

Urgent Matters:

- We will continue to engage Virtually until Governor Whitmer advises us further.
- November: Election of new Board Members and Officers by full Membership.
- Board Meetings: Fall Strategic Work Session:
Sept. 23, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Oct. 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Nov. 4, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Virtual Member Gatherings – Mark Your Calendars!

- **September 30, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Zoom discussion of: *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. Members **Barbara Stanbridge** and **Olga Stella** will co-host. RSVP to Zoom meeting notice.
- **October 10 & 14** – IWF Global Virtual Dine-Arounds
- **October 20-22** – IWF Global Virtual Conference
- **October 23** – IWF Global Virtual Hall of Fame Awards Gala



- **November 4** – Topic TBD
- **December 2** – Virtual Holiday Wine & Dine Around Gathering. We believe it is unwise to gather in person this year, so we are unable to accept the generous offer of **Linda Schlesinger-Wagner** to host us at her Bloomfield Hills home. Hopefully, she'll give us a raincheck!
- **January 2021** – No IWF gathering
- **February 2, 2021** – Topic TBD

Dear IWF-MI Sisters,

Our 2020 Member Survey is now complete and provided fascinating and valuable information. It will help us develop opportunities that match your interests and motivate you to become an active member, which is what I like to call “Mining the IWF Gold!”



Survey Results: Developing New Relationships With Peers was, by far, the number one reason given for joining IWF. **Supporting Other Women in Their Careers** was next. Survey responses also included a wealth of specific suggestions on future programming and ways that our chapter can begin to live the IWF Mission to: *Advance Women's Leadership & Champion Equality Worldwide.*

*I hope you will take the time to review the excellent PowerPoint summarizing the survey feedback. It is now available on our IWF MI website through this link. <https://www.iwfmichigan.org/final-2020-member-survey-results.html> Thank you to everyone who responded and to **Michele Honomichl** and **Kim Pittel**, Co-Chairs of the Program & Engagement Committee who developed and managed the survey.*

Getting Active: *I encouraged you to get involved. In addition to participating in monthly events, the best way to get to know the 136 other incredible Michigan leaders in our chapter is to serve on a Committee. That is also the first step to becoming a Board member. Committees include: Program & Engagement; New Member Nomination; Board Development. It's as simple as sending an email to Pat Dalrick or me to express your interest. I hope to hear from you!*

Serving on Global Board: *My term as your president comes to an end in December. However, I will continue to be very active. In January 2021, I will become a member of the IWF Global Board. The full announcement is at the end of this newsletter. It has been my privilege to serve as president for five years and will be my pleasure to continue to be a champion for our chapter as we prepare to host the IWF Global Conference here in 2023.*

Anne

Mary Barra to Headline IWF Global Conference:



A Fireside Chat with GM CEO Mary Barra will be one of the highlights of the upcoming IWF Virtual Global Conference.

Barra requested that IWF MI Member **Deborah Wahl**, Chief Global Marketing Officer for General Motors, be the one to lead the conversation. Let's show our pride in Mary and Deborah by making sure a large contingent of our IWF Michigan members are watching live.



Registration for the conference opens soon through the IWF Global website.

https://www.iwforum.org/2020_virtual_fall_confere **nce. Deborah would love your ideas for great questions for Mary Barra. Send them to Anne.**

News & Member Sharing:



IWF member and Oscar-winning filmmaker, **Sue Marx**, announces a solo exhibition of her early photographs taken in Detroit from 1960's and 1970's. The exhibition includes candid photos of Martin Luther King, Aretha Franklin, Rosa

Parks, Robert Kennedy, as well as pictures of children at play in the neighborhoods.

The exhibit opens on September 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Only 10 people allowed at one time at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association (BBAA) on Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. The show will be up through mid-October. Due to Covid-9, there will be no opening event.



Olga Stella invites IWF members to check out the 10th annual Detroit Month of Design, a celebration of the design talent that makes Detroit the only UNESCO City of Design in the United States. Throughout September, you can enjoy 65+ events and experiences from the comfort of your home, in small in-person settings, or self-guided through the community. Full schedule

and more information can be found at www.detroitmonthofdesign.com.

Angie Lommen began her term as the President of the National Defense Industrial Association Michigan Chapter (**NDIA Michigan**) at the chapter's annual dinner. In lieu of the usual event hosting 250 guests, the tailored event was held for a much



smaller group to conduct the officer transitions and recognize the Silver Award recipient.

NDIA Michigan, a long-standing community non-profit organization, serves to support USA warfighters by connecting government, industry and academia to ensure the best and latest technology used to keep our nation and its defenders safe.

Glenda Price is one of six 2020 Inductees into the Michigan Women's HERstory Hall of Fame. The winners will be honored at an October 15 ceremony in Lansing. More info on how to participate will be forthcoming from Michigan Women Forward, which now sponsors and supports the Hall.



A total of 328 Michiganders have been inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame since its inception 37 years ago, including our own Vern Davis Anthony and Gilda Jacobs who were inducted in 2019.

On Behalf of MWF Board of Trustees CEO **Carolyn Cassin** extends a heartfelt thank you to the IWF members who served as judges: **Barbara Allushuski, Vernice Anthony, Lizabeth Ardisana, Jocelyn Benson, Fay Beydoun, Anne Doyle, Nancy Phillipart, Pamela Reid, Pamela Rodgers and Marianne Udow-Phillips.**



Patricia Mooradian is proud to announce that *The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation*, the museum's national television series, won a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Writing, Special Class Series. This award marks the show's third Emmy Award overall and its second for writing.

The Henry Ford is honored to receive this award and to bring this mission-fit, national television series to life for millions of viewers each year!

Suzanne Shank recently joined the Board of Directors of Rocket Companies, Inc., which went public in one of the year's largest IPO's.



Suzanne was also honored in *USA TODAY*'s Women of the Century feature in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. *USA Today* selected 10 women from each state who have made a difference in their community and country over the past century.

Although she is long-time Detroit, Suzanne was recognized in her birth state of Georgia, along with writer Alice Walker, opera star Jessye Norman and Girl Scouts Founder Juliette Gordon Lowe.



Rochelle Riley has spent the last three months imagining and leading the stunning Belle Isle



memorial to the 1500 metro Detroiters who lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic. The massive ceremony, which featured 905 large photos of mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters, was like no other held in the nation. For several days, lines of cars crawled slowly past the photos to say farewell, honor and remember loved ones were cut short. The stunning event drew national media coverage. Congratulations, Rochelle, for an important and unforgettable memorial.

[Detroit's Belle Isle becomes a place to mourn, celebrate the lives lost to COVID-19](#)

Linda Solomon was featured on NBC News4Tucson. Click on the link below to see the powerful photographs taken by children of their HOPE FOR AMERICA. "I did Pictures of Hope on Zoom with Tucson children and the mentors included some of the most noted Tucsonans. We surprised the kids with cameras I had shipped in advance. Now, more than ever, children need opportunities to share THEIR feelings," said Linda.



[Capturing Hopes of Tucson: Program helps local kids snap photos of dreams, goals amid COVID-19 pandemic](#)

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Regardless Of Our Different Shades, We All Deserve Equal Rights



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

We encourage all our members to attend a global conference. This year it will be virtual.



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

IWF-Michigan 2020 Board Members:



Anne Doyle
President



Carolyn Cassin
Vice President



Beth Chappell
Treasurer



Pam Reid
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Vernice Davis Anthony



Elaine Didier



Beth Gotthelf



Laurie Horiszny



Donna Inch

Linda Solomon



New IWF Global Board Members:

The IWF Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the final slate of nominees for service on IWF's Board of Directors (2020-2022). Three Officers and fourteen At-Large Directors were selected. The Nominating Committee had the privilege to analyze and consider the credentials of outstanding candidates – each ready and willing to advance the mission, goals and objectives of our global organization. It was the largest pool of candidates in IWF history.

The Nominating Committee's recommended final slate consists of the following members:

- President: Vuyo Mahlati (South Africa)
- Vice President: Helen Rule (Australia)
- Chair of the Audit, Finance Committee: Ana Muñoz (Spain)

At-Large Directors:

- Adriane Brown (USA – Washington State)
- Holly Cannon (USA – Washington, DC)
- Kathleen Carroll (USA – Chicago)
- Carolyn Carter (USA – New York)
- Kimberly Cooper Jaqua (USA – Oregon)
- Silvia Dávila (Mexico)
- **Anne Doyle (USA – Michigan)**
- Susan Hodgkinson (Canada)
- Nancy Laughton (Canada – British Columbia)
- Rosel Moxey (Bahamas)
- Maria Auxiliadora Patiño de Macias (Ecuador)
- Elisabeth Ourliac (France)
- Sandy Stash (Canada, Ghana and United Kingdom)
- Alison Taunton-Rigby (USA – Massachusetts)

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

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:

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