

ECC/EVAE Newsletter, November 5 & 6, 2007

Auction essentials

- 5:30 p.m. Doors open. Silent auction and cocktail hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner and oral auction begin
7:00 p.m. First silent auction tables close
7:30 p.m. Choir members who are not already present arrive (Rilling Room available for coats)
Silent auction tables close
Section baskets auctioned off
7:45 p.m. EVAE sings:
 “Sigh No More Ladies,” “Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind”
ECC sings:
 “There's No Business Like Show Business” and a medley from various musicals: *One*,
 “Do You Hear the People Sing” (from *Les Mis*), “To Life, L'chaim” (from *Fiddler on the Roof*)
8:00 p.m. Sponsorship donations
Oral auction continues
9:00 p.m. Dessert Dash auction
9:30 p.m. Event concludes. Checkout and cashiering

Things choir members can do to help at the Auction

1. Serve on your committees (setup, decorations, risers, registration, closing, cashiering, cleanup, etc.)
2. Schmooze. Be enthusiastic and friendly to our guests. They attend because they support us!
3. Bid. Keep the bidding for silent and oral auction items lively. Encourage others by bidding often and high. This is not bargain hunting. This is supporting a charity. Friendly rivalries can be fun.
4. Be aware of all the different ways we are raising money and help direct other guests for us:
 You can charge EVERYTHING to your Bid Number:
 Silent Auction
 Oral Auction
 Straight donation sponsorships for each section of ECC, for EVAE, and for Ticket Assistance
 Wine Cellar raffle tickets (\$25 each or \$100 for a book of five tickets)
 Murder Mystery Dinner tickets, LaVelle Vineyards, February 8, for \$65 per person
 Dessert Dash. The people at each table bid on a dessert for their dinner.
5. Be flexible and help out wherever a need arises.
6. Enjoy yourselves and become better acquainted with your fellow choir members!

What everyone needs to know about Auction checkout—it's different this year.

- Things to do. At the conclusion of the Auction:
 1. Go to the Auction Checkout table. Show your bid number and get your printed receipt from the Auctioneer's staff.
 2. Proceed to the Cashiering table. Pay for all of your purchases and donations.
 3. Proceed to the Auction Claims table. All of your auction items will be gathered for you and placed in a bag with your bid number on it.
 4. Check your bag to make certain you have everything.
- Things NOT to do.

Do not pick up auction items from the silent or oral auction tables. All items will be claimed at the Auction Claims table. Gift certificates on the tables are photocopies only. The real gift certificates will be kept in a file and will be put in your bag at the Auction Claims table.

Thank you all. Let's have a great fundraiser!

"Some Enchanted Evening," November 9th Auction fundraiser

From the Auction committee: The committee wants to let all choir members know that there are some terrific items for both the oral and silent auctions this year and lots of them. Just to mention a few in the oral auction: the Broadway package, the Olympic Trials, the Black Butte get-away, jewelry, wine tasting for six, a romantic Valentine package (includes Tango lessons!!), a specially prepared dinner, and many more temptations. The committee finished organizing items on Saturday, and we were all amazed at the quantity and quality of the silent auction items. There are well over 100 items, including show tickets to the Ballet, the Portland Opera, Oregon Symphony, Ashland theater; local music, theater productions, and a great variety of restaurant gift certificates; lovely artisan work (blown glass, porcelain, pottery, etched glassware, woodwork, paintings,

photography, woven and crocheted items, and more). Add to that a fossil trip and an old-fashioned hayride. Did I mention, a poster from the Broadway musical *Wicked*, signed by all of the cast? Very cool. Chocolate, wine, more wine, Christmas cookies, gifts of music (from CDs to a wedding singer), and some wonderful gift packages? We hope many of you can attend the dinner, but if you're coming to sing but not to eat, be aware that you can still get a bid number and bid on silent auction items. It's worth getting there early to do so. Oh, and don't forget the section baskets; they are fun and full of goodies, ready-to-go Christmas gifts. Many thanks to our awesome and generous choir members for their work in securing donations, giving donations, and helping to make this a successful fundraiser.

The Committee.

Music

From ECC librarian Teresa Lin: After the Auction, ECC singers may deposit their Auction music in a box in the Rilling Room at the Hilton. Singers may also return that music at our regular rehearsals.

On a separate note: There are still several people who have not returned their *Carmina Burana* scores. Please return them at ECC rehearsal. EVAE members and ECC members who can't make it to rehearsal, please contact me (953-3924 during the day or 338-2989 at home) so that I can make arrangements to pick up your music.

2006 Jeep Wrangler X for sale

From former ECC members Frieda and Mark Harden: Mark & I bought a brand new Jeep last year, anticipating Mark's eventual recovery and return to work. After two back surgeries and lots of time, it looks as if that's not going to happen, so he doesn't need a commuting vehicle. We want to sell this little gem for \$15,000 (price firm, no hagglng, less than wholesale, and a bargain price for this vehicle. You can check the Kelly Blue Book on line). Please give Mark a call at 338-8017 if you or anyone you know is interested. He'd love to hear from you!

Many thanks from your old pal, Frieda. Have a great season!

- 4X4 4.0 L 6 cylinder straight six. Six-speed manual transmission
- Only 800 miles since purchased new. Never driven off road
- SOLAR YELLOW with BLACK SOFT TOP
- Charcoal interior, cloth high-back front bucket seats, fold and tumble rear bench. Carpet front and back
- AM/FM/CD stereo with sound bar
- 31.5 X 10 X 15 BFG Blackwall all-terrain T/A KO tires on American Racing Teflon-coated wheels with matching full-sized spare

Questions of the week

Answer to last week's question about why, when geese fly in a V formation, one side of the V is longer than the other: There are more geese on that side. ☺

Question for next week: "Brothers and sisters have I none, but this man's father is my father's son." Who is "this man"?

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