

Richfield Rotary Celebration Silent Auction

The auction is **easy and fun**. When we had our big wine tasting event in the past a lot of time and effort went into soliciting, collecting, storing, displaying and processing payment for silent auction items. The holiday season is busy – frantic. Please don't add to your stress for this auction. Again, **easy and fun** are the key words.

Do find new items around your house that you do not need, or something you made or hand crafted, or a service you could provide. Bring the item with you or create a certificate if it is something like a service and bring it along on the night of the party. If you wish you could also drop it off at Dr. Kirsten Nelson's office at 6519 Nicollet Ave. So., Suite 300, or bring it to our January 5 club meeting. It is important to please let either Jean Fox (jeanfox@foxpromo.com) or Kirsten Nelson (drknelsondc@gmail.com) know what items you have so that they can keep an inventory and arrange for a display space.

Some examples:

- Dave Melcher has already donated a Bucket O' Beer. The beers are craft beers collected from local breweries and his travels.
- The Devlins are donating a two night stay at their cabin.
- Jean Fox is donating a Caribou Coffee Basket.
- Do you have tickets for events such as sports or concerts that you are not going to attend?
- Some Rotarians are artistically gifted and can donate paintings, photos of wild life, or other crafts.
- Maybe you are a wonderful chef and want to offer a dinner or some other culinary delight.
- Perhaps you received two of the same item as a gift last year. Let's say mom gave you a knife set for the kitchen. Your aunt gave you one also. Very nice gifts but you can only use one and the other is still in its box. Donate it for the auction.
- Perhaps you have a friend that wants to promote his/her business and can donate an item or certificate.

OK you get the idea. Be creative.

We have had a wonderful selection of items for past auctions These easy and fun auction items add a pretty nice chunk of change to the Rotary Foundation that we pass along to well deserving organizations. This year the auction proceeds will be split between MIRA and Richfield High School. MIRA will use the funds to provide a computer class for parents of ESL students so they can better communicate with their teachers. RHS will use the funds for additional curriculum and training to help high school students make good dating and relationship choices, in conjunction with existing partnerships with Planned Parenthood and Cornerstone.

The sooner we get the items the better. So while you are out Christmas Shopping keep your eye out for auction opportunities too. Thanks!

