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Impact 100 Baldwin County MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

April 2018

Calendar

Important Dates

April 20 12:00	JUST FOR FUN! Fairhope Yacht Club 101 Volanta Fairhope
May 1	Nonprofit Letters of Intent due
May 2 12:00	JUST FOR FUN! Jesse's Restaurant 14770 Oak Street Magnolia Springs
June 5	Grant Applications due
June 6 12:00	JUST FOR FUN! Tamara's 104 North Section Fairhope

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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

Spring is a time of new beginnings and it is so appropriate that April is the time we hold our Celebration. The Celebration started with anticipation and ended with the announcement that we would be awarding five grants of \$91,000 each! Champagne corks popped! New members participated for the first time. Women signed up for committees and for Focus Groups. We mingled and got to know one another. The hard work was done and the accomplishment celebrated. And, quietly, we shifted our focus from Membership to Grants.



Melanie Harris

In fact, Impact 100 Baldwin County Grant Workshop for Nonprofits was held on March 27th. The event was well attended with participants representing almost 50 nonprofits. On April 11th, those representatives eagerly awaited the announcement of the number and amount of the grants to be awarded. They now begin the application process.

Our Focus Groups are beginning to be formed. Some members signed up at the Celebration, others told us on their applications that they wanted to serve. Still others will send us emails letting us know they wish to participate. These groups will meet at various times and at various locations around Baldwin County. Focus Groups will read and evaluate the applications. They will visit the nonprofits and ask additional questions so that they can report back to the other Focus Group members. The Focus Groups will then narrow down many worthy applications to just two finalists in their category. These will be presented at the Annual Meeting in early November, where the membership will vote to award the five grants for 2018. Each of those five nonprofits will receive \$91,000 and will see a dream turn into a reality.

This process is the life blood of who we are. It was on a Focus Group that I fell in love with Impact 100 Baldwin County. To be able to experience the passion of these nonprofit organizations is so very rewarding. Their employees work very hard, often for little pay, because they believe in a cause higher than themselves. And although I know that not every member has the time or desire to volunteer in this way, I can promise those who are able and willing to serve will experience an evolution of the spirit. It will truly show you what Impact 100 is all about!

Thank you for being a part of what we do!

Melanie M. Harris

Oh, What a Night!!!

Excitement reigned at the Impact Celebration as Melanie Harris, Impact president, welcomed members to the Celebration and reminded everyone why we were celebrating the close of the 2018 membership drive: Because membership is what makes our mission possible and because the campaign provides the critical resources needed for the “heart and blood of what we do – grants.”

She applauded the success of this year’s campaign stating, “Together, we are one strong, united group of women who are working to change the face of the place that we live... Together, we have one goal – to make transformative grants that make Baldwin County a better place – and we won’t stop until we enrich the lives of each and every one of Baldwin’s County’s citizens.”

Melanie then asked Ann Rumley, chair of the Membership Committee, to announce the results of this year’s campaign by sharing how many “ripples of hope” had been created during the 2018 campaign.

Playing off the campaign theme, *Creating Ripples of Hope*, which was introduced at last fall’s Annual Meeting, Ann reintroduced the “Hope Diamond ladies” making their repeat appearance, this time bearing “family jewels.” The large “diamonds” they carried contained clues as to what this year’s grant amount would be. After the diamonds’ contents had been revealed, Ann announced, to cheers and applause, that, not only did our membership campaign result in the largest number of Impact members ever, but we also welcomed 89 new members.

A toast was made to the very successful campaign and to the exciting year ahead – one in which we will offer **five \$91,000 grants**.



[Welcome new Impact Members!](#)

Ready to Make an Impact

The 2018 membership campaign is officially over and we want to welcome our newest members – 89 of you! – to Impact 100 Baldwin County. We're so happy to have you join us. You are the reason Impact can do what we do. Your contribution funds the grants we make. Your service on a Focus Group is the basis for the finalists we choose. Your vote is the reason we make the grants we make. Thank you for joining us – and welcome!

Brenda Abed, Fairhope
Pattie Adcock, Montrose
Janet Asher, Elberta
Vickie Bailey, Fairhope
Vicki Barnes, Orange Beach
Dawn Beasley, Fairhope
Tiffany Beasley, Fairhope
Joy Bishop, Spanish Fort
Denise "Honey" Blanda, Fairhope
Kristin Boan, Point Clear
Carmen Bosch, Daphne
Gloria Boutte, Fairhope
Diana Brewer, Fairhope
Barbara Brown, Bay Minette
Linda Buck, Loxley
Kelly Bullington, Fairhope
Joanne Caperton, Daphne
Susan Carr, Fairhope
Elizabeth Cole, Montrose
Jaime Cooper, Fairhope
Judy deLacee Corbett, Gulf Shores
Denise Craver, Gulf Shores
Christy Crews, Fairhope
Joy Esposito, Foley
Pam Ewell, Fairhope
Maureen Fitzgerald, Summerdale
Phyllis French, Bay Minette
Kim Gibson, Fairhope
Yael Girard, Fairhope
Carla Givens, Seminole

Karen Goldy, Fairhope
Glenda Gravlee, Fairhope
Janet Guarch, Fairhope
Ann Hafner, Spanish Fort
Lisa Hansen, Fairhope
Adele Hapworth, Fairhope
Jodi Harsany, Orange Beach
Susan Hassler, Fairhope
Pandora Heathcoe, Silverhill
Sue Heatter, Fairhope
Leigh Wright Hegglin, Orange Beach
Alison Henry, Fairhope
Crystal Hill, Lillian
Linda Ingram, Fairhope
Hayden Kaechele, Foley
Blanche Kennelly, Fairhope
Catherine Kiser, Fairhope
Kristin Koppen, Daphne
Neno Ladd, Point Clear
Alise Lane, Daphne
Erin Langley, Fairhope
Marcel Laton, Gulf Shores
Lenise Ligon, Daphne
Norma Lynch, Orange Beach
Felicia McAllister, Daphne
Gillie McLean, Silverhill
Elizabeth Minto, Fairhope
Ellen Moore, Fairhope
Mena Morgan, Point Clear
Carrie Morgridge, Denver CO

Rhonda Morris, Elberta
Judy Motlow, Mobile
Margaret Neely, Fairhope
Jeanne Nemeth, Daphne
Carson Nicolson, Daphne
Lauren Niemeyer, Fairhope
Amy Norris, Fairhope
Robin Olson, Stapleton
Kathryn Redstone, Fairhope
Dee Ann Reed, Bay Minette
Rachel Reese, Daphne
Lee Reid, Gulf Shores
Tammy Robinson, Foley
Andrea Shilston, Fairhope
Penny Slawkowski, Fairhope
Tammy Smith, Bay Minette
Sadie Solberg, Daphne
Angel Stodard, Fairhope
Janie Stone, Fairhope
Ashley Strickland, Fairhope
Billie Jo Underwood, Summerdale
Caroline Walters, Orange Beach
Frieda Ward, Fairhope
Tamara Warren, Orange Beach
Stephanie Wheeler, Robertsdale
Bryant Whelan, Fairhope
Casey Gay Williams, Daphne
Dora Willis, Daphne
Shelley Wood, Robertsdale

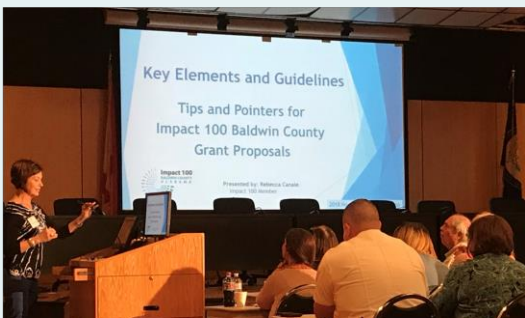


Many of our new members came to the Impact 100 Celebration ready to make a difference in people's lives. Not only did they help celebrate the successful conclusion of the 2018 Membership Drive, but they also signed up for committees and Focus Groups! We're excited to call these philanthropically inclined women "Impact members" and look forward to working together in the year ahead!

Nonprofit Grantwriting Workshop Learning the Ins and Outs of Impact 100 Grantmaking

At the March 27 grantwriting workshop, agencies all across Baldwin County came together at the Baldwin County Annex to learn about Impact 100's grantmaking process and 2018 application. The participants' enthusiasm for their work and programs was obvious and contagious, and you could see new friendships and partnerships being formed as staff met and talked with each other.

Speakers Barbara Levitt, Rebecca Canale and Sandy Stephan shared their insights and expertise about Impact's grants process, while Deborah Newberry explained Impact's new Visioning program. A panel of experienced Focus Group members, as well as Melanie Harris, Impact president, and Niki Whitaker, a past grantee, then shared their perspectives about Impact's grantmaking, the strengths and weaknesses they'd seen in previous applications, and lessons learned.



2018 Focus Group Schedule and Sign Up

Want to learn more about your community? Want to be inspired by the amazing work being done by nonprofits all over Baldwin County? If so, you need to sign up for a Focus Group.

One of the greatest privileges of Impact membership is ability to learn, first hand, about needs in our community and then be an integral part of helping to address them. Serving on a Focus Group gives you a unique perspective you can only get as a Focus Group member.

If you are interested in serving on a Focus Group this year (and we highly encourage it!), you can sign up on the Impact 100 website (go to the "For Members" page) or click here to be taken directly to the sign-up form: [Focus Group Sign Up](#). Training will be provided.

The 2018 Focus Groups will meet at the times and places below:

- **Arts & Culture** will meet at the Foley Public Library on Tuesdays at 10 am.
- **Education** will meet at Precision IBC, Fairhope, on Thursdays at 5 pm.
- **Environment, Recreation & Preservation** will meet at the Fairhope Rec Center on Wednesdays at 10 am.
- **Family** will meet in the Spanish Fort area at Westminster Village on Tuesdays at 4 pm.
- **Health & Wellness** will meet at the Daphne Public Library on Thursdays at 10 am.

Impact 100 is awarding 5 grants of \$91,000 in 2018.
Letters of Intent must be received by May 1.

- One grant will be awarded in each of five categories:
- Arts and Culture
 - Education
 - Environment, Preservation and Recreation
 - Family
 - Health and Wellness

Submit your LOI online through Impact100BaldwinCounty.org

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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

- 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, click on the "Nonprofit" tab on our Impact website, www.Impact100BaldwinCounty.org.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – 2018 Young Philanthropist

Erin Langley



Erin Langley

When the Impact 100 Council created the Young Philanthropist scholarship program, they probably had someone just like Erin Langley in mind. The Young Philanthropist program is Impact 100 Council's national program designed to give younger women the opportunity to experience the power of women's collective giving. It specifically targets young women between the ages of 18 and 39 with an interest in philanthropy.

Erin Langley is our 2018 Young Philanthropist scholarship recipient and she clearly fits the bill of having an interest in philanthropy.

Erin is the founder and Executive Director of Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre (ESRT) in Fairhope, a growing organization with a mission for fostering theatre arts for local students and for providing quality theatre experiences for residents of the Gulf Coast. She was selected as part of *Mobile Bay Monthly's* "2017 Forty under 40" class of young leaders and was recognized in 2015 with a Freddie Gershon fellowship, a national award for excellence in the theatre direction of young people.

Erin has served as Artist in Residence in many Baldwin County public schools and has traveled to Haiti to create programs for children in Port-au-Prince. She has also created events such as Theatre on the Bluff at the Henry George Park in Fairhope for the entire community to enjoy. ESRT's coming production of *Disney's Newsies* will be presented there on May 3-5.

Impact 100 Baldwin County received a grant from the Impact 100 Council and Morgridge Family Foundation for Erin's scholarship. The scholarship program supports the recipient's membership contribution on a declining basis over a 3-year period.

As a Young Philanthropist scholarship recipient, Erin also agreed to serve on an Impact 100 Baldwin County committee. Clearly, that won't be a problem for her, given her strong love and commitment to the Baldwin County area.

Erin and her husband Karl reside in Fairhope with their two children, Ezra and Zoë.

2018 JUST FOR FUN SCHEDULE

Join us for **Just for Fun**, Impact's monthly social get-togethers. **Just for Funs** are a great way to get acquainted with new members, catch up with "old" friends and make new ones. Mark your calendars now and join us. No rules. No agenda. Just fun!

APRIL 20 – NOON

FAIRHOPE YACHT CLUB

101 Volanta, Fairhope

MAY 2 – NOON

JESSE'S RESTAURANT

14770 Oak Street. Magnolia Springs

JUNE 6 – NOON

TAMARA'S

104 North Section Street, Fairhope

JUNE 20 – 4:30

SOUTHERN NAPA

2304 North Main Street, Daphne

JULY 11 – 4:30

CACTUS CANTINA

108 North Section Street, Fairhope

AUGUST 1 – 4:30

CYBELE'S

382 Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope

25% off everything

AUGUST 22 – NOON

GINNY LANE

4851 Wharf Parkway, Suite 106, Orange Beach

SEPTEMBER 12 – NOON

WAHLBURGERS AT OWA

105 South OWA Boulevard, Unit 104 A, Foley

SEPTEMBER 18 – 4:30

Fall Social with husbands or guest

SUNSET POINTE

831 North Section Street, Fairhope

OCTOBER 10 – 4:30

GREEN GATES MARKET

801 North Section Street, Fairhope

If you plan to attend, please let Jerry Ann McCarron know so there will be enough seating. (She will try to accommodate last-minute guests, too.) Email her at jerryann470@gmail.com or give her a call, 251-510-6790.

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