



Newsletter

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IWF members are trailblazers, innovators, and influencers united to advance women's leadership and champion global gender equity.

At IWF, we are committed to advancing women's leadership globally and locally. We champion equality worldwide.

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President's Message:



Dear IWF sisters –

Since we last met, we're reintroducing ourselves to in-person meetings, in-person work and for those of us who are fully vaccinated, going without masks! It's been a startling experience in some ways, but joyous in so many other ways. IWF Michigan is envisioning in-person dine arounds this summer as well, so get ready to re-enter! We can't wait to see you in person!

On June 2, we'll be hearing from IWF Michigan member, our Secretary of State, the incredible Jocelyn Benson, who I promise you, will make re-districting seem like fun! We only have an hour of Jocelyn's time, so be sure to join us on our (hopefully) last Zoom program of the year! I'll have an update on our IWF Chapter immediately following the program to update you about how our IWF Chapter is leading the way in thinking about impact!

See you soon and enjoy this pure Michigan weather!

Carolyn

2021 Upcoming Events



Jocelyn Benson, Michigan's Secretary of State, will lead us in a discussion regarding Michigan's Independent Redistricting Process and Status Update followed by an IWF-Michigan update.

Agenda

Meeting will start promptly as Secretary Benson's schedule is full

5:00-6:00 pm Jocelyn Benson speaker

6:00-6:30 pm Carolyn Cassin - IWF Michigan update

[Click here to register for June 2 Eventt](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **July Dine Arounds** (2)
- **August Dine Arounds** (2) s
- **September 1, 6:00 pm – Belle Isle Restoration**, In-person event hosted by Sarah Earley

- **October 6 – Florine Mark (t)**
- **November 3, 6:00 pm – Leader Dogs for the Blind**, In-person *Pups and Pino* event hosted by Michelle Honomichl
- **December 1, 6:00 pm – Holiday Party** In-person event

News & Member Sharing:



Joanne Faycurry is one of three amazing women being recognized at The Women's Council Celebration of Women's Leadership event on **Thursday, June 10 at 5:00 pm**. The Women's Council is comprised of members of the WCC community who are committed to helping WCC students, especially women, to be successful. Click on the Logo below to register for this virtual event and support Joanne





Sue Ellen Eisenberg was named as one of Crain's Notable Women in Law. The honorees were selected by a team of *Crain's Detroit Business* editors based on their career accomplishments and track record of success in the field. Sue Ellen and her fellow honorees were celebrated for their mentorship, contributions to the community, and relentless pursuit of justice.

Here is the link to the article: <https://www.crainsdetroit.com/awards/notable-women-law-0>



Two tremendous honors happened in May to **Kathleen Ligoeki**. "I received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Oakland University, even more special that the honor was delivered by Ora Pescovitz, a fellow IWF member! Also, I was elected Chair of the Board of Farmers Business Network, a venture-backed agtech company to support the

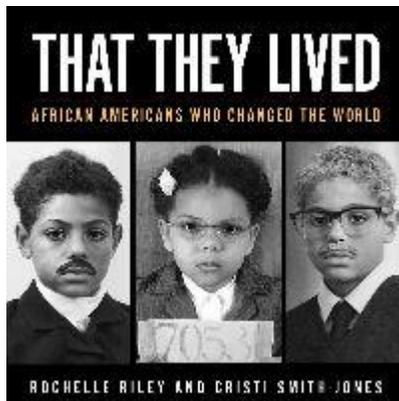
company's continued high growth, transition to the public markets, and mission as a revolutionary ag tech company, sustaining the world's family farmers," wrote Kathleen.



First Assistant Chief **Lashinda T. Stair** will be retiring from the Detroit Police Department after 25 years of dedicated and distinguished service to the department and the community. "I've had a remarkable career with Detroit Police, and am excited for the next chapter in my life," said First A.C. Stair. "I am going to truly miss the men and women of this department. They have been phenomenal to work with, I have learned so much from them all, and I appreciate the many opportunities I have had." First A.C. Stair will be working in the private sector, a transition she has been planning and preparing for a while. Click [Here](#) to read the full *MIHeadlines* article.

Rochelle Riley's book "*That They Lived: African Americans Who Changed The World*" was chosen by Book Authority as one of the seven best new African Biography Books to Read in 2021. As featured on CNN, Forbes and Inc., BookAuthority identifies and rates the best books in the world, based on recommendations by thought leaders and experts. Details at:

<https://bookauthority.org/books/new-african-biography->



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Olga Stella, Executive Director, Design Core Detroit, invites you to browse the [2021 CCS Student Exhibition](#), featuring almost 2000 works by talented students at the [College for Creative Studies](#). In addition, CCS Fashion Accessories Design department staged its first rooftop fashion show earlier this month, which can be viewed [here](#). Enjoy!



"On behalf of my husband, Art Foster, and I are thrilled to share that our daughter, Allison Etling, graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine on May 14, 2021. She begins her four year Residency in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics at the University of Louisville in late June," proudly writes **Mary Lynn Foster**



On April 22, **Carla Walker-Miller** was honored to be recognized as a 2021 Business Hall of Fame Laureate by Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan. The Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame honors business and community leaders who exemplify all that JA hopes to teach and inspire in young people. Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan is committed to inspiring and preparing youth to succeed in a global economy and their best-in-class programs provide youth the skills needed to drive their communities forward.

Also recognized as a Hall of Fame Laureate alongside Carla was **Linda Orlans**, Founder and Executive Chair of Orlans.



Angie Lommen was the featured speaker at a recent Women in Defense (WID) Lunch & Leadership session, with **Beth Gotthelf** introducing Angie to the audience! This monthly WID program includes esteemed speakers and change-makers covering personal and professional development topics aimed to educate, motivate and inspire. Angie covered her passion topic of mentoring, sharing her mentoring journey from her experiences as mentee and later as a mentor.

Angie and **Beth** carried on the WID fun the next week when they joined the WID social "Talk Derby to Me!" It was a wonderful evening donning derby hats and sipping mint juleps outside at Jimmy John's Field while catching up with their WID community!



Denise Lewis is receiving the 2021 Distinguished Alumna Award from her alma mater, Barnard College, Columbia University. Barnard's President, Sian Beilock said in her statement that Denise is being honored for her "illustrious career as a real estate attorney and the work she has done to support underserved communities in Detroit as testament to her commitment to the physical and social revitalization efforts in urban environments." Barnard is recognizing Denise for her leadership role at the Honigman law firm in serving as member of firm management and founder of the Urban Redevelopment practice and for her respected position as a leader in the Detroit civic and business community. Denise has received numerous honors in the legal profession. Barnard is also honoring Denise in appreciation for her role in expanding opportunities for women and persons of color in the legal profession and the real estate industry and for the "many ways Denise has improved the lives of countless individuals both within and beyond the Barnard community."



Congratulations to **Patricia Mooradian** - WJR Radio's May 2021 *Women Who Lead* honoree. [Click here](#) to listen as Patricia talks with **Ann Thomas** and Luanne about her career to date, with highlights of her time at the renowned museum. She also gives us a preview of some of the exciting exhibits that The Henry Ford has planned for 2021 and beyond.

“*Women Who Lead*” honors female leaders from throughout the Great Lakes region who are influencing our communities in positive ways.



This month's IWF Game Changers podcast features Australia member **Rochelle Courtenay**, Founder of [Share the Dignity](#) an organization committed to ending Period Poverty by providing sanitary items for women experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence and even young girls who miss school because they cannot afford pads or tampons.

Interviewed by **Anne Doyle**, Courtenay shares the importance of removing the stigma around menstrual periods and the successful fight to remove the tampon tax in Australia. [GAME CHANGERS](#) is available on all podcast platforms and the [IWF website](#).

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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.

- **IWF WLC Dine Arounds - October 28, 2021**
- **Virtual World Leadership Conference - November 4-5, 2021**
- **Santiago, Chile - 2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference – May 18-20, 2022**
- **Las Vegas, NV - IWF World Leadership Conference - November 1-3, 2022**
- **Detroit, MI - World Leadership Conference - October 4-6,,2023**
- **New York - 2024 World Leadership Conference – May 15-17, 2024**
- **Seattle, Washington - 2025 IWF World Leadership Conference - May 21-23, 2025**

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

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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