

## Message from the Chair

In Counsel With Women is beginning 2019 with a new website initiative. Our goal is to improve communication with and among our members. The newly re-formed ICWW Communications Committee, chaired by Lisa Rose, has begun an extensive evaluation process to identify and recommend a local website development firm to partner with for this project. With our goal in mind, the committee is also developing a brief survey/questionnaire that it will send out to our members for feedback on the content and functionality of ICWW's current website. When you see the survey, please respond with your ideas.

For those of you who are new to ICWW, this is the time of year we engage in our member nomination process. The ICWW Membership Committee, chaired by Caprice Bragg and vice-chaired by Inajo Davis Chappell, will guide the nomination and selection process. The nomination deadline is **Friday, March 1, 2019**. Nominations received after March 1<sup>st</sup> will not be considered. All of the candidates who are nominated are leaders in their respective fields, so remember to fill out nomination forms thoughtfully and with as many details as you can, so as to ensure the nomination's highest consideration.

On February 6, 2019, FirstEnergy sponsored ICWW's Annual Winter Reception, which was held at Playhouse Square's Ohio Theatre Lobby. It was a truly fabulous evening and we are grateful for Leila Vespoli's support. A special shout out to Gina Vernaci, Playhouse Square's new President and COO, who was beyond gracious with her time. I would also like to thank new members Jill Marcotte and Annemarie Grassi for organizing a "New Member" Luncheon on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Through stories and lessons learned by members Linda Bluso, Carmella Calta, Lisa Rose, Micki Byrnes and Megan O'Bryan, Jill and Annemarie captured the spirit and mission of ICWW by making connections that matter – for a lifetime.

Finally, I want to thank our Retreat Committee and its co-chairs, Elaine Price and Julia Sabin, for their continued hard work on the 2019 ICWW Retreat, **#RejuvenateME**, which will be held on September 25-26, 2019 at The Lodge at Geneva-On-The-Lake. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a very special "me-time" event. Last, but not least, I want to thank Beth McCreary for all that she does to help our committees and organization manage the day-to-day.

The best is yet to come,

*Jean*

## Member News

**Jackie Acho** recently published **Empathy Deficit Disorder: Healing from Our Mix-Ups about Work, Home, and Sex** by *Jacqueline Acho, PhD, and Eva Basilion, MS*. [Buy it on Amazon now!](#)

**Teresa Metcalf Beasley** has joined McDonald Hopkins as chair of the Public Law Practice Group: <http://www.wboc.com/story/39951047/teresa-metcalf-beasley-joins-mcdonald-hopkins-as-chair-of-the-public-law-practice-group>

**Debbie Donley** was a panelist in the 2019 Urban Land Institute Emerging Trends in Real Estate Event : [https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email\\_web\\_version.cfm?ep=sc-ILptDfH1OvxvYITCRakeJ6oi-6iwdbLA3sdot-uoQVtxzsCwLv81ByiOdk8QOOQ2xm-DoA8a4h448wvPJ18Ps2DfOyWONxpF55CuLoBEXORNRWaZf3UFwAFM7hQI6B](https://www.magnetmail.net/actions/email_web_version.cfm?ep=sc-ILptDfH1OvxvYITCRakeJ6oi-6iwdbLA3sdot-uoQVtxzsCwLv81ByiOdk8QOOQ2xm-DoA8a4h448wvPJ18Ps2DfOyWONxpF55CuLoBEXORNRWaZf3UFwAFM7hQI6B)

**Diane Downing** has been named executive director at Say Yes to Education: <https://www.craigslist.com/education/clevelands-say-yes-education-executive-director-says-program-game-changer-many>

**Sari Feldman** has a recent Publisher's Weekly column, "A Dystopian Twist for Library E-Books": <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/77775-a-dystopian-twist-for-library-e-books.html>

**Ann Harlan and Janet Miller** have been named to the Cleveland Cliffs Board of Directors: <https://www.uppermichiganssource.com/content/news/Cleveland-Cliffs-appoints-Ann-Harlan-and-Janet-Miller-to-Board-of-Directors-504963071.html>

**Margy Judd's** firm, Executive Arrangements, was recently featured in Cleveland.com, and in *Mobility Magazine* in January 2019: <https://www.cleveland.com/news/2018/12/executive-arrangements-converts-top-job-candidates-into-enthusiastic-clevelanders.html>

[http://www.nxtbook.com/ygsreprints/WERC/mobility\\_012019/index.php?fbclid=IwAR2ioj60HGHP0tfJhITLNNc1shchOjRzxrUDQpWXkP9FCSaypSecZB0d3QQ#/44](http://www.nxtbook.com/ygsreprints/WERC/mobility_012019/index.php?fbclid=IwAR2ioj60HGHP0tfJhITLNNc1shchOjRzxrUDQpWXkP9FCSaypSecZB0d3QQ#/44)

**Geri Presti and Linda Kane** spoke at the Urban Land Institute's Women's Leadership Initiative Breakfast on January 4, 2019. They discussed their work and careers at Forest City Realty Trust, formerly Forest City Enterprises, Inc. <https://cleveland.uli.org/event/womens-leadership-initiative-monthly-breakfast-series-january/>

## Wicked Wednesday Schedule

February 27 – The Igloos at Georgetown Restaurant in Lakewood – Hosted by Claire Scott Miller, Yvette Ittu, Sherri Bishop & Lisa Rose

March 27 – Hosts needed

April 24 – Hosted by Natalie Ronayne and Debbie Berry, location TBD

May 29 – Michaelangelo's - Hosted by Jane Hamrle and Kates Asbeck

June 26 – Hosts needed

July 31 – Nuevo Mod Mex (Akron) - Hosted by Jessica McCoy and Carey Jaros and Virginia Addicott

August 28 – Cleveland Yachting Club - Hosted by Donna Rae Smith, Joan Allgood and Sue Feuhrer

September 25 – Hosts needed

## Upcoming EVENTS



IN COUNSEL *with*  
WOMEN 

# RETREAT 2019

# #RejuvenateME

DATE CHANGE!!

**September**  
**25-26**

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Location:  
**The Lodge at  
Geneva-On-The-Lake**

## Holiday Lunch 2018 at Punch Bowl Social



Cheryl Wahl, Carol Latham, Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis



Jane Hamrle, Kate Asbeck, Robin Davenport, Ann Frangos



Nancy Rodeno, Rita Brauneck, Kristin Warzocha, Natalie Leek-Nelson



## Winter Reception hosted by **FirstEnergy** Foundation



Elaine Price, Jill Akins



Marcia Wexberg, Jennifer Vergili, Lisa Kunkle,  
Gina Vernaci



Leila Vespoli



Kim Bixenstine, Claire Scott Miller, Kristin Warzocha



Nan Cohen, Anne Goodman, Patty Rubin

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2019



Carmella Calta, Jean Robertson, Julia Sabin, Sandra Pianalto



Mozelle Jackson, Denise Carkhuff



Megan O'Bryan, Jane Hamrle



Francoise Adan, Lauren Rich Fine, Teresa Metcalf Beasley



Ohio Theatre Lobby at Playhouse Square