

On July 30, 1962, a *Detroit Free Press* headline proclaimed, "New Women's Club a Reality."



The article was about the newly formed Women's Economic Club – created when Marie Moon, Alice Snider, Thelma Murrell and Dorothy Seifert gathered a group of 23 women together to discuss the formation of a luncheon club. "Their concept of a need for women office workers and professionals to create a vibrant force for the advancement of women was most appealing."

In 2002, the WEC created the Women's Leadership Forum as its the 501(c)(3) education and research arm. In 2005, WEC and the Women's Leadership Forum were re-branded as Inforum and the Inforum Center for Leadership to better reflect their broad range of activities and the mission of accelerating careers for women and boosting talent initiatives for companies. In June 2016, members voted to transfer Inforum's assets to the Inforum Center for Leadership. The combined 501(c)(3) charitable and educational nonprofit operates as Inforum.

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(founding member Thelma Murrell 1960's)