



Your IWF Idaho News

December 2021

President's Message



Dear IWFI friends:

The holidays give us pause to reflect and express gratitude for our many blessings. Though that lens, I am personally grateful to our IWF of Idaho board and committees. This was a challenging year to lead an educational and networking organization. I am very thankful to our amazing members who presented a wide

range of inspiring programs, sharing their knowledge and expertise with all of us.

In 2021, IWFI celebrated our authors, the earth, the arts, and women who blazed trails before us, upon whose shoulders we stand. IWFI members achieved state and community awards for their leadership and critical work. Our book club offered opportunities for deepening our understanding of the world around us.

Our board and their respective committees developed rich and meaningful programs, improved our structure and policies, delivered timely and relevant communications, and strengthened the depth of our membership.

Thank you so much for being part of this amazing organization, for all that you do for your community and organizations and for shaping the future of our state and world. I look forward to the year ahead and getting together with more of our members in person.

May your holiday season be bright and may your every wish come true.

Janet L. Gallimore
President

IWF Idaho Events

Upcoming Events

IWF Wellness Retreat

What: IWF Wellness Retreat

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

Where: The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO

The Wellness Retreat is a new program designed to provide respite and renewal for IWF members so you can lead your organizations as well as support your communities and families in the best possible way.

The retreat will formally begin at 6:30 pm MST on Wednesday, February 9 and conclude with dinner on Thursday, February 10. All Thursday meals are included, as well as access to the dynamic speakers focused on topics such as:

- The importance of creativity to your overall health

- Cognitive health
- The preventative power of exercise
- Intimacy and wellness

In addition, you'll be able to:

- Move alongside your fellow sisters during an IWF-centric Tai chi class
- Cozy up by a bonfire and connect with new and old friends

Members should have received a more detailed email on November 18 from IWF International, but additional information can also be found [here](#).

2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference

What: 2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference

When: Tuesday, May 17th - Thursday, May 19th, 2022

Where: Santiago, Chile

Full details have not yet been announced, but will be available [here](#).

2022 World Leadership Conference

What: 2022 World Leadership Conference

When: Tuesday, November 1st - Thursday, November 3rd, 2022

Where: Las Vegas, Nevada

Full details have not yet been announced, but will be available [here](#).

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

IWF Idaho Book Club

The book club decided to meet again on Thursday, January 13th, to discuss the latest book by Nobel Prize winner Mario Vargas Llosa. *Harsh Times* is "a story of international conspiracies and conflicting interests in the time of the Cold War, echoes of which still reverberate today...vivid characters go to the heart of the

dilemmas of Guatemala's history in a deeply textured blending of fact and fiction that is his [Llosa's] alone." Well, maybe not his alone. The December book club discussed how Isabelle Allende, in *The Long Petal of the Sea*, combines history and fiction in such a compelling way. In fact, this book so resonated with our current refugee crises and political furor that Jennifer made note of a section to share: "Chile is divided into irreconcilable groups, son. Friends are fighting, families are split down the middle; it's impossible to talk to anyone who doesn't think as you do. I don't see many of my old friends anymore so that we won't fight."

Please join us. Reach out to [Jennifer Wilson](#) with any questions, suggestions or desires to join! Thanks Jennifer for administering!

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89125080108?pwd=WFp2WkZpWXhnSGQ2Z1QreGVzcm1kdz09>

Meeting ID: 891 2508 0108

Passcode: 719215

IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!

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

Membership Committee

IWFI New Member Recruitment Paused Until 2022

The Board of Directors agreed to pause the nomination process for 2021 due to Committee leadership changes and member feedback on clarifying the process and requirements.

The Membership Committee will spend the next several months developing clear and transparent guidelines for nominating new members. The new Chair of the Committee, Tricia Swartling, is researching best practices from other IWF chapters. If members have experience with other chapters' nominations processes, please email [Tricia](#).

Program Committee

Season's greetings from Evelyn and the Program Committee!

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 Members

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

Member Spotlight



Carol Nie

Sun Valley IWF Board Member, Carol Nie, has been elected President of the Ketchum-based Spur Community Foundation.

Spur was founded five years ago “to inspire effective philanthropy for the Wood River Valley.” Since its founding, the organization has distributed 4.5 million dollars, as well as providing ongoing nonprofit assessments, nonprofit consulting services, and coaching programs for local nonprofit executive directors and board chairs. Carol has served as a member of Spur’s board of directors since 2016 and is chair of the foundation’s grants committee.

“I am honored to lead this amazing organization, which in only five years has had a significant impact on our nonprofit community in the Wood River Valley,” Carol said. “Spur has the ability to be nimble in responding to urgent local issues. For example, as the pandemic shut down schools and after-school activities and all learning became remote, it became clear many children from underserved communities were severely handicapped in their ability to gain benefit from online classes and activities. Spur organized a telephone conference of organizational directors in the education space, which resulted in numerous collaborations to improve services provided to this population. The conference also resulted in a published list of all organizations which offer activities, tutors, counseling services, etc.”

Carol has had a long history of service in The Wood River Valley. She was a founding member of the Wood River Women’s Foundation, served as board chair of the Sun Valley Music Festival for eight years, founded the Festival Music Institute, and was instrumental in the development of the Sun Valley Pavilion.

Carol received her undergraduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis,

her hometown, and her MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

For more information on her current endeavor, please visit spurfoundation.org

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!

Send your news on awards, career changes, board appointments and events to [Kendall Nelson](mailto:Kendall.Nelson@iwfidaho.org) 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](mailto:Kendall.Nelson@iwfidaho.org) for assistance. 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 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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