



NEWS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2019



Impact100 Sonoma was well-represented in the Sonoma Fourth of July parade for the second year in a row.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renew or Join Now and You Might Be a Winner!

All new and renewing members who join for 2020 at, or above, the \$1200 *Member Plus*

level by October 1, 2019, will be eligible for a drawing to win an exclusive Wine Tasting and Paella Dinner for 12 hosted at [Canihan Winery](#) in Sonoma. Three names will be drawn and each winner may bring three guests! The paella chef is Gary Seifer, husband of incoming Co-President Claudia Sims. Guests will be led through a tasting of Caniham Wines by winemaker Alexandra Romanini. The drawing will be October 15 and the event scheduled on a date determined by winners, winery and chef availability. Don't miss this chance for a fun evening – [Join or Renew Now!](#)

Want to share a membership?

Impact100 Sonoma is committed to fulfilling our vision of a thriving Sonoma Valley. We recognize that there are women in our community who are eager to join us, but for whom \$1,000 may not be financially feasible. In 2019, we piloted five shared memberships to great success. We are excited to announce that we will be continuing to offer this opportunity for 2020! Here's how it works: two women pair up, combine their resources for a \$1000 membership donation, and together the two share a single vote on grant finalists. Each member may participate in all member events, activities and committees. If you are interested in this option or know someone who might be, please contact [Sarah Carroll](#), Co-Membership Chair.

QUICK CALENDAR:

September 19 – Member Education: *Doing More By Giving Together—New Trends in Philanthropy*, 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Vintage House

Don't miss this engaging and interactive education session with long-time Impact Board Member and former nonprofit executive, Diana Sanson. As part of our continuing educational series, this session will highlight evolving trends in collective giving, and ways Impact100 Sonoma might leverage these ideas in our own community. Please invite a guest or friend to be part of the conversation. Wine and refreshments served. [RSVP here.](#)

September 23 – Member Event: *Seeing Brave* at the Sebastiani Theatre, 6:30 –8:00 pm, Sonoma

The Emmy-nominated documentary *Seeing Brave* tells the story of three philanthropic women of conscience who started international nonprofits, including Sonoma resident Anna Bimenyimana, owner of Sonoma's Bon Marche Thrift Store. The evening will begin with a reception and wine for purchase, followed by a screening of the film and a Q & A with Anna. [Check out the trailer](#) for this inspiring documentary. To purchase tickets and RSVP, [click here.](#)

September 24 - Tuesday Night Farmers Market Gathering, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Sonoma Plaza

Meet at the Impact100 table near the rose garden. Bring a friend, spouse or partner and socialize with other Impact100 Sonoma members. Bring wine, a bite to share, a friend, or just your smile. No RSVP needed.

October 21 - Picazo Dine & Donate to Impact100 Sonoma, 8:00 am - 9:00

pm, Picazo Kitchen & Bar, 19101 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma

Sal and Kina Chavez, proprietors of Picazo Kitchen & Bar, have generously offered to donate a percentage of all daily sales to Impact100 Sonoma on October 21. If you haven't had a chance to check out the new space in the Maxwell Village, or if you're already a regular, show up on October 21 and make sure your friends, family and neighbors join you! Many thanks to Sal and Kina for giving back to our community. [Click here](#) to check out Picazo's menu, which features breakfast, lunch, dinner and a delicious cocktail menu. Save the date!

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

One of my mentors was a major philanthropist in Minneapolis where I grew up. He used to say: "Don't give until it hurts; give until it feels good!" I couldn't agree more. It feels good to be a part of Impact100 knowing we are moving into our second decade of collective giving.

I also feel very good about sharing the 2019-2020 presidency with my friend and board colleague, Claudia Sims. Claudia was most recently our Grants Oversight Chair so she has a deep understanding of all things grant-related, among her many other talents. I look forward to collaborating with her over the next year.

As we kick off our member recruitment period, I encourage all of you to renew in a timely fashion and to be sure to invite other women to join us. Our best outreach to prospective members is always a personal invitation, and we have lots of events coming up—both informative and social—where guests can get to know us.

As an added incentive to renew early, we have a special offer for you. Everyone who joins or renews at the \$1200 Member *Plus* level by October 1st will be entered into a drawing. Three winners will be chosen, and each will receive a wine tasting experience for four at Canihan Winery accompanied by a paella dinner cooked by Claudia's husband, Gary. Don't miss this opportunity to join early and win big!

As you organize your September calendar please consider attending our September 19th educational event, which will feature Diana Sanson leading an interactive workshop on new trends in collective giving. Guests are welcome, and we look forward to engaging in a lively discussion about where Impact might focus our efforts in the years ahead.

See you soon!

Lynne Lancaster, Co-President





ANOTHER GREAT GARDEN PARTY



Under the clear blue sky with a cool summer breeze Impact100 Sonoma members and their guests celebrated friendships old and new, and another year of successful grant giving in the expansive and breathtaking garden of Landscape Architect Penney Magrane. Members enjoyed food prepared by our very own Tracy Reynes, cheeses donated by Gary Edwards, and lovely live music. We held a drawing again this year, with a lucky guest winning two VIP tickets to Transcendence Theater Company's production of "Those Dancin' Feet". The event wouldn't have been possible without the Events Committee and all the volunteers who made sure the glasses never emptied of bubbly.





2019-2020 Board of Directors



Back row, L to R Gera Vaz, Margaret Grandy, Angela Ryan, Mary Jane Stolte, Sarah Carroll, Nancy Wever, Marney Malik, Sandee Crisp, Cam McKinley. Front Row L to R Robin Layton, Chelsie Runnings, Claudia Sims, Lynne Lancaster, Vianette Contreras, Dana Simpson-Stokes. Not pictured: Debbie Noto and Tracy Reynes

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