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Your IWF Idaho News

March 2023

President's Message



Dear IWFI members:

Thank you all for sustaining your membership in IWF of Idaho. We are excited to begin a new season of programming that will include virtual offerings, learning activities in Boise and the Wood River Valley, global conferences in Helsinki and Detroit, and the 10th anniversary of IWF of Idaho. I look forward to expanding our programming to regions in our state represented by new members.

April ushers in the promise of spring and new beginnings. May this time of renewal and regeneration inspire you as we look forward to a bright year ahead.

I celebrate and admire our IWF of Idaho members and am proud to be associated with a group of women who make an impact each day: in our work, for our communities and the world, and for our colleague IWF of Idaho members.

Please reach out to Evelyn and our Program Committee and create a new opportunity to share your expertise with IWF of Idaho colleagues.

Thank you, so much, for all that you do and I hope to see you at one of our April programs!

Sincerely,
Janet L. Gallimore

Events

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:

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

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.

Foote 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.

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](#).

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

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.

IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!

Program Committee

Happy Spring! We hope that everyone is well and looking forward to warm weather and the opportunity to meet and greet soon.

2023 is a big year for IWF of Idaho!

A huge thanks to our program committee and IWFI members who have worked to plan some great programs during the coming months.

Take a moment to checkout the list of activities that are confirmed to date on our website [here](#). We hope this list will help you plan your schedule to include us. Our committee, speakers, and hosts have put a lot of time and effort into creating this list. These activities are an opportunity for us to tune in and learn from and about each other.

This working list is for your planning. We do our best to send out Paperless Post invitations with all the details for our events two to four weeks prior to the scheduled date. We value each of our members and we hope that you can join us as a presenter, host, or guest, but we also realize that as a member of IWF of Idaho, you are very busy and schedules change.

Our programs are member driven. We rely on you to share and inform us of things that you are engaged in: your work, boards that you serve on, as well as social and civic activities, to name a few. This is one of the ways we get to know each other.

Should you decide to host or present, please be mindful that we have limited resources and time to promote events. It is our hope that we have a good turnout for all activities. Therefore, we ask that you allow us time to publish your event by submitting all the relevant details at least a month in advance of your selected date. This allows for time to produce the Paperless Post and do a follow-up reminder so

that our members are informed should they wish to attend.

The check list for submitting an event includes:

- Name of speaker or host
- Title/activity and a brief description
- Type: in person or virtual
- Date, time, and location
- Technical needs
- Number of participants you can accommodate (for in person events)

Finally, this year IWF of Idaho celebrate its 10th anniversary. As we plan to commemorate this milestone, we invite each of you to tell us how you would like to celebrate. This year, we will hold our annual meeting on August 5th, in Sun Valley. We would like to plan our anniversary event during that gathering. Please share your thoughts.

Submit suggestions to me via email [here](#) by **May 05, 2023**.

Thank you, and we are excited to see you soon!

Evelyn Self

Program Committee Chair

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.

Member Spotlight



Theresa Grant-Narasimhan

Theresa Grant-Narasimhan is the Founder and Executive Director of Make A Difference (MAD) Now, an organization dedicated to providing quality educational opportunities and care to orphaned and disadvantaged youth. MAD has been reducing poverty by providing long-term education support to vulnerable children from primary school through college. Since its inception in 2008, MAD has impacted the lives of more than 50,000 people in Zambia, Haiti, India, Syria, Guatemala, and Tanzania. Grant-Narasimhan oversees MAD's global operations. She has extensive experience managing international staff, board of directors, advisors, interns, and volunteers as well as sponsorship programs, charity climbs, and corporate social responsibility events.

Prior to founding MAD, Grant-Narasimhan worked with high-tech companies in Silicon Valley helping them with marketing. She has experience creating marketing plans, editorial calendars, press conferences, trade shows, press releases, and advertisements. Grant-Narasimhan holds a combined Bachelor's of Science in International Relations and Bachelor's of Arts in Spanish from Boise State University as well as an Executive Certificate in Leading Successful Social Programs from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Management and Leadership Executive Certificate from MIT. She has been serving on boards and volunteering since she was in high school. Her first board she served on was the Environmental Resource Center Board of Directors in Sun Valley, Idaho and the first nonprofit she co-founded was Students for the Earth in Hailey, Idaho, where she was born. Grant-Narasimhan currently resides in Boise, Idaho.

Since having her two boys, Winston who is 3 and Henry who is 7, Grant-Narasimhan has been extremely passionate about helping young women.

"Women are one of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations in the world, yet we are often still the primary ones caring for our families. The more we can help empower women with skillsets, especially digitally, the more they will earn. Increased financial earnings lead to better decisions," Grant-Narasimhan said.

In line with their mission of providing quality education to vulnerable youth, MAD offers scholarships to young women to attend workshops delivering a curriculum in digital marketing and business planning for free. In return, the young women apply the skills they learn during the program to help small businesses in their local community, which are also owned and operated by women. This not only helps empower the young women but also their communities.

Grant-Narasimhan invites IWFI members to the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania to see their Business Empowerment (BE) Program in action and go on a sustainable safari. She is thinking of forming a group trip in June of 2024. Reach out to her if you're interested in learning more [here](#).

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](#) 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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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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