

# Your IWF Idaho News

*March 2022* 

# **President's Message**



Celebrating women globally, nationally, in our great state, and in our IWF of Idaho Forum

In the United States Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first international women's day in 1911, a global holiday that commemorates the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women. President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the week of March 8, 1980 as National Women's History Week.

Congress followed suit the following year and co-sponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming a Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month.

In 2020, through Senate Concurrent Resolution 118, the Idaho Legislature established March 14 as Idaho Women's Day. March 14 is a date of significance as on this date in 1891, the legislature and Governor Norman B. Wiley approved for official use, the Emma Edwards Green rendering of the Idaho State Seal, the only woman-designed state seal in the country. Many of you may have seen Emma's painting of our state seal in the "Trailblazing Women of Idaho" exhibition at the Idaho State Museum.

Because of the vision of two of our IWF members - Carol MacGregor and Kay Hardy - Idaho will honor women once again with the placement of an *Idaho Women's Suffrage Commemorative Sculpture* on the statehouse grounds. The Foundation for Idaho History is leading the creation of this piece, designed by Idaho bronze artist Irene Deely. This will be the first female represented on the statehouse grounds and reminds all Idahoans of Idaho's historic leadership as the 4th state to grant women suffrage and the 30th state to ratify the national women's suffrage amendment. Inspired in part by the Idaho State Seal, this woman walks metaphorically in the footsteps of those who came before and then hands off her shoe to the future. I cannot wait to share the ribbon cutting with you in the fall of 2022!

Our IWF of Idaho members are inspirational! Each of you has a story to tell to add to the narrative of women who have led their field, advanced community development, influenced change, and created new knowledge. These stories are of high interest to your IWF of Idaho sisters. *Please help IWF of Idaho create programs that resonate with our stories!* 

### **IWF Idaho Events**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### Tellington TTouch® Method of Animal Care and Training

What: Zoom presentation by Clare Swanger

When: Thursday, May 5th from 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Where: via Zoom here
Meeting ID: 811 4624 0892

Passcode: 318934

Clare Swanger, Certified Senior Practitioner, will provide an overview of Tellington TTouch®, a respectful, force-free approach that improves animal behavior and well-being and builds trust. TTouch is based on the premise that physical comfort and balance are inextricably linked with mental and emotional states and behavior. It is used around the world by animal professionals and guardians. Please join us for her presentation!

#### **2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference**

What: 2022 IWF Cornerstone Conference

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

Where: Santiago, Chile

Registration for the IWF 2022 Cornerstone Conference: Discovery Through Earth, Seas, & Skies in Santiago, Chile is now open <a href="here">here</a>. We are so excited that for the first time in over two years, we are able to bring IWF members from across the globe together in person to explore the issues most important to you as global leaders and decision makers. In addition, the Cornerstone provides an opportunity for an immersion in Chile's culture – from the arts to its political economy to its history, wine and food.

The Conference will begin with an opening reception on Tuesday, May 17 and will conclude with a celebratory dinner on Thursday, May 19.

The programming for the conference will release a never-before-seen analysis of 30 years of public opinion research on the attitudes towards and of women in 18 Latin American countries. We will explore cities as epicenters of resilience, and gain understanding of how Chile is leading the charge on global energy transition and decarbonization.

This year, our Behind the Scenes tours have evolved into something more – immersive tours curated by members of IWF Chile – where members will experience the rich culture, history and gastronomy of Chile.

Please note that registration is only open to IWF members and their guests, current fellows and fellow alumnae, and sponsors.

If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities and partner benefits, please contact Rachel Yost, Development Director <u>here</u>.

#### 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 <u>here</u>.

For more information about upcoming global programs, please visit the website <u>here</u>.

#### **Past Events**

#### **Artifacts of the Capitol**

Zoom presentation by IWFI President and Idaho Capitol Commissioner Janet Gallimore

Watch it here

If you missed it, you can watch IWFI President and Idaho Capitol Commissioner Janet Gallimore's presentation of the *Artifacts of the Capitol*. The Idaho State Historical Society stewards over 50 prominent artifacts, memorials, and statuary of the Idaho State House and Grounds. Janet is sharing her favorites of these intriguing and unique pieces with our IWF of Idaho members.

From the Garden level's mosaic state seal to the eagle atop the rotunda, the artifacts of the Idaho Statehouse are inspiring and essential to understanding Idaho's special place in our national narrative.

To watch our chapter's previous virtual events, please visit the website <u>here</u>.

### **Member Directory Updates**

With the new year, please make sure to take a look at your bio on the IWFI website's member directory to make sure that it is up-to-date. If you do want to make updates

to your bio, send the edits or new blurb, under 300 words, to <u>Kaley</u> and <u>Kendall</u> for review and upload.

### **IWF Idaho Book Club**

With the rather optimistic waning days of the pandemic, the IWF Idaho Diversity Book Club has completed its mission of exposing our members to different points of view and cultures. We had a wonderful time learning more about Black and Latino culture and all of us enjoyed getting together during these months of isolation. Now that schedules have assumed a somewhat more normal pace we have decided to take a hiatus. Thanks for your support and interest. However, should you wish to continue down this Zoom road, Peggy Goldwyn would like to hear from you. There's much more to explore. Peggy and Carla have some great ideas for the months ahead. Contact them directly if you're intrigued.

# **IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!**

# **Membership Committee**

#### **IWFI New Member Recruitment Paused**

The Board of Directors agreed to pause the nomination process 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**

I am asking members of IWF-Idaho to share topics that you feel are important and can benefit our forum through discussions. Will you help us to expand our programs and develop events that are interesting and engaging?

- What topics do you want to learn more about?
- What speakers do you know that can captivate an audience?
- What matters to us as women and Idahoans?

We look forward to coming together and addressing issues of importance. As we do, we hope to continue to incorporate Zoom whenever possible to engage as many members as possible.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and suggestions with those of us on Program Committee:

- Peggy Goldwyn
- Marcia Liebich
- LeeAnne Linderman
- Elizabeth Mathieu
- · Carol Nie
- Susan Passovoy
- Evelyn Self
- Clare Swanger

Sincerely, Evelyn Self Program Committee Chair

#### **Program Survey**

IWFI needs your help in planning our upcoming in-person events! When you have a moment, please take the time to respond to this survey so that we can gauge your interest in these potential programs: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T2PC7B">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6T2PC7B</a>

So that we can begin planning these events in a timely manner, please provide your responses by the end of the day on Friday, March 25th. We appreciate your patience as so many events have been virtual over the past two years and are looking forward to seeing everyone in person once again!

#### **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.

# **IWF Leadership Fellows Program**

Though recruiting for the 2022-2023 Leadership Fellows Program is still actively ongoing, IWF is also looking ahead to the selection process—and a critical first step of that process is for IWF members to interview the candidates. We would greatly appreciate your help in conducting these interviews.

Interviews with qualified candidates are central to ensuring only the most qualified and deserving women leaders move forward for review and evaluation by our Selection Committee. Each candidate is interviewed by two IWF members who are familiar with the Leadership Fellows Program.

Please click <u>this link</u> to indicate your willingness to be an interviewer, along with how many candidates you can interview. We would appreciate your response by April 15. The interview timeline is listed below.

June 15: Interviewers receive candidate assignments and access to candidate applications (via the OpenWater digital application platform)
June 22-30: Interviews are conducted (by phone or video conference)
July 5: Deadline to submit interview feedback and candidate evaluations (online, via OpenWater)

Each interview will take approximately 30 minutes to conduct, followed by completion of the online evaluation and feedback, consisting of 7 questions.

From mid-July to mid-August, the Selection Committee will review and discuss candidate applications and interview results to finalize selection of the 2022-2023 Leadership Fellows. Final decisions on the cohort will be made by mid-August.

Thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to <u>Lynne Manrique</u> or <u>Angela Gaston</u>, who will coordinate the interview process.

"Since graduating from the IWF Fellows Program, I have sought multiple ways to 'give back' to express my appreciation for the enormous impact it had on my life, both professionally and personally. One of those ways has been to participate as an

interviewer of applicants for the Fellows Program," said LeeAnne Linderman, IWFI Member. "Not only has it been rewarding to meet via telephone extraordinary young women leaders from across the globe, but IWF has made the process easy & time-saving. I spent about two hours per applicant inclusive of my preparation reading each application, setting the interview, conducting the interview, then submitting my interview notes. Please consider volunteering to interview one, two, or three applicants."

### **Member News**



IWF Idaho Member Sarah Michael was appointed by the City of Sun Valley to serve on the Blaine County Housing Authority in December 2021, and, in January 2022, she was elected Chair of the Housing Board. The Blaine County Housing Authority (BCHA) acts as the de facto housing department for the county and its cities and is created under Idaho Code by Blaine County. Through the Blaine County Housing Foundation, a 501(C)(3) charitable organization, BCHA provides Housing Gap Grants to alleviate unexpected financial burdens which impact the housing of Blaine County's most vulnerable residents. Sarah's experience as a Blaine County Commissioner (2001 - 2008) and Fire District Commissioner (2019- present) make her uniquely qualified to tackle Blaine County's housing challenges. "I have been an advocate for affordable housing for decades so serving on the BCHA Board is a natural fit," said Sarah. "It also fits well with the North Blaine County Fire District's efforts to expand firefighter housing at the Greenhorn Fire Station and, eventually, at the station at Griffin Butte. I am so pleased to serve." You can read the Idaho Mountain Express story about her appointment here.

## **Member Spotlight**



Dr. Gloria Totoricagüena

Dr. Gloria Totoricagüena, PhD London School of Economics, is a native Idahoan, a Rotary International Graduate Fellow to Montevideo, Uruguay, and a public policy and political consultant with bases in Boise, Idaho and Bilbao, Bizkaia, Basque Country. She is the President of two woman-owned small-business consulting firms, *Transnational Initiatives*, focusing on international politics and trade, and *Idaho Policy and Consulting*, where she specializes in both public and private sector project design and management. She works in government affairs in Idaho's three branches of government consulting in research, survey design, and data collection for policymaking and community outreach. A Boise State University graduate with BAs in Political Science and Spanish, an MA in Education, MA in Latin American Political Economy from Universidad de la República in Montevideo, Uruguay, PhD as mentioned above, a former professor at Stanford University, and at the University of Nevada, Reno of political science, migration studies, and Basque politics and history, she has transferred to the private sector.

Gloria is the Idaho Coordinator of the Canada-US Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's Idaho Council and its issues groups including cybersecurity and disaster resilience, Unmanned Aerial Systems, public safety communications, workforce development, water rights, rural healthcare, forest sustainability, advanced manufacturing, regional transportation, international border issues, and

agribusiness in the ten U.S. and Canadian member states, provinces, and territories. She is a board member of the Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture in addition to several Basque Country boards of academic, business, and government related institutions.

Dr. Totoricagüena has designed and conducted quantitative and qualitative research in more than fifteen countries in English and Spanish and is bilingual. She has single-authored and published six books, taught and given business and academic conference presentations in Israel, Armenia, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Philippines, Australia, and throughout South America. Her most cherished relationships are with her Mother and her six siblings and their families, where together they have learned and practiced that responsibility is a privilege and that from whom much is given, much is expected back to the community.

# 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 <a href="Kendall Nelson">Kendall Nelson</a>
for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Don't forget to use our IWF Idaho Website at
<a href="https://iwfidaho.org">https://iwfidaho.org</a> for details on <a href="upcoming events">upcoming events</a>, <a href="newsletter archives">newsletter archives</a>,
and <a href="contact information">contact information</a> for each of our members. If you have any questions or trouble
accessing the site, contact <a href="Kendall">Kendall</a> for assistance. 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 63 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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