

IMPACT100 Garden State



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Carole Rogers

Summer Greetings! And welcome to our first Member Newsletter.

What an awesome get-together we had on June 11! The weather may have been dreary, but not the convivial spirits at our second annual Membership Appreciation Party at the home of Cathy Vinnicombe. More than 85 members turned out for the event. Women empowering other women to

transform our world - that's part of Impact 100 Garden State's mission. But for all of us to have fun--connect with old friends and make new ones--that's also one of our objectives. And from the sound of so many spirited conversations, that goal was surely met!



Heard around the gardens and rooms:

"We need more opportunities to get together."

We agree! And we are looking into different ways to make that happen later in the year.

"I'd love to help out."

And we'd love to have more help. We welcome all new ideas and expertise. We are growing so fast that there are many opportunities. Email or call one of us.

"I have some friends who are interested in joining. What should I tell them?"

Officially membership for 2015 opens on November 1. But we'd be happy to get in touch now and follow up later. We already have a few 2015 members signing up.

Our 2013 recipient, Combat Paper, made a wonderful presentation at the party, updating all on the exciting progress they've made in the last months. They will always have a special place in our minds and hearts as our first grant recipient, but we must soon turn our attention to our 2014 awardees. More than 50 of our Members are at work evaluating

the 74 applications we have received. The early word is: We will have some challenging decisions when we must cast our votes this fall. Remember: there will be two awards this year.

I look forward to seeing you at our Awards Celebration on October 8 when we will hear presentations from all of our finalists and celebrate with our two new recipients.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

by Suzanne Herrmann

The grants committee has received 74 grant applications! The committees are in the process of reviewing the grants for thoroughness and for a transformative project that will be sustainable into the future. Site visits will be made to the semi-finalists in the five grant areas. The respective grant committees are chaired by the following members: Arts and Culture - Cynthia Hogan and Nancy Schaenen, Children and Families -Sharon Montgomery and Marijane Lundt, Education-Nancy Dougherty and Anita Dent, Environment-Merle Johnson and Arleen Lipsman and Health and Wellness-Barbara Curran and Kirsten Hotchkiss. These five grant committees have 66 Impact members working on the committees. Mary Jane Robertson is chairing the Financial Review Committee. This committee will be reviewing the financials of the organizations that have applied. As we narrow down the applications, we will keep members updated.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

by Cathy-Renee Vinnicombe

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Awards Meeting, Wednesday evening, October 8th. The venue will be announced. This was a very exciting event last year, our first, and with two grants to present this year, we know it will be sensational. A few weeks in advance of the meeting you will receive a large envelope with information about the finalists and the voting process, and an absentee ballot in case you are unable to attend that evening. Your vote matters! The cover letter will lead you through the voting process so you can either cast your ballot early or understand what to expect at the event when we listen to the finalists present their programs and cast our votes in person. The winners will be announced that evening, so there is no waiting! More information to follow. p.s. We will need lots of volunteers to help prepare for the event and to help on the night. If you are interested [send us an email.](#)

MEMBERSHIP EVENT IN PICTURES



SIP & SHOP AT J. McLAUGHLIN

By Elisabeth MacDonald

For those of you who "sipped and shopped" at the wonderful J. McLaughlin boutique on June 19th, we thank you! As a result of your combined purchases, Impact 100 Garden State raised almost \$450 - - money that can be used to help cover our operating expenses. We hope that you love your purchases. And we thank the lovely ladies at the J. McLaughlin Morristown store for being such fans of Impact 100!

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