



# Newsletter

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

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## President's Message:

Hello, IWF Sisters –

Fall has arrived and hasn't it been a Pure Michigan fall so far? It was magical to see so many of you in three dimension again at our September meeting at

Belle Isle! Thanks to **Sarah Earley** who shared her pride and joy, the Belle Isle Aquarium and leadership team with us. Three tables of IWF members will be attending the Belle Isle Women's luncheon this month to celebrate the power of what women can do when they set out to save a park, or whatever they put their mind to!

This weekend many of us will be gathering at **Florine Mark's** home for her annual luncheon. And I hope some of you had the opportunity to watch the IWF Philanthropy Special Interest Group event on September 22. Our own **Byna Elliott** was the keynote speaker, along with Dorri McWhorter, CEO of the Chicago YMCA. I had the privilege of moderating this dynamic duo. They each shared their vision of how philanthropy is changing and offered their wisdom and passion to inspire us. Byna, as always, was eloquent and inspirational. Here is a link to listen to this session in case you missed it. <https://youtu.be/l88v2iAwiw8>

Have a great October!  
Carolyn



Belle Isle Aquarium September Event  
Thank you **Sarah Earley** for hosting this marvelous evening

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## 2021 Upcoming Events



- **October 2 (Saturday) at 12:00 pm – Florine Mark Annual Fabulous Brunch** - This is a member's only event. Guests are requested to be vaccinated and wear masks while not dining. RSVP is required. Contact [pdalrick@comcast.net](mailto:pdalrick@comcast.net)



- **November 3, 6:00 pm – Leader Dogs for the Blind, In-person Pups and Pino** event in Rochester, Michigan hosted by **Michele Honomichl**.

### **Are You Game to Walk Blind?**

Meet dogs in training and puppies that are ready to go to their volunteer homes for the next nine months. Enjoy fellowship of your IWF friends over wine and light dinner.

Listen to Wendi Dwyer's personal story of blindness that started when she was founding

the Literacy at the Well program in Sudan to improve the reading capability of women waiting for water.

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.

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- **December 1, 6:00 pm – Holiday Party**, In- person event at Eleanor & Edsel Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores- Hosts: Cynthia Ford & Carolyn Cassin

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## News & Member Sharing:



**Laurie Horiszny** took her first pandemic-era international vacation in August, traveling with Motor City Scuba to Grand Turk in the British West Indies. Traveling through multiple airports was more anxiety-provoking than close encounters with reef sharks, who were really just looking for snacks of invasive lion fish that had been speared by the dive guide. If any IWF members have advice on how Laurie might gain traction in Michigan for legislation to ban sales of shark meat in this state, please email her at [lhoriszny@gmail.com](mailto:lhoriszny@gmail.com).

Very up-close encounters with a pod of ten dolphins, who clearly sought to interact with the Motor City divers, was one of the most awe-inspiring of Laurie's lifetime 901 logged dives.



Ladies, You should have received from IWF Global an email regarding the new member login information. You might need to create a new password as IWF has revamped their website. Please follow the directions below to access the numerous benefits.

## Your new Member Portal, IWF Connect, is live

Activate your exclusive connection to the global IWF membership now!

[Explore IWF Connect](#)

IWF Connect Gives You Private Access To:

**Member Roster**, lookup and connect with over 7,500 IWF members from 33 countries

**Latest News**, stay informed about the IWF community

**Program Passport**, review your itinerary of upcoming events locally & globally

**Mentorship & Speaking Opportunities**, share your experience with the next generation of women leaders

**Thought Leadership Library**, explore IWF virtual sessions, conference recordings, podcast episodes and blog posts

**Resources**, discover everything you need to support your experience at IWF

You can only access the benefits of IWF Connect by activating your profile on the member portal.

**Watch this [video](#) for details on the power of IWF Connect and how to get started.**

### Login Instructions

1. Click this link: [www.connect-iwforum.org/s/login/](http://www.connect-iwforum.org/s/login/)
2. Click “Reset or Create My Password”, located under the orange Log In button
3. Insert your Username, which is the email address associated with your account + .iwf (for example [email@email.com.iwf](mailto:email@email.com.iwf))
4. You will receive an email with a link to setup your password. Click the link, insert your new password, and explore the member portal.

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We hope that you are able to register IWF’s upcoming virtual [World Leadership Conference & Gala: A Bold New Paradigm](#).

Also, wanted to highlight the limited-edition IWF scarves that are available for purchase on the conference site. The scarves are from Johnstons of Elgin, the renowned woollen mill located in Scotland. There are four distinct scarf designs, all 100% cashmere and featuring an embroidered IWF logo. To purchase a scarf, please [click this link](#) and select “Scarf Store” in the top toolbar. The scarves are a great way to start your holiday shopping and are available while supplies last..

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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 17-21, 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**

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### Reminders:

Newsletter items are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. Please keep submissions to no more than two **short** paragraphs. Email:

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