



MONTHLY NEWS

August 2023



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- Upcoming events start to fill our fall calendars.
- Read the recaps! See the pictures! A parade, patio party, and patriotic picnic make a July to remember.

CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER

The summer is flying by, in part because the Impact100 Sonoma Board is already laser-focused on the months ahead. In mid-July we gathered at the Diamond A Recreational Center, courtesy of **Cheryl Hannon**, to strategize for the coming year. Our packed agenda generated lively discussion and many ideas.

It was a day to reflect on our vision, mission, and values as an organization. The Grants Team presented its 15th-anniversary, 2024 strategy, which we'll announce at the Annual Garden Party in September. We also formed an ad-hoc committee to plan special anniversary projects with three goals in mind: showcasing our accomplishments; recognizing our nonprofit and community partners; and thanking you, our member donors. Stay tuned for details.

We welcome new board member **Barbara Insel** as Assistant Treasurer, supporting Treasurer **Marney Malik**. Barbara comes to us with valuable experience and is eager to get involved.

You might have noticed that our website has been undergoing a bit of housecleaning. The home page and events calendar now receive monthly updates, while grants, membership, news, and sponsor content is more current and the navigation is cleaner. Our refresh continues. We'll keep you posted as this initiative progresses.

Many thanks to those of you who joined us at the 4th of July Parade. We were proud to walk with the many members, children, and dogs who turned out. A special salute goes to **Jeanne Allen**, who again served as our pace car, and to our husbands **Chuck Pendell** and **Gary Seifer**, who carried our banner. It was a fun time for all. More coverage appears further down.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our summer events or around the Plaza. Stay cool!



Debbe Noto and **Claudia Sims**, Co-Presidents



New board member
Barbara Insel, Assistant Treasurer

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

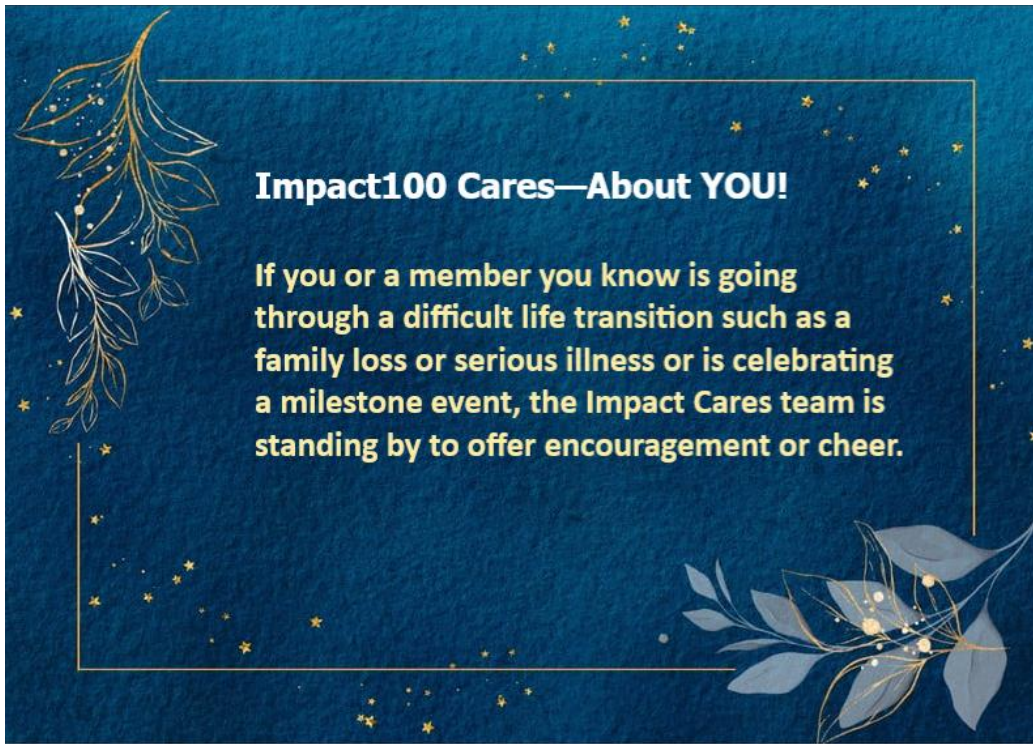


Events Team Members

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.

Membership Team Members

With the fall membership drive right around the corner, the Membership Committee seeks volunteers to help with Vote 2024 recruitment parties, follow-up calls to prospective and renewing members, and other opportunities to keep Impact100 Sonoma growing. If you have a few hours to spare in the fall, contact **Stephanie Chakmak** at thechakmaks@gmail.com or **Sandee Crisp** at sandeeandrod@gmail.com to learn more.



To reach out, contact **Mary Jane Stolte** at 415-518-3389
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, August 22, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Farmers Market Meetup

Relive the Summer of Love! NextGen members, led by hosts **Amy Gallagher** and **Emma McCulloch**, will be waiting in bell bottoms, tie-dyes, and flower crowns to show you a groovy and mellow time. Stop by for drinks and appetizers across from Sign of the Bear, under the green and white balloons, and bring something to share. Everyone **cool** is welcome. See your invitation. **Bring a prospective member!**



Thursday, August 31, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Summer Patio Party

For our second party of the season, host **Ann Arabian** has invited members, prospective members, and significant others to her bucolic home in Glen Ellen. Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Watch for your invitation to this limited-attendance event.



Friday, September 22, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Impact100 Sonoma/American Red Cross Blood Drive

We're teaming up once again with the American Red Cross for a blood drive at the Sonoma Community Center. There are **33 donor slots** available. Let's make sure all are filled for this important cause! To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code **Impact100 Sonoma**.

Learn more details about the event here: [Impact100 Sonoma Flyer Give Blood.pdf](#)

Learn details about donating, eligibility, and other requirements here: [Impact100 Sonoma Give Blood Questions.pdf](#) or call 866-236-2376.



Saturday, September 23, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Annual Garden Party

Come kick off the Impact100 Sonoma 2024 membership drive and 15th-anniversary grants year at the beautiful home of **Penney Magrane** and **Joan Howley, MD**. Reconnect with friends, renew your membership, and recruit prospective members over enticing drinks and appetizers. Watch for your invitation with full details, and then register promptly for this popular, limited-attendance event.



Tuesday, September 26, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Farmers Market Meetup

Don't miss the last meetup of the summer. Stop by for drinks and appetizers across from Sign of the Bear, under the green and white balloons, and bring something to share. Everyone is welcome. Watch for your invitation. **Bring a prospective member!**



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.



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



OUT AND ABOUT

Impact100 Sonoma Celebrates Independence Day

The weather was blessedly mild for the Sonoma 4th of July parade. Members, spouses, kids, dogs, and other supporters donned their green sashes, raised their

signs, and made a proud circuit around the Plaza to waves and cheers from the crowd lining the sidewalks.



An enthusiastic group gathered for the morning start.



Leslie Blankenship (left) with **Drake** and **Kathy Bloch** with **Valentine** came dressed to walk.



Gina Cuclis (left) and **Judy Baker** were excited to join the parade.



Sherry Preiss (right) brought her mentee **Victoria** (center), who proudly led the way with **Jeanne Allen**, **Claudia Sims** (left), and **Debbe Noto**.

See more photos by Ann Iverson [HERE](#).

First Summer Patio Party Makes Guests Feel at Home

On the evening of July 19, **Jean Behse** opened her charming in-town garden to Impact100 Sonoma friends for a relaxing patio party.



Hosts **Jean Behse** (far right) and **Bill Thomson** greeted **Vickie Soulier** (far left) and **Brenda Lhormer** (second right).



Members **Carrie Fogg** (left) and **Tada Darsie** caught up over drinks and appetizers.

See more photos by Ann Iverson [HERE](#).

July Farmers Market Meetup Keeps Patriotic Spirits Alive

On the evening of July 26, in a shady new spot, member hosts **Jean Behse** and **Kay Heigel** welcomed one and all back to the Plaza for a second round of patriotic celebration.



Co-hosts (from left) **Kay Heigel** and **Jean Behse** were happy to see their friend **Hope Nisson**.



Enjoying the casual gathering were (from left) co-host **Kay Heigel**, **Jeanne Allen**, **Diana Sanson**, and **Tia Pierce**, who stopped by to say hello while also volunteering nearby for **Sonoma Overnight Support**.

