### LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR -

Happy New Year!



Many people make resolutions in the new year, perhaps getting fit or stopping bad habits. One area we may not focus on is professional growth and mental health. NWIIWA has you covered in 2023 with several amazing programs! We start in January with an event that will teach your how to effective read body language, taught by an actual profiler! In February we will feature a seminar on Mental Health First Aid. Also on the docket are a coaching and leadership certificate program, a diversity luncheon and an event to help you understand and avoid financial fraud.

And because joy is an important part of a well-balanced life, don't forget about our Designer Purse BINGO! We will end the year with the annual Influential Women's Awards in September (#lamremakable, nominate yourself today!).

If you haven't already, now is the time to join NWIIWA so you can receive the most up-to-date information, discounted event tickets and hints and tips all year round to help make you the best version of yourself!

I look forward to seeing your beautiful faces in the coming year!

Erica Dombey | Board Chair

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#### WOMEN ON THE MOVE -Meet Your New Co-Chair!



Teri Wallace of Wallace Consulting LLC has joined the Education & Events Committee as Co-Chair. She will share the role with Michelle Novak of Tradewinds Services. Lisa Kuehl of Horizon Bank will continue to serve as Committee Chair.

Professionally, Teri thrives on being challenged and enjoys working with small business clients. She is well-versed in payroll, bookkeeping, accounting, and tax matters. She also spends time volunteering in her community at

organizations such as United Way, St. Jude House, the Women's Center of NWI, and the VITA tax program.

If you'd like to get more involved with NWIIWA's events and activities, joining the Education and Events Committee is a great way to get hands-on. Join us today!

### Influential Women Alumna Promoted to Senior VP!



Chicago-based Rush Street Gaming announced that Dawn Reynolds Pettit has joined its corporate team as senior vice president of human resources. Reynolds Pettit is a 20-plus-year casino veteran and human resources leader.

Reynolds Pettit earned the 2011 Influential Women award in the Service/ Tourism category. She most recently served as regional vice president of human resources for Hard Rock Casino, overseeing multiple properties in

states including Virginia, Illinois, and Indiana.

She will now be based out of Rush Street Gaming's Chicago headquarters, leading efforts to standardize and scale best practices in workforce development across four states.

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### **BUSINESS BUZZ-**

## Superior Construction Launches 'Superior Women in Construction' Initiative

Superior Construction is launching an internal pilot program intended to identify motivated women in the construction industry and offer them essential tools for their personal and professional development. Superior Women in Construction, an initiative designed in collaboration with certified executive and team coach Dale Beaman, PCC, MPH, will help cultivate an inclusive culture for women.



In developing the initiative, company executives selected 12 rising women leaders to partake in the pilot program. With their feedback, Superior identified key ways to foster an environment that supports diverse leaders.

### Smart Manufacturing Partnership Seeks to Enroll More Women

Purdue University has partnered with Ireland-based Accenture to expand the Accenture Smart Manufacturing Scholars Program. One exciting component of the partnership is the launch of a new Women in Manufacturing scholarship designed to attract more women to manufacturing fields and drive inclusion and diversity in the industry.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS** -





Mental Health Certificate Program February 15th | CAF Limited to 25 Individuals

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### Influential Women Nominations are Open!

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2023 Influential Women of Northwest Indiana Awards! Nominate a woman that has made a difference in your company or community today! It's one of the best ways to celebrate their achievements.



Self-nominations are accepted too – so, don't sell yourself short! You deserve recognition for all that you've accomplished.

After submissions, nominees will be contacted for further information to determine award and business category. Nominations will close February 15, 2023.

Click Here to Nominate a Woman Today

