



March 2016
Membership Update

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Impact 100 Members and Friends.

We are nearing the end of our 2016 membership drive, and our optimism about topping last's year membership tally is growing. Last year, we recorded 205 members, and accordingly, awarded grants totaling \$205,000. We hope that when our "books" close on March 31st, we will exceed this membership total of 205. Over the last few months, there have been so many gatherings of women - luncheons, morning coffees, dinners, wine-and-cheeses, impromptu meetings at Starbucks - all held in an effort to inform women about Impact 100 Garden State. Many of you have helped in this effort, and I thank you for your willingness to be involved in adding new members to our organization. A special thanks to our Membership Committee chairs, Merle Johnson, Sally Epstein, and Molly Dunn, who work tirelessly to increase our ranks. We would not be such a successful organization without their dedication and focus. Lastly, a big thank you to the almost 80 - **yes, 80** - women who have joined Impact 100 Garden State for the **fourth** year in a row! You really make this organization fly!



Let's make our 2016 membership drive a huge success...and remember, the deadline to join is March 31st, so it's not too late to encourage a friend.

Stay-tuned for the announcement of our membership total in early April!

With warmest regards, Elisabeth

Elisabeth MacDonald, President, Impact 100 Garden State

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Impact of Membership GIG

If I were a musician I might be out doing a music "gig," a fun evening or afternoon playing for the entertainment of others. What a fun job. Sadly, I am not a musician. However, I am is a member of Impact 100 Garden State and I have another "GIG" that gives me as much pleasure.

- **GIVE** - your membership will cause someone to have something special
- **IMPROVE** - simultaneously improve our community
- **GET BACK** - be rewarded with a sense of accomplishment, pride and happiness

Our membership drive for 2016 is coming to a close March 31st so we can announce our grant amounts to the community the first week of April. The goal of the membership committee is to have everyone feel what it is like to be part of an organization that is changing the lives of hundreds of our neighbors. The \$525,000 in grants awarded by Impact 100 Garden State over the last three years touched many lives but those lives touched were not just through the non-profits but the lives of our members. You could feel the energy, enthusiasm and sense of accomplishment at the annual meeting.



Suzanne Glatt fills out her membership application.

The cycle continues in 2016 as the opportunity to apply for our significant grants has non-profits looking to their future and asking themselves "what can we create that will transform our community and members within the community that need our help...forever?" Many of the programs developed in hopes of being awarded an Impact grant have lived on and been funded if not by us, by others. Some members have found a passion among one or two of the non-profits and are now important volunteers at the charity of their choice.

We are approaching our goals for 2016 but we are not there yet. Share our story with your friends, family and coworkers. Sally, Molly and I, as well as other Board members, are happy to meet with you and a friend or two to explain the program. You can also attend a gathering or better yet, throw a gathering. All you need is a pot of coffee and enthusiasm; we do the rest.

The more members we have, the more impact we make, the more the community thrives, the more innovative programs are born, and the better we feel for being part of this transformation.

See you at the member party on May 11th. [Impact Events Calendar](#)

Sincerely,

Merle Johnson, Sally Epstein and Molly Dunn



Our amazing Membership team chairs - (l-r) Molly Dunn, Merle Johnson, Sally Epstein

IMPACT GATHERINGS

Impact 100 Garden State invites women to join them in helping local nonprofits serve their communities and those in need. Without the help of our members and their hosted gatherings, we wouldn't be able to make our membership goals. Member, Debbie Catena, hosted an event to educate women about our unique philanthropic organization.



Montville Women Support Impact 100 Garden State;
Help Nonprofits Serve Those in Need

Among those attending the Montville gathering were (seated, l-r): Nancy Orsi, Mardi Rizzuto and Kim Hug, all of Montville, and Suzanne Glatt of Summit;

(standing, l-r) Janine Cerreto (Caldwell), Donna Bivona (Montville), Jennifer Mastriani (Montville), Debbie Catena (Montville), Merle Johnson (Impact 100 Membership Chair, Morristown), Helene Kennedy, (Impact 100 Board Member, Montville), and Lisa Adami (Montville). Not pictured, Dr. Stacey Siegel, who practices in Denville.

Suzanne Glatt hosted a gathering at her home in Summit with 20 prospective members.



(l-r) prospective new member, Jen Velez and Board Member, Sally Epstein



(l-r) prospective member, Amy Weiss, new member, Dr. Stacey Siegel and Board Member, Carole Rogers

Great party for prospective members at the home of Gina Pontoriero in Watchung.



(l-r) Board Member and Finance Chair, Mary Jane Robertson, host Gina Pontoriero and prospective member

Many thanks to our membership for hosting these gatherings!

IMPACTful DISCUSSIONS

Chip Paillex, CEO of America's Grow-a-Row, and one of our recipients of the 2014 Impact grants.



Wendy Steele, founder of the first Impact chapter, gives a TED talk on the impact of generosity.

[Impact 100 Founder Wendy Steele TEDx Talk Boca Raton](#)



Wendy Steele - Founder of first Impact 100 speaks at TEDx in Boca Raton

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