



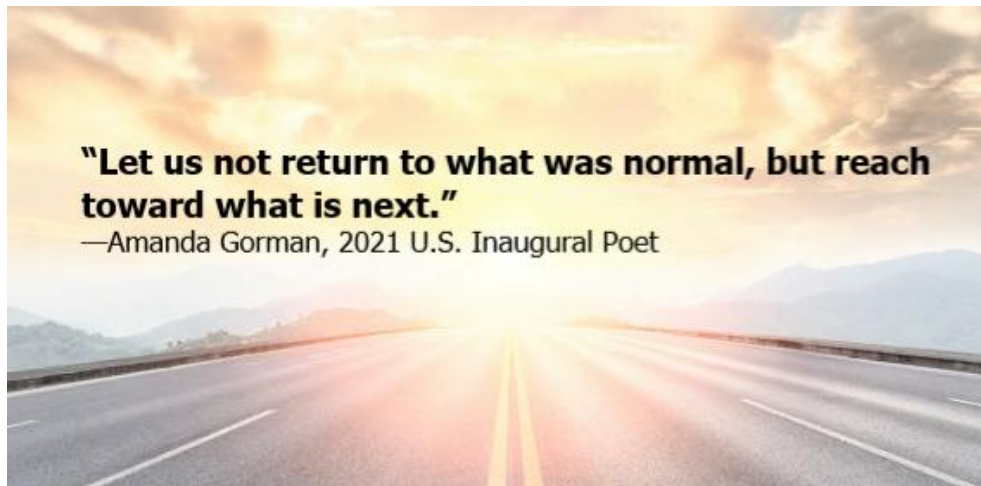
Monthly News

JANUARY 2023



IN THIS ISSUE

- Annual Members' Meeting to focus on What's Next.
- Co-Presidents look back with thanks and forward with good news.
- Membership and Grants Teams issue important reminders.
- New Impact Cares resource extends a helping hand to members.
- January events start the year off right.
- See the pictures! Annual Holiday Party and December Blood Drive bring members and friends together with impressive results.



As we greet 2023, we realize that the pandemic, politics, inflation, and other events of recent years have made "getting back to normal" an elusive and not necessarily desirable goal. Instead, we choose to embrace "What 's Next," our

theme for the Annual Members' Meeting on Saturday morning, January 21, from 9:30 to noon.

Please join us at the landmark Sebastiani Theatre, graciously hosting Impact100 for the first time, where we'll welcome the challenges and changes ahead with optimism, imagination, and an inclusive spirit. We'll also announce our Big Reveal—the size of the 2023 grants pool! Don't miss it! Watch for your invitation or register [HERE](#).

CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER

Before 2022 fully recedes in the rearview mirror, we'd like to thank everyone involved with the Annual Holiday Party on December 7. It was gratifying to see the large turnout and greet so many new and renewing members. Our drink sponsors, raffle donors, caterer, and many volunteers helped to make the afternoon a huge success.

We also thank all those who have made their Vote 2023 membership donation. If you haven't done so already, the time to act is **NOW**. Just a few days remain to submit your payment. Please join or renew. Sonoma Valley needs us now more than ever!

With the new year coming into full view, we're happy to announce that **Simone Echeguren** has agreed to shadow Treasurer **Marney Malik** in the months ahead, ensuring a smooth transition for this critical board position. Simone brings a background in banking, finance, and project management to the table, as well as a can-do attitude.

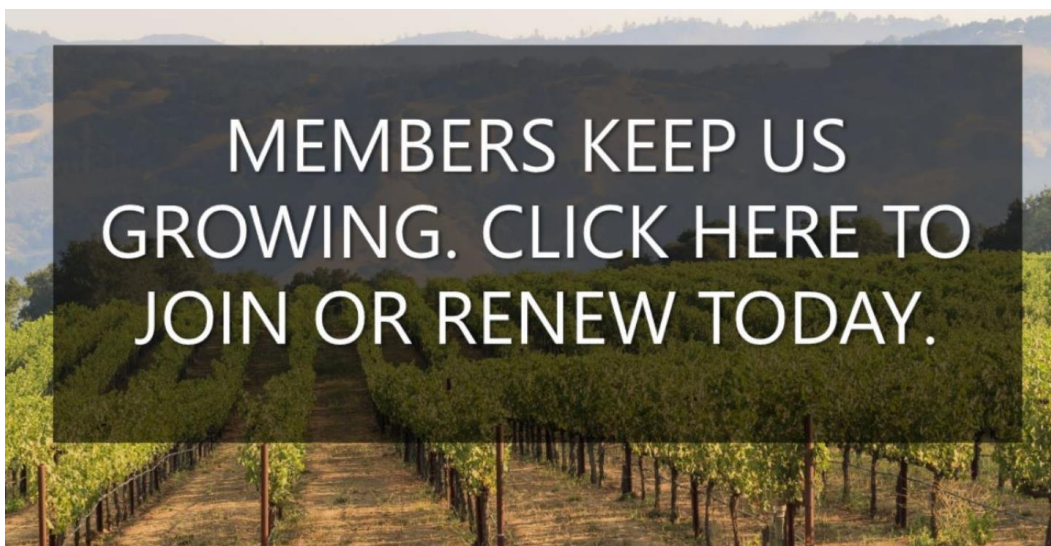
Volunteers have also stepped up for the new Website Committee. We are grateful and look forward to meeting with them in coming weeks to start developing a plan for updating and improving a communications tool that matters so much to everyone engaged with or interested in the work we do.

Happy New Year! We hope to see you at the Annual Members' Meeting!



Debbe Noto and Claudia Sims, Co-Presidents

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Important New Year Reminders:

- **There's still time to join or renew.** It's easy to pay via credit card [HERE](#). Or mail your check payable to Impact100 Sonoma, P.O. Box 1958, Sonoma, CA 95476. To qualify for Vote 2023 membership, online payments must process or checks must arrive in our P.O. box **by Wednesday, January 11, at 5:00 PM PST**. Payments received later will go toward Vote 2024.
- **Pardon the inconvenience.** From January 11—just after the payment cutoff—through January 23—just after the Annual Members' Meeting—the Join Us/Join or Renew page of [Impact100Sonoma.org](https://www.impact100sonoma.org) will shut down for an important 2023 update.

GRANTS UPDATE



Got Questions?

We've Got Answers!

The Grants Team has been gearing up for the new year by briefing nonprofits, establishing software workflow, recruiting and setting up Grant Review Committees (GRCs), and developing comprehensive training, which will be conducted in-person for the first time since 2020! Key dates:

Friday, January 13 by 8:00 PM—Grant applications due

Thursday, January 26, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM—GRC training

OR

Saturday, January 28, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM—GRC training

In the meantime, if you have questions, here's a **visual guide** for finding Grants Team information on the Impact100 Sonoma website:

[Impact100 Sonoma Online Grant Resource.pdf](#)

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.

Name Tag Team Members

Here's an easy way to meet members and guests: help update and organize name tags and manage the greeters' table at events. For more information about this straightforward yet essential role, contact **Sandee Crisp** at sandeeandrod@gmail.com or **Stephanie Chakmak** at thechakmaks@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER RESOURCE



Impact100 Cares—About YOU!

Impact100 is about caring for our community—and for one another! 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 new Impact Cares team is standing by to offer encouragement or cheer. Former board member **Mary Jane Stolte** and other members of the Member Engagement Committee **Hope Nisson** and **Kay Heigel** want to hear from you. To reach out, contact Mary Jane at 415-518-3389 or mjstolte7@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, January 5, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Spotlight Series/Human Trafficking: Redemption House of the Bay Area

Explore and discuss critical issues of the day at Impact100's ongoing Spotlight Series at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse on 5th Street West. For Human Trafficking Awareness Month, we'll focus on **Redemption House of the Bay Area**, a multifaceted organization assisting sex-trafficking survivors. Panelists will include Co-Founders **Lisa Diaz-McQuaid** and **Elizabeth Quiroz**, as well as **Katerina Phillips**, Chair of the Commission on Human Rights of Sonoma County. Register [HERE](#) for this free, limited-attendance event.

Learn more about **Redemption House of the Bay Area** [HERE](#).



Saturday, January 21, 9:30 AM Check-in

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations

2023 Annual Members' Meeting

Learn what lies ahead for Impact100 Sonoma at our annual members-only gathering. Join us at the beautiful Sebastiani Theatre to hear the state of our organization, including what's next in grants, educational programs, and operations, and a keynote address that will help us focus on it all. Cheer the Big Reveal of our 2023 grants pool amount! Watch for your invitation to this very special event or register [HERE](#).

OUT AND ABOUT

Annual Holiday Party Gives Multiple Reasons to Celebrate

On December 7, at FAHA Heritage Hall, more than 115 members and prospective members gathered in the late afternoon for our annual holiday celebration. The room was filled with seasonal spirit, delicious food and drink, and lively conversation.

We thank our beverage sponsors, who joined in the fun:



Claudia Schug, Partner/Export Sales,
Schug Carneros Estate Winery



Aaron Quinnell, Director of Events,
Membership, and E-Commerce, Hanson
of Sonoma Distillery



The **raffle** was a huge success. The 255 tickets sold raised **\$7,525** for the 2023 grants pool, reflecting the value and appeal of the extraordinary prizes. We thank our donors:

- **Marc and Brenda Lhormer** (*Bottle Shock* movie tour for four, commemorative wine)
- **EDGE Restaurant and Stone Edge Farm** Estate Vineyards & Winery (elegant dinner for four)
- **Head High Wines** (vineyard tour for 12, case of wine)
- **Laces and Limos** (day-long safari-style vineyard adventure for four)



Teen Services (part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley) prepared and passed a tempting selection of small bites.



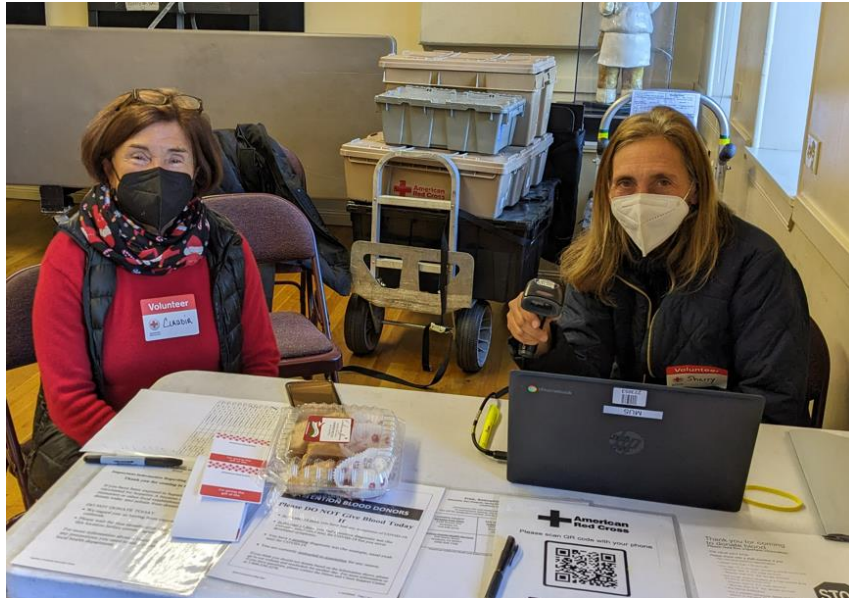
Among those enjoying the holiday cheer were (from left) Events Chair **Karen Sherman**, **Jeanne Allen**, **Christine Benson**, and Membership Co-Chair **Sandee Crisp**.

To see more party photos by **Ann Iverson**, visit [HERE](#).

To see **Sarah Carroll's** Facebook party posts, visit [HERE](#).

December Blood Drive Fills Community Need

On December 16, Impact100 sponsored a Red Cross blood drive at the Sonoma Community Center. The five-hour event attracted some 30 donors. Because of the high interest and scarcity of local donation opportunities, organizer **Bobbie Collins** hopes to sponsor a second Impact100 blood drive mid-year.



Impact100 volunteers, including board members **Claudia Sims** (left) and **Sherry Preiss**, checked in and directed donors.



Donor **Suzanne Welch** was assisted by a Red Cross nurse.



Impact100 Sonoma wishes you a very Happy New Year!



Contact Us

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

(707) 939-5007 | [Impact100sonoma.org](https://www.impact100sonoma.org)

