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Important Announcements

Happy New Year! Here's to a fantastic 2018!

We Hope to See You at the All-Members Annual Meeting and Impact Grant Update! Please Note the Date Change: Saturday, January 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Vintage House, with a continental breakfast beginning at 9:30 am. [RSVP now!](#)

Only Four Days Left to Renew for 2018! Don't Miss the January 5 Deadline - [Renew Now!](#) - Your renewal is a gift to our community that keeps on giving. Only those who renew by the deadline will be eligible to vote in 2018.

And please consider joining as a **Member Plus** to help support the administrative costs of running our organization. This year, we've made it even easier for you to find the membership level that is right for you with convenient categories for you to choose from. [Click here to see which level is right for you.](#)

Grant Review Committees are Filling Up - [Join a Grant Review Committee](#) and meet other members while you support the work of Sonoma Valley nonprofits. Committee participation will be limited to 75 members. Email [Lynne Lancaster](#) to sign up. A wait list will be started as soon as committees fill.

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Impact100 Sonoma High

Impact Joins the Chamber!



We are pleased to announce Impact Sonoma joined the Sonoma Chamber Community

nonprofit in support of their mission to develop, sustain, and enhance a vibrant and resilient local economy. Our membership to the Chamber of Commerce provides us with increased connectivity to other businesses in Sonoma Valley, opportunities to connect to our local network, and access to resources that will help Impact, our community, to thrive. Learn more about the local mission [here](#)



A 2017 Community Grants Review Committee at a site visit. Impact and Community grant committees are filling up for 2018 so don't wait to sign up!

Presidents' Letter

Happy New Year!

At our December Holiday Party, we proudly celebrated the end of a record-breaking year in which we were able to donate over \$290,000 to thirteen nonprofit organizations working to make Sonoma Valley a better place for everyone. We also mourned the losses from the October fires, but resolved that we and our entire community will emerge and rebuild stronger than ever.

We're now ready to launch our ninth grant season and, with your involvement, we can demonstrate our continuing commitment to those on the front lines of community service. Due to the fires we are behind in member recruiting and we need your help. **[You have only until Friday, January 5th to make your membership donation](#)** so please don't delay! And whether or not you have already made your membership donation, please consider adding a **Plus** donation to help fund our operations. Because every dollar of your membership donation goes to fund our grants, we rely heavily on Member **Plus** donations to cover operational costs including software, administrative services, member meetings, and grant updates.

We'll announce this year's grant pool at our Annual All-Member Meeting on Saturday, January 27. The meeting begins at 9:30 am with a delicious continental breakfast and the opportunity to connect with other members, many of whom will be new to Impact100. The program will begin at 10:00 am. This will also be your last opportunity to sign up for a Grant Review Committee, or to put your name on a waitlist if these have already filled.

Participation on other committees, including Membership, Communications, Events, Member Engagement, and Technology, are additional ways for you to become more involved if you wish. We appreciate your time and talent.

We are so grateful to all of our members and sponsors for your important and continuing support of Impact100 Sonoma.

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

Quick Calendar

January 9 - Murphy's Pub Hour, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Bring a friend and join the fun! No RSVP is required.

January 27 - Annual Meeting Impact Grant Update, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Registration and Continental Breakfast, 10:00 am - 12 noon Program, Vintage House. [RSVP](#)

March 1 - Suite D Dinner, 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Suite D featuring Dr. Curran Reichert, Minister of Congregation Church. Watch for an invitation.

March 17 - Community Grant Update, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, Vintage House. More information to follow.

[Details in the full calendar.](#)

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Our NextGen Continues to Grow!



Impact100 Sonoma 2018 NextGen members (from left to right) are Sarah Carroll, Casey Chavez, Nicole Lee, and Anya Everett.

This month we are proud to welcome four new members of the NextGen Program, designed to inspire and empower young women to become actively involved in serving our Sonoma Valley community through Impact100. These women are eager to contribute their unique experiences, skills, and community perspectives to create positive change in Sonoma Valley through our collective giving circle. Please join us in welcoming this next generation of Impact100 Sonoma members and be sure to introduce yourself to them at the Annual Meeting on January 27th where they will be introduced. We are thrilled to have them on board!



2017 NextGen members welcome our new Cohort at the November Murphy's Gathering.

Our 2017 NextGen Cohort recently gave a warm welcome to these new members at the November 7th Happy Hour at Murphy's Pub. 2017 NextGen members are now completing their first year with Impact100. These women have contributed significantly to our organization and to the community through their participation on Grants, Membership, Diversity & Sponsorships, and Communications Committees. They have also helped tremendously with member events and activities, and have been interviewed on KSVY Radio on behalf of Impact100. We are especially pleased that 2017 NextGen Cohort member Angela Ryan has joined the Impact100 Sonoma Board as Assistant Communications Chair.

These Impact100 members have been instrumental in shaping the NextGen Program as a successful initiative here in Sonoma Valley as well as providing a model for other Impact100 chapters across the U.S seeking to diversify their membership. We are grateful for their contributions and leadership.

The NextGen Program is made possible by individual donations from our members. If you would like to help sponsor the program, we are beginning to fundraise for the 2019 cohort and any amount of contribution is welcomed. Please contact Mary Marcussen, Diversity & Sponsorship Chair, for more information at: nextgenprogram@impact100sonoma.org.

Generosity Warms the Holiday Party



Candlelight, the gentle tones of a duet's guitars and vocals, stations laden with food, two bars ably "manned", tables for relaxing and visiting with friends old and new -- that was the welcome to over 165 Impact100 Sonoma members and 30 guests who attended the annual Holiday Party on December seven.

Sometimes circumstances heighten our appreciation for all that we have, and

what we are able to contribute. This holiday season, and this year, have especially inspired gratitude and renewed dedication in Impact100 members and everyone who loves Sonoma Valley.



As Gera Vaz, Membership Chair and Co- President, reminded everyone, in 2018 Impact100 membership is more vital than ever. Why? Because 100% of each member's \$1,000 tax-deductible donation will be granted this year to nonprofits that are supporting and rebuilding our community.

Many members made sure to find the large holiday-paper-wrapped box into which they dropped gift cards for the Sonoma Valley Holiday Program. "The program coordinates with twelve different valley nonprofits to help those with the greatest needs receive support around the holidays," explained Co-President Lynne Lancaster. "We collected a grand total of \$3050 in gift cards from our Impact100 members."

Constance Grizzell, Impact100 member and co-founder of the Holiday Program, commented, "We are truly humbled and awed by the generosity of our sisters. The gift cards will be used to provide for seniors, the homeless, and some of the families who were most impacted by the fires."

Rachel Hundley, Sonoma's outgoing Mayor and new 2018 Impact100 member, spoke eloquently about why she joined Impact100 and how touched she has been by the level of civic engagement and the way in which volunteers and nonprofits have rallied in the wake of the devastating fires.



Big thanks to Erin Selby at Laura Chenel and to Gary Edwards who donated cheeses for the event. And to everyone else who made the Holiday Party so lovely and fun.

Many Hands Get the Job Done at Redwood Empire Food Bank!



Twenty-four Impact100 Sonoma members and guests pulled on rubber gloves and got busy bagging produce in the cool warehouse of Redwood Empire Food Bank's (REFB) Santa Rosa facility on December 19. Half of the group bagged apples while the other half bagged pears -- all to the cheerful strains of holiday music and lively chatter. In less than two hours the group packaged 6,000 pounds of fruit, ready for distribution!

Jean Larson of REFB welcomed everyone and gave an enlightening history of the food bank. Every year REFB receives 15 million pounds of food, more than half of that fresh produce. Local wineries offer eight months of free storage, worth about \$500,000 in rent.

The combined efforts of many people and businesses create ways for nearly 30 different varieties of fruits and vegetables to get collected, stored, packaged and disseminated throughout the county. A big thank you goes out to REFB and to all of the volunteers who made the day both successful and fun.

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