



Monthly News

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THE BIG REVEAL

At the **Annual Members' Meeting** on January 21, Impact100 Sonoma leaders announced new funding and membership records for **2023**:



Learn more meeting details [HERE](#).

Access presentation content via Member Portal/Member Resources on Impact100sonoma.org.

CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER

Our 2023 Annual Members' Meeting on Saturday, January 21, at the Sebastiani Theatre was well-attended and content-rich. **Claudia** co-hosted the event with former Co-President **Lynne Lancaster**. When she asked the "class" of new members to stand, the group appeared to outnumber those still seated! We look forward to meeting all **78** of our new members.

Claudia and Treasurer **Marney Malik** introduced a new operations fee. Beginning with 2024 memberships processed on or after January 23, 2023, the basic amount to join will be \$1,200 (\$1,000 for grants plus \$200 for operations). For full details, you'll find a **fact sheet** posted on our website under Member Portal/Member Resources. If you need assistance accessing the document or have questions, please contact us at president@impact100sonoma.org.

We thank our presenters and keynote speaker, **Dr. Nancy Dome** of Epoch Education. We also thank:

- **MUFG Union Bank**, our meeting and educational event sponsor
- **Sebastiani Theatre**, our host/sponsor, and **Tony Ginesi**, General Manager
- Membership Co-Chairs **Stephanie Chakmak** and **Sandee Crisp** and their name tag team

- Events Chair **Karen Sherman** and team members **Gigi Pfleger, Kristen Armstrong, Bobbie Collins, Bonnie Walner, Cindy Belluomini, Melinda Kelley,** and **Ann Arabian**
- Communications Team
- **Lynne Lancaster**
- **Ann Iverson** for her expertise in building the slide show and running it!

Most important, THANK YOU to all of our members for your contributions to Impact100 Sonoma, including a record \$337,400 to the 2023 grants pool. You rock!



Debbe Noto and Claudia Sims, Co-Presidents

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Membership Team is proud to report record-breaking results for Vote 2023:

- **332** total members, including 312 individual and 20 shared memberships
- **78** new members
- **15** NextGen members, including 8 sponsored

To welcome the record number of new members, a series of **New Member Orientations** began with two events in January. The next are scheduled for **February 28** and **March 16**, with more on the way. Watch for your invitations.

We are now accepting new and renewing members for Vote 2024. It's a great time to join. While unable to vote in 2023, members signing up early will enjoy all other benefits of membership this year and be all set for Vote 2024. An excellent value! Learn more [HERE](#).

You can pay via credit or debit card online or mail a check. If you prefer to **pay over time**, you can mail a monthly check or set up an automatic monthly

payment through your bank. Payments must total \$1,200 during the calendar year. To set up this option, contact treasurer@impact100sonoma.org.

In early spring, Impact100 Sonoma will host a long-planned **Mixer at Three Sticks Winery**. Watch for your invitation to this rare Member+One event!

The Membership Team is always looking for volunteers. If you want to get involved, contact **Sandee Crisp** at sandeeandrod@gmail.com.



GRANTS UPDATE



The Grants Team and Grant Review Committees (GRCs) are busy processing grant applications and preparing for site visits, lively discussions, and big decisions in February and March. Key dates:

- **Saturday, April 15**—Meet the Finalists
- **Saturday, April 15**—Member voting begins
- **Saturday, April 29**—Annual Awards Celebration

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS



Particularly for new members, if you tried to sign up for a Grants Review Committee but found them full, do not give up. Membership, Member Engagement, Events, and Communications offer ongoing committee assignments

that suit a wide variety of interests, talents, and schedules. Here's an immediate need:

Newsletter Coordinator

Assist the Communications Chair with producing this monthly online newsletter. Gather submissions, track down details, and monitor the schedule. No meetings required. To learn more, contact Molly Detwiler at msdetwiler@aol.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, February 22, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Spotlight Series/Understanding Immigration: Our 21st Century Challenges with Dr. Marilyn Hoskin

Explore and discuss critical issues of the day at Impact100's ongoing Spotlight Series at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse on 5th Street West. Our next guest will be Impact100 Sonoma member **Dr. Marilyn Hoskin**, who will focus on how the complexities and challenges of national and international immigration policies affect us all and how you can build and deepen your understanding. She'll bring 40 years of teaching and writing on the subject to the conversation. Watch for your invitation or register [HERE](#) for this free event.

Learn more about Marilyn's most recent book, *Understanding Immigration: Issues and Challenges in an Era of Mass Population Movement*, [HERE](#).

Mark your calendar now for the culmination of our grants year:



**Saturday, April 15, 9:30 AM Check-in,
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations**

Meet the Finalists

Help decide your vote by hearing directly from our Impetus Grant finalists at FAHA Heritage Hall. Watch for your invitation.



**Saturday, April 29, 9:30 AM Check-in,
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations and Reception
14th Annual Awards Celebration**

Honor our 2023 Impetus Grant recipients at Hanna Center.
Watch for your invitation.

OUT AND ABOUT

Spotlight Series Continues with Focus on Human Trafficking

On January 5, Impact100 members turned out on a rainy night during Human Trafficking Awareness Month to hear about the work of **Redemption House of the Bay Area**, a multifaceted organization assisting sex-trafficking survivors. Guests learned how women are turning powerlessness into power to save others—and how we can help.

Learn more about **Redemption House of the Bay Area** [HERE](#).



Making sure Impact100 members found the evening rewarding were (from left) Spotlight committee member **Jan Erickson**, Co-Founders of Redemption House

of the Bay Area **Elizabeth Quiroz** and **Lisa Diaz-McQuaid**, Chair of the Commission on Human Rights for Sonoma County **Katerina Phillips**, and Spotlight Committee Chair **Linda Bruce**.



The warm, inviting atmosphere of the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse facilitates discussion.



In addition to stimulating presentations, the Spotlight Series offers members the opportunity to mingle.

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

Annual Members' Meeting Presents What's Next

On Saturday morning January 21, some 125 members attended the Annual Meeting at the Sebastiani Theatre to find out what lies ahead for Impact100 Sonoma in 2023 and beyond in grants, educational programs, and operations. The keynote address by **Dr. Nancy Dome** inspired us all to think beyond dollars donated, to work to resolve the root causes of inequity. Record grants and membership numbers gave us much to cheer.

We thank:

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Keepers of the name tags (from left) **Lauren Scott**, **Marilyn Depolo**, and **Ann Arabian** braved the morning chill to greet arrivals with a smile.



The audience included an impressive number of new members as well as founding members (from left) **Mirja Muncy**, **Hope Nisson**, and **Ann Reder**.



Presenters (from left) **Sherry Preiss**, **Lynne Lancaster**, **Kathy Bloch**, **Claudia Sims**, **Marney Malik**, **Dr. Nancy Dome**, **Emma McCulloch**, **Dana Simpson-Stokes**, and **Dian Duvall** led the meeting. Not pictured: **Stephanie Chakmak** and **Sandee Crisp**.

To see more Annual Meeting photos by **Ann Iverson**, visit [HERE](#).

To see **Sarah Carroll's** Annual Meeting social media posts, visit [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).



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