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Your IWF Idaho News

April 2023

President's Message



Dear IWFI members:

A special wish to our members for a happy Mother's Day, rapidly approaching on May 14th. Mother's Day has its roots in Civil War efforts by mothers to use the power of motherhood to lower infant mortality, promote peace and appease tension. Ann Reeves Jarvis organized the first "Mother's Friendship Day" in 1868.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia on May 10, 1908. Jarvis thought that women often went unnoticed and should be honored for their sacrifices for their families and country. Following this event, a familiar story unfolded where many women used their tenacity and networks including social clubs, churches, and letter-writing advocacy to make the case for national recognition. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation on May 9, 1914, establishing the first national Mother's Day holiday to celebrate and revere American mothers.

Anniversaries and commemorations help us to reflect, remember and act.

2023 is IWF of Idaho's 10th anniversary as an organization. I hope to see you at our inspiring upcoming opportunities to *Learn, Mentor, Support, and Connect*.

Please save the date and join us in the Wood River Valley, August 4-6th, for our 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting where we will reflect on our anniversary year, honor our founders, celebrate our members and their achievements and chart a course for our future.

Thank you so much for all that you do!

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:

Foot Park Field Trip on Saturday, May 20th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in person with Mary Ann Arnold. Look for the Paperless Post coming this week for more details.

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](#).

Visionary Leaders Celebration



IWFI Member LeeAnne Linderman with Jodi Delahunt Hubbell, a former Fellow and colleague who went on to become a bank COO. She also volunteers as an interviewer of our Fellows program applicants.

March 20-21, 2023

Washington, DC

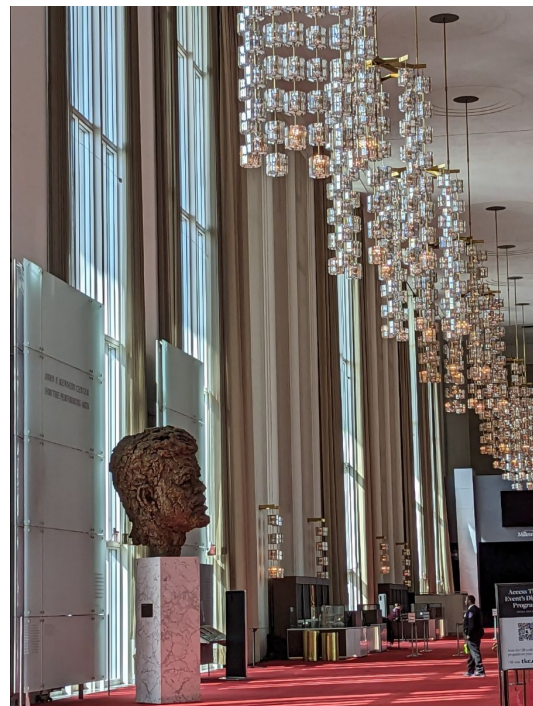
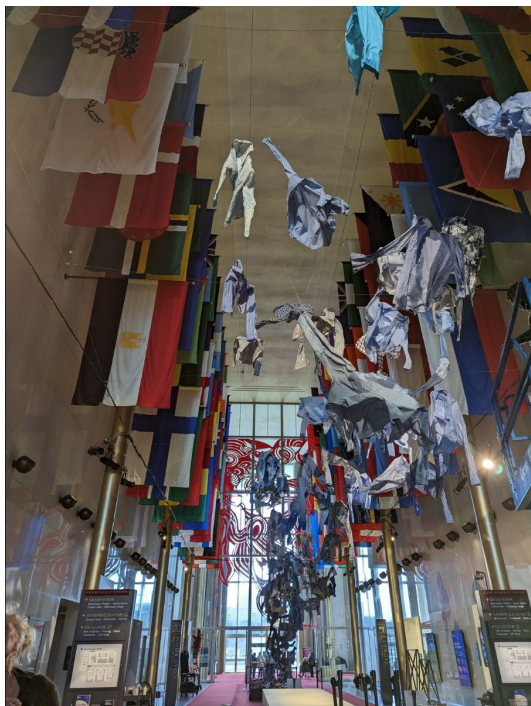
IWF began its 50th year of “Women Changing the World” by hosting the first-ever “Visionary Leaders Celebration” in Washington, DC amid the blooming cherry blossoms. Invitations were received by all Chapter Presidents, current and past IWF Global Presidents and Boards of Directors, and other women who have volunteered their time and talents to IWF Global to chair committees and to contribute financially to the mission of IWF. Approximately 100 women attended the event at the historic Willard Hotel.

After the Opening Reception, the program began the following morning as we were welcomed by Carolyn Carter, IWF Global President, IWF-NY. The first presentation, “Risk in the Virtual World”, featured Pamela Passman, APCOs Worldwide Chair and a member

of IWF-DC. She was joined by Lauren Van Wazer, VP for Global Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs of Akamai Technologies, also a member of IWF-DC. Their presentation focused on the increasing risks in our virtual world and the many actions being undertaken to provide protection.

Then the Honorable Susan Rice, Domestic Policy Advisor to President Biden, former US Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and National Security Advisor to the President, was interviewed by IWF CEO Stephanie O’Keefe on the topic of “Advancing Women’s Leadership-Where We’ve Been, Where We Are, and What Lies Ahead”. Ms. Rice began her remarks sharing the inspiring story of the impact her parents had on her and their large family; her parents emphasized hard work, strong moral values in addition to the importance of education and giving back to the community. Ms. Rice then spent the remaining time sharing her experiences in both domestic and international affairs over several decades.

“The Nexus of Policy, Power, and Money” was presented by the Honorable Henrietta Holsman Fore, Chairman and CEO, of Holsman International and former Executive Director of UNICEF (member IWF-DC) with Betsy Fischer Martin, Executive Director of the Women & Politics Institute, American University (member IWF-DC).



At lunch The Presidents’ Panel, four previous IWF Global Presidents, shared their unique perspectives on the past 49 years of the International Women’s Forum and their dreams for our next 50 years.

We then had the unique experience of a “Behind the Scenes” tour of the John F. Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts, hosted by IWF member and Deborah Rutter. This almost three-hour VIP tour was a highlight of the event!

Finally, our agenda concluded with “Diplomatic Dine-Arounds”, a twist on the iconic IWF dine-arounds—each held in the home of an ambassador to the United States. These small groups had the opportunity to hear about the careers of these inspiring women diplomats and the challenges they face in their home countries.

The Visionary Leaders Celebration was an inspiring experience surrounded by IWF sisters from across the globe!

—LeeAnne Linderman

Roots of Wisdom

April 21, 2023

Idaho State Museum



IWFI members gathered at the Idaho State Museum to view, touch, and learn about Idaho's indigenous people and the knowledge they possess and how they continue to contribute to our great state and the USA.

The exhibit is great and so informative, filled with engaging facts and history to cherish.

This was a time to celebrate our ability to gather again. And celebrate we did: connecting,

conversing, and seeing each other in person for the first time in two years for many.

Kudos to Idaho's First Lady Teresa Little, Janet Gallimore, Liz Hobson, Mary Ann Arnold, and staff.

Thank you all for coming, it was so nice to see you connecting again.

—Evelyn Self

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

Member Spotlight



Nancy Hughes

Nancy Hughes is a graduate of Whitman College, the mother of three, and the grandmother of four. Prior to establishing [StoveTeam International](#), she was a stay-at-home mom.

In 2003, while participating in a medical mission in Guatemala, she met Irma, a young woman whose hands had been burned shut after falling into an open cooking fire. Wanting to help, she started a small Rotary Club project that morphed into an effective international charity that has helped develop local factories to produce life-saving, fuel-efficient cookstoves in the developing world.

The Ecocina stoves, designed by StoveTeam, reduce wood usage by 50% and carbon emissions and particulate matter by over 86%. They reduce both burns and respiratory illnesses.

In the 20 years since StoveTeam International's inception, the stoves have improved the lives of more than half a million individuals in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico. Nancy is a CNN Hero, a Rotary White House Champion of Change, the recipient of the Bending Toward Justice Award, a Whitman Alumna of Merit, a member of both the Oregon and Idaho International Women's Forums and a recipient of the Atlantic Philanthropies' International Purpose Prize, awarded to individuals over 60 who have made a difference in the world. For her work establishing StoveTeam she was one of only 100 in the world to receive the 2009 Rotary Service Above Self Award.

Her work has been featured in National Geographic, the Rotarian, Forbes, and on PBS Newshour. The factories she helped start in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Mexico and Honduras have produced and distributed more than 82,000 stoves, improving the lives of more than half a million individuals.

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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