



British Columbia

NEWS



Message from the President



Congratulations to the events committee for hosting the Women in Media panel discussion in February. It was both inspiring and insightful. Member Bridgitte Anderson did a fantastic job moderating and exploring the constantly changing roles women hold in journalism today.

Like many of you, yet another virtual meeting at the end of a long day is sometimes the last thing I feel I need, but this session left me invigorated and thankful yet again for being a member of this community of incredible women. Virtual meetings offer us the ability to create sessions that are more accessible and frankly less consuming of our time as we search for ways to connect. I will be at the front of the line cheering when it is deemed safe to meet in person once again – and I hope the option of

grabbing a glass of my favourite beverage, getting comfy and clicking a link to join powerful discussions will not disappear completely.

That is the reason I jumped at the chance to sign up for [IWF Global's 2021 Virtual Cornerstone Conference](#), Change in the Face of Challenge, March 25th with Behind the Scenes (March 24) and Dine Arounds (March 18) all artfully scheduled to accommodate global time zones. Sessions will also be available following the conference for all those who register.

IWF Global has opened up the [events portal](#) to highlight all the global forum activities that are open to members. Please check them out and register if you are interested in attending.

Finally, further in this newsletter you will find a call out for volunteers to build out small group engagement sessions, based on members' passions and interests. We look forward to receiving your input!

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IWF Global News

The International Women's Forum maintains special consultative status with the UN through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Since 2016, IWF has had a delegation of members attend the UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting to contribute their voice and perspective as ambassadors of IWF and leaders in their respective fields. As a Director on the Global Board, Nancy Laughton, will join other Directors at this year's virtual events in March to engage in conversation about women's empowerment, equality and access.

Interesting Women Fess Up



This month we profile **ROSLYN KUNIN** as we continue to help IWF BC members get to know each other better. Thank you Ros for your responses.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Successfully completing a major project and celebrating over a nice meal with my husband in pleasant surroundings. It is possible even in a pandemic.

Which living person do you most admire?

Dr. Bonnie Henry, Chief Medical Officer in British Columbia, Canada for her outstanding management of the pandemic and for being a role model as a successful women in a scientific field.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Cruising – the perfect holiday when you want to give your brain a rest.

What is your favourite journey?

Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, but hiking the Milford Track in New Zealand was a close second.

Which talent would you most like to have?

I would like to be more musical.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Keeping my husband happy in a marriage of 60 years and counting.

What is your motto?

Doing well is the best revenge.

Member News

Congratulations to the two IWF BC members who were named [Business in Vancouver Chief Executive Officer of the Year](#) on February 23. To listen to the

podcast, [click here](#).



Darlene Hyde, CEO, British Columbia Real Estate Association. BIV CEO of the Year - Not-For-Profit



Ann English, CEO and Registrar, Engineers and Geoscientists BC. BIV CEO of the Year - Publicly Accountable



Barbara Mowat pleased to announce [EXCELerate 2021 GroYourBiz Global Virtual Summit Series](#) commencing February 2021, presenting monthly sessions ending in May with the Keynote and GroYourBiz Awards. Be Inspired by innovators, disruptors, world leaders, visionaries, activists and creative entrepreneurs from across Canada and Internationally.

Welcome to New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to IWF BC.



Christine Couvelier is a Culinary Executive, an Executive Chef, and a Global Culinary Trendologist. With over 30 years of experience, this world-class chef and founder of [Culinary Concierge](#), assists clients in the creation of award-winning food products, services and strategies that help them build their brands and keep them ahead of market trends. Christine is also the co-

founder of [Teach, Taste, Learn](#) ~ providing leadership training for chefs who are culinary teachers, as well as guidance for culinary schools.



Kelsey Dunwoodie joined [Deans Knight](#) in 2010 and has been involved in all aspects of the business over the last decade. Kelsey is Portfolio Manager of the Deans Knight JDS Resource Fund. She obtained her Bachelor of Commerce (Honour Roll) in 2006, and her Chartered Accountant designation (Honour Roll) in 2008. She is a Certified Investment Manager and was recognized by BC Business as one of BC's most Influential Women in Finance. She is currently the Chair of the Vancouver Council for CARE Canada, a global NGO that helps women and girls in developing countries lift themselves and their families out of poverty and crisis.

Upcoming Events

Join us via Zoom for the March Connex

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

5:00pm

In celebration of **International Women's Week**, we are holding an event to honour and acknowledge the women who have made a difference in our lives. Bring a photograph and/or a story of a woman who has inspired you and share it with us at this informal event.

RSVP by March 8 to caralyn@iwfbc.com

Women in Politics



What does it take to be a leader today? Do women lead differently than men? Hear personal stories from BC's political frontlines from two women trailblazers --BC's first elected woman premier, **Christy Clark**, and Leader of the Opposition and BC's first woman Attorney-General **Shirley Bond** share their insights and personal experience in what promises to be an inspirational discussion. For 5 years, Premier Clark invited IWF members into the inner sanctum of the premier's office where she conducted the province's business. Find out what she's been up to since then!

Panelists:

Christy Clark, Former Premier of BC
Shirley Bond, Leader of the Opposition

Moderator: Pamela Martin

Date: Monday, March 29, 5pm-6:15pm via ZOOM

Register for Women in Politics

Small Group Engagement Committee

The Board invites you to attend a **one-time meeting** to discuss an idea which came from its strategic planning session. With so many gifted members, we would like to explore ways to share our passions and talents. For example – passionate about cooking? Then how about an IWF BC Cooking Club which meets to share recipes, cooking tips, new ingredients and the hottest new dining or take out spot. What about an IWF dog walking group – a physically distanced and safe way to meet up with fellow members while walking your dog. Are you an artist who would like to meet up with fellow IWF BC artists to discuss your work? And how about an IWF BC book club, or women in media and PR meet up? All ideas to enhance the great work being done by the events committee will be welcome. Please email caralyn@iwfbc.com if you are interested in attending this one-time meeting (date to be set end of March) to share ideas. AND if you can't attend a meeting, send Caralyn your ideas for potential small group meet ups.

In Case You Missed It....



The **Women in Media** event, held on February 17, was a great success. A big thank you to Bridgette Anderson for moderating the panel which featured Jill Krop, Carey Bermingham and Simi Sara. If you missed this engaging event, you can find a recording of the event on our website. [Click here](#)



For International Women's Day, CARE Canada and the Vancouver Council for CARE Canada are celebrating [Women Leading Change](#) on Monday, March 8th, 9-10am (PST). The event will feature women leading from around the world, helping to create a more equal future for all of us.

The event is free, and all donations will support the [Women's Voice and Leadership in Kenya and South Sudan](#) – projects that directly impact women's rights organizations and puts the power of change where where it belongs – in the hands of women.

Click here to [REGISTER](#) and for more details, or if you are not able to make the event, please consider a [DONATION](#) to the Vancouver Council's commitment to the project. Please join us.

Janet Ketchen, a long-time volunteer with the [Peninsula Streams Society](#), announces that they are holding an online auction fundraiser February 28 - March 9.

Peninsula Streams is an environmental non-profit. The society enhances and protects watersheds and beaches throughout Greater Victoria, delivers environmental education programs in local schools and supports hundreds of volunteer stream stewards. Auction proceeds will be used to help the society continue its great work.

Take a look at this link: <https://www.givergy.ca/peninsulastreams> and bid generously!

Use of the member directory

The IWF BC Member Directory is confidential, not for distribution and is not to be used for marketing purposes of any kind. The list is intended to facilitate contact and connections. Please afford your fellow members the courtesy of using the list respectfully.

Please submit your news items of about 100 words or less, preferably with hi-resolution photos, to caralyn@iwfbc.com by March 1, 2021. The items should describe awards, other achievements, or topics of general interest. Notices of upcoming non-profit events, in which you are involved, may also be included.

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