



MONTHLY NEWS

July 2023

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CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER



Now that it's July and "June Gloom" seems to be behind us, we look forward to finally wearing our summer clothes to backyard barbecues and Impact100 Sonoma Farmers Market Meetups and Patio Parties!

Last month, we began our new board year by welcoming two new members: Grants Oversight Assistant Chair **Leslie Blankenship** and Events Co-Chair **Gigi Pflieger**. We also bid farewell to **Cheryl Hannon**, who is leaving the board but remaining on the Grants Team as Committee Resource Chair, and Secretary **Ann Iverson** and Communications Co-Chair **Brenda Lhormer**, who rolled off the board earlier this year but continue to serve on the Communications Committee. We are indeed a “working board” and greatly appreciate everyone’s efforts!

At the board’s annual “Hail & Farewell” dinner meeting, we voted to change the name of the Member Engagement Committee to **Engagement and Education**. The success of our new Spotlight Series, with its variety of topics and speakers, inspired the update, which more accurately reflects the breadth of that committee’s work.

We thank **Murphy’s Irish Pub & Restaurant** for donating the room—and for their accommodating service.

Next up for the board is our annual all-day retreat on July 18. The agenda will include finalizing our 2024 grants strategy, identifying ways to activate our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and initial planning for our 15th anniversary.

By the time you read this, Impact100 will have walked once again in the Sonoma 4th of July parade. It offers us a gratifying opportunity to showcase our organization, our members, and our 2023 Impetus Grant recipients. We’re always proud to take part in this much-loved community tradition. Watch for coverage in the August issue.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you this summer at one of our Patio Parties or out on the Plaza.



Debbe Noto and Claudia Sims, Co-Presidents



New board members **Leslie Blankenship**, Grants Oversight Assistant Chair, and **Gigi Pfleger**, Events Co-Chair.

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

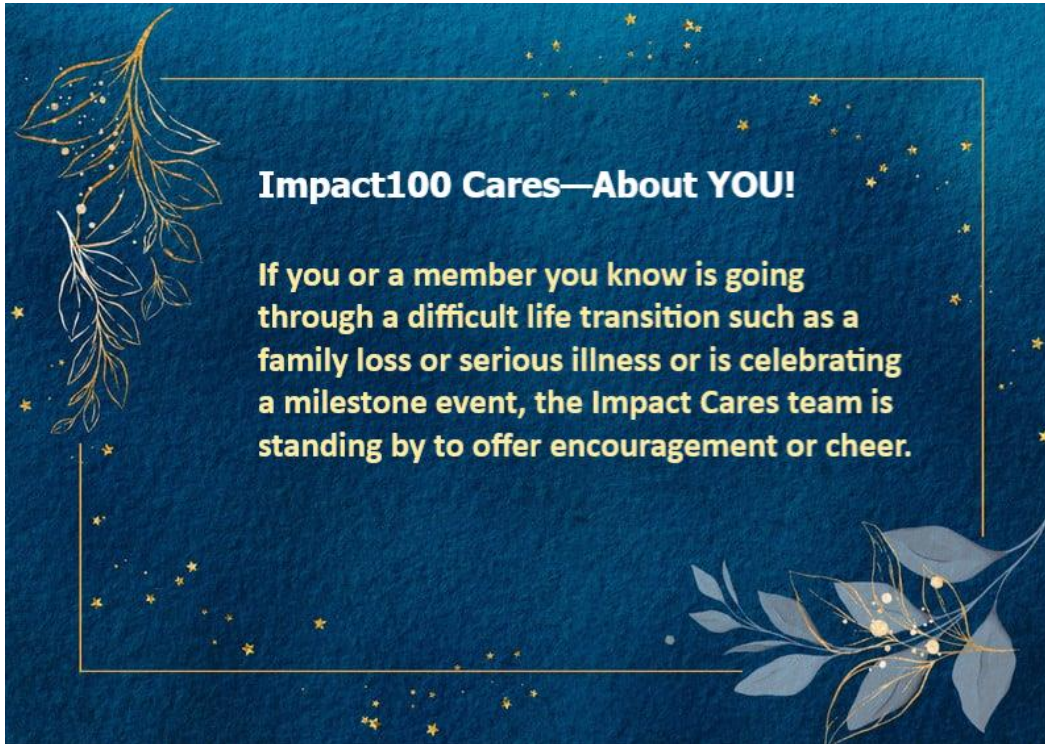


Membership Team Members

With the fall membership drive right around the corner, the Membership Committee seeks volunteers to help with Vote 2024 recruitment parties, followup calls to prospects and renewers, and other opportunities to keep Impact100 Sonoma growing. If you have a few hours to spare in the fall, contact Stephanie Chakmak at thechakmaks@gmail.com or Sandee Crisp at sandeeandrod@gmail.com to learn more.

Communications Team Members

The Communications Committee seeks volunteers who like to write, coordinate newsletter and invitation projects, post to social media, and help develop creative ways to get the word out. To learn more, contact **Molly Detwiler** at msdetwiler@aol.com.



To reach out, contact **Mary Jane Stolte** at
415-518-3389 or mjstolte7@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, July 19, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Summer Patio Party

For the first party of the season, host **Jean Behse** has invited members and prospective members to spend a relaxing evening in her charming in-town garden. This event is full, but you can join the waitlist [HERE](#). And be sure to watch for more Patio Party invitations.



Tuesday, July 25, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Farmers Market Meetup

Member hosts **Jean Behse** and **Kay Heigel** invite you back to the Plaza for another round of patriotic celebration. Stop by for drinks and appetizers across from the Sunflower Caffé, under the green and white balloons, and bring something to share. Everyone is welcome. See your invitation.



Tuesday, August 22, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Farmers Market Meetup

NextGen members are planning yet another fun mingle just for you! Stop by for drinks and appetizers across from the Sunflower Caffé, under the green and white balloons, and bring something to share. Everyone is welcome. Watch for your invitation.



Saturday, September 23, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Annual Garden Party

Mark your calendar! Come kick off the Impact100 Sonoma 2024 membership drive and 15th-anniversary grants year at a beautiful private home. Reconnect with friends, renew your membership, and recruit prospective members over enticing drinks and appetizers. Watch for your invitation with full details, and then register promptly for this popular, limited-attendance event.



To suggest topics for future events, contact **Sherry Preiss** at shpreiss@aol.com.

OUT AND ABOUT

New Members Receive a Personal Welcome

On June 15, in the early evening shade of the Sonoma Community Center's Secret Garden, Impact100 Sonoma leaders welcomed new members who joined in the last year to their very own party. Guests learned more about the organization and opportunities for getting involved—and, most important, got to know one another.



Hope Nisson (center) enjoyed getting acquainted with new members **Rebecca Flanagan** (left) and **Jamie Storck**.



Breakout sessions provided opportunities to share personal stories and find common ground.



Delicious food and wine made everyone feel at home.

Grants Team Volunteers Gather for Thanks and Celebration

On June 22, some 35 volunteers who served on 2023 Grant Review and Financial Review Committees got together for the annual Party on the Plaza to celebrate an inspiring job well done. After countless hours of evaluating grant applications, attending meetings and site visits, and making difficult decisions, these women had grown close and were delighted to reconnect and compare notes.



A toast is always in order for the volunteers supporting our core mission, those entrusted by Impact100 Sonoma members to select the most worthy grant finalists. The “class of 2023” was also the first to work with our popular new Foundant grant management software.



Many members, including (from left) **Marney Malik, Barbara Insel, Kathy Bloch, Jeanne Allen, Jan Erickson, Peabody Bradford, and Leslie Blankenship**, look back fondly on their grants service and look forward to serving again.



Cheryl Hannon (left) and **Anna Pope** want you to know that signups for 2024 Grant Review and Financial Review Committees begin in the fall—and that something special is afoot to mark Impact100 Sonoma’s 15th anniversary. They hope you’ll join them.

June Farmers Market Meetup Gets Everyone Buzzing

On the bee-utiful evening of June 27, NextGen members, led by hosts **Amy Gallagher** and **Emma McCulloch**, welcomed one and all back to the Plaza for the second meetup of the summer—and some generational cross-pollination.



NextGen members (from left) **Mitzi Magdaleno**, **Dayane Solis**, **Amy Gallagher**, **Dalia Caballero**, and **Emma McCulloch** savored the sweetness of Impact100 friendship.



Delicious food, creative presentation, and good company made our meetup the place to “bee.”



Beekeeper member **Jamie Storck** contributed her apiary equipment and fresh honeycomb for guests to sample. Co-President **Claudia Sims** tried the gear on for size with encouragement from **Amy Gallagher**.

Impact100 Sonoma Cleans Up Its Act



Last month an intrepid group of board members dove into our crowded storage unit for a long overdue cleanup. Membership Co-Chair **Stephanie Chakmak** celebrated the re-organized and more spacious results, which also saved the cost of renting a larger unit!

