

Urgent Matters:

- IWF MI gatherings are normally the first Wednesday of the month. Mark your calendars!
- November: Election of new Board Members and Officers by full Membership.
- Board Meetings: Oct. 7; Nov. 4, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Virtual Member Gatherings – Mark Your Calendars!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR IWF GLOBAL CONFERENCE EVENTS:

<https://www.iwfconference.org/2020conference/agenda>

- Oct. 10 & 14 – IWF Global Dine-Arounds
- Oct. 20-22 – IWF Global Conference Sessions
- Oct. 23 – IWF Hall of Fame Awards & Gala



- **October TBD** – Possible Pre-Election meeting, “Civil Civic Discourse.”
- **November 18 – Motown, the Museum, and the Women that made it Great** – 6:00-7:30 pm.



Join us for a unique virtual opportunity. Our speaker is IWF MI member **Robin Terry**, Chairwoman & CEO, Motown

Museum. Joining Robin will be **Claudette Robinson, of The Miracles**.



- **December 2** – 6:30-8:00 p.m. Virtual Holiday Wine & Dine Around Gathering. Let's dress in our holiday best as we celebrate the end of a challenging year and deepen our friendships.
- **January 2021** – No IWF gathering
- **February 2, 2021** – Topic TBD

President's Message:

Dear IWF-MI Sisters,

The Fall IWF Global Conference, which will be completely virtual, is just weeks away. For the first time, we have the option of registering – cafeteria style – for sessions that most interest each of us, from specific panels to global dine-arounds and the Hall of Fame closing gala.



*I hope you will make a special effort to show IWF-MI's pride in **Mary Barra**, who will be inducted*

Announcing 2020 Hall of Fame Honorees



Mary Barra
Chairman and CEO
of General Motors
(GM)



Virginia (Ginni) Rometty
Executive Chairman
of IBM



Fatma Samoura
Secretary General of The
Fédération Internationale de
Football Association (FIFA)

*into the IWF Hall of Fame, by registering for the Friday evening closing Gala. The evening will feature a conversation between Mary and IWF Member **Deborah Wahl**, GM CMO. IBM's Ginni Rometty and Fatma Samoura, the first woman Secretary-General of FIFA, will also be inducted.*

***Courageous Conversations – Racism.** Interest and participation in our three virtual discussions around the issues of structural racism and white privilege have been very strong. Special thanks to members **Shirley Stancato, Rochelle Riley, Olga Stella, and Barbara Stanbridge** for leading these events.*

*The strong message from members is, “Please Continue These Conversations!” So, that's the plan. We've also received many great suggestions on how to continue building trust and learning from one another as we explore how we can individually and collectively use our learning to be intentional in our desire to lead positive change. I will share those with all of you and our Program Committee. So, keep your ideas coming. Stay healthy and **VOTE!***

Anne



Powerhouse Speakers, Topics & Tours – No Passport Required!

Amazing Roster of Speakers, including **Isabel Wilkerson**, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and the author of *Caste* and *The Warmth of Other Suns*.

Compelling Content: We'll honor the legacy of the late **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, explore the impact of the Pandemic on women with the Executive Director of UN Women, and hear from world leaders **Mia Mottley**, Q.C., M.P. as she shines a spotlight on leadership in a disrupted world, and **Mary Robinson**, Chair of The Elders and Former President of Ireland advocating for climate justice.

Breakout Discussions and Dine-Arounds to interact with women around the globe. Behind the Scenes tours of the Kremlin in Moscow; Activism through Collecting African-American Art, underwater caves in the Yucatan Peninsula, and a Mosaic Museum in Turkey!

Bring a Guest! Members are also welcome to invite guests, rising leaders, daughters, sisters, son and partners. Guest registration is \$500 for the conference and gala. For Young Leaders (age 35 and under), discounted registration is \$400 for the conference and gala.

News & Member Sharing:

“Low income seniors and Veterans need your help,” states **Tina Abbate Marzolf**. Please become a sponsor, auction, or financial donor for the October 19-22 Dignity & Hope Gala! Live stream event 10/22 7-8 pm!

www.americanhousefoundation.org



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Please contact Tina @ (248) 933-2069 for more information.

Mary Lynn Foster, MI Regional CEO, American Red Cross, reports they have been deploying staff and volunteers to multiple national emergencies, including the West Coast fires. In this photo, Mary Lynn is sending off a MI husband and wife team driving the Emergency Response Vehicle 2,200 miles to bring help to Portland, OR.



Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined **Sandy Pierce**, Chair of Huntington Bank Michigan, to announce Huntington's \$5 billion, five-year lending, investment, and philanthropic commitment to help improve financial opportunities for Michigan businesses, consumers and communities.



“Michigan’s rural small businesses and urban micro businesses have been especially hard hit as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on Michigan’s economy, and minority- and women-owned businesses throughout the state are seeking opportunities to stabilize and thrive,” Pierce said. “

Huntington will work with community organizations across the state to implement its Michigan Community Plan.

Once again, **Sandy Pierce** has been named one of the “Most Powerful Women in Banking” by American Banker Magazine.

<https://www.americanbanker.com/news/most-powerful-women-in-banking-for-2020-sandy-pierce-huntington-bancshares>

The Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC), the only non-partisan public policy research organization in the state, is holding its 2020 Virtual Public Policy event October 22 at 6:00pm.

Keynote speaker U.S. Attorney and U of M law professor Barbara McQuade will speak on the topic of police reform.



Marianne Udow-Phillips will be part of a panel of health care experts addressing how lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic are shaping future public policy.

[Click here](#) to register

IWF MI members **Beth Chappell, Mary Kramer, Anne Mervenne, Aleks Miziolek, Ora Hirsch and Mary Lynn Foster** all serve on the CRC Board.



For almost 37 years, real estate attorney **Denise J. Lewis** had provided creative strategies and rendered savvy leadership to successfully complete complex development projects for Honigman LLC. In her senior ... [Continued](#)

The post [Denise J. Lewis, Veteran Real Estate Attorney and Senior Partner, Retires from Honigman LLC](#) appeared first on [The Michigan Chronicle](#)

Laurie Horiszny shares news that her daughter, Andrea Kirsten Horiszny Stavoe PhD, has just become an Asst. became Professor of Neurobiology at the University of Texas Health, Houston. Andrea is the Principal Investigator in the Stavoe Lab, researching effects of aging on neurons. Contact Laurie (248-760-0608) if you know someone in Houston Andrea should meet. The pandemic makes it especially difficult to make friends in a new city.



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 gather in North American (US or Canada), and each spring on another continent.

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. Because this year's global conference is virtual, it is easier (and more cost-effective!) than ever to experience the richness of this Global Sisterhood you are now part of.

October 2020 Virtual Conference Registration:

<https://www.iwfconference.org/2020conference/agenda>

- **Seattle – Sept. 29 - Oct 1, 2021**
- **Santiago, Chile – May 18-20, 2022**
- **Detroit, MI – Fall 2023**

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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

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](https://www.iwfmichigan.org) -- www.iwfmichigan.org
