

Urgent Matters:

- **All Hands on Deck for 2020 IWF Global Conference!** Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Tiger Club at Comerica Park. That's when we'll roll out ways for every IWF-MI member to get involved.
- **We Need Your Photo!** We want to create a pictorial roster of IWF-MI members. But we need your help! Please upload your photo to the IWF Global Website. It's easy. Directions and links are on the last page of this newsletter.

2018 Member Events:

- **October 22, (Monday) 6:00 pm - Political Predictions, hosted by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and WDIV-TV GM Marla Drutz.** Panelists Nolan Finley, Steven Henderson, Debbie Dingell and other women candidates. Location: Detroit Club 712 Cass Ave, Detroit. Cost: \$40.
- **November 7 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm – 2020 Conference Planning Rollout.** Location: Tiger Club at Comerica Park. Parking in lots #1 & 2, 61 East Elizabeth, directly across the street from the Tiger Club entrance. Bring parking ticket inside for validation. Cost: \$25.
- **December – Holiday party.** Spouse or guest invited. Location and Date TBD.

IWF Global comes to Detroit in 2020!



Planning continues for welcoming hundreds of IWF members from around the world to Detroit in October 2020. What does that mean to all of our members?



Find out on Nov. 7 when Conference Co-Chairs Faye Nelson and Mary Kramer roll out the overview of the conference structure and how we can all support it. Learn about the "job descriptions" for a handful of key committees and how you can best participate. We'll need co-chairs for some key committees and lots of volunteers, so please reserve that date to come and learn all about it.

We'll also ask the IWF-MI members who are attending this month's IWF Conference in Miami to offer thoughts based on their experiences. Agenda will include a 2020 Overview by Mary and Faye,

introduction of the Committee Co-Chairs, explanation of member engagement opportunities, Q&A and member sign-up.

Engagement Committee Update



Your Engagement Committee has exciting plans for upcoming gatherings. We're seeking



volunteers to help plan our Feb., March and May 2019 meetings. Please consider picking one of these upcoming sessions! It's a great way to get to know more of your IWF-MI sisters. Plus, all members are asked to help plan at least one meeting every three years. The host team picks the date, venue and sets the menu/budget.

February's meeting will take a "speed dating" format, benefiting both our existing and newest members. It will be a fun, interactive and social time that will allow us all to get a quick visit with more people and help our newest sisters acclimate.

March's meeting is called "Mining Member Gold" – the intention is to ask talented members to share their wisdom/experience/current projects with us. A great example was our Sept. meeting that featured Rochelle Riley engaging with us around the themes of her new book, *The Burden*.

May's meeting will take us back to the DAC for a return of our traditional Bowling Party! Rose Berberian will host and is seeking others to help her plan one of our most popular events. Or, volunteer to host a Dine-Around next summer, if that's more to your liking. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of these.

Thanks! Joanne and Kathleen
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President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters,

Our September gathering, which featured our own Rochelle Riley, award-winning columnist for the *Detroit Free Press*, discussing the themes of her important new book, *THE BURDEN: African*

Americans and the Enduring Impact of Slavery, was an important moment in our chapter's *herstory*.



I believe it was important in multiple ways.

First, because it featured the work and skills of two of our own: Rochelle and Shirley Stancato, CEO of New Detroit, who brought her decades of experience leading courageous conversations around race to help facilitate (with several of her team members) our table discussions.

Second, because the topic was so important. I was not surprised, but was still saddened and stunned, to hear stories our members shared of the racial bias and experiences such accomplished leaders still so frequently face because of their skin color. The overwhelming consensus at the end of the evening was that the conversation was "just the beginning." I hope that we will continue to build trust and sisterhood by having the courage to discuss difficult but important topics. That's what leaders do. As Denise Lewis put it at the end of the evening, "If we can't talk about these subjects openly with one another, who can?"

Finally, the evening was an example of the power and benefits of a new model our chapter is implementing for planning member



events. Beginning immediately, we are asking members to help host a meeting at least once every three years. That doesn't mean helping to pay for it (as we did in the past, when our chapter was much smaller). It means putting your creativity and energy together with a few other IWF members to plan a meaningful event. Imagine the Engagement Committee as "directing the orchestra" of ideas and host groups, but not doing all the work!



Our thanks to last month's hosts Carol Goss, Saunteel Jenkins, Shirley Stancato and Rochelle Riley for planning a great event at the beautiful Charles H.

Wright Museum of African American History. And thank you to members of the Engagement Committee for the personal phone calls you made to encourage attendance. It was an evening to remember and an example of great gatherings to come!

Anne

News & Member Sharing:

Saunteel Jenkins, CEO of The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), invites you to join her and Co-Chair, Jerry Norcia, COO of DTE



Energy, for THAW's Annual Night of Warm Hearts Gala on Friday, November 9th at the MGM Grand Detroit. This year's theme is *Warming Homes for Our Futures*. We are highlighting the needs of our most vulnerable residents – children – whose futures depend on a safe, warm home. This fun night for a great cause includes an elegant dinner, live entertainment, dancing, and live and silent auctions. [Click here for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.](#)

Michigan Women Forward offers \$10 million to support women entrepreneurs

Detroit-based nonprofit *Michigan Women Forward* will offer \$10 million in community impact notes to support women entrepreneurs.



The plan was announced during this year's Detroit Homecoming launch of the *Detroit Expats Loan Fund* that will target investments to Detroit women starting businesses.

"The Expats Loan Fund is an inspirational opportunity to (give) people who have already come back to Detroit to invest" another vehicle to do it, Michigan Women Forward President and CEO **Carolyn Cassin** said. "Women are an important part of the revitalization of Detroit." [Click here for the full story.](#)



Patricia Maryland, CEO of Ascension Health Care, was recently selected as one of *Modern Healthcare's* top 100 health executives. Pat, at number 46 out of

the top 100, has been at the forefront of pushing Ascension to tackle one of the nation's most pressing healthcare issues: access to behavioral healthcare. Under her leadership, the large not-for-profit provider developed a behavioral health service line. She's also spoken publicly and penned opinion pieces advocating for a more coordinated approach to addressing the opioid epidemic.

Fatima Goss Graves, daughter of **Carol Goss**, and President and CEO of the National Women's Law Center, was interviewed on [MSNBC](#) regarding the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S.



Supreme Court. Graves and the NWLC advocated for a fair and impartial review and hearing of the charges of sexual assault before a vote on Kavanaugh's nomination. The National Women's Law Center partners with the #Me Too Movement and manages the Times Up Legal Defense Fund to provide legal services for poor and low-income women who need representation when sexual harassment and/or abuse has occurred.

October 18 will be an important date for the women of Michigan and an exciting milestone for Michigan Women Forward! That's when the first class of women will be inducted into the MI Women's Hall of Fame since the Hall became part of the Michigan Women's Forward "family" last March.



Carolyn Cassin hopes you will celebrate the outstanding careers and contributions of Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, Dr. Angela Wilson and Kym Worthy who will be recognized as the 2018 Contemporary Honorees. The careers of two amazing Historical Honorees, Agatha Biddle and Clara Stanton Jones, will also be featured at the East Lansing event at the Kellogg Center.



Tickets include a private reception with the honorees prior to the dinner.
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/mwhof2018>



Nancy Schlichting recently received the Clem Kern Social Impact Award at Southwest Solutions Gala on September 14. She is currently serving as the Chair of the Advisory Board for Southwest Solutions.

Anne Doyle Launches POWERING UP! Podcast

Anne reports, "It was my 26-year-old son, Kevin, who told me, 'Mom, don't write another book! If you want to reach Millennials, you need to host a podcast!' He was right. The podcast market is exploding." She's recording at the Motor City Woman studio in Southfield. Pictured is one of her favorite guests, 7-year-old, hockey player Fiona Daniels explaining why girls & women's hockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the world! POWERING UP! is available on iTunes, Google Play, Spotify and on her website:



<http://www.annedoylestrategies.com/PoweringUp/Podcast/>

Sue Ellen Eisenberg and her colleague Kerry Cahill are contributing authors to Bloomberg BNA's *Workplace Harassment Law Treatise, 2nd Edition*. They are the joint authors of the chapter entitled *Agency Enforcement of Federal Laws*, which focuses on the role of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in handling and investigating charges of discrimination in the workplace. The treatise is scheduled to be published early next year.



Carolyn Cassin will be honored as one of the 2018 Esteemed Women of Michigan on October 15, 2018. The event will be held at the Marriott Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Auburn Hills, 48341, starting at 5:30pm.

Carolyn will be joining an incredible class of honorees who have made significant contributions to their professions, their community, and to their fellow Michiganders.

As a past honoree, I hope you will join me, **Dottie Deremo**, at the celebration. The event supports a free health and dental clinic in Pontiac, the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic. Attending this event is also a great way to connect with other women striving to improve our community. Let me know if you are able to join us and bring a friend or colleague! For tickets and tables: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/bef/>.



Patricia Mooradian, president and CEO of The Henry Ford, shares the news that this world class museum and the STEMIE Coalition are joining forces to bring invention and entrepreneur education to students around the world. Starting immediately, the STEMIE Coalition – best known for its National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo, NICEE – will become part of The Henry Ford organization.



STEMIE hosted its 2018 national competition - the only national celebration of young K-12 inventors and entrepreneurs in the United States – at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in June. More than 400 students from 20 states and two countries attended. "Seeing the success of this collaboration, it was apparent to both organizations," reports Patricia, "that our combined resources could reach significantly more students in the early stages of their education – establishing a foundation for curiosity and inventiveness – and allow children to develop those skills over time so they're actionable in the real world."

IWF 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. **This year a record 19! of our members are attending the Miami gathering, including: Fay Beydoun, Carolyn Cassin, Beth Chappell, Dottie Deremo, Anne Doyle, Sue Ellen Eisenberg, Mindi Fynke, Verna Green, Ruth Holmes, Denise Ilitch, Saunteel Jenkins, Mary Kramer, Kathleen McCann, Leslie Murphy, Sandy Pierce, Pam Reid, Joanne Start, Beth Gotthelf and Vivian Pickard.**

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.

Upcoming IWF Conferences:

- [Miami, October 24-26, 2018](#)
 - **Barcelona - April 10-12, 2019**
 - **Toronto - November 13-15, 2019**
 - **London - May 13-15, 2020**
 - **Detroit - October 7-9, 2020**
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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](#)

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Reminders:

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Please keep submissions to no more than two *short* paragraphs. Email: pdalrick@comcast.net