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Important Announcements

Welcome Two New Board Members!

Join us in welcoming Angela Ryan as a third member of the Communications Team, and Helen Bohl who is taking over the Treasurer position from Susan Porth. We extend big thanks to Susan for her good care of Impact's finances. You can learn more about Angela's and Helen's backgrounds and interests [here](#).

Shop and Make an Impact!

Sign up for AmazonSmile and help us make an even greater impact in our community. Just go to smile.amazon.com and select Impact100 Sonoma. For every eligible purchase you make the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price to our organization. It's easy, quick and powerful! Questions? Learn more in the article below.

Another Way to Boost Your Impact!

Sign up for a Community Card at Sonoma Market or Glen Ellen Village Market and up to 5% of every purchase will go to Impact100 Sonoma. Learn more and sign up in the article below.



September 1, 2017

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Impact100 Sonoma Highlights:

The NextGen Program begins its 2nd Year!

The deadline is October 1, 2017, for applications to the 2018 NextGen Program. Please pass the word to eligible and interested women! The program was created to give women who are generally between the ages of 25 and 35 - particularly those who may not have the financial resources - an opportunity to become Impact100 Sonoma members and engage with the community through service and responsible stewardship. Learn more [here](#).

Calling all New Members!

Member recruitment is a year-round pleasure and we welcome all of the women who have joined us over the last months! We hope you can

It was all smiles and sunny skies at the annual Summer Garden Party.

Presidents' Letter

After the close of our busy grants season and the summertime lull in Impact100 activities, it was wonderful to see so many members at our annual Garden Party. Many thanks to Penny D'Allaird for hosting the lovely afternoon at her home. Please enjoy the many [photos of the day](#).

Fall is almost here and we are excited to be approaching our giving circle's ninth annual grant cycle. We hope this will be another record-breaking membership year, allowing a continuing increase in the funds we award to Sonoma Valley nonprofit organizations. We are excited that 15 new members have already joined for 2018. You can help by renewing your membership as early as possible and encouraging your friends and neighbors to consider [joining](#).

We are very pleased with the success of our NextGen Program, created to give the "next generation" of women ages 25-35 an opportunity to join Impact100 Sonoma. The due date for 2018 NextGen applications has been extended to October 1. If you or someone you know is interested, we encourage you to look into this [opportunity](#).

Personnel Changes: Helen Bohl has joined the [Impact Board](#) as our new Treasurer. Helen succeeds Susan Porth who resigned from the Board to help her sons with their new business. A third board position has been added to our busy Communications team and we are pleased that Angela Ryan will be joining us. Also, our long-time administrative assistant, Jennifer Aguilar, has resigned to take another position. Chelsea Brock joins us as our new administrative assistant. We thank Susan and Jennifer for their many contributions, and we welcome Helen, Angela and Chelsea!

Finally, please consider signing up to benefit Impact100 Sonoma through [AmazonSmile](#) and/or [Community Card \(eScrip\)](#). Then, as you shop, these organizations give small amounts (which add up!) that support Impact's operating costs. This support is vital since our membership dues are fully dedicated to supporting the work of local nonprofits through our grants.

As your co-presidents, Gera, Lynne and I wish you a happy and productive September!

Judith



attend one of our New Member Orientations - September 14th, 5:30 - 7:00pm, at the home of Lynne Lancaster, or October 12th, 9:00 - 10:30am, at Pacific Union's conference room. These informal small gatherings are designed so we can answer any questions you may have and so you can meet other Impact members. We hope you can join us! RSVP for Sep. 14th [here](#) and Oct. 12th [here](#).

Quick Calendar

New Member Orientations:
September 14 - Evening wine at the home of Lynne Lancaster, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Register [here](#).

Or
October 12 - Morning coffee at Pacific Union Real Estate Conference Room, 9:00 - 10:30 am. Register [here](#).

September 26 - Farmers' Market, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Sonoma Plaza. Stop by the Impact100 Sonoma table - bring wine or a bite to share along with a friend, spouse or partner.

October 5 - Sonoma Garden Park Tour, Harvest and Lunch Party, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Members-only. RSVP to Jean Behse by September 21 at jbehse1@sbcglobal.net

Quick Links

Impact100 Sonoma Co-Presidents
Gera Vaz, Lynne Lancaster and Judith Walsh

Big News! Impact100 Sonoma Receives TWO Grants to Support Young Philanthropists

With support from Carrie Morgridge and the Morgridge Family Foundation, the Impact100 Council's Young Philanthropist Program has awarded a second grant to Impact100 Sonoma. This new \$1,600 grant will serve as partial scholarships (50%) to allow three women between the ages of 21 and 39 to participate in our organization in 2018, with the remaining \$100 to offset administrative costs. Recipients of the grant are: Veronica Vences, Program Director at La Luz Center; Susana Garcia, Family Engagement Director for Parent University; and Betzy Chavez, Director of the La Luz Family Resource Center at El Verano Elementary School. We are most grateful for this grant, as it will help ensure that these young professionals can continue to participate in our giving circle through the 2018 membership year.

Due to the effort of member Meghan Marsh King, Impact100 Sonoma also received a \$2,400 grant from the ROQUE Foundation specifically to support the NextGen Program. Based in Napa, the women-founded ROQUE Foundation creates opportunities for networking and learning through a quarterly meet-up, Fireside Social, and gives back to the community through their scholarship program. Grant funds will fully support two NextGen members (ages 25-35) and partially support a third member, with \$600 in matching funds contributed by the general membership. The NextGen Program is currently accepting applications, due by October 1, and you can [apply here](#). Impact100 Sonoma deeply appreciates the ROQUE Foundation for giving three young professionals an opportunity to become members of the 2018 NextGen Program.

An Afternoon in the Garden....



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Did you know that the home for our Garden Party used to be the carriage house of the Spreckles Mansion?

It was all play and no work at the annual Garden Party, an afternoon that Impact100 Sonoma members and their guests look forward to every summer. Graciously hosted by member Penny D'Allaird in her lovely garden surrounded by vineyards laden with almost-ripe grapes, the sky was blue and the weather mild - perfect for catching up with long-time friends and making meaningful connections with new ones. Many thanks go to Penny and Tracy Reynes along with the Events Committee for the bountiful and beautiful table that never emptied of food, and to the volunteers who made sure that the glasses never emptied of bubbly. See the scrapbook of Garden Party photos [here](#).

Successful New Member Recruiting Event at George Ranch



Impact100 members and guests enjoy a casual evening to learn about our shared work

On a balmy early summer evening, 25+ members and guests enjoyed appetizers and wine on the deck of the George Ranch Clubhouse overlooking a pond fringed with breezy grasses. Though the setting was reason enough to gather, the purpose of the evening was to provide interested women an opportunity to learn about Impact100 Sonoma.

Rather than presenting only facts and figures, Impact members shared stories from their heart. Arlene Curry, founding member and our host resident of George Ranch, told about the birthing years of Impact100 Sonoma. NextGen member Chelsie Runnings shared about her dedication to making a meaningful difference in our community. Cristin Felso, member and Executive Director of Teen Services Sonoma (TSS), explained how the Impact and Community Grants TSS has received have allowed the organization to start many new programs that provide teens with the necessary skills to find meaningful employment.

Other members shared their own stories - why they were drawn to Impact100, how much they have learned about local nonprofits and the

needs of our community, and how much they appreciate the power of women coming together to serve. A big thanks goes out to the Events and Membership Committees, and to current members who brought guests, many of whom have signed on for 2018!

Give a Smile to Impact100 Sonoma!



Sign up for [AmazonSmile](#) and help Impact100 Sonoma raise the collective impact of our giving. When you shop online, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.

Here's the scoop:

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Impact100 Sonoma every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [AmazonSmile](#), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as at Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Impact100 Sonoma.

How do I select Impact100 Sonoma to support on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to [AmazonSmile](#) you need to select Impact100 Sonoma to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. After that, every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

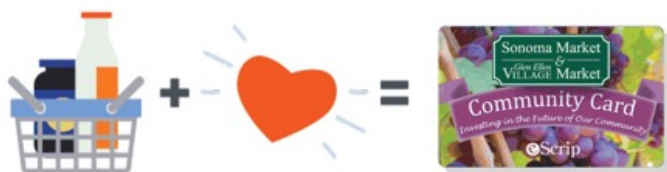
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To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [AmazonSmile](#) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same, including Amazon Prime membership.

Make a Difference in Your Community (Card)!



Sonoma Market and Glen Ellen Village Market are strongly committed to providing ongoing support and funding to organizations such as Impact100 Sonoma through their Community Card program.

With a Community Card, Impact100 Sonoma can earn up to 5% of your purchase amount every time you shop. It's easy, and there is no cost to sign up. Cards and registration forms are available at Sonoma Market or Glen Ellen Village Market, or simply [click here](#) to register.

Summer School - A Lesson in Water-Wise Gardening!



Members enjoy a July evening as they learn important water-saving garden tips

Zanne Clark welcomed 26 members to her park-like garden on a tranquil July evening to hear Master Gardener and fellow Impact member Joanna Kemper share water-wise gardening tips. As the group toured the garden Zanne described the issues and solutions that Joanna recommended two years ago that have transformed Zanne's back yard from a water-intensive area into a water-sensitive and inviting garden.

Members mingled and shared notes with other garden enthusiasts while sipping local wines and enjoying appetizers. "I really enjoy these limited-number events, and the variety of events," Mirja Muncy shared. "Zanne's garden looks great and it was nice of her to host us. I also took home some of her generously discarded succulents so a piece of her garden will now be residing in my yard!" Many thanks to Zanne, Joanna and the Member