To:  Rotary D5440 Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Assistant Governors  
From:  DG Chuck Rutenberg

Date: April 7, 2019

Dear District and Club Leader,

Each year at our district conference we hold a silent auction, contributing the proceeds to a priority Rotary project.  This year, the proceeds of our silent auction will be dedicated to polio eradication and will be subject to a 2 to 1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Attached is a silent submission form.  Minimum bid will be half the item’s value with minimum increases of $1.00 if under $25 and $5 if over $25.  It would be helpful to have this information in advance so our committee can prepare bid sheets so please email the completed form by May 5, 2019. If you do not get the basket information in time to do this then please bring this with the item you will donate to the District Conference silent auction.  We ask that each club provide at least one silent auction item.  Tables for the silent auction will be set up in the Gering Events Center in the Platte River, Pioneer and Pony Express Rooms which will be opened up to create one large room (see attached floor plan).

Auction items may be brought to the Gering Events Complex, 1050 M Street, between 1:00 – 5:00 pm. on Thursday afternoon, May 16.

We look forward to your contribution.

Please respond to this e-mail so we can have a count of what clubs and how many items you will bring to the auction.

In Rotary Service,

Chuck

**Chuck Rutenberg**, District Governor, 2018-19