



Newsletter

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

President's Message:



Happy Soon to be Spring to all of you incredible IWF women! I feel certain that signs of Spring and Hope for a return to normal are just around the corner. Our February IWF membership meeting was so inspiring and thought-provoking and I for one, felt more able to cope with this ongoing crisis because of informational and therapeutic events like the February 3 IWF meeting. How lucky IWF Michigan is to

have two experts like **Marianne Udow-Phillips** and **Dr. Betty Chu** as members! Thanks to all of you who attended and to Kim Pittel and her committee for putting together an outstanding meeting.

I hope some of you got to listen in to hear Dara Munson speak last week at the IWF Global Philanthropy meeting. She is an amazing young leader and all of us were proud of her and her work.

On **Wednesday, March 3** we will get reintroduced to our new members from 2020 who really did not get a proper IWF Michigan welcome last year! So please tune in to get reacquainted, re-connected, and re-energized.

And please do not forget to register for the March IWF Virtual Cornerstone Conference! Click below to register:



CHANGE IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE

2021 VIRTUAL CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE

- **Dine Arouds:** March 18, 2021 (Dine Around registration will close on March 12)
- **Behind the Scenes:** March 24, 2021
- **Conference Sessions:** March 25, 2021

Hope to see you there!

Carolyn

2021 Upcoming Events



VIRTUAL New Member "Re-Meet"

March 3, 2021
6-7:30 pm

*With 2020 being virtual, we
have not been able to be together
and get to know our
new members*

*Join us for a virtual get
together and re-meet our
new members.*

*We will highlight 5-7 new
members, and learn more
about who they are and "what
have you been up" to over the
past months.*



[Click here to register for March 3 Event](#)

SAVE THE DATES

- **April 7 – 6:00 pm – Women In Leadership Panel** - Virtual panel discussion with Linda Hubbard, Kathleen Ligocki, and Lashinda Stair
- **May 5** - Topic is TBD
- **June - Florine Mark Brunch** (Date is TBD)
- **July Dine Arounds** *Need (2) Volunteer Hosts*
- **August Dine Arounds** *Need (2) Volunteer Hosts*
- **September 1, 6:00 pm – Belle Isle Restoration**, In-person event hosted by Sarah Earley
- **October 6 – BasBlue**

- **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:



On Valentine's Day weekend, let's celebrate our 3 a.m. friends

Linda Solomon

Special to the *Detroit Free Press*

During the last 11 months, we have all learned how much we miss our friends. There are so many categories of friends: Some of us have Sorors, sorority sisters who are bonded for life. Some of us have Sunday buddies who have watched the Lions with us since the days of Bobby Layne playing on a snowy field at Briggs Stadium. Some of us have old school pals whom we met for lunch, at least before the pandemic, to tell old stories.

[Click here to read the full story](#)



Alternatives For Girls 2021 Role Model Celebration is going virtual on Wednesday, March 31, 2021!

Please join IWF members **Anne Doyle** and **Amy Good** as we celebrate the accomplishments of extraordinary women in the community and the achievements of the girls and young women AFG serves. AFG is proud to be recognizing four women who are inspirational and influential role models in our community: Racheal Allen (Marygrove Conservancy), Marifer Calleja (DTE Energy), Agnes Hagerty (Trinity Health), and Lisa Ludwinski (Sister Pie). This year's event will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 31, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are currently available! To find out how you can support AFG's efforts this year, please reach out to Dawn Barrack, Director of Fund Development, at dbarrack@alternativesforgirls.org

Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently appointed **Faye Nelson** to the Student Recovery Advisory Council and, separately, the Michigan Women's Commission. Faye has also been named to the board of the United Way for Southeast Michigan.





Linda Orlans will be inducted into the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame on April 22, 2021. She joins an esteemed group of laureates from previous years and will be honored at a virtual event on April 22, 2021. “I am honored to receive this distinction,” said Orlans. “Junior Achievement’s purpose is to inspire, teach and prepare young people to succeed in their communities and strengthen the economy. There is nothing more important than education. I highly encourage everyone to consider joining Junior Achievement at jamichigan.org and all of us on April 22.”



Mark your calendars! Michigan Women Forward will be honoring two IWF members among its 2021 Women of Achievement and Courage Award recipients on Wednesday, April 28. **Dr. Betty Chu**, Associate Chief Medical Officer and Chief Quality Officer Henry Ford Health Systems and **Byna Elliot**, Head of Advancing Black Pathways for JPMorgan Chase will be honored at the 2021 WomanUp & Celebrate! Virtual fundraising event from 12:30-1:30 pm.



Ronia Kruse, Faye

Nelson and Deborah Wahl are co-chairing this very important event.

They are asking for your support to transform the lives of thousands of women and girls throughout our state. You can help MWF continue to level the playing field with enhanced opportunities for economic and social equity.

By supporting *WomanUp & Celebrate!*, your commitment to the women and girls of Michigan will be front and center for an audience of over 10,000 MWF supporters across the state

For sponsorship opportunities [click here](#), or to learn how you can get involved with MWF's WomanUp & Celebrate event please contact **Blanca Fauble** at 313-771-3526 or bfauble@miwf.org. To register for the event [click here](#).

Chief Marketing Officer **Deborah Wahl**'s keynote was featured on GM's Facebook page (along with videos from Will Ferrell, Malcolm Gladwell and Mary Bara). Her presentation on leading the world into an all-electric future is exquisite. It already has a high reach in social media. Check it out, comment, and support. <https://www.facebook.com/generalmotors/videos/853733692056184>

Aleksandra (Aleks) Miziolek, Chair, Citizens Research Council of Michigan, became an Advisor to OurOffice, Inc, an LA based technology startup focused on offering a SaaS solution for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (www.ouroffice.io). She was also recently named Operating Advisor LP to a new venture capital fund (Assembly Ventures) focused on new mobility and infrastructure as noted in this [dbusiness](#) article.





The Women Leading Detroit's Cultural Institutions

Museums across the country and here in our own backyard are working to rebound in 2021 after in-person attendance — and budgets — withered last year. It will pose a tricky challenge for those at the helm. The six women profiled here, three of which are **IWF Michigan Members**, are part of a national trend:

More women than ever hold executive roles at museums, according to a survey released in 2018 by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. But diversity is stagnant. The number of people of color in similar positions grew from just 11 percent to 12 percent between 2015 and 2018, when data was most recently available. All the women profiled pointed to mentorship as a possible remedy.

For our annual Women's Issue, we asked these metro Detroit cultural leaders, including **Robin Terry**, **Anne Parsons** and **Patricia Mooradian**, about their career paths, their upcoming challenges, and the women who inspired them along the way. To read the full *Hour Detroit* article, [click here.](#)

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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.

- **Virtual Cornerstone Conference March 18, 24 & 25, 2021**
- **Virtual World Leadership Conference November 3-5, 2021**
- **Santiago, Chile – May 18-20, 2022**
- **Detroit, MI – October 4-6, 2023**
- **New York – May 15-17, 2024**
- **Seattle – rescheduled for 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](https://www.iwfmichigan.org) -- www.iwfmichigan.org

Reminders:

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