



*"Women are stronger together!"*

May 2026 Newsletter

## **LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT GEN LEADERS!**

In order to be successful and maintain its presence in St. Lucie County, Impact 100 St. Lucie must become an ever-evolving entity. This can only be accomplished by the infusion of new ideas into what we do. We are currently looking to add two new members to our Executive Committee. Do you have the time and commitment to Impact 100's mission to join us? Are you one of the five women who responded in the survey that you would be interested in a leadership role? Please call Janet Maffucci for more information if you are at all interested. Aside from one meeting a month, the commitment is what you want it to be. The truth is that most of the committee members are in their fifth year of service and their terms will end next year. We need a new infusion of ideas and energy on board now, women who will be able to continue the work of Impact 100 St. Lucie seamlessly. Please think seriously about this opportunity and call Janet now (914-424-6728) for details.

## **A WELL-DESERVED THANK YOU!**

The Executive Committee regretfully has accepted the resignation of Canieria Gardner from their committee. Canieria has served on the committee as Impact 100 St. Lucie's Vice President since 2021. Her background in and knowledge of the non-profit world proved invaluable to our discussions. Her forward-thinking ideas and suggestions will be missed. As we all know, life sometimes gets in the way of what we want to do and forces us to prioritize our lives. Canieria will remain a member of Impact 100 St. Lucie and we look forward to seeing her at our future events.

## ***WE'RE STILL LOOKING AND HOPING!***

Impact 100 St. Lucie is still looking for a social media person to promote us online and hopefully take us to the next level. If you have any expertise in this area and might be willing to help, please contact Janet Maffucci to discuss what this might entail.

## ***A TIMELY REMINDER!***

Thank you so much to those of you who responded to last month's reminder and submitted your renewal donation. We are currently at 92 members. However, there are still 23 of you who have not renewed. The membership committee members will begin making reminder phone calls the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>. I know that some of you are uncertain as to when your renewal is due and many of our members thanked us for the reminder. Our membership drive for 2026 will end on June 30<sup>th</sup> so we must receive your donation by then if you want to vote for this year's finalists on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## ***POTLUCK DINNER AT HEATHCOTE!***

On a beautiful, breezy evening at Heathcote, thirty-five women enjoyed a huge array of delicious food and each other's company. Kudos to Diane Stark-Kennedy for planning another outstanding event. Diane could always use some help with planning so, if you enjoy planning and organizing, email Diane and let her know. (dianedstark@yahoo.com)



## **SAVE THE DATES!**

- June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026-The Highwaymen Museum at 11:00 AM
- July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026-"Christmas in July" at Dave and Buster's at 5:30 PM for our annual kickoff celebration
- October 24, 2026-2026 Award Celebration and Annual Meeting at 10:00 AM. Please put that date on your calendar now!
- December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026-Holiday luncheon at Casa Pasta at 11:30 AM

## **GIVE BACK SATURDAYS**

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, fifteen of our women showed up at Mustard Seed Ministries to help with various organizational needs. Our thanks to Lisa

Derryberry, Ellen Contreras, Crystal Samuel, Diane Leary, Sally Eisenberg, Susan Roberto-Lausen, Val Hellriegel, Linda Cincotta, Ruth Stromak, Patty Tweardy, Diane Stark-Kennedy, Kathy Sanders, Judy Salmon, Ainslee Pitchford and Becky Fisher for their help that day.



The next volunteer opportunity will be at the UP Center on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ruth Stromak at [rstromak48@gmail.com](mailto:rstromak48@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

#### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- May 9<sup>th</sup>-The UP Center
- June 20<sup>th</sup> -Graceway Village
- July 11th-Food Bank

### ***OUR GRANT REVIEW PROCESS BEGINS!***

The application process for this year's grant will begin in June. Our Grant Review Committee will consist of twelve members: four from the Executive Committee, four who have served on the committee before, and four "newbies." We will need a couple of new members this year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Janet Maffucci ([mrsjfooch@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjfooch@gmail.com)) and she will give you the details as to what this entails. You will need to firmly commit to all the meeting dates in order to participate. Thank you.

**OUR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

Our Ambassador Program will be getting underway in the next few weeks, starting with our new members. If an ambassador calls you and you decide that you do not want to participate in the program or that you want to limit the number or type of interactions, please let your ambassador know. This is not a requirement but a way to keep you informed and involved.

**MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

Member Highlights will return next month.

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Be sure to visit our website ([www.impact100slc.org](http://www.impact100slc.org)) and our Facebook page.

**Impact 100 St. Lucie Executive Committee Members**

- Cris Adams, Secretary
- Gwen Cunningham, Treasurer
- Marsha Jones
- Janet Maffucci, President ♦[mrsjfooch@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjfooch@gmail.com) ♦914-424-6728
- Veronica Montoya
- Judy Salmon
- Diane Stark-Kennedy
- Ruth Stromak
- Dr. Lillian Torres-Martinez

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