

Welcome Our New Member

Lauren Michaels



Lauren Michaels moved to Vero Beach from New York City a year ago last December. She has a BA in 20th century English from The Ohio State University. She and her partner Jennifer Cole are year-rounders, although they do spend time at their home in upstate New York. Her career was spent in Advertising and Magazine Publishing; including Associate Publisher at Good Housekeeping, Harper's Bazaar and Vogue. She was also President of Latina Media Ventures, which included Latina Magazine and Latina.com. She volunteered for Reading Partners in New York City, teaching 1st graders how to read. She is currently volunteering for Literacy Services of Indian River County; teaching ELS and Citizenship Test. Lauren and Jen are members of The Moorings Yacht and Country Club. She was introduced to Impact by Mary Ellen McCarthy and joined because it was a women run organization and sounded like it had amazing resources to help build and develop better resources in Indian River County.

INDIAN RIVER
IMPACT 100

Welcome Our New Member

Laura Sweeney



Laura Sweeney was born in Chappaqua, NY and lived in Venezuela from ages 9 through 14. She returned to Chappaqua for high school and graduated from Elmira College, New York, with a degree in mathematics. Laura and her husband Gene Chuba bought their first place in Vero in 1999. They spend their winters in Cache Cay, where they just built their dream house, and their summers in Auburn NY at an old family farm dating back to the 1790s. Laura is the founder of The Wellstone Group, an information technology recruiting firm. Previously she was a consultant, specializing in trading floor technologies on Wall Street. They are members of Quail Valley and Owasco Country Club in Auburn, New York. Laura first read about Impact 100 in 32963 and was impressed with our good works, and then the lovely Beth Wright, her neighbor, invited her to join. Laura looks forward to contributing to the goals of Impact 100 and feels she is the one who has been rewarded due to the wonderful women that she has met.

INDIAN RIVER
IMPACT 100

Welcome Our New Member

Karol Kaltenbach



Karol Kaltenbach is from the historic town of Moorestown NJ. She obtained her PHD in Developmental Psychology from Temple University in Philadelphia. She and her husband began wintering in Vero in 2013 and moved here full time in May of 2019. She spent her entire career in the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University as director of a division that specialized in treatment for pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders. She is retired but is an Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics at Sidney Kimmel Medical College and continues to lecture and publish. She received continuous research funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and has served on numerous grant review committees at the state and federal level. She and her husband are members of Grand Harbor Golf and Beach Club. Karol learned about IMPACT 100 from Kristin Rohr, Christy Osborn and Elizabeth Hutchinson. She joined to provide financial support and to lend some of her professional experience.

INDIAN RIVER
IMPACT 100

Welcome Our New Member

Barb Burrows



Barb Burrows has been visiting Vero Beach since her parents moved here in 1967. She grew up in Toms River, N.J. and went to Robert Morris Jr. College in Pittsburgh, where she met her husband, Bill. She received an associate degree in secretarial science and took her first job with CNA Insurance. After her two sons started school, she went to work for the US Customs at the Pittsburgh International Airport. Missing her family in Vero, Barb changed careers to a customer service agent for USAirways. Smart move as she and her family were able to commute to Vero as often as they wanted, which made them all happy! After she and Bill retired sixteen years ago, they moved to Vero full time. She first heard about Impact 100 from a dear friend, Faye Potts. It was her enthusiasm that made her decide this was where she should devote her time. Then Carol Peter invited her to the Membership Meet and Greet at the Equestrian Club. She went and found a wonderful group of amazing ladies who impact the lives of many throughout our community. It did not take her long to join!

INDIAN RIVER
IMPACT 100