FIRST LIVE AUCTION ITEM SPECIAL VIP TABLE

As soon as you are seated for dinner, you'll have a chance to bid on the **FIRST LIVE AUCTION ITEM.**

IF YOU ARE THE LUCKY HIGH BIDDER, HERE'S WHAT YOUR

SPECIAL VIP TABLE

WILL INCLUDE:

YOUR TABLE SETTINGS WILL CHANGE:

Special enhanced table decorations and place settings

YOUR TABLE SERVICE WILL CHANGE:

- No standing in the Buffet Line!
- Your table will receive special attention from your own private servers <u>PLUS</u>
 - Dinner will be plated and served to you
 - Champagne
 - Premium wine
 - Premium dessert
 - Chocolates for each guest

BIDDING WILL BEGIN AT \$200.

Remember, the opening bid is equal to only \$20 per person for this special opportunity.

AUCTION SNEAK PEEK

Purchase tickets online and provide email addresses to receive an email Sneak Peek of Silent and Live Auction items in early February.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Tickets

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL **EAGAN ROTARY GALA** presents SATURDAY, **FEBRUARY 10, 2018** 6:00 P.M. **EAGAN COMMUNITY CENTER** 1501 Central Parkway Admission: \$85 per person Valet Parking • Cocktail Attire Includes **Entertainment, Dinner,** Silent and Live Auctions MasterCard, VISA, **American Express, Discover** and checks accepted

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Eagan

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an international service organization bringing together people like you – community leaders and local residents – who want to use their expertise for good. People who join Rotary are inspired to give back to their communities, to tackle tough challenges, and to create lasting change. There is a sense of fellowship and fun at each meeting, where meaningful and lasting friendships are made.

Who We Are

We are community volunteers who reach out to neighbors in need. People who join Rotary have things in common. We build, support, and organize. We give back to our communities. We work locally and globally.

The Rotary Club of Eagan has 80 members who are business, professional, civic, and community leaders with a common commitment to get involved in our community, share our time and expertise, support global causes, and use our skills to help others.

International Projects

Eagan Rotary developed a project in cooperation with a Rotary Club in Santiago, Panama to build and maintain chicken coops for the benefit of schools and communities there.

We also participate in **Rotary's Youth Exchange** by inviting high school students from other countries to live in Eagan to share their global perspectives and experiences. **Giovanni Arriciati** from **Italy** and **Isabelle Franca** from **Brazil** will live with host families during the year while they attend Eagan High School.

POLIOPLUS, CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE

All Rotary clubs work together to achieve a world free of polio, and we are amazingly close to that goal. A key component to the successful eradication of polio is working together with Rotary International to send vaccines and health workers to immunization posts to assist with vaccination and eduction. We also support the efforts of Rotary's Clean Water Initiative around the world.

Local Projects

Eagan Rotary has provided funds for local projects over the years such as the Eagan Fire Safety Trailer, the Eagan Rotary Band Shell, and playground equipment for Blackhawk Park.



EAGAN ROTARY GALA

Local community leaders and residents come together each February for the biggest social event in Eagan. Sponsors play a vital role in making the Eagan Rotary Gala our club's most successful fundraising event of the year. The evening showcases dinner, both live and silent auctions, and live entertainment from **Dueling Pianos**.

The Rotary Club of Eagan awards community service grants each November to local non-profit organizations for special projects and programs. Since our club's inception in 1987, we've provided over \$1 million in grant funding to organizations in our community.

ART WORKS EAGAN

In 2017 Eagan Rotary pledged \$50,000 toward the purchase of Eagan's former Administration Building on Pilot Knob Road. In addition, we also pledged \$20,000 per year for the next five years for a grand total of \$150,000. Members of our club actively volunteered to help with facility improvements. Art Works Eagan's plans include studio space for artists, a fine arts gallery, a small performance area, and makers' workshops.

ETHICS WORKSHOP

Since 1994, Eagan Rotarians began conducting annual Ethics Workshops for Eagan High School students to prepare these young men and women for the ethical dilemmas they will likely face during their personal and professional lives.

Beginning in 2008, a team of Eagan Rotarians initiated an Ethics Workshop expansion plan to offer the program to other schools. As of 2017, this team has taken our Ethics Workshop to more than 3,500 students at 52 high schools across the state. The program continues to grow, working through community Rotary clubs and their local high schools.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Each year, our Rotary club recognizes exceptional people in Eagan who are teachers, public safety officers and veterans. We honor them by highlighting their work and service with a separate day to honor each group.

Current List of Eagan Rotary Projects

LOCAL

Art Works Eagan
Ethics Workshop
Eagan Rotary Band Shell
Community Service Grants
Eagan Fire Safety Trailer
Eagan Police & Firefighter
Recognition
Eagan Teacher Recognition

Adopt-a-Street Program Veterans Day Recognition Eagan Rotary Foundation Elementary School Reading Project EHS Student of the Month EHS Interact Club

INTERNATIONAL

Chicken Coop Project in Santiago, Panama PolioPlus Clean Water Initiative Inbound Youth Exchange students previously from Bosnia, Poland, Slovakia, Germany, Taiwan, Sweden, Belgium, Spain, Norway, Columbia and this year from Brazil and Italy

How to Buy Gala Tickets

Tickets are \$85 each and may be purchased online by visiting www.eaganrotary.org. For more information about ticket purchasing, contact **Brent Cory** at 651-675-5544 or brent@eaganmn.com.

Learn More About Rotary

More information about Eagan Rotary can be found at <u>www.eaganrotary.org</u>. If you're interested in becoming a Rotarian, contact **Jeffrey B. Larson** at 651-686-0212 or at jeffreyb@jblcompanies.com.

Proceeds from last year's Gala enabled Eagan Rotary to award \$26,000 in grants to 23 local community service organizations on November 15, 2017. Please support us again in 2018!