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Your IWF Idaho News

August 2020

IWF Idaho Events

On April 17th, 2020, IWF Idaho members began living a new normal. Since that time we have worked hard to stay connected while living with Covid19. Out of something that is proving to be the challenge of our times, our forum is more connected than ever. With the help of our Board and the Program Committee, we have moved ahead using technology to connect and inform our members through virtual programs. Each month we have had the opportunity to invite our members and outside guests to speak to us about issues related to health, science, social life, education, and a variety of other exciting topics. As I observe, I see more member interaction, more suggestions, and a great appreciation for those who share. We are loaded with talent!

A special thanks to our member speakers, we know how busy you are! Your presentations have been informative, enlightening, and sometimes just plain funny! I wish to thank the Board and the Program Committee that I get to work with ongoing. We did it, now let's keep Zooming! Finally, a special thanks to Mackenzie Moss, she is wonderful. Please check out the event reports, [current program calendar](#), and upcoming events we have so far. If you like what we are doing, get involved. We love working with you all.

Thanks to all,
Evelyn Self, Program Chair

Upcoming Virtual Events

Family of Woman Film Festival

Watch The Family of Woman film Festival as a virtual event from September 8th, 2020 through September 13th, 2020 via the [Community Library's website](#). Details can be found at familyofwomanfilmfestival.org.

Andrus Center Women and Leadership Conference

Register [here](#) for this year's Andrus Center Women and Leadership Conference which will be held virtually from September 15, 2020 to September 17, 2020.

Events in Review

A Tsunami of Truth About Racism, Implicit Bias, and Cultures in Idaho

by Senator Cherie Buckner-Webb and Phillip Thompson

On Wednesday, July 22nd, Former Senator and IWF Idaho Member Cherie Buckner-Webb, alongside her son, Phillip Thompson, Executive Director of the Black History Museum of Idaho, gave a virtual presentation on racism, implicit bias, and cultures in Idaho. The presentation spurred an important dialogue, and member Wendy Jaquet provided the following [article](#) as a follow-up to the conversation. Many members also

discussed the value of the Human Rights Certification offered by the [Wassmuth Center](#). Thank you very much to Cherie and Phillip. Members interested in donating to the Black History Museum can do so [here](#).



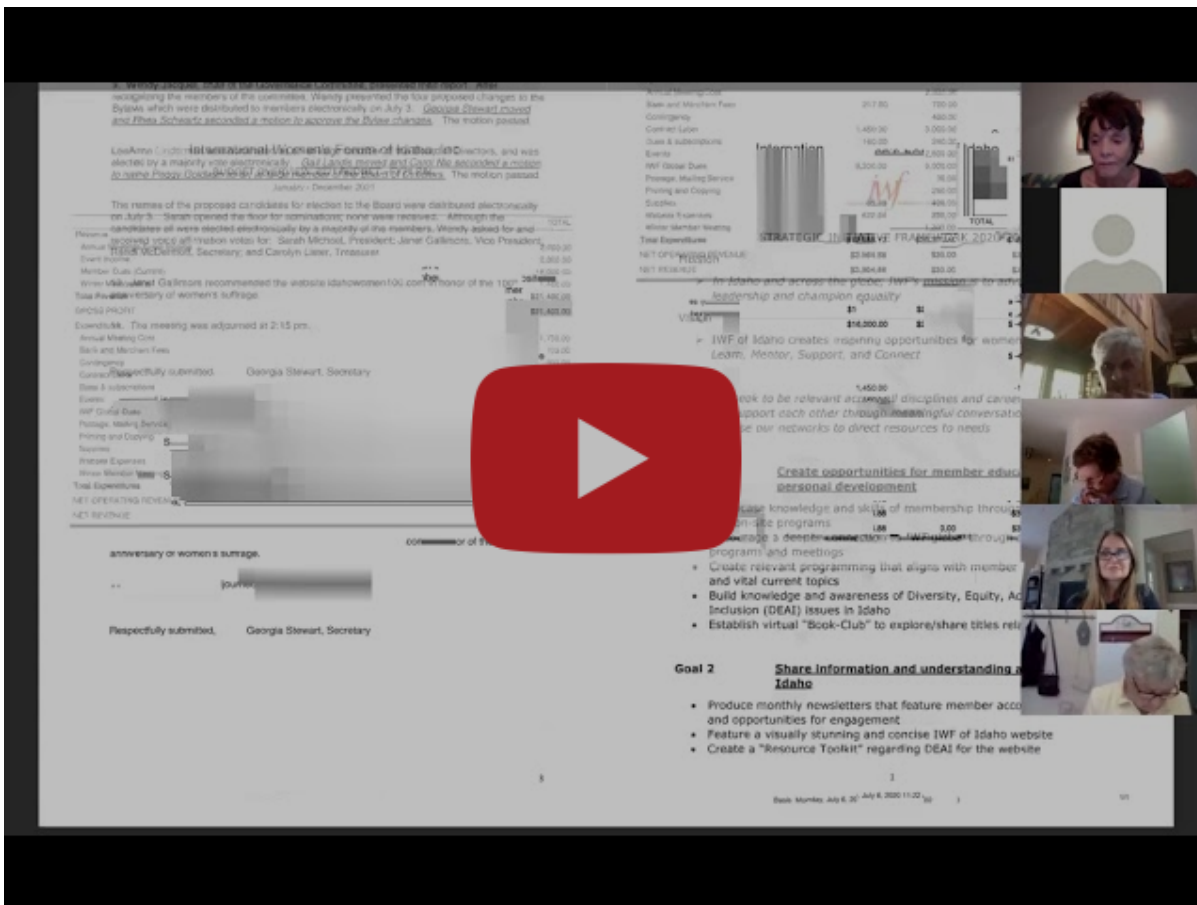
[Click here to access a video of the event!](#)

2020 IWF Idaho Annual Meeting

"The IWF of Idaho membership met virtually for its 2020 annual meeting on Saturday August 1. 36 members attended and considered and elected 2 new at large board members, including Cathy Silak and Gloria Totoricagüena and officers including Janet Gallimore, Peggy Goldwyn and Randi McDermott. Members also had the opportunity to chart the direction of the next two years of IWF through breaks out discussions. Priorities from these discussions included continued strong programming, the development of a mentorship program, and a focus on understanding Idaho issues surrounding Diversity Equity Access and Inclusion. The board will discuss and include members' suggestions and incorporate those into the IWF of Idaho Strategic Initiative 2020 Framework. I am ever so grateful for our Officers, Committee Chairs, and Board members for their devotion to IWF of Idaho, its mission and each other. Our pivot to digital programming, under the leadership of Program Committee, has been extraordinarily well received. The membership explored the

history of Women’s Suffrage in Idaho and Idaho’s role in the passage of the 19th amendment through a virtual presentation. Special thanks were offered to President Emeritus, Sarah Michael, for her impactful service. I am grateful for the inspiring conversations and the good work that we all did together. Thanks to all of our members who attended and I look forward to the year ahead."

- IWF Idaho President, Janet L. Gallimore



Access the 2020 meeting here.

As a membership we also discussed the importance of the upcoming election and the need for voter participation. Information can be found here in regard to [staffing polling stations](#) and working through the [League of Women Voters](#).

Member Spotlight

IWF Idaho Vice President, Peggy Goldwyn



Peggy Elliot Goldwyn wrote television comedies for many years, including “That Girl” and “Happy Days”, as well as television movies and motion pictures. One of her many scripts for “The Odd Couple” was named one of the top 100 situation comedy scripts by The Writers’ Guild of America. She was Vice President of the Samuel Goldwyn Company, a film company, from 1986 to 2003. As a volunteer, she has made documentaries for UNHCR and Planned Parenthood. Her first novel, “A Small Part of History”, about women on the Oregon Trail in 1846, was published in 2008. She has been a Board Member of Friends of UNFPA (The United Nations agency for reproductive health and the rights of women) since 2006, and founded The Family of Woman Film Festival in Sun Valley, Idaho in 2008 to support their work and advocate for women’s equality. She is also a Commissioner of the Women’s Refugee Commission. She serves on the Board of the Andrus Center for Public Policy at Boise State University. She is a founding member of IWF-Idaho and received the IWF National Women Who Make a Difference award in 2015.

Thank you Peggy for everything you do for our IWF Idaho Chapter!

Dr. Evelyn Johnson's Summer Learning Center Summary



Attached is IWF Member Dr. Evelyn Johnson's [summary](#) of this summer's Learning Center work in Blaine County as further food for thought on the topic of mentorship.

Karen Bilowith named a CEO of Influence



ICE President and CEO Karen Bilowith received a [CEO of Influence award](#) from the Idaho

Business Review, one of 20 leaders from throughout the state to receive the honor. ICF Board of Directors Heidi Rogers, CEO Of the Northwest Council for Computer Education, was also named a CEO of Influence. Awardees are nominations and applications are reviewed by past honorees, who consider each candidate's track record of leadership, vision, innovation, competitiveness, financial performance and community leadership. Idaho Nonprofit Center President and CEO Amy Little nominated Karen for the award. "I am proud to call Karen a partner in this work we are doing and I could think of no one more deserving of recognition," she said.

Past President, Sarah Michael, Honored for Work with IWF Idaho



During our Saturday, August 1, 2020, IWF Idaho Annual Meeting, Sarah Michael was honored for her service to IWF as Past President, and, as a Board Member since it was founded in 2014. Peggy Goldwyn, Board VP, personally delivered the beautifully engraved Ice Bucket to Sarah at her home north of Ketchum the next day.

An Update from LeeAnne Linderman on the IWF President's Council Survey

IWF Idaho Member LeeAnne Linderman compiled the following information on the IWF President's Council Survey results -- she prepared both a [general overview](#), and a more [in-depth review](#). The data indicates IWF Idaho in almost every measure surveyed is already employing “best practices!” It gives further reason to appreciate our fantastic Idaho chapter. Thank you for your hardwork, LeeAnne!



Don't Forget to Use Our IWF Idaho Website

Visit our website at <https://iwfidaho.org> for information on our Idaho chapter, upcoming events, newsletter archives, and contact information for each of our members. If you have any questions or troubles accessing the site, contact [Mackenzie](#) for assistance.

Book Recommendations

Staying Connected through Literature

Alongside efforts to keep our IWF Idaho community together via Virtual Events, Vice President Peggy Goldwyn had the wonderful idea of sharing book reviews and recommendations in our monthly newsletters. Please send your one-paragraph reviews of the books you love or are currently reading to [Mackenzie](#) to keep this connection going.

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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