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Your IWF Idaho News

November 2023

President's Message



Dear International Women's Forum of Idaho (IWFI) friends:

Thank you so very much for being a member of IWFI. As I reflect on festivities around Thanksgiving, I am grateful to be affiliated with such an amazing and accomplished group of women leaders. I also greatly admire and respect our IWFI Board, whose collaboration and devotion to our mission are paramount for our success and sustainability. And I give special thanks to Kaley Wright for the superb management and communications work she does on behalf of our members.

Together we develop and grow from IWFI opportunities to Learn, Mentor, Support, and Connect. IWFI members have ample opportunities to connect during the forthcoming holiday season. I look forward to seeing many of you at our New Member Welcome and Orientation Zoom program on December 5th. We have two great in-person holiday gatherings – one at my Boise home on December 7th and one at the Ketchum home of Membership Chair Tricia Swartling on December 14th.

I hope you will consider sharing your expertise and insight at an upcoming IWFI program. Please reach out to our Program Chair, Evelyn Self with your thoughts.

I look forward to seeing you soon and working with you to realize our mission of advancing leadership and championing equality through meaningful collaborations and compelling programs and making our organization the best it can be for our

Idaho members.

I wish you a blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,
Janet L. Gallimore
President

Events

New Member Orientation

Tuesday, December 5th

5:30 p.m.

On Zoom [here](#)

Join us to extend a warm welcome of new members to IWFI: Cindy Suffa, Sarah Draper, Sandy McCullough, Laura Lewis, Joy Prudek, Johanna Kalb, Angel Chapman-McDavid, Jeanne Herberger, Sonya Wilander, and Melissa Wintrow.

IWF of Idaho Holiday Gathering: Boise

Thursday, December 7th

725 East High Point Lane, Boise

6:00 p.m.

Join your IWF colleagues for conversation and holiday cheer! Hosted by IWFI President Janet L. Gallimore at her home. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

IWF of Idaho Holiday Gathering: Wood River Valley

Thursday, December 14th

109 Sunnyside Boulevard, Ketchum

6:00 p.m.

Join your IWF colleagues for conversation and holiday cheer! Hosted by IWF Membership Chair Tricia Swartling at her home. Guests are welcome to bring hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Hammond Castle

Friday, December 15th

Big Wood Cinema, Hailey

by Naomi McDougall Jones

Directed by Veronica Moonhill

A soon-to-be-filmed motion picture script, written by TLTC's Naomi McDougall Jones, Hammond Castle will be presented as a 3-night Live Staged Radio Play! Featuring an on-stage foley artist creating sound effects alongside a full cast, this fairytale for grown-ups is the story of a 7-month pregnant failed actress who becomes entangled with the power-hungry ghost of a long forgotten inventor hell-bent on fame. He draws her into a glamorous, ghost-filled fantasy and together they hatch a dangerous plan to secure both their legacies...at a terrible cost. If you are interested in attending, please contact Elizabeth Mathieu for more information [here](#).

Boise Dine-A-Round

February 15th

5301 East Warm Springs Avenue, Boise

5:30 p.m.

Join us for a tour at 5:30 p.m. of the only facility in Boise offering life care as well as drinks and dinner at 6:30 p.m. U.S. News and World report named it "Best Senior Living" in all categories for Independent and Assisted Living, Memory Care and Continuing Care. Space is limited to six people, so look for the upcoming Paperless Post to RSVP if you are interested. Learn more about Terraces of Boise [here](#).

Demystifying Estate Planning for the Wary and Wise

TBD in February

Look for an upcoming Paperless Post with more details about this Zoom event by Elizabeth Mathieu.

IWF 50th Anniversary World Leadership Conference

May 15-17th, 2024

New York, NY

In 2024, we will celebrate an idea that has proved powerful enough to circle the globe.

At the World Leadership Conference and Gala, we'll highlight 50 years of women changing the world.

Over five decades, the International Women's Forum and our members have been in the forefront of change—breaking the glass ceiling across professions around the world, proving not only that women lead but women lead differently and gender balance at every level of leadership makes stronger business, stronger societies and a better world.

In recent years the velocity of change, especially driven by technology, has impacted every country and every sector. It's only fitting that our 50th Anniversary Conference address change and how women at the top are making change a force for good.

Our conference will focus on key sectors that—like IWF—have strong roots in New York but are global forces for change themselves...

- Technology
- Health
- Media

We will also examine how more women at the top are managing change in the workplace and the social agenda for gender equality.

Finally, we will explore the business of fashion—how we have evolved from men telling women what to wear to women changing what we buy, how we buy and how we express our beliefs about ourselves and our world in how we present ourselves.

For more information on the conference and sessions, go to the event page [here](#). If you are planning on attending, please fill out the form [here](#).

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 IWF 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](#).

Past Events

Dr. Cheryl O'Brien: The Lonely Engineer

Hear how Cheryl chose a career in engineering and the highs and lows of working in a field where women still represent only 15% of the workforce. Cheryl shared research she has done in the past year on women's employment, median salaries, and the best and worst careers for gender pay disparity. It's these data that inspired Cheryl to form a new nonprofit, Vision for Inclusive Engineering Workforce (VIEW). Watch the video of the event [here](#).

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

Member Feature

Dr. Cheryl O'Brien



Dr. Cheryl O'Brien worked for over 30 years at the Idaho National Laboratory in engineering and management for Westinghouse, Lockheed-Martin, Bechtel, and Battelle subsidiaries. As one of few women in senior management she directed Engineering Programs including criticality and nuclear safety, engineering design, and structural analysis. Her management career included bringing green building design and clean energy advocacy to the Laboratory as one of the first LEED™ Accredited Professionals in Idaho. With a bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil Engineering her technical expertise is natural hazard structural analysis. She was invited to speak on natural disaster testing in Tokyo and Gold Coast, and planned international conferences and led technical sessions in Manchester, Prague, Helsinki, and Mumbai. Post career, she completed a Doctor of Arts degree in Political Science with a focus on state legislative adoption of nuclear energy policy and understanding attitudes and risk perception. She then worked as an Associate Director for a non-profit organization advancing women in business and has started a new non-profit, VIEW, Vision for Inclusive Engineering Workforce, Inc. because she cares about the advancement of women and underrepresented groups.

IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!

Program Committee

Programs and activities needed!

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)

Thank you and we are excited to see you soon!

Evelyn Self

Program Committee Chair

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.

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 73 members strong and globally, there are more than 8,000 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership locally and globally.

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