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# Your IWF Idaho News

*October 2021*

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## **President's Message**



Dear Members:

Happy Fall! Please join me in welcoming Kaley Belval as our new Communications and Management Associate. Kaley is an accomplished communications professional and graphic designer, familiar with both the Wood River Valley and Boise areas of our great state.

Kaley currently works in the architectural/engineering industry where she writes, designs communication and marketing materials, and creates web and social media content. She is also a freelance graphic designer for IdaHome magazine. Kaley worked with Vice-President Peggy Goldwyn for three consecutive Family of Woman Film Festivals. She is very interested in IWF of Idaho and expanding her network of inspiring women leaders in our state.

We are happy to have Kaley on our team! She will be taking over all of the responsibilities previously performed by Mackenzie Moss. From now on, please contact Kaley with newsletter information, website questions, or other administrative needs. Kaley can be reached at kaleybelval@gmail.com or via phone at 203.206.4589.

Congratulations Kaley and we look forward to your partnership in IWFI work, advancing women's leadership and championing equality.



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## IWF Idaho Events

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### Upcoming Events

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#### **Trailblazing Women of Idaho**

**What:** Trailblazing Women of Idaho Exhibit Tour

**When:** Saturday, October 30th at 11:00 am

**Where:** Idaho State Museum, 610 Julia Davis Dr, Boise, ID 83702

At the request of IWF members who missed the spring tour, Janet Gallimore will lead a tour of the exhibit, "Trailblazing Women of Idaho." This will be her second tour for IWF. Feel free to join her if you wish to see it again with an optional no-host lunch to follow.

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### **2021 IWF World Leadership Conference and Gala**

**What:** 2021 IWF World Leadership Conference and Gala

**When:** Thursday, November 4th and Friday, November 5th

**Where:** Virtual

In March 2020 the world changed. The familiar routines of our daily lives together ground to a halt as every country in the world focused on locking down and staying safe in the face of COVID-19. Now, 18 months later, the impact of this period is just beginning to be understood. We do know the pandemic accelerated many changes already underway and magnified societal inequities. Our 2021 Virtual World Leadership Conference will examine many of the challenges and creative solutions shaping a bold new paradigm for a Post-COVID World.

Registration and additional information can be found [here](#).

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### **The Gender Revolution**

**What:** The Gender Revolution

**When:** November 11, 2021 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Where:** In person option at The Advocates, 211 S. River Street, Hailey or via Zoom [here](#) (Meeting ID: 813 5800 9882 and Passcode: 868497)

A workshop presented by IWF Member, Tricia Swartling, who is CEO of The Advocates and Darrel Harris, the Social Change Director for The Advocates. In Gender Revolution, they share terminology, a bit of history, and changing social norms around gender. Lite bites and beverages will be provided.

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### **IWF Wellness Retreat**

**What:** IWF Wellness Retreat

**When:** Wednesday, February 9th and Thursday, February 10th

**Where:** The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO

Additional information can be found [here](#).

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For more information about upcoming global programs, please visit the website [here](#).

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## IWF Idaho Book Club

This month, the Diversity Book Club has another easy book to read by a first-time writer, which will provide insight into a culture unlike our own.

**Gordo**, by Jaime Cortez, is a collection of short stories written from the perspective of a young Chicano son of migrant workers in Watsonville, California in the 1970s. The stories are just long enough to entertain you before you turn out the light, but you won't want to stop reading. Cortez is humorous and insightful in describing a life we have known since Steinbeck but have not known well. A few excerpts from reviews:

"... a gorgeous story of resilience and hope."

"... written with balance and poise, Cortez braids together elegant and inviting stories about life on a California camp."

Please join us. [Here](#) is further information on the previous books the club has read. Please reach out to [Jennifer Wilson](#) with any questions, suggestions or desires to join! Thanks Jennifer for administering!

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 pm.

**Zoom Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227114616?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227114616?pwd=SFNxMXVzZDJadXpGcFdpY3ZqaTUyQT09)

[pwd=SFNxMXVzZDJadXpGcFdpY3ZqaTUyQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227114616?pwd=SFNxMXVzZDJadXpGcFdpY3ZqaTUyQT09)

**Meeting ID:** 862 2711 4616

**Passcode:** 287199

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## IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!

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### Communications Committee

Our organization is in need of members for our Communications Committee. Are you good at writing and/or are you computer savvy? We promise that no large commitment is necessary, but we cannot continue to have a one-person committee. Involvement would include curating content for our monthly newsletters and

helping to facilitate virtual programming. You might be asked to write a member profile, help with editing material if Committee Chair Kendall Nelson is not available, or to summarize an event you attended. We are in special need of members who know how, or would be willing, to occasionally manage some of our Zoom events if the person speaking is inexperienced. If you are available, please reach out to [Kendall](#).

Thanks in advance,  
Kendall Nelson  
Communications Committee Chair

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## Membership Committee

### **Deadline for Membership Nominations Extended**

Members recently received a nomination form for potential new members of IWF-Idaho, with a deadline for submissions in mid-November. Since the role of Committee Chair has just been passed from Karen Bilowith to Tricia Swartling, Tricia has requested an extension of the deadline past the New Year.

“This will enable me to spend more time educating myself in my new role, as well as to not place yet another important responsibility on our members just as the busiest time of the year begins,” Tricia said.

Further information will be sent to members after the committee has met.

### **New Committee Chair**

As the CEO of The Advocates, Tricia works to end power-based personal violence and promote healthy relationships in the Wood River Valley as well as its surrounding counties. She supports similar organizations and nonprofits throughout Idaho via volunteer board involvement with the Idaho Nonprofit Center and Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. She has past leadership involvement in women’s giving groups and continues to volunteer with the Idaho Community Foundation. A graduate of Stanford University and UC Berkeley, Tricia is an energetic leader and collaborator who thrives on big ideas. She lives in Ketchum and enjoys quad espressos, chocolate, an active outdoor lifestyle, and adventures traveling with family and friends.



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## Program Committee

### **IWF-Connecticut Recording on Economic Parity**

This recording of the IWF-Connecticut chapter's October event is a must see. Hear how Goldman Sachs is making a major investment of \$10B over 10 years to advance racial equity and economic opportunity for Black women and hear from a black woman entrepreneur helping others like herself. Watch [here](#) with the following passcode: 7S??w1J9

More information about Goldman Sachs' initiative can be found at the following link - [Goldman Sachs One Million Black Women Investment](#).

### **Dine-A-Rounds**

As we begin to think of “normal,” it is time to think “Dine-A-Round!” Who wants to host a Dine-A-Round event? Our dine-a-rounds are member hosted gatherings in homes or location of their choice, consisting of a small number of members (up to 10). The host selects the topic for discussion, or they can host a social event. If you would like to host an event, please complete the [events form](#) and submit to the program committee for review.

### **Program Committee Member**

We need Boise area members to join the program committee to help us plan and organize interesting program and events. This includes soliciting new program ideas, collecting information to communicate to members, drafting invitations, summarizing programs for the newsletter and helping with events planning as needed.

Technical skills: If you have technical skill with Zoom and meeting set up, we need help to deliver programs and expand our reach so that members can participate regardless of locale. We also need to record our programs when topics allow so that members can experience them when they have conflict and cannot join us live.

Thank you,  
Evelyn Self  
Program Committee Chair

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## Member Spotlight

### Evelyn Johnson



After 10 years as the CEO of the Lee Pesky Learning Center and 15 years as a Professor of Special Education at Boise State University, Dr. Evelyn Johnson, is starting a new position as the Vice President of Research & Development with Aperture Education, a social-emotional learning company.

Evelyn is also the recipient of the Sheikh Faisal Foundation Award for Educational Research. Along with her colleagues from Qatar University, Dr. Elsayed Hassanein and Taha Adawi, she received second place for research that examined social supports, resilience, and quality of life issues for Qatari families of children with developmental disabilities. The award is given by the Al Faisal Foundation, and aims to encourage educational research to understand and advance the educational system in the Arab world. The award included a prize of 40,000 QAR to our research team to further our work. This research was published in the journal *Research in Developmental Disabilities*.

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## 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!

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Send your news on awards, career changes, board appointments and events to [Kendall Nelson](#) for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Don't forget to use our IWF Idaho Website at <https://iwfidaho.org> for details on [upcoming events](#), [newsletter archives](#), and [contact information](#) for each of our members. If you have any questions or trouble accessing the site, contact [Kendall](#) for assistance. Thanks!

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**ABOUT IWF IDAHO**

IWF Idaho is the Idaho chapter of the International Women's Forum, an invitation-only, membership organization. In Idaho, we are 66 members strong, and 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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