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December 2019

**Congratulations to Lauren McLean,
New Mayor of Boise**



On Tuesday, December 3rd, Boise City Council President and IWF Idaho Member Lauren McLean won her mayoral runoff election over 16-year incumbent Mayor Dave Bieter with over 65% of the vote. Lauren inspired hundreds of volunteers in her election bid. The runoff campaign came in the wake of a seven-candidate race that ended in November's general election with no candidate receiving more than 50% of the vote. In the face to face contest, Lauren won decisively. Congratulations, Mayor McLean.

Notes from President Sarah Michael

Please complete and submit the member survey hosted by the IWF Idaho Program Committee.

Our IWF Program Committee sent out an [IWF Idaho Member Survey](#) in order to evaluate member satisfaction with our purpose, programs and cost, and to seek input about where and how fast IWF Idaho should grow in the future. Please respond to

this survey. ***Your responses are needed.***

2020 Program Planning

Program Chair [Evelyn Self](#) is organizing our 2020 IWF Idaho Programs and is seeking volunteers to share their expertise and host Dine-Arounds. We are planning for the entire 2020 calendar year, so please think ahead and contact Evelyn to help with this effort.

2020 Member Dues

Of our \$250 IWF Idaho dues this year, \$150.00 goes to IWF Global. The first installment of our chapter payment is due to IWF Global in January 2020, so our 2020 Member Dues are due on December 31, 2019. Thank you all!

New Member Profiles

Diane J. Peavey



Diane Josephy Peavey left life in Washington, D.C. to marry into a third (now fifth) generation Idaho sheep and cattle ranch. In Washington, she worked for Time Magazine, in Congress and at several federal agencies. In Idaho she began to write stories of the land, its history, people and the changing landscapes of the American West. Many of these aired weekly for 18 years on Idaho Public Radio and are collected in her book *Bitterbrush Country: Living on the Edge of the Land*. Her writings have also appeared in numerous western magazines, journals and anthologies and her librettos on Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce Indians have been performed throughout the region. She has been a speaker at Stegner Lecturer for the Peninsula Open Space Trust and a guest poet at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering among other events. She and her

husband, John, co-founded the Idaho Trailing of the Sheep Festival 23 years ago. This was named by National Geographic one of the seven best fall Festivals in the United States in 2019. She directed it through its early years and now serves on its Advisory Committee. She is also on the Idaho Humanities Council's Speakers' Bureau, the Boards of the Idaho Center of the Book and the national American Lamb Board. Her e-mail is dianejpv@gmail.com.

Lauren Necochea



Lauren Necochea concurrently directs Idaho Voices for Children and the Idaho Center of Fiscal Policy. Both are programs of Jannus, Inc. in Boise. Lauren

previously oversaw and evaluated programs addressing children's safety and health hazards for the Baltimore City Health Department. She entered the Health Department as a health data analyst and her last role was that of Acting Assistant Commissioner of Healthy Homes. Prior to that, she was a policy fellow with joint appointments at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Princeton University's Center for Health and Wellbeing. She has evaluated anti-poverty programs internationally and was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study microfinance in Peru. Lauren earned her Master in Public Affairs at Princeton University and holds a B.A. in Economics from Pomona College. She is grateful to the Annie E. Casey Foundation for selecting her to participate in a two-year leadership program, Leadership Institute for State-based Advocates, which helped her hone her skills in results-based leadership. Lauren also currently serves as chair of the national KIDS COUNT Steering Committee, which is coordinated by the Foundation. Lauren moved back to Boise in 2011. She is thrilled to be raising her two daughters in her hometown with her husband, Alejandro. Her e-mail is lauren.necochea@gmail.com.

Marlene Tromp



President of Boise State University, Marlene Tromp began serving as the seventh president of Boise State University on July 1, 2019. Prior to this, she served as the campus provost and executive vice chancellor at the University of California at Santa Cruz and served on the executive leadership team at Arizona State University. She is truly a leader in higher education. Her e-mail is marlenetromp@boisestate.edu.

Tricia Swartling



Tricia is the CEO of the Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The Advocates works to end power based personal violence and promotes healthy relationships in the Wood River Valley and its surrounding counties. They envision a compassionate community free from emotional and physical abuse. Tricia is a certified fund raising professional, grant writing educator, active philanthropist. She was a founding member of the Little Black Dress Club – Wood River and the Wood River Women’s Foundation. At the statewide level, Swartling is the President of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Idaho Nonprofit Center. She spent seven years on the Board of Directors of the Idaho Community Foundation and in 2018 was honored as a Friend of the Foundation. In 2019, she was selected as a CEO of Influence in the State by the Idaho Business Review. A graduate of Stanford University and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Swartling found inspiration and her passion for nonprofit work and women’s issues at the Haight Ashbury Free Women’s Clinic in San Francisco. Born in Hawaii and raised in Southern Idaho, she returned to Idaho in 1993. Tricia enjoys quad espressos, chocolate, an active outdoor lifestyle and adventure traveling with her partner, children and friends. When not at work, you can find Tricia on the trails by foot, ski or bike. Her e-

mail is tricia@theadvocatesorg.org.

Soup, Supper, and 2020 Idaho Legislature Preview

Hosted by Sarah Micheal and Wendy Jaquet



Twelve IWF Idaho members joined our two state IWF legislators, Senator Michelle Stennett and House Representative Muffy Davis, in Ketchum on November 19th for a supper of soup and salad to receive a preview of the upcoming 2020 Legislative session. Michelle talked about the importance of the 2020 Census, and how critical it is to have everyone counted. Nationally, over \$675 billion of federal funding is allocated to states and communities based upon population, and these federal dollars go to things like schools, roads, fire departments, and health care. In light of such, having accurate census data makes a difference.



Medicaid expansion was discussed. It was passed by Idaho voters in 2018, but the State Legislature has control over funding and eligibility. In 2020, there may be further efforts by the Legislature to limit the ability of Idahoans to access health care under this program.



Idaho still is at the bottom in terms of school funding and there is little hope for adding money, pre-K, or kinder-garden in Idaho schools, even though these

programs have been shown to benefit life-long learning and overall educational performance.

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IWF President Sarah Michael Appointed as the Ketchum Rural Fire Protection District Commissioner



IWF President Sarah Michael was sworn in to fill a vacancy on Ketchum Rural Fire Protection District (KRFD) on December 11, 2019. The Fire District is

responsible for providing fire protection in the rural part of northern Blaine County, and has two fire stations with affordable housing for firefighting personnel, fire trucks and equipment. Sarah's tenure as a County Commissioner and experience in local government make her a great choice for the position. "Knowing how things work, I think that she would be a good commissioner," stated the Chairman, Jed Gray, of the Rural Fire District. Consolidation of the north country fire services is one of the district's goals. Read more about Sarah's appointment [here](#).

LeeAnne Linderman Appointed to the IWF Leadership Foundation at Toronto World Leadership Conference



The Leadership Foundation, Inc., established in 1990, is a supporting organization of IWF and the mechanism by which IWF members advance the next generation of women leaders. The Foundation accelerates the careers of top-performing women by offering mentoring, networking and world-class leadership development training. The Foundation seeks to increase the number

of women in the C-Suite and positions of influence globally and fulfills this mission through two central programs – the Fellows Program and the Women Athletes Business Network (WABN) Program. As a participant in the Fellows Program eleven years ago, LeeAnne experienced first-hand the quality of this program and feels that experience is the primary reason she reached the pinnacle in her career in banking. She has contributed financially each year in addition to volunteering to interview Fellows Program applicants and now will have the opportunity to contribute at a leadership level.

Upcoming Events

December 18th, Conversation and Catching Up

Where: Boho Lounge, 131 Washington Ave., Ketchum ID 83340

When: Wednesday December 18th, 5pm - 7pm

Please use the Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

January 9th, New IWF Boise Member Orientation

What: A Reception to Welcome New Members Dr. Marlene Tromp and Lauren Necochea

Where: Evelyn Self's Home, 1781 N. Bello Sara Way, Eagle, ID 83616

(Contact Evelyn with questions: Cell - 908.413.2060, Home - 208.257.7570)

When: January 9th at 6pm

Please use the Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

January 23rd, State House Lunch and Learn

Featuring: IWF Idaho Member and Idaho Senator Cherie-Buckner-Webb

Where: Idaho Capitol Building, Room W423 (700 W Jefferson St, Boise, ID 83720)

When: January 23rd, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Details: Lunch will be catered, there will be a small fee.

Please watch for a Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

January 23rd, Dine Around

What: Supper with one vegan choice

Hosted by: Jane Conard

Where: 12 Fox Lane, Crown Ranch, Elkhorn, Sun Valley
(Call 801.493.5479 for directions)

When: January 23rd at 6 PM

Details: This event has no charge and can accommodate 10 guests.

Please watch for a Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

Bear River Massacre Memorial

January 28th, Meet and Greet

What: Personal Meet and Greet with Chairman of NW Band of the Shoshone Nation, Darren Parry, followed by a no-host dinner

Where: Marriott Springs Hill Suite, Logan UT

When: January 28th at 6pm

January 29th, Bear River Massacre Commemoration

Where: Bear River National Historic Site, Preston, ID

When: January 29th at 10am

Please watch for a Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to these events.

Send your news on awards, career changes, board appointments and events to [Kendall Nelson](#) and [Mackenzie Moss](#) for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Thanks!

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IWF Idaho is the Idaho chapter of the International Women's Forum, an invitation-only, membership organization. In Idaho, we are 64 members strong, globally, there are more than 7,000 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership locally and globally.

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