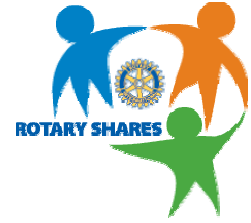




Springfield Rotary Wine Auction
Friday, March 16, 2012
The Holiday Inn, Kruse Way, Springfield
Doors open at 5:00pm



Dear Rotarians,

Planning for the 9th Annual Springfield Rotary Wine Auction is under way! This event is our club's major fund raiser for our budget in the coming year and benefits our Rotary Club Signature Project and Youth Scholarship Programs. Due to the success of this fund raiser, our ability to broaden community service activities has grown over the past few years. At a recent board meeting, we heard proposals for work being done right now in preparation for us to create and support an international community service project by 2013-2014 ~ this is very exciting! We have generated possibilities like this due to our healthy fundraising. Prior to the formation of the Auction, our club participated in MANY small fund raisers during the year. This major event has proved to be popular with our members. We focus our time and support for a few weeks on one event so that we can spend the rest of the year doing what we are passionate about.... Giving back to our community!

We invite you to submit your reservation for seats right away. You are sure to enjoy an evening of fellowship with Rotarians and friends which includes food and hosted beverages; opportunities to bid on oral and silent auction packages; chances to win a wine raffle; and plenty of good-feelin' camaraderie. Seating is limited, however; we make every effort to make room for everyone who would like to attend. **Seats are \$60pp** and will go on sale prior to club meeting beginning **February 1st**. Forms of payment accepted are **exact cash, checks** made out to **Springfield Rotary**, and **Visa and MasterCard**. For reservations, please contact John Alden johngalden@yahoo.com. For questions regarding payments, please contact Liz Degner lizdegner@gmail.com.

In order for this event to be a success, we are each called on to support the Auction. Outlines of the needs are as follows:

ORAL AUCTION ITEMS

Oral Auction items are items that have a value of over \$500. In years past, our success in this category has been with the "Experience" packages. Some examples are: **overnight stays in hotels, B&B's and time shares (we have never tried tee pees or yurts but if you have access, it's worth a shot); fishing trips on the river or in the deep sea; mushroom foraging; and home party dining experiences**. If you have access to a special experience or have a talent you like to donate, bring your idea forward. Tom Draggoo, draggoom@comcast.net or Dan Egan, dan@springfield-chamber.org are our committee contacts. Please feel free to forward donations or ideas to them **now** by completing the attached Donation Form. They are ready and waiting! The final deadline is March 2.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Silent Auction items and packages are those that have a value less than \$500. The sky is the limit when it comes to our silent auction. For ideas, get creative! Consider asking for a donation or gift card from businesses you frequent such as **restaurants, coffee shops, health and beauty services, gift shops, retail shops, or activity providers (bowling, rafting, golfing, etc).**

Consider purchasing items to create a fun and enticing basket with themes such as **destinations, games, food, wine, hobbies, college sports, and gardening.** Or do you have a **hobby, talent or knack?** Share it! We're limited only by our imagination. Sue Fisher opca@opca.org, Alexis Screen rotarybarbie@hotmail.com and Sarah Crumley-Smith scrumley@peacehealth.org Please feel free to forward donations or ideas to them *now* by completing the attached Donation Form. They are ready and waiting! The final deadline is March 2.

WINE RAFFLE

A popular tradition of the Springfield Rotary Wine Auction is the Wine Raffle. The wine packages are filled with a variety of exquisite wines, sure to be a treat for all levels of wine aficionados! Tickets sell for \$5 each for a drawing of three prizes: 1st prize~ 3 cases of wine, 2nd prize~ 2 cases of wine, 3rd prize~ 1 case of wine.

- Raffle tickets will be distributed to Rotarians beginning this Wednesday, January 25. Each Rotarian will receive 1 booklet of 25 tickets. We ask you to consider setting a goal of selling one booklet. More booklets are available if needed. They are easier to sell than you think. Mark Johnson has had great success selling tickets (and winning cases of wine!); feel free to ask him for some tips. Robert Scherer, robert@springfieldbuick.com is the contact person for raffle tickets.
- To form these wine packages and to create packages for both the Oral and Silent Auctions, we ask each Rotarian to donate a nice bottle of wine or a \$25 cash donation to pool money to purchase wine. Bill Van Vactor bvv@emeraldllaw.com, Tami Humphries tami@sapientpwm.com, and Cris Pettit cris@smithandcrakes.com are your contact people for wine procurement. Please make your donations by February 22.

CLAUDE'S WALLET

It has been a tradition to pass "Claude's Wallet" during our club meetings right up to the Wednesday before the Auction. The wallet is really a blue Rotary duffle bag that club member Bill Stenstrom donated for this Oral Auction item. When the wallet is passed around during club, we ask you to drop a little cash in it, as little or as much as you'd like. We never count the wallet prior to the auction. The successful bidder is sworn to secrecy about the contents of the wallet. "Claude's Wallet" has raised thousands of \$\$\$ for our club over the years.

If you have any thoughts or ideas that would help create a fun, successful and memorable event, please do not hesitate to call me. I am waiting to hear from you! I am looking forward very much to this event. If you think we enjoy each other's company at lunch, well, wait to you see what happens when we gather on a Friday evening to **Eat, Drink, and Be Merry.....all for Rotary!** The committee for *The Exciting and Highly Anticipated Springfield Rotary Auction of 2012* thanks you for your consideration and support of our collective fundraising efforts. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-579-8700.

Cheers!

Nancy Bigley
President-elect/Auction Chair 2012