

St. Luke's Martinmas Donations (held Nov. 15th 2008)

There are many ways that you can support St. Luke's Martinmas Feast. Of course, we hope that you can join in the festivities by buying tickets to attend the dinner and auction on November 15th and bid on the many auction items. But before we can have an auction we need items to auction off. These items fall into two broad categories – donations from individuals and donations from businesses.

Some examples of donations from individuals include:

- Homemade Christmas cookies, breads and puddings, etc.
- Event tickets for concerts or sports
- Your special talent or expertise - don't be modest - be creative
- Weekend or a week stay at your vacation home
- Frequent flyer miles

We are also looking for those unique items or services that may depend on "who you know". Think about your friends and relatives. Does anybody have an interesting job, work for a unique organization or have a special talent? Do you think they or the organization they are affiliated with might be willing to make a donation of an item, a service or their talent? Who knows, maybe a behind the scenes tour, lunch with a celebrity, those event tickets that are impossible to get, or maybe a round of golf with a pro. Think hard and think out of the box and let us know about this opportunity for a special donation.

In regard to business donations, it is always easier to obtain a donation if there is an existing relationship with the merchant. Think about the businesses that you frequent. The best example is your favorite restaurant where the owner and staff know you by name. They will be more apt to respond to your request for a donation of a gift certificate for a dinner than to someone making a cold call. If you feel that you would like to ask a particular business for a donation please contact Chris Roberts first so that these requests can be coordinated. We would not want the merchant being asked multiple times for a donation.

A donation form is attached and can be used for your personal donations, and they can also be used for business donations (but please do check with Chris Roberts first). If you have any questions or would like to discuss a potential donation please feel free to contact Chris Roberts at 224-622-6980 (chrisanja@yahoo.com) or Rosemary Bayzer at 847-328-1839. You can hand the completed donation form to Chris or Rosemary, or it can be dropped off or mailed to the church office.

Time flies - so the sooner you can let us know about your donation the more successful our auction will be. And remember – Martinmas Feast is made possible by the generous donations of parishioners like you – and also by attending and bidding! We hope you'll join us for the Martinmas Feast in the spirit of giving and abundance. Thank you.