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# Impact 100 Baldwin County MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

March 2018

## Calendar

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### Events

- March 15**      **MEMBERSHIP EVENT**  
5:00-6:30      Baldwin Co. Board of  
Realtors  
23280 Co Rd 65  
Robertsdale
- March 20**      **MEMBERSHIP EVENT**  
5:00-6:30      Bancorp South  
30585 AL-225  
Spanish Fort
- March 22**      **MEMBERSHIP EVENT**  
4:30-6:00      Stowe's Jewelers  
393 Fairhope Avenue  
Fairhope
- March 27**      **GRANT WORKSHOP\***  
8:30-12:00      Baldwin County Annex  
22251 Palmer Street  
Fairhope
- March 29**      **JUST FOR FUN**  
12:00            Ivey's Restaurant  
18427 Pennsylvania St  
Robertsdale
- April 11**        **CELEBRATION**  
4:30 p.m.        Nix Center  
1 Bayou Drive  
Fairhope

*\*Impact members are welcome to attend.*

### Mission Statement

*Impact 100 Baldwin County is a community of women seeking to transform lives in Baldwin County by awarding high impact grants to nonprofits in the areas of Arts and Culture • Education • Environment, Preservation and Recreation • Family • Health and Wellness.*

### From our President

As we approach the end of the 2018 membership drive, I want to extend my thanks to all who have been involved:

Ann Rumley, our Membership Chair, has worked tirelessly on this year's campaign since October of last year. She has found venues and hostesses for public and private membership events, planned menus and driven from one end of the county to the next. She has done all of this with a smile on her face, boundless energy and with unrelenting resolve to accomplish her goals.

Suzanne Thornburg, our Membership Co-Chair in charge of corporate giving (with Shelia Hale and Tina Covington) to find corporate sponsors of members, funding of events and gifts for our administrative fund so that every dollar of our membership dues can go directly into the nonprofit organizations of Baldwin County. Suzanne has also made it *her* mission to make sure that *our* mission is heard in North Baldwin County and has done an outstanding job with membership events in that area.

Lucy Smith, our Communications Chair, who not only writes this newsletter, coordinates our PR and marketing efforts, but also finds the time to be our South Baldwin Membership Co-Chair.

The rest of the Communications team – Andie Noonan, Tina Covington, Mary Redditt, Jan Pruitt, Miranda Schrubbe and Nancy Wolfe. They make sure to spread the word about who we are and what we do.

Karla Hardin and Carol Gordon for coordinating speakers at Civic and Community organizations, membership events and private socials.

Jerry Ann McCarron, who is our Events Chair, who started all of this off with our Kick Off and will end it at our Annual Meeting. When not busy with those, she hosts all of those wonderful "Just For Fun" events!

The rest of our Membership volunteers, who make calls, stuff envelopes and do anything else that needs to be done.

Andie Noonan and Necie Borroni, our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, who post all of the checks that come in.

And lastly, Nancy Wolfe and Anne Irving, who input the data and make sure each and every member is accounted for.

As you can see, it takes a village and we have a wonderful village of caring women who make this all happen. We could not do this without each and every one who volunteers their time and effort on our behalf. There are not enough words to express what they do for me, for you the members and for the citizens of Baldwin County!

There is still time to join for this year and to invite a friend to join. Let's make this the best membership drive ever!



Melanie Harris

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Women Making an Impact

## Barbara Levitt

As the membership campaign winds down, the Grants Committee begins to wind up – and nobody knows this better than Barbara Levitt, who is chairing this year's Grants Committee.

Barbara's mom, Ann Miller, was one of the founding members of Impact 100 Baldwin County. "Her passion for Impact won me over well before I moved back to Fairhope. It was a no-brainer for me that I would join as soon as I could, and I remember waiting for the 2013 campaign to start so I could."



Barbara Levitt

So was it *just* her mom's influence that caused her to join Impact? In a word, no. "I joined not only because it is such a worthwhile organization, but because I knew that I would get to better know Baldwin County, and its people, that much faster. The amazing women whom I have met and have worked with is just an added bonus!"

"When I talk about Impact, I talk about two things: the wonderful women I have met and the great projects we have funded. Last year, my \$1,000 paid for facility improvements, building expansions, an educational program to combat illiteracy, and theatrical lighting and sound for a local theatre group. That's pretty impressive."

Her desire to get to know her community better led Barbara to get involved from day one. She started out on the membership committee and served on three difference focus groups in her first three years. She joined the board in 2015 and served as grants co-chair. This year, she begins her second year as grants chair.

She particularly appreciates how Impact grants "satisfy needs in a localized way. The world is so big, we need to think more intimately. It means more that way. The more help we can provide local nonprofits, the better our community is."

Which is why she believes the membership campaign is so important. "Without new members, we won't be able to get stronger, grow and evolve. And, of course, the more members we have, the more dreams we can make come true! I do believe we need to think more multi-generational as we grow and how we can be inclusive for all women of all ages and stages in life."

One of three girls herself, Barbara grew up in Selma. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, she became a footwear buyer for Bloomingdales and traveled frequently to Spain and Italy. That retail experience served her well when she moved back to Fairhope with her two children and returned to her family's retail business, M&F Casuals. Her son Nate is currently a junior at Wake Forest, and her daughter, Sarah, is working in finance in Atlanta.

Barbara's delighted to be back in Fairhope. "After working in so many corporate environments, it's wonderful being back and knowing that our store is unique and exciting and whatever we want to make it." "I am a strong believer in community and enjoy having a business downtown."

Her favorite part of being an Impact member? "The pride I feel that I am part of a much bigger picture, and that I can consider the other members my sisters as we bond and try to make Baldwin County a better place."

As grants chair, Barbara would love for everyone to serve on a focus group, but she also understands that people have different reasons for their membership. "It all depends on how you think about your investment. There is no right or wrong membership. It is truly whatever you want it to be. But I can say this: The more active you are in Impact, the more rewarding you will find it."

"I heard this the other day and it resonated with me: *When you leave this world, you can only leave with two things: the hearts you have touched and the differences you have made.* How true this is! And not only does it make me self-reflect, it also makes me that much prouder to be an active member in Impact 100."

### The Ripple Effect



ONE SMALL CHANGE  
CAN HAVE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT

**It's time to renew!** Remember that your membership provides an enormous ripple effect of hope and opportunity throughout our community. Be part of the positive change that is Impact 100 by renewing your membership today. (And don't forget to invite a friend or two to join you!) Click here to renew: [Renewal Form](#)



*creating ripples of hope,  
one member at a time*



## Welcome new members!

*(as of 3/5/18)*

We want to welcome the following new members to Impact 100. We look forward to working with you to help make Baldwin County an even better place to live, work and play!

Brenda Abed  
Pattie Adcock  
Vicki Barnes  
Dawn Beasley  
Susan Carr  
Jaime Cooper  
Denise Craver  
Joy Esposito  
Pam Ewell  
Maureen Fitzgerald  
Kim Gibson  
Karen Goldy  
Janet Guarch  
Ann Hafner  
Adele Hapworth  
Susan Hassler  
Leigh Wright Hegglin  
Hayden Kaechele  
Marcel Laton  
Norma Lynch  
Elizabeth Minto  
Carrie Morgridge  
Margaret Neely  
Carson Nicolson  
Kathryn Redstone  
Dee Ann Reed  
Rachel Reese  
Tammy Robinson  
Penny Slawkowski  
Sadie Solberg  
Billie Jo Underwood  
Caroline Walters

Please help us welcome these philanthropically minded women when you see them at our events.

### 2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

## HOW MANY GRANTS WILL WE AWARD THIS YEAR? HOW BIG WILL THEY BE??? MARCH 31 IS FAST APPROACHING!

Ladies, the Membership Campaign is almost over and we need your help NOW to make an even bigger impact in countless lives. If each of us brought in **just one new member** this year, we would make a dramatic change in our grantmaking – and in our community! – for years to come.

You've heard about our unofficial goal of getting to 500 members, but what we hope you heard even louder is the reason behind it: Our ability to award five \$100,000 grants in 2018. So many needs, so many projects, so many lives we can transform. Let's do this!

There are lots of ways to approach this final push:

- Grab another Impact member and the two of you take a prospect to lunch and share the Impact story. Make it personal – let her know how much **you'd** love to see **her** join.
- Invite a few friends over for coffee or wine and tell them about all the great things happening in our community as a result of your Impact membership – and all the even-greater things that could happen as a result of **theirs!**
- Think about women you know who are business owners, or the professionals you work with in some capacity. Send them a note or give them a call. Offer to buy her lunch in exchange for your introducing her to Impact. Tell her about the tremendous opportunity she'll have as a member to meet other like-minded women, the new relationships she'll build, and, of course, the community she will personally be a part of transforming.
- Feeling shy and don't want to tell the Impact story yourself? Let us help solve that dilemma for you. Call Ann Rumley, 604-3744, and she'll be happy to recruit a Membership Committee member to go with you.

*Creating ripples of hope and opportunity, one member at a time!*

Come find out how many grants we will award in 2018 and how much they'll be...

**2018 CELEBRATION**

**April 11 - 4:30 p.m.**

Nix Center, 1 Bayou Drive, Fairhope

IMPACT GRANTS – Creating Ripples of Hope & Opportunity



# The Family Center

When Impact awarded The Family Center a \$93,000 grant in 2016, we not only helped them buy a building, but we also helped buy them some peace of mind. “We always wanted to own our property and we’d been able to put a little bit aside, but it was not enough. Now, no matter what happens to our grants, we have a place we don’t have to pay rent on. It’s like security!” says Lydia Pettijohn, The Family Center Executive Director. Lydia has been the executive director of the Mobile-based The Family Center for 18 years.

Jerry Haase, former director of Care House, and Judy Simpson with Family Promise knew about Lydia’s need for a new building and, as past Impact grant recipients themselves, encouraged her to apply for a grant. “The new building was our most pressing need. We had grants that covered our programs, but we didn’t have any capital grants. The Impact grant is so unusual because it’s for capital programs. There aren’t very many funding sources that do that.”

After receiving their Impact grant, The Family Center moved from Daphne to their new centrally located facility in Robertsdale and are now even busier than they’d been. “Most of our clients are now coming from the southern end of the county – Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Foley...”

Open for nine months now, over 400 parents and children have already been served at the center. The facility is open seven days a week and provides parenting and anger management classes, supervised parental visits and monitored child exchanges. Approximately 99% of their services are court-mandated.

Her staff is also excited about their new home. Tammy Brookhart, who does their visitation and exchange program, Stacey Stewart and Jan Doyle find the new building much more spacious and provides more privacy for visiting families. The children love the backyard.

The new building has front and back entrances which is critical when volatile child exchanges take place. “We have to separate parents when they’re in high conflict. That was our most pressing need.” For their visitation program, the new facility has enough rooms that allow the custodial parent peace of mind that their child is going to be safe. “We never let (the child) out of our sight. We are in the room with them. We even take them to the bathroom. We are the third person in the room with them – interacting with them, modeling nurturing behavior for the parents.”

The other classes offered by The Family Center are often suggested by counselors and organizations which deal with families, but don’t focus on parenting skills. “They know all about family violence or housing, but they don’t specialize in parenting like we do.” For instance? “The Loxley Work Release program. Prisoners live there but go out and work in the community during the day. We help these men reconnect with their kids. We help them learn about working and supporting their families. How to get along with the mothers. All the skills they need to be successful in life, but never learned growing up. So, they end up in prison because they don’t have those life skills. And anger management! Omigosh! The one comment I see regularly after they finish the classes is that ‘it not only made me a better parent, but a better person.’”

Wow. Talk about the ripple effect of hope created by our grant. This is one that will be felt for generations to come.



*The exciting ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new The Family Center which was purchased and renovated thanks to a \$93,000 grant from Impact 100.*

## IMPORTANT NONPROFIT DATES & DEADLINES

If you know a nonprofit you think should apply for a 2018 Impact 100 grant, be sure to let them know about these important dates:

- March 27** Free grantwriting workshop
- April 11** Announcement of number and amount of 2018 grants
- May 1** Final day to submit a Letter of Intent
- June 5** Final day to submit a grant application

For more information on this year’s grantmaking, go to the “Apply for a Grant” tab on our website, [www.Impact100BaldwinCounty.org](http://www.Impact100BaldwinCounty.org).

## Have some fun at our March Just for Fun!

This month’s Just for Fun lunch will be at **Ivey’s in Robertsdale** at noon on Thursday, **March 29!** We have a special spot reserved for us **UPSTAIRS** and there will be a set menu, priced at either \$12.95 or \$14.95. Gonna be fun, so be sure to join us!

If you plan to attend, please let Jerry Ann McCarron know so we have enough room for everyone. (She will try to accommodate last-minute guests, too.) Email her at [jerryann470@gmail.com](mailto:jerryann470@gmail.com) or give her a call, 251-510-6790.



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As the 2018 Membership Recruitment Drive is just weeks away from its conclusion, we want to thank the following women who have renewed their membership. If your name isn't on this list, please go online and renew your membership now. Remember, to stay a member, your membership contribution must be postmarked or received by March 31.

Katherine Allen  
Vivian Allen  
Susan Ankrom  
Karen Atchison  
Deanna Auner  
Julie Bagwell  
Lila Bailey  
Suzanne Barnhill  
Allison Beard  
Lee Beck  
Michelle Bigler  
Becky Bolling  
Kay Braswell  
Moren Braswell  
Susie Bridges  
Caroline Brown  
Christine Bruenn  
Cathy Brumbach  
Aurelia Bryars  
Foncie Bullard  
Andy Burton  
Rita Byers  
Sue Cade  
Sharon Cain  
Bonnie Cameron  
Kim Campbell  
Rebecca Canale  
Katchie Cane  
Suzanne Carden  
Deb Carlson  
Terri Carlton  
Aeana Carpenter  
Barbara Casey  
Utopia Cassady  
Joyce Chase  
Linda Chavers  
Eebie Cheshire  
Suzan Christensen  
Susie Clark  
Carol Cleverdon  
Amy Cockrell  
Sadie Cooper  
Barbara Corcoran  
Barbara Corte  
Beth Craft  
Cathy Crosby  
Jackie Crum  
Susan Crutchfield  
Jeanne Cummings  
Jackie Dahlman  
Judi Darnell  
Ann Davis  
Ashley Davis  
Judy Dean  
Wanda Dobson  
Sheila Dodson

Buffy Donlon  
Donna Dorriety  
Gwen Dorriety  
Vera Douglas  
Lucy Douty  
Lynda Drawing  
Kelly Durden  
Ellen Dyas  
Jolane Edwards  
Jane Feagin  
Mary Finger  
Sandra Fisher  
Andolyn Fitzgerald  
Amelia Fletcher  
Marti Foster  
Kay Frank  
Tanya Fratto-Blair  
Debbie Freund  
Beth Fugard  
Susan Gaberino  
Nancy Gaskin  
Linda Glaze  
Lori Globetti  
Carol Gordon  
Jerry Lynn Graham  
Elizabeth Griffiths  
Pamela Groner  
Susan Groom  
Laura Gross  
Bonnie Gulsby  
Clarice Gustin  
Darlene Haas  
Sheila Hale  
Abby Hamilton  
Kit Hamilton  
Elizabeth Hammock  
Patti Hanafourde  
Becky Harris  
Melanie Harris  
Debbie Hartly  
Phyllis Helms  
Toni Henry  
Jan Herndon  
Veronica Herndon  
Dottie Hill  
Sandy Hodgson  
Virginia Holder  
Lolly Holk  
Frances Holk-Jones  
Celeste Hollands  
Stacey Howell  
Betty Huff  
Evelyn Hume  
Anne Irving

Betty Jackson  
Kim Jardine  
Traci Jarvis  
Mimi Johnson  
Lexie Jones  
Rose Keel  
Kyla Kelim  
Alice Kenan  
Lisa Kennedy  
Judy Kirkland  
Ann Klumb  
Hope Knobler  
Leigh Knosher  
Micki Kohn  
Theresa Korycan  
Nancy Lambe  
Margaret Lane  
Kate Lavelle  
Linda Lavelle  
Tance Lavelle  
Monica Leonard  
Barbara Levitt  
Dedra Lipscomb  
Susan Lovelady  
Liz Lowery  
Kit Lursen  
Nancy Lutz  
Sherri Mack  
Edythe Makin  
Elizabeth Mancini  
Nora Mandoki  
Cindy McBrearty  
Jerry Ann McCarron  
Melissa McCarty  
Anne McCormick  
Claudia McDade  
Sydney McDaniel  
Susan McGowin  
Nancy McKinnon  
Suzy McLean  
Marla McLeod  
Knox McMurphy  
Susan McWilliams  
Anne Meyercord  
Ann Miller  
Carol Miller  
Merrill Miller  
Pris Milling  
Gayle Mitchell  
Lee Mitchell  
Joan Moore  
Judy Moore  
Melanie Moore  
Eileen Mueller  
Gillette Muller  
Claudia Mullins

Barbara Mundy  
Mary Murchison  
Martha Muscat  
Anna Myers  
Weezie Myers  
Sara Neal  
Jennifer Nelson  
Pud Nelson  
Deborah Newberry  
Mikhail Newberry  
Judy Newcomb  
Judy Niemeyer  
Tricia Niemeyer  
Andie Noonan  
Sharon Olen  
Nickie Olson  
Judy Oxford  
Margaret Pace  
Cari Palesano  
Leigh Parks  
Brenda Parnell  
Karen Pera  
Mary Ann Peters  
Lydia Pettijohn  
Gail Phillips  
Janette Pike  
Jeanna Pilot  
Jan Pruitt  
Karen Qiu  
Brenda Rackley-Pisarkiewicz  
Corinne Ramming  
Laura Ray  
Mary Redditt  
Betty Riley  
Mary Riser  
Lynn Ross  
Christy Rowland  
Ann Rumley  
Martha Ryan  
Jamie Saad  
Becky Sappington  
Beverly Schaffer  
Brenda Schmucker  
Pauline Schrock  
Miranda Schrubbe  
Rita Scott  
Anita Sharpless  
Sara Shipman  
Susan Siegel  
Joey Skaff  
Beverly Smith  
Katie Smith  
Lucia Smith  
Lucy Smith  
Patricia Smith

Sallie Smith  
Teresa Smith  
Shannon Spinks  
Marcie Stanley  
Sandra Stepan  
Robin Stephens  
Sandy Stewart  
Susan Storey  
Carolyn Strickland  
Laurie Strite  
Kathy Sudduth  
Cathe Tappan  
Mary Alice Taylor  
Edie Terreson  
Barbara Thames-Johnson  
Judy Thompson  
Suzanne Thornburg  
Celeste Thorson  
Katherine Thurber  
Anita Toler  
Jane Tucker  
Pam Turner  
Patty Tyler  
Jean Van Uden  
Alice Villadsen  
Jan Waggoner  
Gina Walcott  
Donna Walker  
Susie Wallace  
Claire Webb  
Angela Weil  
B'Beth Weldon  
Chan West  
Vickie Weyand  
Loula Wilson  
Lynn Wilson  
Missy Wilson  
Prissy Wilson  
Savan Wilson  
Jamie Windham  
Toni Wineman  
Tami Woerner  
Nancy Wolfe  
Tracey Woodham  
Contina Woods  
Jeanne Yancey  
Lisa Yearwood  
Travis Youngblood  
Cindy Zebryk

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