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Impact 100 Baldwin County MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

May 2018

Calendar

Important Dates

- May 25** Board Nominations deadline
- June 5** Grant Applications due
- June 6** JUST FOR FUN
12:00 Tamara's
104 North Section
Fairhope
- June 20** JUST FOR FUN
4:30 Southern Napa
2304 North Main
Daphne

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From our President

Now that the membership drive has come to an end and in the lull before we start grant application reviews, I would like to give recognition to those who helped make our drive such a success by opening their doors to us so that we could spread our message in events open to the public.



Melanie Harris

Our journey started with the beautiful Bella Sera Gardens in Loxley. Robin Gregorious opened her venue to us and it was spectacular! Hidden among the trees, down a winding road with fountains and fire pits, Bella Sera is truly a meeting of modern convenience and old-world charm.

Later in December, we were greeted by Water Oak Provision and Hospitality in the historic Kahalley House in Bay Minette. We got to sample some of their catering specials and were treated to a fashion show by local merchants after we shared our mission.

In January, we first visited the 6,000 square foot reception hall at Belforest Point. It was my first visit to this upscale event venue in Daphne and I was very impressed with the facility and the staff.

Later that month, we made it to Foley with our membership event at Wolf Bay Lodge and got to sample some of their menu items. Let's suffice it to say that I have been back!

And back up to Bay Minette in February, we were invited to the showroom for Standard Furniture. Not only did we get to talk (and hear about) Impact 100, but we got to window shop great furniture and accessory items. It was great fun!

But maybe not quite as much fun as our bus trip down to Flora Bama down at the beach! Surprisingly, this event was very well attended!

We finished up with a bang in March. First to M&F Casuals, one of Fairhope's favorite clothing stores, where we enjoyed fellowship and shopping. Later that week, we visited the Robertsedale office of the Baldwin County Realtors Association. This was a great facility in the heart of the county.

Bancorp South greeted us in their Spanish Fort location, so that we could spread the word about Impact 100. We then closed out our public events at Stowe's Jewelry in Fairhope, where we got to see some truly wonderful pieces and enjoy food provided by Rae's Catering.

What we accomplished this year would not have been possible without the generosity of these businesses. I want to thank them personally for all that they do, not only for us but for the community at large. When you visit them, please remember to add your thanks as well. Together we are stronger and we do wonderful things!

Have a wonderful May!

Making it easy and convenient for you!

New Payment Plan provides an easy way to start making your 2019 Membership Contribution now

You asked. We listened. Beginning this month, you can start making your 2019 membership contribution and spread out your payments all year long.

It's an easy, convenient way to pay your membership contribution. For example, quarterly payments would be \$250 each and ten monthly payments would be just \$100 a month.

There are only two rules: Your initial contribution must be \$100 or more and your 2019 membership contribution must be paid in full no later than our usual March 31 deadline. If it isn't, your contributions will be considered a donation to Impact and you will not be considered a member for 2019.

Membership contributions are always due in full by March 31. This program just offers you an easy way to spread out your payments through the year.

The payment plan is also available to new members, so if you know someone who's ready to become a member, encourage her to go ahead and join now. Her membership will be for the 2019 membership year, so while she won't be able to vote at the Annual Meeting or serve on a Focus Group this summer, she certainly can attend this year's functions. She just won't have full voting privileges until next year.

To take advantage of the payment program, go online and click on "Members/Renew" or just click on this link: [2019 Membership Payment Plan](#).

Give the payment plan a try and let us know how you like this new option. We think you'll enjoy just how easy and convenient it is.



In the News...

Impact has so many talented members, we like to acknowledge their achievements. This month, we want to congratulate **Andie Noonan**, who recently became the Financial Administrator for the U.S. District Court in Mobile. Congratulations, Andie!

While this is a great opportunity for her, it means that Andie will no longer be able to serve as President-Elect. "I was beyond thrilled when selected by the Board to serve as the 2019 Impact 100 Baldwin County president; however, the change in my professional life now makes me unable to serve in that capacity. I will continue to be an active member of Impact and I strongly encourage all Impact members to reach out to board members and committee chairs and ask how they can help. There are plenty of opportunities, both small and large."

While we'll miss Andie's leadership, we are pleased she has promised to continue serving "in any capacity that I am able, to further the mission of Impact 100 Baldwin County."

If you or an IMPACT member you know has been in the news recently, received a promotion or retired, etc., email us at Impact100BaldwinCountyNews@gmail.com so we can share the news! Include the member's name, city and the accomplishment(s) that should be celebrated and we'll include it in the next newsletter.

The Nominating Committee is soliciting nominees for the Class of 2021. Are you interested?

Nominations for board membership in the Class of 2021 are being accepted now through May 25. The Class of 2021 will serve a three-year term beginning December 1, 2018.

If you wish to be considered or if you would like to submit a recommendation for the Nominating Committee to consider, please provide the individual's name and a short explanation of the skills she would bring as a working member of the board to impact100baldwincounty@gmail.com.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, May 25.



*Jean McKee, Impact 100 member and well-known local artist, has donated a gorgeous 30 x 40 painting of shore birds for Impact to raffle off. Raffle proceeds will be used to support Impact's administrative expenses. The painting has a value of \$900. Raffle tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be sold at each of our Just for Funs until the lucky winner's name is drawn at our Annual Meeting in November. **Thank you, Jean, for your fabulous generosity!***

Women Making an Impact

Nancy Fleming

Artist and community volunteer, Nancy Fleming's many talents have been put to good use in many ways since she joined Impact in 2009. She's served on virtually every committee and in several leadership positions as well.

Nancy Fleming comes by her love of community and the arts naturally. She grew up in Charlotte, N.C. where her family was active in the community. Her family instilled in her the belief that commitment within the community and involvement in whatever way possible had a positive influence on an individual's life. "It's always been an influence and something I've tried to include within my life," said Nancy

After graduating from Furman University and The University of Virginia, she moved to Washington, D.C, where she first worked as a judge/arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau. Subsequently she joined a nonprofit public interest firm, Government Accountability Project, which works on environmental issues throughout the country and was sponsored by the Mott and Kellogg Foundations.

Nancy visited friends in this area over the years and fell in love with both the people and the atmosphere. In 2003 she had the opportunity to move to Fairhope and opened Patina Gallery. There were many special aspects to the gallery, including a partnership with the Mobile Museum of Art that funded a summer program for inner city youth to create and learn about art, as well as The Portraits of 9/11 project which was a featured exhibit at the opening of the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York. The 9/11 project was chosen by the families of "Voices of 9/11" to be featured on the cover of their Tenth Anniversary book. Nancy was also fortunate enough to have one of her sculptures chosen for the Federal Reserve Bank permanent Art Collection in New Orleans.

In 2008 after talking with Deborah Newberry about the concept of Impact, she joined in 2009. Nancy has worked on various committees and chaired and co-chaired several focus groups. She also served as Grants Chair, with Melanie Harris as her co-chair. Nancy says one of the things she likes best about Impact is the opportunity to meet and learn from other members.

"I've always appreciated Impact in that you learn so much about the community. It's an organization you really can get involved in and I've enjoyed meeting such a diverse, talented and generous group of people. After having had the opportunity to work on various aspects of Impact, I was able to recognize the involvement and importance of all members within Impact. I believe one of the greatest strengths of Impact is found within each individual member's ability to work together for a common goal.



Nancy Fleming

Due to the unique geographical composition of Baldwin County, it presents interesting challenges. "However, one of the strengths of Impact is our members come from our area and all over the country, from different cultures with different experiences. We each have life experiences we pull from and out of that diversity we benefit from one another's experiences, areas of interest and perspectives. All of these factors contribute to both a sense of personal growth and results in a dynamic and stimulating environment which enables all of us to be more effective within our efforts in Impact and our community."

Nancy has served on COPA, on the Board of the Coastal Art Center and various other community boards. Nancy and her husband, Jim, live in Fairhope. Presently, she is serving as President of the Montrose Historical Society and is very excited about their initiative to publish an upcoming book about the history and historical figures of Montrose. She also lived and taught at an orphanage in India and still goes back annually to help. She is also presently working on a project in Portugal involving children and the arts.

Nancy is also passionate about gardening, herb gardening in particular. She has lectured with Southern Living and at the Botanical Gardens in New York, which lead to her designing and planning the restoration of the Governor's Mansion Gardens in Tennessee as well as the Historic Rosedale Plantation Garden in Charlotte.

Nancy summed up her thoughts about Impact with, "We are an expanding organization, which is exciting with so many possibilities!"

Welcome to new Impact Board Member, Alice Villadsen

Alice Villadsen was recently elected to the Impact 100 Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Tash Blum. Alice was the president of Brookhaven College in Dallas before moving to Gulf Shores. She has served on both the Family and Health & Wellness Focus Groups. Welcome aboard, Alice!

A special shout-out and thank you to our membership drive event location sponsors – Part 1

If you attended any one of the wonderful membership drive events we had over the past few months, you were undoubtedly struck by how fortunate Impact is to have such generous sponsors.

In the next few newsletters, we will highlight them and say “thanks” for sharing their fabulous spaces with us. Without their support we wouldn’t have had the socials and membership success we had this year.

Water Oak Hospitality

at the Kahalley House, Bay Minette
Brandon Cox, owner and chef

Standard Furniture Showroom

Karmen Still, CFO and Impact member
Catering by Brandon Cox, Water Oak Hospitality

Baldwin County Board of Realtors

Sheila Dodson, Baldwin Co. Board of Realtors and Impact member, and
Angela Weil and her Stone Interior staff

So, please, whenever you have the opportunity to visit these establishments, let them know that you’re an Impact member and that you very much appreciate their support.

“Thank you” is a phrase you can never say or hear too often.

Join us on an Impact committee?

Please join us on a committee of your choice. We’d love to have you! Available committees are:

- **Hospitality** (*event planning, JFFs, etc.*)
- **Membership** (*planning, recruitment and retention*)
- **Focus Groups** (*see related article above*)
- **Communications** (*media relations, social media, print, etc.*)

If you would like to serve on a committee, send us an email at impact100baldwincounty@gmail.com and let us know which committee you’d like to join.

How to make an Impact

Focus Group Schedule and Sign Up

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

This year, we received a record 49 Letters of Intent from potential grant applicants. The number of final applicants may change somewhat by the June 5 application deadline, but there will be a lot of applications to review and we’d love to have your help to do it.

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

Uh-oh!

*If you signed up to serve on a Focus Group at the Celebration, we encountered some technical difficulties and your registration may not have gone through. So, if you signed up at the Celebration, **please go online and sign up again.** Here’s the link: [Focus Group Sign Up](#). We’re sorry about the glitch and appreciate your understanding.*

**THE 2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY HAS BEEN MAILED.
IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR COPY, LET US KNOW.**

The Impact you make...

Report on 2014 Grantee

Lower Alabama Search and Rescue

One of the challenges of living in our area is that you need to be prepared in the event of a hurricane or stormy weather. That's true for our area's first responders as well. Not only do they need to be ready for weather events, but they must also be able to respond to emergencies of all types – missing boaters, elderly people who wander away from home, and natural disasters. The \$92,000 grant we gave to Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) equipped the LASAR team with the communications equipment they needed in order to be able to respond to any type of crisis situation.

Our grant was used to purchase communications equipment that not only is used during their rescue operations, but it also brought them into compliance with US Homeland Security requirements.

The 25 hand-held radios, 6 mobile radios, and all the supporting equipment our grant purchased, has not set idle. It's provided LASAR with the ability for quicker response, for accurate and concise communications with the agencies they work with all over Baldwin County, and also provides the community with a state-of-art program which has saved lives since the equipment was purchased.

Ready to save lives thanks to the equipment purchased with their Impact grant.



2018 JUST FOR FUN SCHEDULE

Join us for **Just for Fun**, Impact's monthly social get-togethers. They are a great way to get acquainted with new members, catch up with "old" friends and make new ones.

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

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.

No rules. No agenda. Just fun!



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Women Together Making a Difference

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