

Happy New Year and welcome back from our WFIM Board!

As we look back on the fall 2017 just completed, we cannot help but smile as we recall the great memories, connections and learning opportunities each and every one of us experienced with our “Best at the Table” event line-up. Starting in September with our Volunteer Appreciation Paint Night to the thought provoking GMO talk by Tyler Whale in October; the fantastic site tour of Club Coffee and inspiring presentation by John Pigott and his management team in November and ending the year with our always popular Winter Gala event in December featuring Bob Leonidas sharing his personal insights on how to build both your personal brand and business for a strong future I hope you found them all very inspiring. A special thanks to each and every one of you who made these events possible!

Our volunteer board has been hard at work to create an exciting 2018. Our goal is to give our members an opportunity to be the "best at the table", to be inspired by our speakers and community leaders while we develop, connect and support each other. Everything we bring to you through our events, networking, membership, and sponsorship is to tap into the "best at the table".

We are very excited to share with you a quick snapshot of all the exciting events planned for you for the first half of 2018. In addition, we will continue to focus our efforts on creating Networking opportunities or as we like to say “Expanding Your Connections and Creating Relationships” to help each of you meet amazing, new people just like yourself and to build strong, lasting and meaningful relationships at each of the events. Below, is our list of planned events up to May.

February 6th, 2018 “Celebrating women food entrepreneurs”. A panel made up of four courageous women will share their stories, tips and experiences on starting up a food business in Canada– Location: Mississauga Convention Centre. Details: Check out WFIM website and/or your email newsletter. Registration opening this week... don't miss out!

NEW! March 8th, 2018 – WFIM celebrates International Women’s Day!- Details after Feb 6th event.

April, 2018 – Special Tour is planned at Kitchen 24.-More details to follow after March 8th event.

May 23rd, 2018 – WFIM Golf Tournament at Glen Abbey Golf Course. Don’t miss the last opportunity to golf at this Canadian iconic golf course! Watch for early bird registration as this event sells out fast!

June, 2018 – Gala – More details to follow.

We encourage you to be involved! WFIM is completely run by volunteers... I am proud of the board and volunteer teams we have in place to help make things happen. Whether it is to help on an event committee, develop corporate sponsorship and membership opportunities we are always thinking of ways to enhance your value and experience with WFIM. At the same time, each of us gives what we can but we get back so much more...whether it is learning new skills, paying it forward, making a difference, fostering new connections and friendships!

Speaking of volunteers, **we are now looking for volunteers to help with our ever popular Golf Nine & Dine.** Interested in having some fun and helping to make this an even more memorable, once in a lifetime event for not only you but for others as well? Why not become a volunteer to help out with the pre planning and/or during the event. Let us know at events@wfim.ca.

We want very much to ensure you have the best experience when you join WFIM. We welcome your feedback at each event and with everything we do...

When registering for any event, our Registration Team would like to share a couple of tips:

- As many of our events are popular and sell out quickly, please make sure to register as soon as you receive your notice.
- When registering a group, please make sure to add the correct personal info on each participant before registration ends to avoid any inconveniences on the day of the event.
- All payment must be made via our online system portal on the **WFIM website, NOT** e-transfer.

Want to make sure you don't miss any details about these upcoming events and beyond? Why not become a member of WFIM organization? Not only will you be guaranteed to receive all of the latest email newsletters but you will also save a discount on every event you attend. Plus, although, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend any of the WFIM events, becoming a member of the WFIM board is reserved exclusively for members of the WFIM organization only. For more information on becoming a member, please refer to WFIM website at www.wfim.com.

Below is a picture of our WFIM Board for this year. On behalf of all the volunteer members of the WFIM board, I wish you all a fabulous 2018 and look forward to reconnecting with everyone at our events and being involved in creating "the best at the table" for you!

Barbara Onyskow,

WFIM Chair



WFIM Board Members for 2017-2018:

(photo taken by Azita Ziaei, Studiospec Photography | WFIM Member Benefit Partner)

Back Row: Rojin Dibazar, Tolu Olutunese, Jo Dakin, Sanja Kivac, Diana Tuszynski, Barbara Onyskow, Mathilda Massinon, Debbie Macdonald, Jen Pioch, Tina Parise

Front Row: Limor Gendler, Carol Zweig, Nancy Klassen, Andrea Strother, Mariana Macovei, Brenda Seto, Alicia Coyne

Missing: Ann Waterworth, Stephanie Fung, Kirsten Benneter, Amanda Silva, Debra Tomotsugu, Jenny Tian, Janine Mosley, Mary Jezerinac (on leave), Shannon Brayton (on leave)