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Your IWF Idaho News

December 2020



Dear IWF Idaho Members,

On behalf of the IWF of Idaho board, we thank our members for their participation and engagement this year. We are grateful for the depth of knowledge represented in our group and how we have come together, even through challenging circumstances, to share time with one another. I am personally so grateful for each of you and look forward to our continued work together to advance women's leadership and champion equality, here in Idaho, and of course, worldwide.

May your holidays be filled with family, friends, and joy.

With kindest regard,

Janet L. Gallimore President

IWF Idaho Events

Can we talk? I chair the IWF-Idaho Program Committee and I have the opportunity each

month to spend an hour or more with some amazing women.

Let me introduce them -- Peggy Goldwyn, Marcia Liebich, LeeAnne Linderman, Elizabeth Mathieu, Carol Nie, Susan Passovoy and Clare Swanger and our President Janet Gallimore.

We are committed to bringing the forum programs of interest. For the past eight months since Covid 19, we have had to operate in a different way. Many of the things that we did in the past have been reduced to virtual presentations. Looking ahead, our plan is to operate virtually until it is safe to have face to face gatherings. Currently, we try to schedule virtual programs for Wednesdays or Thursdays between 3pm and 6pm. Dates and times vary depending on speaker availablity.

In addition to virtual programs, which include Pop-up programs, we plan and maintain the <u>annual calendar of events</u> - listing three months out. This calendar is updated monthly. We source events and speakers and draft invitations. We solicit and coordinate Dine-a-rounds and Lunch and Learns. We work with the board to plan the Summer and Winter membership meeting. We promote regional and global programs as requested. None of this can happen without coordinating with the Communications Committee.

The Program Committee wishes each and every one of you a happy holiday season. We look forward to your program suggestions for 2021!

Finally, how are we doing? We welcome your feedback. We need your suggestions and participation. We do this for you!

Thanks to all, Evelyn Self, Program Chair

Events in Review

A Summary of IWF Global's 2020 Conference

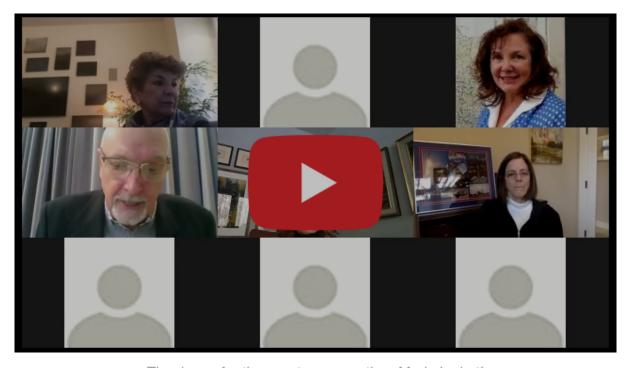
Submitted by LeeAnne Linderman



A number of IWF Idaho Members attended the recent virtual Global Leadership Conference hosted by IWF Global. LeeAnne Linderman compiled a summarizing <u>report</u> for those weren't able to make it. Thanks, LeeAnne!

The Impact of Covid-19 on Opera Idaho and Other Performing Arts in Idaho and Around the World

Hosted by Carol Nie featuring Mark Junket



Thank you for the great conversation, Mark Junket!

IWF Idaho Member Carol Nie hosted a wonderful conversation featuring <u>Mark Junket</u> of Opera Idaho. On Thursday November 12th he discussed the Impact of Covid-19 on Opera Idaho and other Performing Arts in Idaho and Around the World. Thanks to all who were able to attend!

IWF Connecticut Virtual Event

A Recording Shared with our Forum

We are excited that 25 Forums signed-up for this event where the topic of "Future of consumption" and "Local consumption" was covered. Zara Ingilizian, Head of Consumer Industries and Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum covered the "Future of consumption" at a global level and Jamie DiStefano, Vice President Stew Leonard's covered the "Local consumption."

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/AeeKeOWUob0rEpz40PwXp8iQhdrmVQ Ald4DU1yQYYkx0jQx6ODU4Q5QR10tHMc_p.NTaau15kKlfiflDR

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IWF Idaho Virtual Cocktail

This month we hosted our first virtual cocktail hour. On Tuesday December 8th, members gathered virtually via Zoom to discuss Guilty Pleasures During the Pandemic. The Virtual Cocktail hour was a fun, relaxing opportunity for members to share their "guilty pleasures" during the pandemic. Conversation was lively. As members shared a variety of newfound adventures and opportunities. Here are some examples: learning piano online, studying racial and cultural diversity through reading and group discussions, adding writing to ones already extensive Arts resume, studying french and finally, discovering a new body while walking the dog. One thing is for certain, our homes are all VERY clean and we have all become much more expert at ZOOM and connecting through technology. All shared their wishes for a safe and Happy New Year and everyone is

looking forward to real hugs!

Upcoming Virtual Events

Women Inscribed: The Artistic History of Ancient Aboriginal People - What it

Says About Women as Creator Beings of the World

When: Thursday, January 14th at 5:00pm

Hosted By: Dr. Peggy Grove

Zoom Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84251131840?

pwd=alpqdnYwRFQxNoNvMjV6cDlhY3NqQTo9

Meeting ID: 842 5113 1840

Password: 476158

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

Global Collaboration to Improve Arabic Literacy

When: Wednesday, January 27th at 5:00pm

Hosted By: Dr. Evelyn Johnson

Zoom Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86162634529?

pwd=OVJLNlNvSDBQSzJWZjFFZDIoRGQ4QTo9

Meeting ID: 861 6263 4529

Password: 797074

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

<u>Water Wisdom - How water can guide us towards deeper self-awareness and</u> <u>enhanced agility, balance, and clarity</u>

When: Wednesday, February 17th at 5:00pm

Hosted By: Wendy Pabich

Zoom Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83142940985?

pwd=elYoeUZ6QXA3WTNncopiNopDMk5EZzo9

Meeting ID: 831 4294 0985

Password: 024042

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

Join Our New IWF Idaho Book Club

The Book Club decided to take this month off and will meet on January 14 at 7pm to discuss "My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies," a NYT bestseller by Resmaa Menakem. This promises to be a great discussion. We encourage those who might be interested to join our group. Please RSVP to Jennifer Wilson.

Topic: January Book Club

Time: Jan 14, 2020 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88186494231? pwd=VoFWMkJFOXc2NjY3RjBUTUVwcThHdz09

Meeting ID: 881 8649 4231

Passcode: 297605

Collecting Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion Resources

The IWF Idaho Board is in the process of developing and collecting resources to discuss and share regarding diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in our community and chapter. This may include engaging with experiences as well as resources. If you have any ideas to share, please reach out to one of the board members. We would love to hear from you!

Don't Forget to Pay Your 2021 Membership Dues!

Every member should have received a 2021 Membership Dues Invoice to their email.

Please use the link attached to pay your dues by December 31st of this year. If you have any

questions, please reach out to <u>Mackenzie</u> or <u>Randi</u>. Thanks!

Member Spotlight

IWF Idaho Board Member, LeeAnne Linderman



LeeAnne Linderman retired in 2018 as Executive Vice President of Zions Bancorporation's Enterprise Retail Banking also serving on the Executive Management Committee. LeeAnne was recognized by American Banker with its "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2019 and as a "Most Powerful Woman in Banking" several times, ranking No. 13 in 2016. LeeAnne chaired the American Bankers Association's Professional Development Council, was the first woman chair of the Utah Bankers Association and began one of the first "Careers for Women in Banking" conferences. LeeAnne currently serves on the GreatAmerica Bank (information) board and served on the corporate board of ARUP Laboratories. She served on the not-for-profit boards of the Central Region of Intermountain Healthcare as vice-chair, SelectHealth, the Utah Food Bank, the Pacific Coast Banking School, and as president of the Utah American Heart Association. LeeAnne was on the Executive Committee of the United Way of Salt Lake helping to found its Women's Leadership Council. She and her husband, Chris, also founded Veteran Mother's Inc. providing housing to homeless female veterans and their children. LeeAnne is a member of the Wood River Women's Foundation. In addition, LeeAnne is the Treasurer of the IWF Leadership Foundation board of directors

and serves on the board of IWF Idaho. LeeAnne received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration at Auburn University and her masters in banking and finance from the University of Washington's Pacific Coast Banking School. She is a graduate of the International Women's Forum Fellows Program at Harvard Business School and The Judge School of Business in Cambridge, and IWF's On the Board program at George Washington University.

Thanks for all you do for our forum, LeeAnne!

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.

A Review of The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson submitted by Peggy Goldwyn

Published in 2010, Wilkerson's study of The Great Migration, during which millions of black Americans left the Jim Crow South to find a better life in the North, East and Western states of America from the turn to the mid-twentieth century, received great acclaim and many awards. I was aware of this unique diaspora, but only in broad strokes. The title is from Richard Wright:

"I was leaving the South
To fling myself into the unknown...
I was taking a part of the South
To transplant in alien soil,
To see if it could grow differently,
If it could drink of new and cool rains,
Bend in strange winds,
Respond to the warmth of other suns

And, perhaps, to bloom."

Chapter headings of this monumental, engrossing work, offer countless other examples of beautiful poetry from black artists. Wilkerson also quotes many of the hundreds of her sources who made the often perilous journey, but focuses on three principals, who went to Los Angeles from Louisiana, New York from Florida, and Chicago from Mississippi. Each of their stories are unique, while in each I also found common threads. I could not stop reading until I followed each thread to the end of the book, which came far too soon over 500 pages later. Wilkerson has recently published *Caste*, but I highly recommend that one reads *The Warmth of Other Suns* first.

A Recent Blogpost by IWF Idaho Member, Julie Weston

Julie's recent blogpost regarding books about strong women was written in honor of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and can be accessed here.

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.

IWF Global has also released guidelines and updates for IWF branding. Log-in here to take a look.

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

ABOUT IWF IDAHO

IWF Idaho is the Idaho chapter of the International Women's Forum, an invitation-only, membership organization. In Idaho, we are 62 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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