



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,

I hope this finds you with power, dry basements and enjoying the last vestiges of summer. I squeezed in two

weeks of vacation with our grandchildren this summer to the Grand Canyon and the Pacific Ocean, and more amusement parks than necessary, but it was memorable and lots of fun to see the world through their eyes. I hope we will be seeing you this week at Belle Isle on September 1! Thanks to the Dine Around Hosts who made us all feel welcome, cherished and well fed in their beautiful homes!

See you Wednesday and/or at Florine's in October! Don't miss spending time with your incredible IWF Sisters!

Carolyn



2021 Upcoming Events



- [September 1 – 6:00 pm – Belle Isle Restoration](#), In-person event hosted by Sarah Earley Note: Belle Isle Aquarium has a policy of mask wearing for ALL entering the building. Vaccinated or Unvaccinated.



- **October 2 (Saturday) at 12:00 pm – Florine Mark Annual Fabulous Brunch**



- **November 3, 6:00 pm – Leader Dogs for the Blind, In-person *Pups and Pino* event hosted by Michelle Honomichi**

Are You Game to Walk Blind?

We invite you to join us at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, where you will have the opportunity to visit the Canine Development Center to learn what it takes for dogs to become leaders. Meet dogs in training and puppies that are ready to go to their volunteer homes for the next nine months. Take a walk with a Leader Dog around a course to experience what it is like to be visually impaired and dependent on your canine partner to independently travel through everyday life. Enjoy fellowship of your IWF friends over wine and light dinner. Leader Dogs for the Blind is a hidden gem of an organization that is well funded and incredibly well run by President, Sue Daniels and her team. We look forward to seeing you there! Invite will be sent in October mark your calendar!

- **December 1, 6:00 pm – Holiday Party, In- person event - Hosts: Cynthia Ford & Carolyn Cassin**




News & Member Sharing:



[Wendi Dwyer](#) is a development and advocacy professional, November event host, **Michele Honomichl**, shared. Wendi has presented at the United Nations, UNESCO and the Library of Congress Literacy Awards, as well as other international forums. Wendi will share her personal story about coming out as blind and how it drove her passion for helping improve lives of people with disabilities.

Hear Wendi's story and learn more about how Leader Dog is impacting lives of people who are blind. Go behind the scenes of the state-of-the-art Canine Development Center, experience walking with a dog under blindfold and meet a Future Leader Dog puppy.




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SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL PUBLIC POLICY EVENT

Where: Join Online or In-Person
at **Motor City Casino**, Detroit, MI
When: Early Evening, **October 7, 2021**

Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. Public Service Award
presented to
the Honorable Dennis Archer Sr



Featuring a panel discussion on

MICHIGAN'S ROLE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EV MOBILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Hear perspectives from:

- Honorable Jennifer Granholm** - U.S. Energy Secretary
- Alex Keros** - Lead Architect for EV Infrastructure at General Motors
- DV Rao** - Senior Vice President of Strategy at Consumers Energy
- Paul Ajegba** - Director of Michigan Department of Transportation
- Trevor Pawl** - Michigan's Chief Mobility Officer

Moderated by **Kristin Dzialek**, Senior Vice President at the
Center for Automotive Research

Mary Lynn Foster and **Alexandra Miziolek**, Board members of Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC), is inviting their IWF MI sisters to the CRC event which focuses on Michigan's role in shaping the future of EV Mobility and Infrastructure that can be attended in person or virtually.



Laurie Horiszny was appointed to the Board of Directors of Romeo Power Inc. (ROM - NYSE) on August 2, 2021. Romeo Power is an energy technology leader developing advanced electrification solutions for complex commercial vehicle applications, from Class 3 delivery vehicles to the largest long-haul Class 8 vehicles.

Laurie is an executive with more than 30 years of automotive industry experience and 20 years of service advising boards. She was also appointed to serve as a member of the Board's Finance and Investment Committee.



On October 13, 2021, from 6:00-7:00pm Alternatives For Girls will host the virtual event "Positive Choices, Powerful Lives". During the program, guests will learn more about AFG's work, hear from several young women Alternatives For Girls serves, and learn how they can become involved. No ticket is required, though guests will be invited to support AFG's programs.

"Our goal this year," said **Amy Good**, "is to raise \$30,000 to help fund our programs. We are looking for individuals to join us, and also for individuals or groups to become a "Virtual Host". Virtual Hosts are asked to invite friends, family and colleagues to join you in participating in this event from the comfort and safety of their own home, to learn more about AFG. Our one-hour-long event will be both informative and inspirational." For more information or to register to participate, please reach out to Katie Bleavins at kbleavins@alternativesforgirls.org.



Olga Stella is pleased to invite her IWF sisters to the official kick off for Detroit Month of Design on Thursday Sept 2 at 5:30 pm at Chroma, where The Platform will be dedicating Syney Jame's new mural "Girl with a D Earring." You can register [here](#). This year's festival features over 80 events that

can be experienced virtually, safely in person, or self guided outdoors. Please check out the full schedule at www.detroitmonthofdesign.com. There is something for everyone interested in art, design and Detroit.



Alexia Barrier was the first woman to attempt a single-handed around-the-globe tour for the benefit of science. She is a professional sailor, top-level match racer, founder of 4myplanet and member of IWF France. In this episode of Game Changes she shares the following with **Anne Doyle**:

- her experience spending 111 days alone at sea
- how you don't need the best equipment to perform at the highest caliber
- how we can each play a role in protecting our oceans, and
- the scale at which plastics are impacting the environment

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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
- IWF Wellness Retreat - February 9-10, 2022
- 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](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: pdalrick@comcast.net

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