



MONTHLY NEWS

December 2023



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- Annual Holiday Party lifts everyone's spirits.

GRANTS UPDATE



There's still time to join a 2024 Grant Review Committee!

It's not too late to sign up to serve on a 2024 Grant Review Committee. We have a handful of openings left, and will accept registrations through December on a first-come, first-served basis.

Get full details about what to expect and what's required [HERE](#).

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Registrar **Marcy Winget**, at marcy@impact100sonoma.org.



CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER

Our Holiday Party was memorable for more than the unique venue so generously provided by our host, **Hanson of Sonoma Distillery**. We thank all of our volunteers and sponsors for making it such a festive and welcoming occasion. We hope it will inspire members to renew and guests to join in the next few weeks.

Looking around the room, as partygoers toasted the season, we reflected on the achievements of 2023. It marked the rollout of our new grant management software, and the feedback from Grant Review Committees has been heartening. The feedback from nonprofits has been even more encouraging. The streamlined application process is partly responsible for the increased participation by newer and smaller organizations.

And it was a record-breaking year. We awarded \$337,400 in grants, bringing our cumulative total to \$3,675,485. We also welcomed new board members and said goodbye to some long-standing ones, and we are grateful to all for their service.

Looking ahead, we encourage you to attend the Annual Members' Meeting on Saturday morning, January 20, the first member event of our 15th anniversary year. You'll gain insight from founding members, learn the latest from current board chairs, and be inspired by our keynote speaker. Then we'll cheer the Big Reveal of our 2024 membership and funding numbers, which we hope will set another record.

You, our member donors, have helped to make that possible. THANK YOU!

We wish everyone safe, warm, and wonderful holidays and year-end celebrations and look forward to seeing you soon!



Claudia Sims and Debbe Noto, Co-Presidents

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Let's celebrate our 15th anniversary by making 2024 a record year!

Renew Today! The deadline for Vote 2024 is December 31. If you experience difficulties or need assistance, contact info@impact100sonoma.org.

Learn the details here: [Renew Your Impact100 Sonoma Membership Now.pdf](#)

If you want to **share a membership** but haven't yet found a partner, the Membership Team can help. Contact **Sandee Crisp** at sandeeandrod@gmail.com.

If you want to **broaden our membership**, consider making an additional donation to our new **member sponsorship fund**. Recommend the person you want to support, or entrust us to direct the money on your behalf. The sponsored member will enjoy full membership benefits for one year.

Two ways to pay!

1. Renew online via credit card [HERE](#).
2. Or mail your check payable to:

Impact100 Sonoma
P.O. Box 1958
Sonoma, CA 95476

Checks must arrive by Wednesday, January 10, at 5:00 PM PST to qualify for Vote 2024. Payments received later will go toward Vote 2025.

NOTE: Renewals do not require completion of a membership form except to indicate name, email address, and allocation of any additional funds.

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.

Impact100 Cares—About YOU!

If you or a member you know is going through a difficult life transition such as a family loss or serious illness or is celebrating a milestone event, the Impact Cares team is standing by to offer encouragement or cheer.

To reach out, contact **Mary Jane Stolte** at 415-518-3389 or mjstolte7@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, January 20

**9:30 AM Check-in, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations
2024 Annual Members' Meeting**

Let our 15th anniversary year begin! Join us at the historic Sebastiani Theatre for a program that will celebrate all we've accomplished and all that lies ahead, including the Big Reveal of our 2024 grants funding. Mark your calendar and watch for your invitation to this free, members-only event.

OUT AND ABOUT

Spotlight Series Continues with Focus on Immigration

On November 30, more than 40 engaged and enthusiastic participants gathered at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse for the final Spotlight event of 2023.

Speaker **Vicki Handron, Esq.**, co-founder of **Sonoma Immigrant Services**, presented a clear, cohesive, and compelling portrait of the immigrant population in the valley, relating the challenges and successes foreign nationals experience. Insightful audience questions made for a lively discussion.

Learn more about **Vicki Handron** [HERE](#).

Learn more about **Sonoma Immigrant Services** [HERE](#).

Watch for your invitation to our next free Spotlight event, coming in January.

Bring a prospective member!





Vicki Handron of Sonoma Immigrant Services informed and engaged the audience.



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

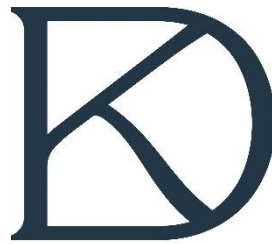
Annual Holiday Party Makes Spirits Bright

Some 140 members and guests gathered at the **Hanson of Sonoma Distillery** tasting room on December 5 to ring in the festive season. Food, drink, friendship, and community spirit abounded. More than 40 women joined or renewed at the event, giving us even more reason to celebrate and look forward to 2024.

Thank you to our event sponsor!



Thank you to our wine sponsors!



dk wine group

Elizabeth Spencer
RUTHERFORD 1872



Thank you to our Events Team!



Cindy Belluomini, Amy Gallagher, Linda Murphy, Gigi Pflieger, Bobbie Collins, Marilyn Booth, and Karen Sherman



Santee Crisp and Gina Cuculis



Molly Detwiler and Jeanne Allen



Dayane Solis and Dalia Caballero



Party goers enjoying a Hanson libation.



Jennifer Nichols, Lucy Weiger and Jeanne Montague

*Happy
Holidays*



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JOYFUL NEW YEAR