



## Monthly News

**MARCH 2023**



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- Grant committees and applicants test our new software and give it an A.
- Co-Presidents welcome our record number of new members.
- Spotlight Series to continue in March with a focus on research in breast and other forms of cancer.
- April event at Three Sticks Winery offers a rare plus-one social opportunity.
- See the pictures! NextGen kickoff party and February Spotlight event bring members together for fun and learning.

## GRANTS UPDATE



Now that the Grant Review Committees (GRCs) and Financial Review Committees (FRCs) are well into their work of reviewing grant applications and arranging site visits, it's clear that our new grants management software is living up to expectations and that the investment is paying off.

FRCs are no longer downloading and storing large files on their own systems and can easily view applications online. GRCs are no longer compiling and sharing large paper folders. Everyone is saving computer space—and trees!

"I love the new grants platform. It's so easy to use. Everything on one screen!" said one user. To prepare for meetings, committee members read applications and filled out evaluations online. "As a somewhat reticent person," one member said, "it made me feel that my voice was heard and considered early in the process."

Grant applicants appreciate the clear instructions and ease of use, and we encourage all of our nonprofit organizations to register at our application portal [HERE](#) to facilitate future communications. Nearly 60 have already registered.

While training users and establishing a new workflow has been time-consuming, the Grants Team has laid the groundwork for even more efficiencies and process improvements in the years ahead. The software's reporting capabilities are proving to be especially useful and promising.

If you have questions or want to learn more, contact Dana Simpson-Stokes at [dana@impact100sonoma.org](mailto:dana@impact100sonoma.org) or Kathy Bloch at [kathy@impact100sonoma.org](mailto:kathy@impact100sonoma.org).

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## CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER

Vineyards striped with mustard. Fruit trees in bloom. Daffodils on the rise. Just as our thoughts were turning to spring, we awoke to snow dusting our mountains—and then it stayed for a while! Life is filled with beautiful surprises.

One such surprise was our record **78** new Impact100 Sonoma members for Vote 2023. When so many stood to be welcomed at our annual meeting in January, we were thrilled. Since then we've had the pleasure to meet many of them in person at new member orientations being conducted by **Kathleen Ball** and **Gera Vaz**, and they are an impressive bunch.

Our "freshman class" of members is diverse in age and background and in how they came to Impact100 Sonoma. It is common for a member to bring along her daughter; in this group, there are daughters bringing along their mothers. Many are new to our community, moving here as they wind down their careers. Some are longtime residents seeking new ways to connect. All bring a variety of professional experiences, and we hope to tap into some of those skills on our committees.

A common reason why they joined our organization is to better know our community and its nonprofits in order to engage and give back more strategically. We look forward to helping them do that, and we know all our veteran members do, too.



*Debbe Noto and Claudia Sims, Co-Presidents*

## VOLUNTEER OPENINGS



### **Newsletter Coordinator**

Assist the Communications Chair with producing this monthly online newsletter. Gather submissions, track down details, and monitor the schedule. No meetings required. To learn more, contact **Molly Detwiler** at [msdetwiler@aol.com](mailto:msdetwiler@aol.com).

### **Membership Team Members**

The Membership Team has a one-time project and ongoing committees in need of assistance. To learn more, contact **Sandee Crisp** at [sandeeandrod@gmail.com](mailto:sandeeandrod@gmail.com).

*Thank You  
for Volunteering*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Wednesday, March 29, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Spotlight Series/Breast Cancer Breakthroughs with Dr. Steve Shak**

Explore and discuss critical issues of the day at our ongoing Spotlight Series at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse on 5th Street West. Our next guest will be world-renowned cancer researcher and Sonoma resident **Steve Shak, M.D.** He'll focus on the recent revolution in breast cancer diagnosis and treatment as experienced firsthand—and what you can do to help eradicate cancer for everyone. Watch for your invitation or register [HERE](#) for this free, members-only event.

Learn more about **Steve Shak** [HERE](#).



**Thursday, April 6, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**  
**Member+One Social at Three Sticks Winery**

Enjoy a rare opportunity to visit the beautiful, historic Vallejo-Casteñada Adobe, just off the Plaza—and to bring a spouse, partner, or other personal guest to an Impact100 event. Meet Prema Behan, winery co-founder and general manager. Savor extraordinary wines and hors d'oeuvres, stroll the gardens, mingle with friends, and meet new members. Cost: \$25 per person. Watch for your invitation or register [HERE](#) for this limited-attendance social.



**Saturday, April 15, 9:30 AM Check-in,**  
**10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations**  
**Meet the Finalists**

Help decide your vote by hearing directly from our Impetus Grant finalists at the Sebastiani Theatre. Watch for your invitation.



**Saturday, April 29, 9:30 AM Check-in,**  
**10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations and Reception**  
**14th Annual Grant Awards Celebration**

Join fellow members and the community at Hanna Center to honor our 2023 Impetus Grant recipients. Watch for your invitation.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### **NextGen Supports Women's Business at New Year's Event**

As part of its goal to connect with and support women-owned businesses in Sonoma Valley, our growing NextGen community met in January at **Pomme Cider Shop & Taproom** on Broadway for its New Year's event. The group welcomed returning, new, and prospective members, discussed 2023 plans, and received self-care goodie bags.

Learn more about **Pomme Cider Shop & Taproom** [HERE](#).



NextGen members and friends (from left) **Jess, Emma, Jessica, Amy, Monica, Angela, Sarah, Maura, Lacy,** and **Elise** toasted a new year of possibilities.

### **Spotlight Series Continues with Focus on Understanding Immigration**

On February 22, a record 35 Impact100 Sonoma members gathered at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse to learn more about and discuss today's immigration challenges. **Dr. Marilyn Hoskin** brought more than 40 years of teaching and writing on the subject to the lively conversation, which included an overview of U.S. immigration history, the 50-year lack of federal immigration policy, and how members can facilitate change through lobbying their legislators.

Learn about Marilyn's most recent book, *Understanding Immigration: Issues and Challenges in an Era of Mass Population Movement*, [HERE](#).



Spotlight Committee Chair **Linda Bruce** (right) thanked Impact100 Sonoma member **Dr. Marilyn Hoskin** for an informative and engaging evening. As a Pueblo Serena resident, Linda sponsors our ongoing use of the clubhouse for Spotlight events. Thank you, Linda!

**To suggest topics for future Spotlight Series events, contact Sherry Preiss at [shpreiss@aol.com](mailto:shpreiss@aol.com).**





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