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# Your IWF Idaho News

*February 2023*

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## President's Message



Dear IWF of Idaho Friends and Colleagues:

I have served three years as your International Women's Forum of Idaho (IWFI) President. I am privileged indeed to be associated with such a remarkable group of women leaders. It has been a significant journey, and I thank you all for your continued membership and engagement through our compelling opportunities to learn and connect.

You will soon receive our IWFI 2022 Annual Report. I am so proud of the accomplishments of our members, the work of our board and committees, and the value we bring to each other as colleagues and collectively to our IWFI organization. I hope you enjoy our inspiring year's overview and plan to attend several of our upcoming programs and gatherings noted in the recent "Save the Date."

As designated by Congress in 1987, March is Women's History Month. As an organization that advances women's leadership and champions equality, this month we can revel in the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women in our world, country, and Idaho.

March 14th is Idaho Women's Day. If you have not yet seen the *Spirit of Idaho Women*, the monumental bronze sculpture on the Idaho Statehouse grounds, it would be a particularly powerful time to visit and reflect on how we all stand on the shoulders of who came before and why we must widen that path for those who follow.

Sincerely,  
Janet L. Gallimore

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## Events

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### **Save the Date!**

If you missed our Save-the-Date for upcoming events, you can find it on the website [here](#). Dates and events, so far, are as follows:

**The Importance of Women in Politics** on Tuesday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom with Beena Mannan. Specific details will follow in the upcoming Paperless Post.

**Dine-A-Round** on Thursday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Wendy Jaquet, Tricia Swartling, and Sarah Michael.

**Thoughts on the Current State and Challenges of Estate Planning for You and Your Family** in April (date and time to follow) on Zoom with Elizabeth Mathieu.

**Roots of Wisdom Exhibit** on Friday, April 21st from 11:30 - 1:15 p.m. in person at the Idaho State Museum with First Lady Teresa Little, Janet Gallimore, and Mary Ann Arnold.

**Foot Park Field Trip** on Saturday, May 20th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in person with Mary Ann Arnold.

**Powering Idaho's Future** on Friday, June 9th from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in person at Idaho Power Headquarters and on Zoom with Lisa Grow. Following this event, there will be a **Wine-A-Round/New Member Meet-Up** at 4:30 p.m. hosted by Janet Gallimore.

**2023 IWF Cornerstone Conference** on Wednesday, June 14th - Friday, June 16th in Helsinki, Finland hosted by IWF Global. Details can be found [here](#).

**IWFI Annual Meeting** on Friday, August 4th - Sunday, August 6th in Sun Valley.

**2023 IWF World Leadership Conference** on Wednesday, October 4th - Friday, October 6th in Detroit hosted by IWF Global.

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### **IWF Global Events**

The IWF Program Passport is your source for upcoming events hosted by IWF on a global level. You can access these events via the [IWF Connect Portal](#). We encourage you to make the most of your IWF membership by taking full advantage of the insightful events available to you from across the globe.

Your membership of IWFI also provides you with access to over 7,800 diverse and accomplished women through a network of 74 local forums. IWF has a presence in 33 nations across 6 continents. The IWF Connect Portal has the program passport and other resources.

[Watch the IWF video](#) and [join the IWF LinkedIn group](#).

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To watch our chapter's previous virtual events, please visit the website [here](#).

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## Women in Interesting Positions

Members met with scholars from the Irish National Police Force studying for their M.S. degrees at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY: Garda Helen McDermott and Sargeant Aoife Reilly on February 13th at an event hosted by Bettina Murray.





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## Member Directory Updates

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 [Kaley](#) and [Kendall](#) for review and upload.

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## IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!

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### Program Committee

Remember August 06, 2022, that lovely day in Sun Valley as we came together to attend our annual meeting?

It was amazing to observe our members as they arrived. Watching them greet and embrace each other validated how hard the past two Covid years have been and the toll it had taken on us.

At the end of our annual meeting, we asked you to send program suggestion and ideas to myself or our committee members.

As winter approaches, I am asking once again for each of you to submit your thoughts and

ideas for the program committee to review as we plan the winter program agenda.

We would like to continue using Zoom to be more inclusive, so our in-person presentation would be hybrid.

***Examples of programs/activities are:***

- Dine-A-Rounds—members host up to ten members (social or specific subject)
- Presentations on Topics of Interest to Membership—by members or outside presenters
- Showcasing Members—getting to know you and your responsibilities
- Culture and Arts—events that members are involved in
- Pop-Up Events—with proper time for notice

I hope that you will help us as we work to plan a list of diverse activities that will be of interest to our entire membership.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Self

Program Committee Chair

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## **Mentorship Opportunity**

IWF is enlisting members who can give 2-3 hours per month for 4-5 months to provide mentoring to professional Ukrainian women who are currently displaced due to the war. It is a program developed by a current Fellow, Iryna Rubis, who was a successful entrepreneur in Ukraine and fled with her small children after losing everything. IWF provided her a full scholarship to become a Fellow.

We know how very busy everyone is, especially this time of year, but wanted to offer this worthwhile opportunity.

[Here](#) is the detailed presentation about the mentees' requests, feedback from mentees whose request was satisfied, and the "profile" of the "typical" mentee for whom we are looking for mentors.

If you are interested in contributing to the project, [here](#) is the Google form to fill in and indicate your intent and willingness.

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## Member Spotlight



### Marcia Liebich

Marcia Liebich earned a B.A. degree in History and General Honors from Elmira College in 1964 where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She spent the next five years as a Navy wife and substitute teacher during the Vietnam War while her husband Don served in the U.S. nuclear submarine service based in Groton, CT. They returned to upstate New York where they raised two sons in the Capital District region near Albany. Marcia joined AAUW and soon afterwards heard a mentor of hers make an impassioned plea that “we cannot keep our children at home until they are adults and therefore, we must do all we can to better our community and the world.” Her words made an impression. During their time in New York, Marcia served as a volunteer and ultimately president of the boards of a children’s home, AAUW, the United Way, and Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. She served as President of the Elmira Alumni Association and on the Board of Trustees of Elmira College for more than 20 years. She served as the Executive Director of the Sunnyview Hospital Foundation from 1992-1996.

The Liebichs moved to Breckenridge, CO in 1996 after Don retired from Sysco Corporation, then to Hailey in late 2001 after both sons relocated to Boise and they became grandparents for the first of six times. Since Don’s retirement, they have traveled extensively, especially in the Middle East doing humanitarian work and citizen diplomacy. Marcia was one of the founders of the Wood River Women’s Foundation and served as President in 2012 and 2013 as well as serving as the original grants chairman for the first three years of its existence. She was a member of The Community Library Board of Trustees and on its Capital Campaign Cabinet. She is a leader of Stephen Ministry at St. Thomas Church and on the Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees. She was recognized as one of the Idaho Women of the Year in 2016. She has been listed in Who’s Who of American Women since the early 1980s. She is a founding member of IWF of Idaho and served on the original Membership Committee. She is currently on the

Advisory Boards of the I Have A Dream Foundation and the Sun Valley Playwright's Residency and a member of Chapter CH, P.E.O. Best of all, she was a hockey mom of two boys, watching them play from the age of five through college! Now she is a loyal soccer and track grandma spectator!

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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 63 members strong, and globally, there are more than 7,800 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership locally and globally.

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