

Let's get to know Sandy Rolf

Sandy talks about family, her philanthropic philosophy, and helping to found Impact 100.

1. Where are you from? I am from Clinton, Missouri, and graduated with a BA from the University of Missouri.

2. Tell us about your family. My husband Randy and I met on a blind date at MU our freshman year and married after our sophomore year. We have been married for 60 years. We have 2 children, a son in Missouri and a daughter in Vermont. Both our children graduated from MU. We have 2 grandchildren and our grandson and his wife have our 2 great-grandchildren.

3. Did you work in a previous life? I was a full-time mother and an active community volunteer wherever we have lived. We have lived in New Orleans, Washington, DC, three places in Missouri, nine years in Canada, Colorado, and now Florida for the last 22 years.

4. What hobbies do you enjoy? Our family has always enjoyed the outdoors – camping, floating rivers, sailing in the Bahamas, skiing and hiking in Europe as well as golf. Art and theater have always been a big part of our lives and Vero is so fortunate to have the Vero Beach Museum of Art and the Riverside Theater.

5. What has been your favorite vacation? We celebrated our 50th anniversary traveling to Africa with our family. Travel has always been an important part of our lives, and we look forward to returning to travel when the COVID pandemic subsides.

6. What is the last book you read? Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson

7. What three words best describe you? Outgoing, responsible, facilitator.

8. What made you join the first group of Women in Philanthropy and helping to start Impact 100 here in Indian River County? When asked to join Women in Philanthropy, I immediately said yes. The women already involved were people I admired because of their leadership roles in our community. The purpose of this organization also aligned with my interests in philanthropy and the role it plays in supporting organizations working to solve needs in our community.

When the concept of starting Impact 100 was introduced, it seemed like the perfect way to bring women from all neighborhoods in Indian River County together to learn about the nonprofit agencies here and their work helping to meet the needs in our community. Granting 100% of the membership annual dues was an added bonus.

I've always believed in a quote from Helen Keller "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

9. You have been a member of Impact 100 for 13, going on 14, years. What do you love about being a member? I have met and worked with so many interesting women by being a part of Impact 100. The talents of so many continue to contribute to Impact's success, and I am very proud of the financial contributions Impact has made in our county.

10. What would be your recommendation to new members? The beauty of this organization is that new members can join and do as much or as little as they choose. The annual meeting gives everyone the opportunity to vote on winners of the yearly grants. If the new member has the time, volunteering for committees like the Grants Committee is a wonderful way to get to know fellow members, the agencies that are submitting grant applications, and needs priorities in IRC.

Philanthropy is so important and I always feel that my dollars go so much farther by joining together with other like-minded women to contribute through Impact 100 IRC.

