



MONTHLY NEWS

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- Upcoming Grant Recipients Update Meeting and Spotlight session are guaranteed to inspire.
- See the pictures! Read the recaps! Events add fun and meaning to membership.

GRANTS UPDATE



At the Annual Garden Party on September 23, we officially announced our 2024 grants strategy. Impact100 Sonoma will again offer multiple **Impetus Grants** of up to \$25,000 to valley-serving nonprofits. In honor of our 15th anniversary, we'll also pilot a multi-year **Encore Grant**, which will give one 2024 Impetus Grant recipient a second grant of the same amount in early 2025.

Read the press release here:

[**Impact100Sonoma Press Release 25SEP2023.pdf**](#)

Learn full details about the 2024 grants program **HERE**.

Don't forget, now's the time to consider serving on a 2024 Grants Review Committee (GRC) or the Financial Review Committee (FRC), from January through April. **For a confirmed spot, sign up by December 1**. See your invitation letter and learn more **HERE**. Sign up **HERE**.



CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER

We couldn't have asked for better weather or a more perfect venue for our Annual Garden Party and the launch of our 15th-anniversary membership drive and grants year. The setting was idyllic, and it was gratifying to see so many women enjoying one another's company and strolling the exquisite grounds. We thank **Penney Magrane** and **Joan Howley, MD**, for hosting us and supporting Impact100 Sonoma from the beginning. Scroll down for more details, including acknowledgment of our sponsors.

About one-third of those in attendance were guests, in part thanks to giving members a raffle ticket for every guest they brought. Congratulations to **Bonnie Walner**, **Maria Gonzalez**, and **Nancy Hofer**, who took home donated tote bags containing donated sparkling wine and other goodies. And thank you to all members who brought guests and helped recruit.

At our last board meeting, we welcomed **Cristine McMillan** as Communications Co-Chair, serving alongside **Molly Detwiler**. Cristine comes to us with 20 years of experience in sales and marketing, and service on the board of the Sonoma Valley Newcomers Club. She's also well-versed in the digital platform we use for our website, membership records, invitations, financials, and other administrative activities. We all look forward to working with her.

One of the benefits of Impact100 Sonoma involvement is meeting you, our extraordinary members, who give their time and talents to make a positive difference in our valley through volunteering, board service, and other endeavors. Three of our members have recently received community honors:

- **Kimberly Blattner**, named Sonoma Community Center Muse along with her husband Simon
- **Mary Clark Janis**, recognized for her philanthropic work by Jack London Park Partners
- **Dayane Mendoza Solis**, NextGen member, winner of an Alumni Changemaker Award from 10,000 Degrees

These compassionate and accomplished women are prime examples of why we are so proud to serve all of you. We hope to see you at the Grant Recipients Update Meeting on October 21. Don't miss it!



Debbe Noto and Claudia Sims, Co-Presidents



Cristine McMillan, Communications Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



**OUR MEMBERS
KEEP US
GROWING.**

**JOIN OR RENEW
TODAY!**

Let's celebrate our 15th anniversary by making 2024 a record year! When you go to renew, you'll notice a few changes from years past. We've eliminated the membership levels and Member Plus designation, and enabled you instead to direct additional donations to a range of options.

Learn the details here: [Renew Your Impact100 Sonoma Membership Now.pdf](#)

Renew [HERE](#) today!

If you experience difficulties or need assistance, contact info@impact100sonoma.org.

A few openings remain for our **New Member Orientation** on Tuesday, October 10, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in downtown Sonoma. See your invitation, register [HERE](#), or contact **Kathleen Ball** at kathleen@kathleenball.com for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS



Events Team Members

Want to get more involved without ongoing commitments? The Events Team needs help with preparation details, setup, and breakdown for member parties and meetings. You'll receive only one email before each event that invites you to choose your assignment. So help out when you can and have fun doing it! For more information, contact **Karen Sherman** at ks@axlecom.com.

Impact100 Cares—About YOU!

If you or a member you know is going through a difficult life transition such as a family loss or serious illness or is celebrating a milestone event, the Impact Cares team is standing by to offer encouragement or cheer.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, October 21

9:30 AM Check-in, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations

Grant Recipients Update Meeting

In April we honored our 2023 Impetus Grant recipients. Now join us at Andrews Hall, Sonoma Community Center, to learn how those nonprofit partners are turning our donations into community action. Prepare to be moved and inspired. Bring tissues. Better still, bring a prospective member (or several!) to witness the power of women giving as one. See your invitation or register [HERE](#) for this free, limited-attendance event.



Thursday, November 2, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Spotlight Series/Empathy Through Experience:

Bridging the Gap with Elise Gonzales and Angela Ryan

Deepen your understanding of the challenges faced by local children living in poverty. Led by **Elise Gonzales**, culinary educator and Catalyst Fund community builder, and **Angela Ryan**, Director of the Sonoma Valley Education Foundation, you'll take a unique, eye-opening journey through the day-to-day life of families in need. Watch for your invitation to this free, members-only event at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse on 5th Street West.



Tuesday, December 5, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Annual Holiday Party

Save the date! Come toast the season with Impact100 friends at **Hanson of Sonoma Distillery**. Bring a prospective member, mingle over drinks and appetizers, celebrate our successes, and get set for a glorious 15th anniversary year. More details to come.

OUT AND ABOUT

August Patio Party Wraps Up the Summer

On August 31, members and friends gathered at the beautiful hillside garden of **Ann and George Arabian** for an evening of good food and good fun.



Hosts **Ann Arabian** (center) and **George Arabian** (left) welcomed Impact100 Sonoma members and friends, including **Allan Saghi**, to their creekside home in Glen Ellen.

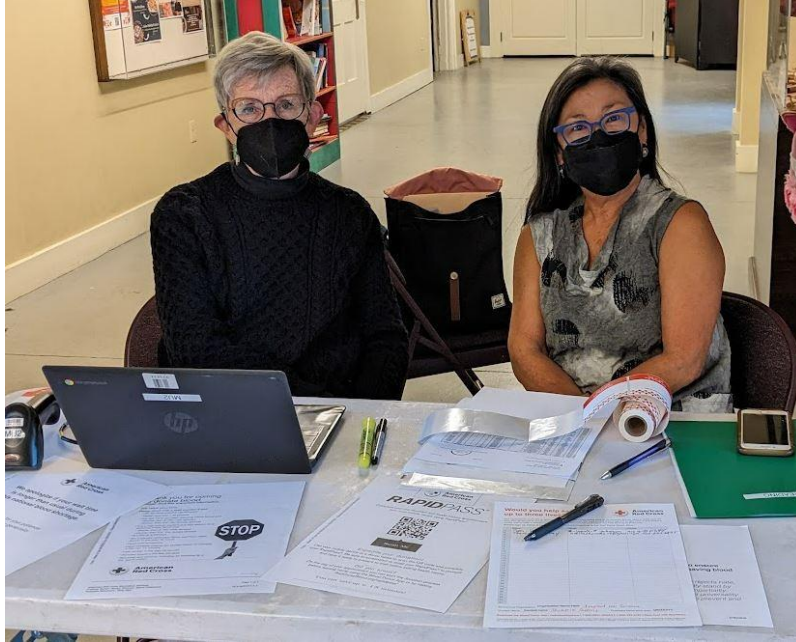


Patio partygoers (from left) **Lee Wanetik, Susan Staggs, Linda Liscom, Kay Heigel, Karen Saghi, and Judith Alex** were among the 46 guests.

Impact100 Sonoma Rolls Up Its Sleeves in Time of Need

On September 22, Impact100 Sonoma again teamed up with the American Red Cross for a blood drive at the Sonoma Community Center. Our 27 donors gave 24 units (about 24 pints) of blood—enough to potentially save 72 lives—for a cumulative total of 109 units over our past four blood drives. Because our donors appreciate a local venue, we'll host another event on March 15, 2024.

The American Red Cross declared a national blood shortage on September 11. If you want to donate, find a drive [HERE](#).



Volunteers **Peabody Bradford** (left) and **Diane Chin** checked in blood donors.

Annual Garden Party Launches 15th-Anniversary Grants and Membership Year in Style

On September 23, we kicked off the Impact100 Sonoma 2024 membership drive and 15th-anniversary grants year in the expansive, breathtaking garden of renowned Sonoma residential landscape designer **Penney Magrane** and **Joan Howley, MD**.



Host **Penney Magrane** (center), **Wendy Hoffman** (left), and **Julie Biagini** relaxed poolside.



Members such as **Janet Engelbrecht** (left) warmly welcomed prospective member guests.



Processing new and renewing members were (from left) **Cathleen Leonard**, **Elizabeth Carlson**, and **Stephanie Chakmak**. Out front, **Cristine McMillan** and **Lauren Scott** managed name tags.



The buffet and small bites were catered by **Whole Foods**.

Thank you to our beverage sponsors!



Volunteer bartenders **Pat Collins** (left) and **Chip Allen**



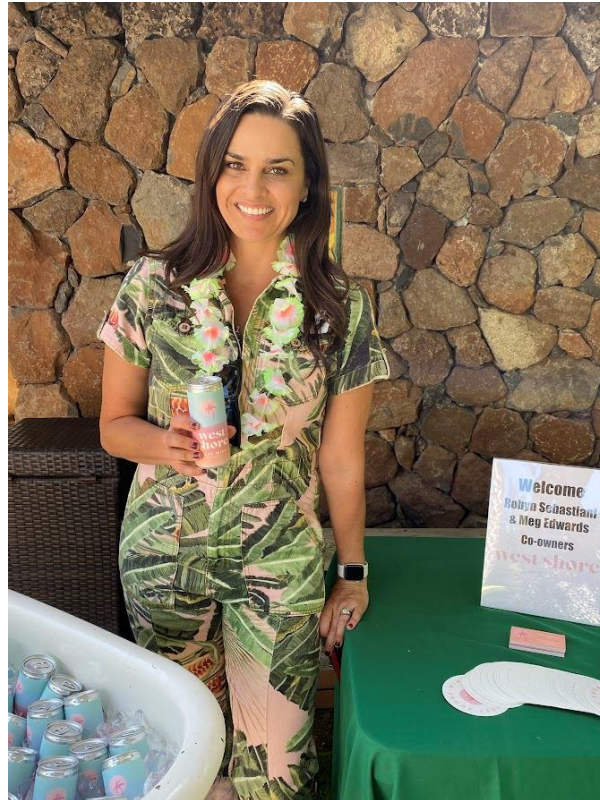
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Spotlight Series Resumes with Focus on Public Safety

On September 27, at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse, Sonoma Police Chief **Brandon Cutting** presented an overview of local crime statistics and a comprehensive plan for enforcement and prevention. He answered guest questions thoughtfully and offered tips for staying safe.

Learn more about **Brandon Cutting** [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).



Host **Linda Bruce** welcomed **Police Chief Brandon Cutting**.



To suggest topics for future Spotlight events,
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