

Urgent Matters:

- **New Member Process:** See update, in this newsletter, from Membership Committee Chair Shirley Stancato.
- **NEEDED:** New chair (or co-chairs) for our Engagement/Program Committee. You'll have plenty of help! Next year's meetings will include "test drives" of several Behind-the-Scenes experiences selected for our 2020 conference. We need a leader. Please contact Anne Doyle or Tina Abatte Marzolf.
- Please add our monthly meetings to your calendar – Generally **the 1st Wednesday** of the month.

Member Events:

November 6 (Wed.) 6-9 p.m. Linda Solomon invites her IWF Sisters to join in the festivities for the national launch of her new book, *The Queen Next Door: Aretha Franklin, an Intimate Portrait*. The Aretha celebration will include food and cocktails, live music, a fashion show, holiday pop-ups and surprises created by Aretha's family. IWF member Trudy Archer is featured in the book and IWF member Linda Schlesinger Wagner is co-sponsoring the event with Saks Fifth Avenue. No charge for IWF members who RSVP thru [Evite.com](https://www.evite.com). 📍 Wear your dancing shoes! Location: Saks at Somerset, Troy, Designer - 2nd floor, Big Beaver entrance.

November 7 (Thur.) 5:30 p.m. TCF Center (Cobo Hall). Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. IWF MI members **Vern Davis Anthony** and **Gilda Jacobs** will be honored as the contemporary inductees into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame! Carolyn Cassin, CEO of Michigan Women Forward, which is hosting the event, will arrange for IWF members to sit together. Please indicate you are an IWF member when registering [here www.miwf.org](http://www.miwf.org)



December 4 (Wed.) Holiday Party – 6-9:00 pm Deborah Wahl hosting at her Bloomfield Hills home. Co-hosts are Tina Marzolf, Marianne Udow-Phillips, Vernice Anthony, Ki Hammer and Leslie Murphy. Cocktails, dinner, festivities and lots of friendship and conversation! \$50 charge for guests. No charge for members. Haven has been selected as our holiday charity of choice.



RSVP thru [Evite.com](https://www.evite.com).

Please remember: All Members are asked to help co-host a monthly IWF-MI gathering (which simply means planning the event details). If you have not done so yet, please contact Kathleen McCann or Joanne Faycurry, Co-chairs of the Engagement Committee; let them know which upcoming monthly meeting works best for you.

President's Message -

Dear IWF-MI Sisters/Friends,

It's been a great year and next year is going to be one we'll never forget! Here's a quick update.



New Members –

The Membership Committee, chaired by Shirley Stancato, is working hard to review the long list of outstanding SE Michigan leaders whose names have been submitted for 2020 membership. Please review Shirley's summary, in this newsletter, of the process and timing.

2020 Board Briefing --We held a Special Board Meeting in October for **Mary Kramer** and **Faye Nelson** to update board members on 2020 Conference Planning, which is going great. The Board was impressed with the organization & committee work already underway.

Join a 2020 Committee – Please don't wait to be personally recruited. We want every member of our chapter to be personally involved. Take a look at the Committees listed in this newsletter and contact the co-chairs, or email Mary or Faye.

New Board Members – Serving on our IWF Board is an honor, but also a commitment. We’ve had an outstanding group of Board members working together for the past four years. But five of our current directors will complete their second, 2-year term at the end of this year, which means five new members will be joining the Board.

Thank you, **Tina Abbate Marzolf, Verna Green, Ki Hammer, Nancy Philippart** and **Joan Young** for your outstanding contributions to the Board for the last four years. In late November, we will hold an election for members to vote on the recommended slate of five new board directors, recruited by the Board Development Committee, chaired by **Laurie Horiszny**. Thank you **Carolyn Cassin, Beth Chappell, Donna Inch, Saunteel Jenkins, and Pam Reid** for your willingness to serve.

Anne

Membership Committee report from Committee Chair Shirley Stancato

The Committee is currently reviewing the impressive list of candidates submitted over the past year and before the October 28th deadline. We appreciate the members who took the time to thoroughly complete the nomination form. Unfortunately, many of the nomination forms were not completed, which has delayed our process for evaluating candidates. Here are next steps:



- Membership Committee reviewing nominations and selecting a slate of **22** potential new members.
- **Dec. – Special Board Meeting** to review the slate of recommended nominees.
- **Dec.** –Following board approval, each nominated member will be contacted to background her on the IWF, the expectations of membership and to gauge her interest in joining.
- **Jan. TBD** – Election. The full membership will have one week to vote on the recommended slate of 2020 members.
- **Feb. TBD** – Orientation session for new members.

Planning Update: October 2020 IWF World Leadership Conference -

Dear IWF-MI Members/Friends:

The countdown to 2020 is on! In 12 months, we’ll be hosting IWF members from around the world! Our hope is that every IWF-Michigan member plays a role in the successful hosting of this global conference. The committees are organized, but we have two major ways people can participate:

1. Volunteer to co-host a Dine-around dinner in or near Detroit. Co-chairs **Saunteel Jenkins** and **Joanne Start** have been recruiting hosts within a 30-minute drive of Detroit. We have many neighborhoods in Detroit, Grosse Pointe and Dearborn represented by IWF members. In addition, there are homes of non-members, but each site must have an IWF member as a co-host. So if you’re interested, please reach out to Saunteel (sjenkins@thawfund.org) or Joanne (jstart@bpi-group.us)

2. Fundraising. We’ve set a goal of \$500,000 for fundraising. Do you think your company – or a company or organization where you have influence – would want to be a sponsor? We have opportunities for investing from buying tables at the closing gala on Friday, Oct. 7, 2020, to making a more traditional sponsorship with varying levels of benefits. A number of companies have already indicated they will support, and co-chairs **Sandy Pierce** (sandy.pierce@huntington.com) and **Denise Ilitch** (dilitch@gmail.com) hope to lock in the dollars by year end. BUT if you have thoughts on how/who to approach, please reach out to Sandy and Denise, and copy **Mary Kramer** and **Faye Nelson** (mkramer@crain.com and faye.nelson@wkkf.org)

In October, the IWF-Michigan board met with conference co-chairs for an in-depth update on our progress. We’re in good shape on many fronts and delighted that 18 IWF-Michigan members will represent us in Toronto in November!



Please join us for a reception to celebrate our upcoming IWF World Leadership Conferences

Friday, November 15th, 2019
5:30pm-6:30pm (brief program at 6:00pm)
Westin Harbour Castle
Room Pier 2



IWF-Michigan
2020 Detroit conference co-chairs:
Mary Kramer & Faye Nelson
President: Anne Doyle



IWF-Washington State
2021 Seattle conference co-chairs:
Denise Merle & Emily Parkhurst
President: Terry Axelrod

Committee Co-Chairs are listed below and the complete list of volunteers serving on each committee can be found on our [IWF Michigan](#) website. We know that there will be roles for every one of our members to pull this off!



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2020 Conference Committees:

- Behind the Scenes, co-chairs **Vivian Pickard** and **Anne Mervenne**

- 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)
- Gift Bag Co-Chairs: **Alex Miziolek** and **TBD**
- Opening Reception, co-chairs **Patricia Mooradian** and **Lisa Payne**
- Pop Up Shops, Co-chairs: **Carolyn Cassin** and **Barbara Allushuski**
- Closing Gala & Hall of Fame – **Co-Chairs: TBD**
- Faith-Based Opportunity, Co-Chairs: **Carol Goss** and **Kathleen McCann**

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

News & Member Sharing

With joy in her heart and a big, bold message to share, **Tamara Kolton** announces the release of her first book:



Oranges for Eve: My Brave, Beautiful, Badass Journey to the Feminine
Available on Amazon
December 1, 2019.

You are all invited to the **book launch** on that day, 1pm at the Bloomfield Township Library.

*Tamara would love for you to be on her book launch team! To include yourself, please email her rabbikolton@gmail.com

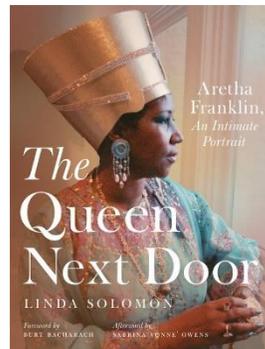
Click here for [more on the Oranges for Eve Facebook Page](#)

TechTown Detroit honored **Suzanne Shank** as the TechTown 2019 Entrepreneur of the Year at its fourth annual Salute Awards as part of the Toast of the Town celebration of entrepreneurship.



Shank was selected for her exceptional successes and embodiment of the spirit of entrepreneurship. As chairwoman, CEO and co-founder of investment banking firm Siebert Cisneros Shank & Co., LLC, Shank led the firm from a startup to the top-ranked women-owned and

minority-owned municipal bond underwriter on Wall Street leading the efforts to finance our nation's infrastructure.



The Queen Next Door shows another side to Aretha Franklin. For more three decades Detroit photojournalist **Linda Solomon** photographed Aretha Franklin. Her new book contains some never seen before images. [Click here to read *Detroit News* article.](#)

Vernice Anthony is excited to report she has a new grandson, born September 15, 7 lbs. 2 oz. Donovan Edward Anthony. "This is my 4th grandchild, but it's been 17 years. So, having a new little infant in our family is super exciting for my entire family," Vernice exclaims.



Anne Mervenne, Rochelle Riley, Shirley Stancato, Barbara Allushuski and **Anne Doyle** traveled to Santa Fe in October to join IWF New Mexico's celebration of

its 35th anniversary. Over 100 IWF members from the U.S. Canada and Europe attended the regional gathering, which was a more intimate version of a global conference with outstanding speakers, including former CIA operative Valerie Plame, fabulous behind-the-scenes experiences and, of course dine-arounds! It was great to spend time with IWF New Mexico member **Amy McCombs** (in the silver coat in picture), the first female GM of WDIV-TV4 in Detroit.



Angie Lommen and **Beth Gotthelf** were in DC at the annual Association of US Army (AUSA) conference. When Angie was not talking about tanks and guns, she was practicing being a photographer with Beth as her guinea pig. Linda Solomon, we

don't think you have to worry about competition.

Barbara Allushuski, CEO of Blue Heron Talent LLC, and graduate of Ohio University, annually funds two graduate fellowships in the Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies program at her alma mater.

In her Keynote speech about why she funds



the fellowships, Barb traced the beginning of her leadership journey to a Women's Studies class she took as an undergraduate. "It was absolutely eye-opening for me," Allushuski told students. It was incredibly empowering in that it helped me to find my voice." [Click here to read full article.](#)

Kathleen McCann was recently honored with



Northwood Anniversary's *Distinguished Women Award*. Kathleen joins a long line of IWF Michigan honorees, including **Nancy Barker** ('70), **Patricia Burnett** ('77), **Linda Solomon** ('02), **Faye Nelson** ('15), **Linda Orlans** ('13), **Denise Ilitch** ('99), **Sue Marx**

('96) and other distinguished leaders honored by Northwood. The prestigious award is given in recognition of excellence, as well as to leaders who embody the values Northwood teaches students: Commitment to Free Enterprise, Partnership of Arts and Business, and Management of Global Commerce.

Vivian Pickard was recently honored for her "*Legacy of Giving*" by the Beverly Hills Chapter of The Links, Inc. She was in good company, as she was honored along with actress, dancer, choreographer and television producer Debbie Allen. The star-studded event raised money for scholarships. The Links Inc. is an organization of over 16,000 international women who are committed to community service.



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

Our MI contingent planning to attend the Toronto conference includes: Beth Gotthelf, Blanca Fauble, Faye Nelson, Dottie Deremo, Donna Inch, Michele Honomichl; Patricia Mooradian, Nancy Philippart, Pam Reid, Glenda Price, Anne Mervenne, Joanne Start, Carolyn Cassin, Ruth Holmes, Ronia Kruse, Saunteel Jenkins, Beth Chappell and Anne Doyle.

- **Toronto – Nov. 13-15, 2019**
- **London - May 13-15, 2020**
- **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
- **Santiago, Chile – May 2021**
- **Seattle – Sept. 29 - Oct 1, 2021**

IWF Global Member Portal

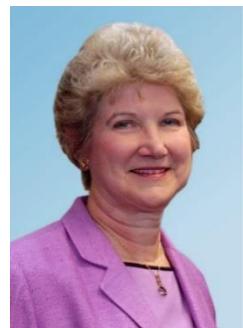
We encourage you to use this platform to reach out to IWF members. members.iwforum.org. To take part, begin by logging into the portal and creating your profile. For any assistance with logging in or any questions, please contact iwf@iwforum.org.

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

IWF-Michigan Board Members:



Anne Doyle, president
Joan Young, vice president
Ki Hammer, treasurer
Tina Abbate-Marzolf, secretary (below left)
Vernice Anthony Davis
Dottie Deremo
Elaine Didier (below right)
Verna Green
Laurie Horiszny
Nancy Philippart
Linda Solomon



Reminders:

Newsletter items are due by prior to publication. Please keep submissions to no more than two *short* paragraphs. Email: pdalrick@comcast.net