla, Mexico.”

Florine Mark, President and CEO of The WW Group, Inc., hosted the 19th annual *Remarkable Women* Charity Luncheon on October 12, 2018, at the Henry Hotel in Dearborn. The event raises funds for research and advancement of women's medicine at Beaumont Hospital's Ministrelli Heart Fund, U-M Frankel Cardiovascular Center and Henry Ford Hospital. “Remarkable Women” from across Metro Detroit were also recognized at the event, attended by more than 600.



Click here to read the article in [The Oakland Press](#)

Anne Doyle is thrilled to report that her new *POWERING UP* podcast achieved more than 10,000 hits in its first few weeks. She describes it as a “Cross-generational, cross-cultural conversation about women and power,” and co-hosts with her Millennial niece, Monica Doyle. Anne welcomes cool topic ideas!



IWF GLOBAL Conferences:

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. It will open your eyes to the tremendous richness of the IWF network and membership and is a great way to deepen your friendships with other IWF-MI members.

Miami Highlights: This year a record 16! of our members attended the October IWF Global Conference held in Miami, a city founded by a woman: Julia Tuttle! IWF-MI attendees included: **Carolyn Cassin, Dottie Deremo, Anne Doyle, Sue Ellen Eisenberg, Mindi Fynke, Verna Green, Ruth Holmes, Denise Ilitch, Mary Kramer, Kathleen McCann, Leslie Murphy, Ginka Gerova-Ortega, Sandy Pierce, Pam Reid, Joanne Start and Beth Gotthelf**, as well as guests Amy Cox ((Henry Ford Museum), Barcelona native Puri Pinilla and **Pam Reid's** daughter-in-law Celsa Reid.



Our very special thanks to **Kathleen McCann** who hosted the MI attendees for a fabulous dinner, following the Opening Reception.





Ruth Holmes with IWF Hall of Fame Inductee Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former president, Liberia.

Upcoming IWF Conferences:

There are two global conferences each year with outstanding content and women leaders from all over the world attending both; each fall in North American (US or Canada); each spring on another continent.

- **Barcelona - April 10-12, 2019**
- **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
- **London - May 13-15, 2020**
- **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
- **Vienna – May 2021**
- **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 \(portal summary\)](#)

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If you have not done so, please update your member profile on the [IWF Michigan Website -- www.iwfmichigan.org](https://www.iwfmichigan.org)

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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
