



Spring 2016

*The International Women's Forum Connecticut (IWFC) brings together accomplished and professional women leaders of significant and diverse achievement. The organization promotes leadership and advocacy in a trusting and respectful community that is committed to the advancement and support of each member.*

New member **Valarie Shultz-Wilson** has shared the following information regarding a conference tomorrow, March 24th: The Urban League of Southern Connecticut is hosting a forum on *The Wealth Gap for Women of Color*, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Maya Rockey Moore, President and CEO, Global Policy Solutions. The event will be held at the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus on Thursday, March 24, 2016, from 9:00am to 2:00pm and will feature panel discussions from the public and private sectors, continental breakfast and a light lunch. There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested. For additional information, please see <http://www.ulsc.org/upcoming-events/2016/2/28/wealth-gap-forum-women-of-color>. For more upcoming events, please see section below.

***Please welcome our new members ...***

**Angela Archon** is the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Watson Health at IBM.

**Kay Ellen Consolver** is a member of both the New York and UK Forums, and has recently joined the Connecticut Forum and is spending more time in Connecticut.

**Lori Tauber Marcus** is the Founder of Courtyard Connections, an advisory firm focused on Marketing and Leadership in the consumer goods, retail, foodservice, and consumer electronics sectors.

**Valarie Shultz-Wilson** is the President and CEO of the Urban League of Southern Connecticut .

***Save the Dates for Upcoming IWFC Programs...***

**April 12, 2016 - DineAround in Hartford, hosted by Erica Evans**

**April 21, 2016 - DineAround in Darien, hosted by Debra Hertz**

**April 28, 2016 - DineAround in Clinton at Chamand Vineyards**

The DineAround in Darien is full, but there is still space available in Hartford and Clinton. Please RSVP to [Kate@iwfct.org](mailto:Kate@iwfct.org) if you are planning to attend.

**May 17-19, 2016 - IWF Cornerstone Conference, Tel Aviv, Israel.** Reservations for this conference are made through the IWF. Please see [www.iwforum.org](http://www.iwforum.org) for details.

**June 2, 2016 - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, Aspetuck Country Club**

### **Member News...**

Many thanks to all the members who donated sheets, towels, gift cards and cash to **My Sister's Place** in Hartford as part of our holiday outreach. It was very much appreciated, and provided welcome assistance to the women and children served by this agency.

March was a busy month for the IWFCT, and would not have been possible without the generous contributions of IWFCT members. **Paddi LeShane** coordinated the dinner with State Comptroller Kevin Lembo in Hartford on March 8th, hosted by **Roberta Prescott** at the Town & County Club; **Sheryl Sleeva** and **Mary Barneby** hosted a capacity crowd of enthusiastic middle school girl scouts at the IWFCT - Girl Scouts of Connecticut GirlPower STEM workshop on Saturday, March 19th; and **Virginia Giuffre** coordinated the March 22nd dinner with Joseph Keefe in New Haven on March 22nd. The IWFCT thanks you for your time and talents. These events could not take place without the support of our members.

Congratulations to **Virginia P'an**, Founder and CEO of Yumi EcoSolutions for Yumi's selection as a 2016 Green Award Winner by the publisher TownVibe. The award was presented at a ceremony at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield on March 10th.

**Peggy Yocher** is Chair of a Financial Executives International event regarding Corporate Governance, Risk and Compliance in California, and has offered to share results with our interested Corporate members. [http://www.financialexecutives.org/KenticoCMS/Communities/Committees/Finance---IT-\(CFIT\)/Finance---IT-Roster.aspx#axzz3x2hBEq14](http://www.financialexecutives.org/KenticoCMS/Communities/Committees/Finance---IT-(CFIT)/Finance---IT-Roster.aspx#axzz3x2hBEq14) Peggy's talents are not limited to finance - her travel photography is on display at the Town and County Club in Hartford.

### **Members Corner - Sharing upcoming events, venues, and information**

The **Girl Scouts of Connecticut** will host an evening event with Faith Middleton of NPR, *A Little Schmooze with Faith*, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, from 5:30pm-8:00pm at the New Haven Lawn Club. For additional details, please see: <http://www.gsfcct.org/pages/SchmoozewithFaith.php>

For those of you spring shopping in Southport, **Maureen Gorman** recommends a stop at **Mama Jane's Global Boutique**, which has unique items and a charitable spin on helping women worldwide. One hundred percent of the proceeds made in this nonprofit shop directly benefit varying selected worldwide nonprofits. For more information, see <http://www.fairfieldlivingmag.com/f/In-the-Know-2014/Mama-Janes-Global-Boutique/>.

The **New York Women's Forum** has asked us to share the following opportunity: The Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund is seeking a new Executive Director. One of the oldest women's rights organizations in the country, CWEALF provides free legal education and advocacy services to women throughout Connecticut, advances equal rights policy issues through legislative advocacy, convenes and leads numerous statewide and national coalitions, and provides high quality research and evaluation services to programs that benefit women, girls and their families. This is an excellent opportunity for a skilled nonprofit leader and impassioned civil rights advocate to take CWEALF to the next level of its important work for social change. For information, please see:

<http://tsne.org/executive-director-connecticut-womens-education-and-legal-fund>