



W.G.R.C. 2004 Action Auction

The 2004 Action Auction demonstrates Champaign Rotary's commitment to "Lend a Hand" within our community.

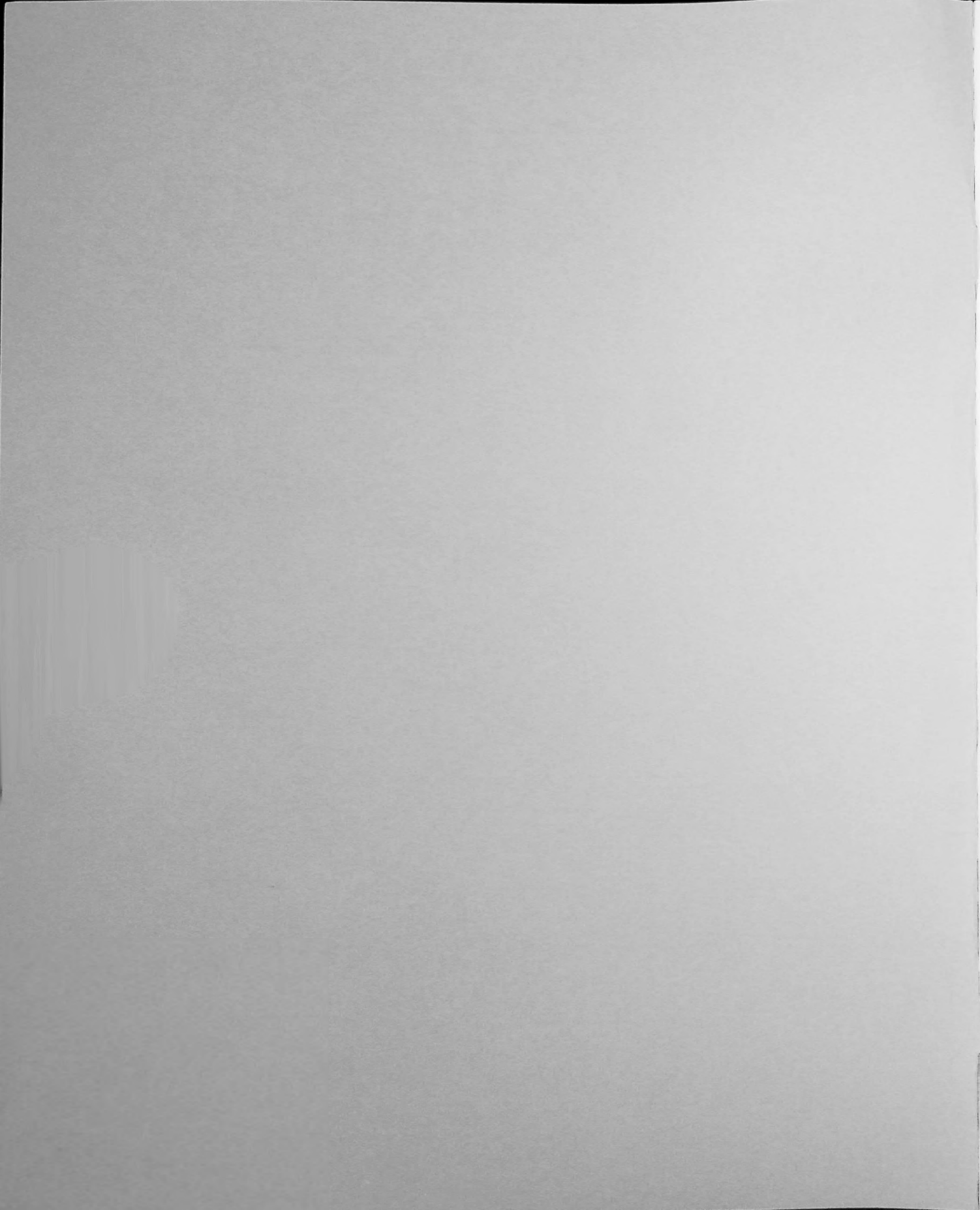
Auction proceeds will immediately support:

- Rotary Hill Improvements
- Illini Prairie Chapter, American Red Cross
- Health Watch Program, Provena Covenant Foundation

Auction will also support community impact projects sponsored by Champaign Rotary for the next three years.

Lend a Hand

June 4, 2004



Message from the President

Each year the Rotary International President establishes a theme for their term in office. The current theme is “**Lend a Hand**”. I believe that the **Champaign Rotary Action Auction** serves as model for lending a hand of friendship, opportunity, and caring for our own community. Funds raised during the Action Auction are devoted to community projects that benefit the citizens of Champaign County.

Our goal is to raise **\$125,000**. These funds will be distributed to worthy projects over the next three years. To start the three year cycle, we have selected three initial projects which will receive significant support. \$40,000 will go to the renovation of **Rotary Hill** at the Lake of the Woods. This community asset was initially constructed as the result of the very first Rotary Action Auction in 1977. The pavilion will be enclosed for year round use. In addition the Rotary Board has selected the **Illini Prairie Chapter, American Red Cross** to receive \$10,000 for local disaster relief. And, we will donate another \$10,000 to the **Health Watch Program at Provena Covenant Foundation** for Emergency Response for Seniors in Champaign County.

Action Auction 2004 takes a team effort to be successful. It starts with the Rotary volunteers dedicating themselves to “Lend a Hand” in planning, organizing and staffing the Auction. The Auction would not be possible if it were not for the generous contributions of our donors. Giving of time and resources in the service of others is most greatly appreciated and is the embodiment of the Rotary motto: **Service-Above-Self**. To complete the team we need you the Action Auction attendee to reach deep and out bid your friends in the spirit of caring and giving that has always been the hallmark of the Action Auction.

On behalf of the membership of the Champaign Rotary Club and the citizens of Champaign County who benefit from the Action Auction – **Thank You for Lending a Hand.**

Bob Aldridge
President
June 4, 2004

The
Champaign Rotary Club
presents
Action Auction 2004

Friday, June 4, 2004
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
University of Illinois

5:30 p.m. Cash Bar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Auction

**“Lend a Hand”
Auction - Raffle**

benefits

**Rotary Hill
American Red Cross
Provena Covenant Foundation
Community projects for three years**

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WGRC Action Auction Goal \$125,000

The goal of this year's auction is \$125,000. The auction allows the Champaign Rotary Club to continue its service to the community by supporting high impact projects over a three year period. Champaign Rotary has supported nearly forty different agencies through its charitable foundation WGRC, Inc. in the past three years. The success of the auction determines the level of charitable work that can be supported by Champaign Rotary. The first auction was in 1977 and has been held on three cycles as our major fund raising event. Below are listed the initial major projects to be supported by this our 10th action auction. Thanks to both our contributors and auction attendees who allow Rotary to achieve "Service Above Self".

Rotary Hill

\$40,000

Rotary Hill is an outdoor pavilion at Lake of the Woods which is enjoyed by numerous family and business groups when weather permits. This pavilion was constructed as a result of funds raised during the first Champaign Rotary Action Auction in 1977. Now the pavilion is going to be upgraded and enclosed to increase its utilization during periods of inclement weather. Rotary Hill is a community asset.

Illini Prairie Chapter, American Red Cross Local Disaster Relief

\$10,000

Disasters can strike at any time. House fire, tornadoes, heavy flooding and other natural or man-made disasters can turn people's lives upside down in an instant. Our contribution of \$10,000 will be used strictly for disaster relief, to provide victims with vital necessities in the immediate aftermath of a local disaster. The American Red Cross is the only agency in this area that provides the type of immediate assistance disaster victims need when help can't wait.

Health Watch Program at Provena Covenant Foundation Emergency Response for Seniors in Champaign County

\$10,000

"I've fallen and I can't get up". Imagine how any of us would feel if this happened and there was no one around to hear and offer aid to elderly individuals. The Health Watch Program answers this important community need 24/7/365 to those who are most at risk by providing personal transmitters. For the elderly, this service provides security and immediate response in the event of an emergency. The Health Program is dependent upon charitable contributions and our support will allow existing services to be continued and the program to be expanded.

HOW TO BE A Rotary Action Auction Professional

Preparing for the Auction

1. This is the catalog for the 2004 Rotary Action Auction. The difference between action and auction is "U".
2. Now is the time to form your buying/bidding syndicate. You can combine resources and gain buying power. Nice things happen to those who over bid!
3. Bring extra cash to the auction to buy raffle tickets. Tickets for the grand prize drawing will also be on sale the night of the auction. The Grand Prize is a Spheros 42 inch HD TV.
4. Don't forget to bring this catalog with you. It will allow you to follow the Auction and help record your bid price.

The evening begins with a party in the lobby of the Krannert Center with entertainment and cash bar at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2004. Be on time as you'll want to see your friends, preview auction items, and have plenty of time to stuff the raffle boxes.

1. Your first stop upon arrival is the reception desk (north end). Here you receive your bid number and find out the location of your reserved table.
2. Your next stop should be to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle items are listed in this catalog as the last 16 items. Here is how the raffle works:
 - a. Each raffle item has a box for raffle tickets just for that item. You place as many raffle tickets in each box as you like.
 - b. There are 16 raffle items. To have a chance at each item you must buy at least 16 tickets. Obviously, the more tickets you put in each box the greater your odds of winning.
 - c. Once the Auction starts at 7:30 p.m., we may be drawing raffle tickets a various times throughout the auction or at the end of the auction. This means that you should be sure to place your raffle tickets in the boxes early.
 - d. The raffle tickets are numbered and come in pairs. You keep one half of the pair (your claim ticket) and place the other half (same number) in the box of your choice. **DO NOT PUT BOTH HALVES IN A BOX OR IN DIFFERENT BOXES. YOUR CLAIM TICKET IDENTIFIES YOU AS THE WINNER.**
 - e. The claim ticket must be presented immediately to win. You may allow someone else to hold your tickets if you have to depart for any reason. If no one has the matching ticket, another ticket will be drawn until there is a winner.
 - f. Any raffle item which is opened and does not contain any tickets will be auctioned to the highest bidder.
 - g. **Raffle tickets cost:**
 - \$5.00 for 3 tickets
 - \$10.00 for 7 tickets
 - \$20.00 for 20 tickets

3. Now find your table, get something to drink, meet your friends and enjoy the social time. Don't forget to select your raffle items and preview the auction items on display.
4. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy your meal.
5. Please refer to the rules and procedures of the Action Auction.
6. You are encouraged to pay for your successful bid (cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard) throughout the auction. Cashiers and their runners will be available to assist you throughout the auction. Of course, you may wait and pay for all your winning bids at the end of the auction. **You must pay before departure.**
7. You are requested to remove physical items after the auction or make arrangements with Carl Meyer.

The Grand Prize Drawing

The drawing for the grand prize will take place following the last auction item. You need not be present to win. Just be sure your name and address is placed on any Grand Prize ticket you purchase the night of the auction.

Summary

Any questions can be answered by Chris Moyer, chair of the Action Auction. Rotary hopes these instructions help you prepare for the auction, have a good time, and remember **YOU make the difference at Action Auction.** Please bid generously.

Lend a Hand

Menu

Crisp Frisee garnished with bacon Bits, Cherry Tomato and Dijon Mustard Dressing
Sauteed Filet of Beef garnished with Blue Cheese and served with a Merlot Demi-Glace Sauce
Caramelized Pearl Onion and Carrot
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potato
Trio: Key lime Meringue Tart, Chocolate Torte, Strawberry Vanilla Vol au Vent

Or

Mesculin Salad served with a Red Wine and Olive Oil Vinaigrette,
Garnished with Shaved Parmesiano
Coconut, Pineapple and Papaya crusted Filet of Tilapia, served with an Exotic Fruit and Cilantro Salsa and Steamed Wild and White Rice
"Tres Leches" Torta with Fresh Berries

Or (Vegetarian)

Stuffed Portabello Mushrooms with Spinach and Swiss cheese served with a Potato Celeriac "Puree" and laced with a Homemade Tomato Sauce flavored with Fresh basil.

Rules and Procedures

Action Auction 2004

1. The Action Auction will begin immediately following the dinner hour and continue until all items are sold.
2. All buyers will be assigned a buyer number. Please show your buyer number when bidding to assist the Auctioneers and Spotters in properly identifying you as a bidder.
3. Payment should be made by the successful bidder immediately following the auction of the item. A committee member will bring a purchase receipt to each successful bidder for their immediate signature. You may choose to be escorted by the committee member to the cashier's table for settlement at that time or settle up with the cashier prior to leaving the Auction.
4. Payment can be made by cash, check, VISA, or MasterCard. All checks should be made payable to WGRC, Inc.
5. Values set forth for some items being auctioned, raffled, or given as prizes are estimates of general value.
6. All sales are final and there will be no exchanges or refunds except as specified by the donor. All auction items and services must be used within one year from the auction night, June 4, 2004, unless otherwise agreed upon by the donor and the purchaser. Trip items must be confirmed by the purchaser within 30 days of auction night. Special instructions pertaining to some items may be indicated on the purchase receipt. Please read your purchase carefully and completely.
7. Items should be removed from the Krannert Center by presenting your purchase receipt on auction night. Arrangements for pickup of items not displayed at the auction should be made between the donor and the purchaser.

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High Definition Television

ENTER

**The
Grand Prize Drawing**

Win a brand new

**SPHEROS 42 HD
TV**

You must have a ticket to win!

The Spheros 42 HD uses plasma technology and is the State-of-the-Art in high definition television. This unit measures only 6.5 inches in depth with a 42 inch screen (measured diagonally) and is intended to be wall mounted. Loewe DMM Plus technology guarantees a film-like viewing experience free of artifacts and distortions from any video source. The large monitor reproduces true-to-life color and light. The Spheros 42 HD combines avant-garde design and innovative technology.

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1. The Saint Louis Cardinals Baseball team is currently playing 500 baseball in the challenging central division of the National League. Albert Pujols is their on-field leader and we have an autographed bat signed by him. This is a collector's item and its value will only increase over time. Albert Pujols is a rising star.

\$500

Dana Brenner

2. Rotary is unique because 100% of your contribution to a Paul Harris Fellowship actually is spent for charitable activities and not for administration. You can be assured that when you are the successful bidder for this Paul Harris Fellowship, you are not contributing to the pockets of some advertising agency in Evansville. More importantly your Paul Harris Fellowship will go to fund high impact programs aimed at critical world problems like health, hunger, and economic freedom to name just a few of the many Rotary programs. A Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to an individual for Rotary contributions of \$1,000.

\$1000

Champaign West Rotary

3. You will not believe just how great the golfing experience is at Point of the Woods in Benton Harbor, Michigan. This is a perfect outing for the right (high bidding) foursome who will enjoy a 4 day midweek (Monday-Thursday) stay in a 4 bedroom- 4 bath golf cottage including two golf carts and use of the golf course. The cottages resemble European style manors with vaulted ceilings, sumptuous woodwork, fieldstone fireplaces, private patios and other generous appointments with daily maid service. Point of the Woods is rated one of the top 100 courses in the nation and annually hosts the Western Amateur. The cottage is available October 2004 or May 2005.

\$1600

Dave Barr and Tim Murphy

Good time to buy your grand prize raffle ticket!

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4. All stars are not in Hollywood; in fact most are in the heavens. The sad part is we can't see them most nights. However, the stars are always out at Parkland's Staerkel Planetarium. Up for bid is an exciting tour of the galaxy for 120 guests at Parkland College. This fun filled evening comes with \$500 for food and beverage before or after the show provided by Rotary. Here is your chance to entertain your company, church group, or neighborhood. This would be a great holiday event that can't be duplicated anywhere in central Illinois. Date set by mutual agreement with Parkland College.

\$1500

Carl Meyer, Parkland College, Champaign Rotary

5. On display at the Auction are two works of art by David Schor (visit his web site at: www.davidschor.com). Each of these signed lithographs depicts an element of the Rotary "4-Way-Test". "Is it the TRUTH?" is captured as a young lad tells how big a fish he caught. "Is it FAIR to all concerned?" is the question posed as young girl is denied entrance to carnival ride because she doesn't meet the height requirement. Each of these lithographs is framed and will make a wonderful addition to your home or office decor. Each lithograph will be bid separately and the donor has set a **minimum bid of \$300 each.**

\$300

\$300

Frank Keck

6. Snowmass Colorado offers the very best skiing in the Rockies. Enjoy a one week (Saturday to Saturday) stay in a deluxe two bedroom-2 bath condo with easy access to pool and hot tub. You can arrange the date by mutual agreement with the donor. Snowmass is a great location in winter or summer with great places to eat and shop and Aspen is just down the road. This is a wonderful vacation location.

\$2,500

Greg and Kristie Cozad

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7. The call of the wild can be heard from the door step of the Schuss Mountain Resort in Mancelona, Michigan. We have a three bedroom house with loft in the heart of the resort that will easily support a party of 10 or four couples. You get the choice of one week (7 days and 7 nights) in winter starting December 31, 2004, or one week in summer starting June 17, 2005. The great outdoors awaits the winning bidder.

\$1,700
Jerry Jahn

8. Sunrise over the dunes awaits the successful bidder of this Hilton Head Condo. Imagine being on beach just before the crack of dawn and seeing the sun burst forth from the Atlantic while you enjoy your one week stay in a three bedroom condo located at Hilton Head Villa in Palmetto Dunes Plantation. You'll enjoy a screened in porch and deck that over looks a beautiful 12-mile lagoon and the ocean is just across the street. An exceptional get away for family or friends in one of the nation's finest beach resorts in South Carolina. The villa is available by mutual agreement with the owner on the following dates: 2nd, 3rd, or 4th week in September or October; 3rd week in November (Thanksgiving not available); 1st, 2nd, 3rd week in December; 1st, 2nd, 3rd week in May 2005.

\$1500
Wells and Joann Anderson

We're just getting started. Still some time to get raffle tickets for the pick your prize raffle or even the Grand Prize Raffle.

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9. A rocky mountain high is up next and some lucky flatlander is going to have the winning bid. It can be you if the price is right. But don't depend on Bob Barker; you'll have to do the bidding on this one week stay at the MeadowRidge Resort in Fraser, Colorado. This exceptional fully equipped 2 bath condo can sleep six in three bedrooms and comes with full resort privileges. Enjoy your own fire place or be outdoors and use the charcoal grill. The best part is that this great vacation site is offered at any time by mutual agreement with the donor. So, be a skier or fisherman, just be ready to have a great time.

\$1,400

John E. Severns

10. Donald Trump says there is no such thing as bad publicity. Therefore you can't go wrong with advertising in the News-Gazette (97,000 readers) and by using WDWS/WHMS with their 45,000 listeners. Even better is that one bid gets you both. You're bidding for a one-quarter page (3 col x 10 inch) black and white ad in a daily edition of The News-Gazette and two 30-second commercial spots on WDWS/WHMS. The News-Gazette will assist the winning bidder in design and production of the newspaper ad. WDWS/WHMS will assist with writing and producing the radio commercials. The News-Gazette/WDWS retains the right to approve the content and the timing of the ads. You can also use your package (valued at \$1,050) as credit toward even bigger ads. As an added bonus, the Chief Financial Officer (Mike Martin) of the News-Gazette/WDWS will accompany the winning bidder on a tour of the News-Gazette production facilities on the day the ad is run in the paper and the winner will be given a copy that is literally "hot off the press".

\$1,050

The News-Gazette/WDWS/WHMS

11. Lake of Egypt in southern Illinois is the site of this weekend getaway. Your hosts are Stu and Anita Broeren at their huge lake side cabin on a date by mutual agreement. At Bittersweet, the Broeren Cabin, water toys include a pontoon boat, a ski boat, 2 wave runners, and a fishing vessel with all the fish finding gizmos and gadgets. Captains Stu and Anita will lead you and your guests on a Friday (after 6PM) through noon Sunday. This package is for up to 8 people and includes lodging, all water sport activities including water skiing lessons, food and assistance with meal preparation, and domestic beer and wine. This is a great family or business retreat and comes with a traditional evening cruise of the lake.

\$1,400

Stu and Anita Broeren

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12. December 31, 2004 is when this \$500 catering certificate expires. Michael's Catering has earned a reputation for excellence in food and service. There are an endless variety of occasions when you could use the services of Michael's Catering. You decide the date, time, location, and menu in coordination with Michael's, but you must do so before the close of 2004.

\$500

David and Jane Bernthal

John and Sharon Ady

13. Best seats in the house for the Fighting Illini Football home opener on September 4, 2004 against Florida A&M. This package is for 10- 50 yard line seats and an awesome tailgate party before the game. Steve promises the best in food and adult beverages starting two hours prior to kickoff on the west side of Memorial Stadium. This is something to get the Illini spirit going for new season of college football. GO-ILLINI.

\$1,200

Steve Hartman

14. Bring your own beer to this hog roast for 200. Our Rotary crew is preparing an outstanding meal featuring roast pig, baked beans, salads, sweet corn and desserts. All you have to do is round up 200 of your closest friends, bring your own beer to wash it all down and be ready to party. The date will be set by mutual agreement.

\$4000

Chris Moyer, Bob Aldridge, Kay Machula, Jill Kemper, Sue Grey

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15. Peace and quiet is what you'll get when you're the high bidder for this 3 day weekend retreat at Grey Oaks in Fulton County, Illinois two hours west of Champaign. This is a family log home on the water that features 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths and restful surroundings. Enjoy fishing, nature walks and hunting or just sit back and relax in the great outdoors. You'll have to bring a cell phone because this retreat does not include a phone. Date by agreement with the owner.

\$750

Chris and Don Moyer

16. No costume malfunctions allowed when you create your own media campaign to use this \$3,000 certificate from Insight Media. Insight Media offers up to 36 different Television channels such as CNN, ESPN, TLC, A&E and Lifetime to name a few where you can advertise your business or support your favorite candidate. This offer is subject to availability, excludes commercial production costs and can not be applied to previously scheduled advertising or an existing invoice. You are bidding on "air time".

\$3,000

Insight Media

17. The Mega Touch Machine is a desk top video game machine that allows you to play a variety of games without the support of family widescreen TV or computer. This is perfect for the recreation room or den and can be used by children or the kid in all of us. The Mega Touch has a 13 inch screen which is plenty big enough for the serious gamer.

\$500

Melody Music

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18. Burwash beans. No one knows the real value of soybeans until you try to sell them based upon the market rate. So, do you hold and wait for the commodity market to go up or do you sell at the first hint of decrease. Such is the daily worry of our own Dick Burwash and now you to can share the excitement. We have for you 100 bushels of Burwash soybeans now being held in the Grand Prairie Co-op. And oh by the way, to give you all the worries of the bean business, you will be responsible for the payment of storage fees beginning the day after the Auction. You do not have to visit Peoria to gamble in Illinois.

\$1,000

Dick Burwash

19. Galena Territory sounds like some place from an old Mel Gibson movie, but in fact it's just a pleasant drive west of Champaign near historic Galena, Illinois. This can be the site of a perfect mini-vacation to the winning bidder. Imagine three days and three nights spent in the comfort of a 4 bedroom, 3 bath log home complete with a large great room, a recreation room with pool table and satellite TV, huge deck, screened in porch and outdoor fire pit. This log home comes with full access to the Galena Territory owners' amenities including swimming pool, tennis courts, boat docks, and riding stables. Availability of this opportunity for a family getaway is from June 15, 2004 to June 15, 2005 by mutual agreement with our gracious donors.

\$750

Tony and Joan Peressini

20. Pricing antiques is hard because it depends on how much you think someone is willing to spend, or it may be on what price you are willing to part with the item. Then you add in such factors as condition, scarcity, location, and collectability. Or you can just donate the item and put it up for auction and let the bidding settle the matter. Up for bid is an antique fishing creel with hand made leather carving in the style of the Lawrence Creel Co. of Portland, Oregon. This is a rare item in great condition and highly collectable. You can only bid on this fishing creel at the Action Auction.

\$1,000

Tod Dawson

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21. What can be done in a day? Well, it will take some planning and coordination, but with the services of two professional painters from K&R Painting for one 8 hour day, the sky is the limit. This item is for labor only.

\$560

K&R Painting
Ross and Sue Merkle

22. A short drive to the beach and you're playing in the surf, building sand castles, and working on your tan. All this takes place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where you'll enjoy an 8 day and 7 night stay in a fully furnished 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath ranch style home with a screened in heated pool on the inter-costal waterway. Fort Lauderdale is an ideal vacation spot offering great dining, shopping, fishing and water sports, museums and golfing. This house is available between August 5th and September 23, 2004, but you need to plan quickly to secure your reservation. What a nice end of summer package.

\$2,500

Apcon Corporation
Harold O'Neil and Jim Gallivan

23. Mickelson went 0 for 42 before winning the 2004 Masters with a 20 foot putt on the 18th. Not many golfing memories can match that, but you can create a few stories of your own at the annual DSC 2005 golf outing. This golf adventure for 4 includes green fees, use of two carts, refreshments, a light lunch and plenty of finger foods at the end. The DSC annual event is normally the 2nd or 3rd Monday in May of each year. This is a great event and supports very worthwhile programs.

\$500

Development Services Center

Still time to buy a grand prize raffle ticket!

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24. A true Illini fan is said to bleed orange and blue. This may be an extreme measure to prove your loyalty to the University, so the Marching Illini offers this 4 part exciting alternative for the true fan.

- An assortment of Marching Illini merchandise including compact disks, sweatshirts, t-shirts and hats.
- 6 tickets to the Marching Illini in Concert at the Assembly Hall on Sunday, October 17, 2004.
- The appearance/performance of an Illini Pep Band at one 2004 home Illini football pre-game tailgate party. Date by mutual agreement.
- A "guest conducting" appearance with the Marching Illini performing "Illinois Loyalty" at a 2004 Illini football post-game performance in Memorial Stadium. Date by mutual agreement.

What better way to show your true colors and support the community projects at the same time. This package is only available at the Rotary Action Auction.

\$1,000

University of Illinois Marching Illini

25. Sun City, Arizona is guaranteed to defeat the winter time blues common to residents of Champaign County. You're bidding on a **two week** stay at a fabulous 1700 square foot 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Sun City, AZ. This condo comes **with a car** for your use and 2 car garage, loads of space and more nearby attractions than you could possibly see in two weeks. Your two weeks can be taken between December 20, 2004 and January 3, 2005, or during May 2005 or October 2005. Dates in May and October can be arranged by agreement with our donors. At least one of group must be 55+ as this is in a retirement community. Use of golf cart is included and you can play golf for 14 days for \$150. This is a great Christmas/New Years vacation location in one of the best "get warm" locations in the states. The donor has placed a **minimum bid of \$2,000** on this unique holiday offering.

\$3,500

Harold and Carol Moe

26. An Action Auction tradition comes to us again from Garber's Cleaners. You can win up to \$1,200 dollars worth of dry cleaning services by rolling a pair of dice and multiplying the result by 100. Don't worry if you role snake eyes. Joe and Steve Hamburg have set the minimum value at \$500. You can not lose.

\$750- \$1,200

Joe and Steve Hamburg

Garber's Cleaners and Fabricare

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27. Improve your game with this set of custom made men's golf clubs from Fit Rite Golf. This complete set comes with irons, 3 pitching wedges, 4 woods, putter and Galloway Leather Cart Bag. Perfect balance is the key is to a fine set of clubs.

\$750

PDG Frank Keck

28. Location-Location-Location isn't the only thing that guarantees the sale of your real estate. Some times it takes the services of experience real estate professionals for the going rate of 6%. Workin' Walt and Sellin' Ellen will list your home with The Brokers Real Estate for 3% of the selling price. Your home will be in the Multiple Listing Service of Champaign County, placed on Realtor.com, advertised in the News Gazette and local Buyers Guide, and marketed professionally by The Brokers. Here is one Action Auction item that can easily pay for itself in potential savings. And this offer is fully transferable to any family member until June 4, 2005.

\$ 3000 - \$9000

Ellen and Walt Cunningham

The Brokers Real Estate

29. The end of cold showers is at hand. Water heaters just simply wear out and need to be replaced. That's just the way it is. Replace your old water heater with a new 40 gallon natural gas or electric water heater supplied by McWilliams Mechanical Services, Inc. Delivery and installation of your new unit and remove your old one is included in your bid. Installation is to be completed by December 31, 2004.

\$700

McWilliams Mechanical Services, Inc.

30. If I had a hammer, I'd likely hurt myself trying to use it. Does this describe you? Or are you just too busy to fit that broken deck rail, the door that sticks all the time, or any of those "honey do" list items. The Dodds Company has the answer. Here is one full day of carpenter labor. So get out your list and make plans to use this excellent opportunity.

\$500

The Dodds Company

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31. Most smiles are started by another smile. What better reason to take advantage of this unique auction item for the young and the not so young to improve your winning smile. Dr Richard Lord will provide an initial orthodontic exam, impressions, x-rays, photos, consult and placement of full braces to the highest bidder. This can be the gift that truly keeps on giving.

\$1,000

Richard G. Lord DDS, Ltd

32. Duck hunting in southern Illinois for 4 experienced hunters awaits the highest bidder for this two day trip to Hurricane Creek Hunt Club. You'll stay at Sullivan's "Whits End" at Lake Egypt, and enjoy all the trimmings with a guided hunt. This trip can be scheduled for late November or early December during the week only. So pack up your waders for some flooded timber hunting and get ready for an outdoor adventure.

\$1,500

Sullivan Parkhill

33. You pick the time and place for your next vacation. How about Mexico, Hawaii, Caribbean or even Australia? You really do get to decide the location and then the date to use 154,000 Fairfield Resort time share points at any one of Fairfield's 86 time share resorts. With 154,000 points you could even take two short trips or a week long stay during peak season with a 2 bedroom condo (sleeps 4-6 people). The point system is flexible. You can stay at a larger unit for a shorter period. Go visit the Fairfield web site at: www.efairfield.com for details and options. Most Fairfield resorts feature a signature golf course where you'll enjoy discounted green fees.

\$1,500

Dave and Deb Janson

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34. World-renowned artist, Billy Morrow Jackson, has donated an original water color to the Action Auction. Jackson's work can be viewed in such places as the National Gallery of Art and NASA National Archives, Washington DC; Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY, NY; and the University of Illinois to name just a few. Jackson describes his work as representational, and this nicely framed (21"x 29") landscape titled "Shabonna Sunset" captures the beauty and simplicity of the Illinois prairie in the style that is uniquely Billy Morrow Jackson. This water color was painted in 1998 and is signed.

\$4000

Jackson Studios Inc.

35. Siti Mariah Jackson is an award winning artist with her own unique style. She has donated two works of art that will be bid as a single unit. First is an original 1999 water color (7"x 10") titled "Seashell". Second are two pieces of 1999 hand crafted sculpture in glazed ceramic and mixed media. This pair is titled "Clamshell Plus". These works of art complement each other and will stimulate conversation when viewed by your friends. We can guarantee no one else will have anything like them and you'll own Siti Mariah Jackson originals.

\$1000

Jackson Studios Inc.

36. The Champaign Park District has assembled a great collection of totally fun activities and they are yours if the price is right. Have a splash party and BBQ when you use this combination of a 2 hour waterslide/pool rental at Sholem Pool and Waterslide combined with a 4 hour shelter rental at Centennial Park next to Sholem Pool on a date to be reached by mutual agreement with the Park District. And you can take the family and friends to the movies all year long with 8 season tickets to the News Gazette Film Series (2004-2005) at the Virginia Theater.

\$640

Champaign Park District

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37. The ultimate seats may be the new ones next to the Chicago Cubs dugout, but once the games over, all that's left is a memory. What we have to offer has a more lasting affect and can be enjoyed for years. Ultimate Seats Inc. will pick up from your home or office and then recover 2 wing chairs (or equivalent furniture) and return them to you. You do have to select and pay for the materials used, but the labor is free to the highest bidder. Ultimate Seats promises fast service and expert workmanship. This way the ultimate seats are your very own.

\$500

Ultimate Seats Inc.

38. Concrete or Asphalt? A question that has been the subject of many a barroom brawl is easily answered here at the Auction because we do not have any concrete. 1000 square feet of asphalt will be delivered and placed by Champaign Asphalt at a location of your choice. This package is perfect for a new drive way or a basketball court for the kids.

\$1,000

Champaign Asphalt Company

39. Toby Keith sings, "Whiskey for my men and beer for my horses". We do not imagine that horses are given much beer at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, but you can certainly get some good Kentucky sour mash to the Turf Club at Churchill Downs. Up for bid is 6 box seats and lunch (sour mash is extra) at the Turf Club at Churchill Downs. You can spend a great day at the track by arrangement during either the Spring or Fall meets.

\$400

Champaign Asphalt Company

40. Where is the Beef? Do not look any further than the Rotary Action Auction. We have pre-packaged and ready for delivery upon demand \$1,000 worth of prime Grade "A" Beef consisting of T-bones, filets, ribeyes, etc. All you need is some freezer space and be the highest bidder.

\$1,000

Colin Halfwassen

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41. Go skiing in the UP and stay for a three day weekend at this wonderful Swiss style Chalet that will sleep up to 16. This could be a great weekend trip for two or three families who will enjoy the great outdoors, skiing and relaxation at the Indianhead Mountain Resort in Michigan's upper northwest peninsula. This Chalet is available most weekends except between Christmas and New Years. You can party at the Red Dog Saloon or any one of the many great places at Indianhead.

\$ 1,500
John Comet
Pepsi Cola

42. There are 4 certainties you can count on; death, taxes, concrete will crack, and a restaurant without parking will fail. The key is to be prepared for death and taxes, and then don't concern your self with the other two. Estate tax and planning are challenging enough that the services of a qualified and trusted attorney are highly advised. John Elder, a qualified and trusted attorney, will provide 4 hours of his services to lead you through the web of codes, regulations and laws at a time and date of mutual agreement during calendar 2004. This may be the best investment you ever make.

\$900
John Elder
Meyer Capel Law Office

43. An Action Auction exclusive. One seat courtside at the Scorers Table during a 2004-2005 Men's basketball game is up for bid. You'll be so close to the action that you'll be tempted to take a shot yourself. This is a once in a life time opportunity and it's only available at the Rotary Action Auction.

\$1,500
University of Illinois – Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

**If you think item 43 is great, just wait till you see
the next 4 items from the Division of
Intercollegiate Athletics**

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44. Hang out with the brass when 2 people get a behind the scenes look at Illinois football game day. Your host will be Dana Brenner, Associate Director of Athletics. You'll spend the day with Dana to experience the internal workings of Memorial stadium during game day. You'll be on the field for pre-game and at half time. You'll watch the game from high above Memorial Stadium and get to see the massive security system with its 30 cameras. This will be a day to remember and it's only available at the Rotary Action Auction.

\$1,500

University of Illinois – Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

45. Fire up the grill and tailgate in lot E-14 West of Assembly Hall before every 2004 home football game with this E-14 parking pass and two season tickets to Fighting Illini Football. There are seven home games and plenty of reason to be excited about Big Ten Football. The location of the seats for the season tickets is to be determined.

\$600

University of Illinois – Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

46. Chicago at Christmas time should not be missed. Neither should the Oregon/Illinois men's basketball game at the United Center on December 11, 2004. You're in luck if you are at the Action Auction because we have two complimentary tickets to the game with a parking pass at the United Center, and overnight accommodations at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. Make it a weekend and cheer for the Illini.

\$400

University of Illinois – Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

47. The Busch Bragging Rights Game is not a contest between Miller and Budweiser, but rather the annual men's basketball game between the Fighting Illini and the Missouri Tigers in Saint Louis at the Savvis Center. Here are two tickets to the game, a parking pass and overnight accommodations at the Saint Louis Marriott Downtown on December 22, 2004.

\$400

University of Illinois – Division of Intercollegiate Athletics

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48. The Eastern Rug Gallery features a wide assortment of oriental rugs and services. Here is a \$500 gift certificate that can be used toward the purchase of any hand-knotted oriental rug or you may use it for the repair and/or cleaning of rugs that you own.

\$500

Eastern Rug Gallery

49. Get the word out with WICD News Channel 15. You're bidding on \$1000 worth of customized advertising. Tell the public about a special event, sale or support a candidate for office. It pays to advertise.

\$1000

WICD News Channel 15

50. A fabulous hour with Bruce and Megan Weber. Spend an hour with Coach Bruce Weber and his wife Megan at the home of Vic and Judy Feldman enjoying the finest in hors d'oeuvres and wines. This hour is for six people and will be a weekday evening during the period June 14 through August 20. You can ask the Coach to explain the motion offense while Rotarians Feldman, Lawrence and Dixon and spouses serve up the goodies.

\$1000

Victor and Judy Feldman
Dave and Rhea Lawrence
Joan Dixon

51. Absolutely awesome Vintage Brass Flatware Set and Cabinet. You just have to see this to appreciate the quality and detail of this 171 piece collection which includes 12 complete 13 -piece place settings, plus 15 serving pieces. All of this is housed in a custom made mahogany cabinet lined in red velvet with brass hardware. The set was commissioned in 1960 in Hong Kong and shipped to the US from Bangkok. Each piece is embossed with "S.SAMRAN" and "THAILAND". The company is still in business. The set weighs about 100 pounds.

\$4,000

Audrey and Art Skelton

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52. Calling any would be athlete. Wonder what it would take to transform someone from an average athlete to someone who excels at their sport. Hard work without direction is not enough by itself. Up for bid are 12 complimentary one-on-one training sessions with Carle's PEAK performance trainers. You begin with a comprehensive assessment of your physical condition after which the Carle team will devise a personalized program just for you. Then the staff will be there during the 12 sessions to watch your progress and offer assistance at Carle's state-of-the-art training facility.

\$750

Carle Foundation Sports Medicine

53. A vacation in paradise awaits you at the Westin Innisbrook in Tampa Bay, Florida. Stay 4 nights in a three bedroom condo and enjoy one of 4 golf courses, 12 tennis courts, 3 club houses and a new water park which is perfect for the kids. The condo is available June 4th through December 4, 2004, except for October 25th -31st. You can check out the resort by visiting their web site at: www.westin-innisbrook.com. You are bidding on just the use of the condo, all else is extra.

\$2,000

Bud and Sandy Leister

54. Career on hold? No where to go? Just getting started? You need the services the Midwest's leading career management consulting firm, Ady and Associates. Here is a basic career management and consulting program consisting of an initial fact finding meeting, all materials and publications, resume construction, vocational assessments, job search training and two hours of personal consultation. Whether you're at mid career of a recent college graduate, Ady and Associates will tailor their services just for you to quick start the job search process.

\$500

Ady and Associates

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55. Plan ahead for this one week stay on Hilton Head Island at the Palmetto Dunes Plantation during April 2005 because the donor needs the date verified by August 1, 2004. This is a luxury three bedroom 5th floor penthouse condo with a 270 degree view of the ocean. We recommend quiet walks on one of South Carolina's best beaches or you can enjoy other resort activities including golf.

\$3,500

Jim and Nancy Bell

56. Quail hunting in southern Illinois for one experienced hunter who knows the business end of the shotgun from the butt end. Your guides are Dave Lawrence and Dave Casstevens and their assistances are bird dogs Jenny and Dixie who will do the hard work of clearing the game. This one weekday trip during hunting season includes transportation, meals and good company.

\$750

Dave Lawrence and Dave Casstevens

57. Full service health club membership at The Fitness Center. This one year membership to The Fitness Center will get you in the door and then all you have to do is work out. The club offers personal trainers to help you and has numerous programs like yoga, aerobics, a seniors program and free weights, all aimed at total wellness. The facility offers the latest in exercise equipment and even has on site daycare. Their monthly newsletter keeps you informed of planned activities and provides useful tips on good health. There is something for everyone at the Fitness Center.

\$880

The Fitness Center

58. Tahoe Village, Nevada - One Bedroom Condo for One Week. Tahoe Village home to America's largest ski area and to the shores of Lake Tahoe just 5 miles away. This year-round (and round-the-clock) wonderland offers mountain biking, hiking trails, sleigh rides, snowmobile safaris, first class gaming casino's, top name entertainment, great dining and wonderful indoor shopping. Enjoy this one bedroom condo that sleeps four and includes cable TV, VCR, laundry facilities and a fully equipped kitchen. Condo must be used by year-end 2004 and is subject to availability. Make final arrangements with Donor.

\$1,200.00

Jill & Scott Kemper

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59. My neighbor says he would rather have a sister work in a bordello, than have a brother who was a Cub fan. Of course my neighbor is a Cardinal fan. What could be better than 4 tickets and Stadium Clubroom passes to the Cubs/Cardinals in Saint Louis on July 10, 2004. Make plans and cheer for your favorite team.

\$350

Premium Brands, Ltd

60. Top of the line DVD player is up for bid. Here is a Marantz DV7010 DVD Player that will play DVD video, CD, CD-R and CD-RW. You may have to get a teenager to explain all this to you, but this system has 96 KHZ/24 bit playback for both analog and digital and come with a three year limited warranty. This unit would go great with our Grand Prize Raffle HD TV.

\$800

Glenn Poor's Audio Video

61. The Bride and Groom will just love this exceptional offer as the most perfect wedding gift. Prairie Productions will provide a wedding and reception video which includes full coverage before, during and after the wedding ceremony. And full coverage of the reception. The package comes with a 50-picture slide show set to music of your choosing and 3 copies of the edited program on VHS or DVD.

\$1,000

Prairie Productions

Steve Main

62. Party of the year is what they will be saying after you host an event with this \$3000 Michaels' Catering certificate. We're talking champagne, shrimp, lobster, steak, you name it, and Michaels' can deliver it with style. You can only schedule one party and there are no refunds on any unused balance. Date is to be by mutual agreement with Michaels' Catering based upon availability. Start planning now and book your date early.

\$3,000

Gregory Lykins, Bank Illinois

David Kuhl, Busey Bank

Michaels' Catering

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63. Pick you the paint color and Creighton Paint will do the preparation work and apply the paint. Here are two days of labor (material extra) from Creighton Paint Contracting. Let the pros do it.

\$500

Creighton Paint Contracting

64. Weekend getaway at the Wright cabin. Your weekend getaway is just off I-74 between St. Joseph and Ogden. Tucked in the trees is a lovely family cabin with private lake. Stay Friday to Sunday and enjoy a variety of sporting activities or just a quiet weekend away. Great for two couples and bring the kids too. Make arrangements with John Wright for your private resort weekend.

\$1500

Wright Financial Group/Northwestern Mutual Financial Network

65. Truly enjoy life as you spend three days at The Heartland Spa. This converted dairy farm with its own private lake is the ideal place to pause and refresh the body and spirit. Two people can stay Wednesday through Friday on a date made by reservation and of course availability. Included are lodging, meals, clothing, and one massage per person. The Spa offers an impressive selection of fun fitness activities including aerobics, self defense, and strength conditioning. The Heartland Spa is located near Gilman, Illinois and is world famous for hospitality and service.

\$1280

Illinois American Water Company
Beth Beauchamp
The Heartland Spa

66. NCAA National Tennis Championships are the result of outstanding coaching combined with talented players. Craig Tiley is the University of Illinois Men's tennis coach. He is offering two private tennis lessons. Here is your chance to learn from the very best tennis coach in the country. He is certified by the U.S. Professional Tennis Association and personally coaches several of the world's top touring tennis pros. As an added bonus, the winning bidder gets a new Prince Tennis Racket.

\$500

Dana Brenner

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67. Brian Urlacher is the defensive stand-out of the Chicago Bears football team. His total commitment to every play defines his defensive style of hard charging football. He is a fan favorite and his jersey is the most common one worn by the Bear's faithful. Here is a signed Brian Urlacher NFL Football Jersey.

\$500

Dana Brenner

68. Call it concrete with attitude. Concrete is no longer just boring gray material laid in forms by sweaty guys. Concrete now has style, color and even texture. Prairie Central will deliver and install 200 square feet of colored/textured concrete to your home or business. You can select the pattern and color for installation in areas where durability and a certain style are important. Sorry, concrete still comes with sweaty guys.

\$1250

Jim Acheson
Prairie Central

69. The last condo is about to be bid. We saved the ideal vacation at the Grassland Country Club in Lakeland, Florida for the very end of the auction. This condo sleeps six and is located just 45 minutes from Tampa and Orlando. Your one week stay can be scheduled between May and November. Country club privileges can be arranged so plan on some great golfing or take advantage of the many Florida attractions within easy driving distance.

\$1200

Rolland and Martha Kelly

That's the end of the Auction.

Now get your raffle ticket stubs out and be ready to claim your "pick your prize raffle" prize. You must have the matching ticket to win.

PICK YOUR PRIZE RAFFLE

1. Get in shape at the local YMCA. Here is a one year adult membership at either Champaign County YMCA location. There is no better time than the present to start exercising on a regular basis. The Y offers a variety of programs and facilities to suit everyone. Just do it.

\$494

Wade Hampton and Allison Kuhne

2. It doesn't get easier than this. Here are 2 - \$100 gift cards to Illini FS. These cards can be used for gas or shopping at the Farmtown Store. This may be a farmer special, but we're sure that even sidewalk pounders (city folk) can put these gift cards to good use.

\$200

Illini FS, Inc.

3. Summertime picnics in the park are fun for the whole family, especially when you use this \$200 gift card from Schnucks of Champaign for the food and beverage. Or you can use the card to buy party trays for the big tailgate you're hosting this fall. No matter how you use the gift card, the money from the Action Auction supports high impact community projects.

\$200

Schnucks of Champaign

4. Your best friend can join you at the exclusive Champaign Country Club for a round of golf, lunch and refreshments. You'll be hosted by two club members to complete a foursome and make this an enjoyable afternoon of golf. The date is by mutual agreement.

\$200

Parkland College Foundation

PICK YOUR PRIZE RAFFLE

5. The right accessories are important to create just the right look for any fashion. Here is a collection of five necklaces with matching earrings from Africa that will complement and enhance your style.

- white collar necklace w/matching earrings in bone
- polished horn necklace w/matching horn earrings
- Kazuri beaded necklace in fighting Illini orange and blue w/earrings
- brown collar necklace w/matching earrings in bone and white
- Malachite necklace (green) w/matching malachite earrings

\$150

Sarah Tufte
Elizabeth Beberman

6. Shozo Sato is a theater director, artist, and master of the Zen arts. He is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois and was the founding director of the Japan House at the University. He was officially adopted into the Kabuki family of Nakamura and is a master of the highest order of Japanese tea Ceremony, Ikebana and Sumi-e. "Kabuki Medea" was a Shozo Sato production of the Euripides Greek classic "Medea" adapted to Japanese Kabuki-style theater. Here is a framed Kabuki poster (23" x 35") titled "Medea" signed by Shozo Sato. Very unique and highly collectable, this poster will be a welcome addition to any decor.

\$100

Gene and Bonny Wicks

7. Champaign Country Club is the setting for this great dining experience. Offered is dinner for 4 at the CCC Grille. This \$200 certificate is good anytime with reservations but it does expire June 4, 2005. Enjoy appetizers, entrees and desserts complemented with an outstanding wine and beverage selection.

\$200

Champaign Country Club

PICK YOUR PRIZE RAFFLE

8. Perfect for a dorm room or just about anywhere is the 6 X 9 area rug from Carpet Weavers. An area rug can add warmth and comfort to any room.

\$300

Carpet Weavers

9. Monday night football in Saint Louis. Are you ready to party? The Saint Louis Rams play the Philadelphia Eagles on December 27th at 8 PM. Both teams look good for playoff contention again this year and there is always something special about Monday night football. Here are two tickets in section 430, row C, seats 5&6. These are end zone seats in the third row of the upper deck. It's guaranteed to be warm in the Dome which is a good thing. Tickets will be provided upon issue by the donor.

\$124

Scott Dahman

10. An original Kanfer. This authentic work of art, "Home of the Brave, is from the new collection of Interpreted Images by award winning fine art photographic artist, Larry Kanfer. This original giclee is custom printed on 100% cotton archival, acid-free museum quality paper with archival pigmented inks, framed in a premium wood frame and is signed and titled by the artist.

\$270

Larry Kanfer Photography

11. Flowers \$35, dinner \$55, this ladies 14 karat yellow gold diamond and emerald cluster ring \$450, and silence is priceless.

\$450

Spritz Jewelers

Jim Greenfield

12. Proper eye care is important and looking good at the same time can't hurt either. Here are two pair of his and hers sunglasses. Be cool.

\$300

Carle Clinic

PICK YOUR PRIZE RAFFLE

13. Say “I love you” with this hand-grafted sterling silver “I love you” link bracelet. No better way to her heart than with fine jewelry.

\$135

Martin Jewelry

14. “Road to the Sun Singer” by Larry Ziemer is a framed (16 X 20) limited addition print that will make an excellent addition to any décor. Other works by Larry Ziemer can be found across the country from this self taught artist with roots to Allerton Park. The Ziemer Gallery is located in Monticello, IL.

\$135

Steve and Marilyn Ayers

15. An opportunity to enjoy the very best physical therapy from one of the nation’s premier physical therapy companies. Here are four \$50 gift certificates from Body Work Associates. Treat yourself to the very best.

\$200

Douglas Nelson at Body Work Associates

16. Quality landscaping can add thousands to the value of any property. Quality landscaping begins with a well designed plan. Green View Companies will provide two hours of landscape consulting to get you on the right path.

\$200

Green View Companies

17. A three holer. We know what you’re thinking, but this unique three hole bird house is meant to hang in tree or some other location where you can observe the nesting habits of your favorite birds. The bright colors will attract song birds, or at least we hope so.

\$150

Roger Sinnott

The Grand Prize Drawing Is Next!

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