ICWW UPDATE

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 2016 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Member News

Linda Abraham-Silver, Abu Dhabi Technology Development Committee, was featured recently in the UAE's National newspaper in their "Portrait of a Nation" series for the work she is doing in building the Emirate's informal science education network. When Dr. Linda Silver was chief executive of the Great Lakes Science Center in the US, she often used to test the new exhibits on her children. Read it in full at The National: http://www.thenational.ae/uae/education/uae-portrait-of-a-nation-dr-linda-silver-enthuses-a-love-of-science

Kate Asbeck, senior vice president & chief financial officer, The Cleveland Foundation, has announced her retirement from the Cleveland Foundation in mid-2016. Kate is excited and looking forward to this next phase of life. She plans to stay in Cleveland, and plans to stay involved in ICWW and other organizations in the community! In the meantime, The Cleveland Foundation is starting the search for Kate's successor. A position description has been posted to the ICWW website.

Nan Cohen, founder & CEO, Creekside Financial Advisors, was honored by Cleveland Jewish News as one of "18 Difference Makers" at a recent dinner at Landerhaven. Read more here: http://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/news/local_news/kanfer-honors-inaugural-difference-makers-diamond-at-landerhaven/article_1990cda6-8ec1-11e5-91e2-77d9567a60c7.html

Sue Tyler, executive vice president & chief experience officer, Medical Mutual and **Kristen Baird Adams, senior vice president & managing director, PNC Bank,** will be co-chairing United Way's Rock the Catwalk for 2016. The event provides critical funding for quality early childhood education. In partnership with The Centers for Families and Children 2,000 Days Pledge Program, United Way's Women's Leadership Council will help our children attend early learning programs, encourage effective parent-teacher partnerships and assist parents in choosing high-performing primary schools that are responsive to the unique needs of their child. **Sandy Pianalto**, chair, and **Fiona Chambers** and **Claire Zangerle**, co-chairs provide leadership to the United Way's Women's Leadership Council.

The 2016 **YWCA Women of Achievement** were recently announced. Among the eight honorees are four ICWW members: **Micki Byrnes**, president, general manager, WKYC**; Lee Friedman,** CEO, College Now Greater Cleveland**; Nancy Tinsley,** president, UH Parma Medical Center**; Sue Tyler,** executive vice president & chief experience officer, Medical Mutual**.** "It is a pleasure to honor and share the accomplishments of these eight influential leaders, especially for this monumental 40th Anniversary celebration of Women of Achievement," says **Margaret Mitchell**, YWCA Greater Cleveland's President and CEO. The 40th YWCA Women of Achievement Luncheon will be held in conjunction with the YWCA Women's Leadership Conference on Monday, May 2, 2016 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Visit www.ywcaofcleveland.org for more information on the Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon & Conference. For profiles on these eight exceptional women, click here.

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Winter Reception details will be emailed shortly! The date is Wednesday, February 17, 2016. The location is WKYC, hosted by Micki Byrnes.

FYI

Jennifer Bell sends greetings, and says she would love it if ICWW members gave her a ring if they find themselves in Chicago. She also wants to make ICWW members aware of **The Entrepreneurs Organization**, a global organization for women who own their own companies. Jennifer has found the group to be worthwhile. The organization is trying to recruit more members. Contact Jennifer for further information.

Thank you to all members who participated in the 2015 Retreat: Be Bold! We had a wonderful time in a wonderful setting. As you recall, one of our activities was the **"Who Knew Challenge,"** led by Rita Brauneck, Elaine Price, Megan O'Bryan and Carey Jaros, during which we showed how much we know about initiatives, events and unique places in our region. The team compiled a list of over 100 of these and the associated websites. Attached, please find this list so that you can explore and enjoy these on your own, with your organizations and with your families. Thanks again for participating! Enjoy! ICWW Cool things List 2015.xlsx

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