

Let's get to know Alice Johnson

Let's get to know our secretary, Alice Johnson, a flying trapeze performer and competitive sailor.

Tell us about yourself. I grew up in Highland Park, IL and received my BA from the University of Michigan. I spent my junior year at University d'Aix-en-Provence, France. I met my husband, David, in NYC; we lived together for 21 years before getting married in 2010. Neither of us has children, but we regularly entertain two exchange students from France and Italy. We moved to Vero full time in 2007.

What was your career path? I have had an interesting career in real estate finance with two insurance companies and three Wall Street firms: in lending, investing, joint venture developments, and workouts of bad investments, throughout the US. In the beginning, I was always the only woman in the room. One of my workouts was a failing golf course,

Mahogany Run, in the USVI. I had to learn to play golf, learn the metrics of club management, and how to manage a crew of non-executive staff.

What are your favorite hobbies? Sailing, pilates, gardening and tennis.

What is something about you few people know? When I get a chance, I continue to enjoy flying trapeze and still trapeze at Club Med.

Who would you want to have dinner with? Warren Buffet. He has always been my investment guru of choice!

What was your favorite vacation? This June, we went to Scandinavia. I had never been to Norway and Sweden. One of my neighbors in Grand Harbor lives in Oslo; I looked forward to seeing them on their home turf.

What is the the last book you read? Squirm by Carl Hiassen. Best recent movie, "Rescued by Ruby" on Netflix

What three words describe you the best? Energetic, loves jokes, ethical

What are your favorite foods? chocolates and desserts

How did you hear about Impact 100? At first I thought you had to be invited to join. I finally saw an ad or email inviting ladies to join. I thought it was a great concept and signed up.

You have been a member for 9 years. What do you love best about Impact 100? There are so many things to love, chief among them being able pull resources to give \$100,000 grants. I have met so many friends outside of Grand Harbor, and feel more like a Vero Beach resident. I love learning about the many good works done by local charities, and getting educated about which ones I want to support personally.

What advice do you have for new members? That's easy. Join a committee. Grants is best to learn about charities, but we need creative, energetic people to plan fun events, market us and our efforts, welcome new members, and retain existing ones.

What is your superpower? Honesty

