

WLAM, Washtenaw Winter 2021 e-Focus

SUMMER PARTY



WLAM Washtenaw held its Annual Summer Party at the beautiful home of Jinan Hamood, who graciously opened her home for this great event! Pictured top (l-r) Kaylor Wilson, Sandy Musser, Marla Linderman, Kate Sharkey, and Jen Lawrence. Bottom (l-r) Tricia Reiser and Kate Sharkey.

ANNUAL JOINT WLAM & WCBA Tailgate

Elizabeth Jolliffe graciously hosted the joint WLAM, Washtenaw and the Washtenaw County Bar Association Tailgate at her home on the old west-side of Ann Arbor on September 18, 2021 before kickoff of the Northern Illinois v Michigan game. This is a popular family-friendly and well-attended event. Thanks to Elizabeth for hosting this great event at her beautiful home. Pictured from left to right, top to bottom: Lillan Saba and her children, Laura Sagola, Frances Hollander and her spouse, Kym London, Elizabeth Jolliffe, Charlotte Croson, Lori Buiteweg, and Angie Walker



WINE, DINE, AND PUMPKIN PAINTING

Elizabeth Jolliffe invited WLAM members to enjoy an evening outdoors at her home for a Wine, Dine, and Pumpkin Painting event. WLAM Washtenaw Members enjoyed delicious homemade soups, bread, the great company of other members, and, of course, painting pumpkins (just in time for Halloween). Thanks again to Elizabeth for a wonderful event. Pictured from left to right: John Reiser, Mara Kent, Fred Beal, Nora Wright, Tricia Reiser (seated Jennifer Sullivan and Kristin Davis).



PURPLE RUN CHARITY EVENT TO BENEFIT SAFE HOUSE



**7TH ANNUAL
PURPLE RUN**  
OCTOBER 9, 2021
A 5K to BENEFIT SAFEHOUSE CENTER

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WLAM, Washtenaw proud to be one of the sponsors of the Annual Purple Run. A 5K to benefit Washtenaw County's Women's Shelter. From left to right: WCBA President, Joy Gains, WLAM Members: Lillian Saba, Alison Love, Jinan Hamood, Sandy Musser, and Kristin Davis.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
2021 Holiday Barn Bash – A joint WLAM Washtenaw and WCBA
Charity Event and Presentation of the Mary Foster Award



On Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 6 – 11 p .m. WLAM, Washtenaw and the WCBA sponsored a joint holiday charity event at the home (barn) of WLAM Vice-President, Jinan Hamood, who once again opened her lovely home to WLAM and WCBA member for this very successful event. Admission was free with a donation to one of the following charities: Toys for Tots, Food Gatherers, the Huron Valley Humane Society, or Secret Santa Society of Ypsilanti. Everyone attending was required to have their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Before the party started, there was a short program which included the presentation of the Mary Foster Award.

Mary Foster was the first woman lawyer in Ann Arbor. She entered law school at age 49 and graduated with high honors from The University of Michigan Law School in 1876. According to “The History of Washtenaw County,” 1881 edition: “Mrs. Foster ranks high among the profession in this part of the state, and her success has exceeded her most sanguine expectations.”

Therefore, in honor of Mrs. Foster’s achievement, the award bearing her name is bestowed annually to a member of our organization whose leadership, talent, and significant contributions to women provide a role model for women in the profession and women in general. This year, WLAM Washtenaw bestowed the award on the Honorable Tracy Van den Bergh who is *well deserving* of this award.

To say this event was well attended is an understatement—with over 75 people gathering together to celebrate the holidays, this was a terrific, one-of-a-kind-event. Jinan is definitely a great hostess, as is her spouse, Oscar. Live music was by the all attorney band Soul What! The band stopped playing just before kickoff so guests could watch the Michigan Wolverines go head to head with the Iowa Hawkeyes.



Judge Tracy Vandenberg, Mary Foster
Award Recipient

Enjoy the photos of this truly wonderful event.



Jennifer Lawrence with the Director of the Secret
Santa Society of Ypsilanti

Below: The Band, "Soul What!"



Group photos of WLAM, Washtenaw and WCBA members below:



Jinan Hamood



Stephanie Garris

More photos of the Band—with Rita White rockin' it!



Remembering Jean King

Jean Ledwith King, renowned Ann Arbor attorney, trailblazer, and longtime WLAM member, died October 9 at the age of 97. Throughout her career, she fought for equal rights in education, employment, sports, and politics. Her groundbreaking work *changed the lives of countless women and girls and inspired those who knew her.*



“I’m a bomb-thrower. You can’t negotiate when you have nothing — no power and no respect. I have many times assembled women who are afraid and taught them how to represent themselves. . . .women . . .have been so punished for standing up for themselves.” - Jean Ledwith King

