

## Let's get to know Brenda Lloyd

Brenda Lloyd, one of the original members of Impact 100, talks about her love of law, grapes, and Dancing with Vero's Stars.

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in Melbourne. After my daughters grew up, I pursued a career as a paralegal, earning an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies. I am a National Legal Assistant (NALA) Certified Paralegal, the national professional standard for paralegals, and Florida (Florida Bar) Registered Paralegal.

**How did you meet your husband?** I fell in love with the law and with a lawyer. I met Robin Lloyd, a prominent local attorney, in 1994 at an Indian River County Bar Association Christmas Party. At the time I was the judicial assistant for Judge James B. Balsiger. I moved here from Sebastian after Robin and I married in 2001. I have three daughters, April, Mandy and Crystal, three granddaughters, and two grandsons. Robin has two sons, Robin and Jeff, and two granddaughters.

**Tell us about your career?** I was a stay at home mom when my girls were toddlers and later worked in the library at their elementary school. It wasn't until they were older that I pursued my career as a paralegal. I work at my husband's law firm, Robin Lloyd & Associates, P.A. as a paralegal, office manager, bookkeeper and whatever else needs to be done for the firm. One of the greatest perks of working with Robin is that he feels very strongly about giving back to the community. I have served on the boards of the American Cancer Society, Healthy Start Coalition and Impact 100, as well as being involved in many other nonprofit organizations. In 2010, I was a dancer with Healthy Start Coalition's Dancing with Vero's Stars. Afterwards, I served on the Committee for the event and eventually became the Chair. The year I chaired I helped take it from a \$60,000 fundraiser to over \$300,000 fundraiser, and it's been that way every year thereafter. I love that I have always had the support from my "boss" to volunteer my time during "work" hours.

**What's a fun fact about you not many people know?** I used to have my Certification in Personal Training. I am very passionate about fitness and health.

**Where's your favorite vacation?** St. John, Virgin Islands. My daughter, Mandy, lives there.

**What's the last book you read?** Nine Perfect Strangers

**What one food can you not live without?** Grapes – crushed and fermented. Well, I could live without them, but I do love a glass of fine wine.

**Why did you join Impact 100?** Because my husband said, "you need to join this." That was the very first year.

**You have been a member of Impact from the beginning. What do you love most about being a member?** The positive affect Impact 100 has on the community and the amazing women that give of their time to make sure it runs smoothly.

**Do you have any advice for new members?** You can get involved as much or as little as you want. It's a perfect way to give without stressful expectations.

