

Hello Friends!

I am organizing the Silent Auctions aspect of the October Dinner Fundraising Event that Janine has already put before all of us. We already have some great “big ticket” items:

- New Ladies Bike has been donated.
- New electronic device (yet to be determined) will be donated as a result of a relationship that one of our congregants has with a local generator contractor who has done multitudinous work in her condo and there are additional jobs on his list!
- Bill Walmsley has very generously agreed to donate a residential window washing service. The parameters of that service have yet to be determined, but it will be awesome.

Silent Auction Basket Ideas – we hope that each basket will be valued at around \$75 retail so that we can have a minimum starting bid of at least \$50. Higher, if possible, depending on the contents in the basket. We hope for attendees to keep outbidding each other. We hope to have a total of 10 items to bid on including the above ones already mentioned.

One thing we want to mention is that we don’t expect any one individual or family create the entire basket unless they wish to do so. Any number of Church Members can band together and combine forces to donate items for a basket. Perhaps one of our multi-generational families will create a single basket. We do ask that all items be new.

- Basket of Cheer with various wines and/or hard liquor
- Craft basket for children
- Basket of children’s books
- Basket of items/clothes for a newborn
- Basket of pet items
- Basket with a theme of Thanksgiving or Christmas
- Basket of home décor (table linens, candle sticks, etc.)
- Family Game Night Basket
- Handmade Crochet or Knit with some other items for a “Cozy Night”
- Italian Night basket that contains gourmet oil and vinegar, a pasta bowl, specialty dried pastas, pasta sauce, wooden spoons, kitchen towels, etc.

Services – Perhaps you are, or have a friend or family member who can provide a service such as:

- Certified Public Account who can donate time to prepare a tax return
- Attorney who can donate preparation of a simple will
- Music teacher who can provide 6 weeks of beginner piano lessons
- Ditto above for beginner guitar lessons

Another great donation is tickets to a professional sports event. Some of us may have seasons tickets to one of our locals. Perhaps there is a game where you know you cannot attend. It would be great if it was donated for this event.

Monetary Donations will be accepted so that we can purchase items, if necessary.

We will also need large baskets that you have lying about and no longer need. 2 volunteers are needed to provide some assistance in assembling the baskets and create labels for the baskets and the auction sheets the week before the event. This will be done at Lyn’s condo. Lunch/Snacks and Beverages (including wine) will be provided. It will be a fun time together to build the baskets.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me, Lyn Sentkowski. My email address is lyn.chanteuse@gmail.com or see me at church during Fellowship time (not here today but will be on 7/21 and most weeks after that).

