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Champaign Rotary



Investing in Kids and Community

2019 Action Auction

May 31, 2019

Message from the President

Welcome to the 2019 Champaign Rotary Club Action Auction Gala. This once-every-three-year event is a special effort by our Rotary Club members to raise money that will go to charitable organizations in our community that are impacting lives that need it most. The theme of tonight's gala is, "Investing in Kids and Community." With your generous participation in tonight's silent and live auction opportunities, our club will invest in the medical, physical, counseling needs and more that many kids in Champaign Urbana are missing.

For the first time the gala will feature a Lifetime Achievement Award presentation. We are honored to present the first award to Illini football great, NFL player, successful businessman, philanthropist, and longtime Champaign Rotarian John Wright. John's commitment to family, career and community, exemplify our Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Thank you for joining us tonight. I hope you're up for an evening of fun, food, and bidding on the many fine silent and live auction items! Most of all, I want to thank you for investing in kids and charities in our community who need your generosity and Champaign Rotary to make a positive impact on their lives.

Your Investment Makes a Difference!

Sam Banks
President, 2018-19



Lifetime Achievement Award



John Wright

The Rotary motto of "Service above Self" is intended to be the foundation of what Rotarians think, say, and do, in all aspects of life. In his family life, as a business owner and entrepreneur, and as a community minded philanthropist, John Wright has given "service Above Self" in every aspect of his life.

John has a favorite saying that, "everyone can be a champion". As a standout athlete, he brought that "champion" attitude and commitment to his studies and on the football field at the University of Illinois. Graduating in 1968, John not only was named to the Big Ten Football All American team, he was also bestowed the honor being selected to the Big Ten Academic All American team.

Leaving the U of I, John was drafted into the NFL and his football career continued in the professional ranks. He played for both the Atlanta Falcons and Detroit lions, before a career ending injury took his passion from sports, to the business world.

With a spirit of "service above self", he went on to build a nationally known reputation in the insurance and financial services industry. He took over and built a Northwestern Mutual regional organization from 750 million dollars, to over 9 billion dollars in assets managed over his 26 years tenure as managing partner. To build a nationally recognized organization, John's plan was not to build a business, but to build "people".

With building people as his passion, he left the financial world to commit his time and focus on helping others to perform at their best in the business world, on the athletic field, or in whatever aspect of life they want to excel. Through his Greyfield Legacies, executive coaching and training company, today John is a highly sought after performance coach and mentor for professional athletes, corporate executives, and individuals from across the country. His work touches the lives of individuals from the NFL, NBA, Olympic Gold medalist, and CEO's of fortune 500 companies.

John's commitment to family and community is rooted in his often shared belief that purpose and hope lead to a meaningful life. His community work and support of local charities, his devotion to the University of Illinois, and his commitment to Champaign Rotary, has demonstrated **his life purpose to serve** his family and his community; and has **given hope** to the many people touched by his generosity and involvement.

The Rotary Club of Champaign's 2019 Action Auction Schedule

**May 31, 2019
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Reception & Social Time

5:15 pm	Doors Open
5:15-6:30 pm	Open Bar
5:15-7:15 pm	Silent Auction Open For Bids
6:30-7:15 pm	Open Bar in Dining Room
6:30 pm	Dinner Begins

Dinner and Program

6:40 pm	Welcome & Introductions, Sam Banks, President Champaign Rotary Master of Ceremonies, J Leman Raffle Drawing Introduction of Mr. David Goodman Live Auction Begins Paddle Raise Rotary Thank You for Investing In Kids & Community Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award John Wright Remarks Sponsor Recognitions, J Leman Final comments, Sam Banks
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Champaign Rotary 2019 Live Auction Packages

#1 Illini Football Media Experience for 4

Value: Priceless



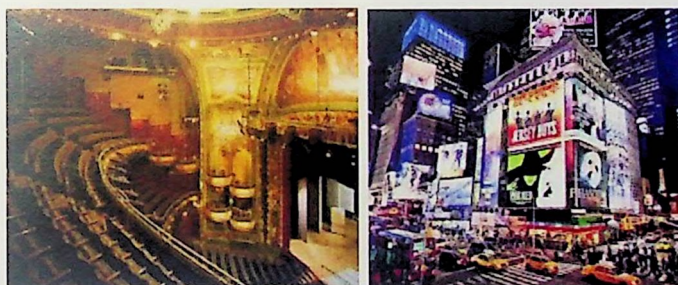
Four diehard Illini football fans will have an experience never available to the general public!

This game day experience starts prior to the Illinois vs. Eastern Michigan football game on September 14, 2019. Four Illini fans will get a Memorial Stadium media facilities tour (including the press box, broadcast booths, photo tent, and TV truck), participate in the pregame all you

can eat media buffet, have field access during pregame warm-ups for the Illinois vs. Eastern Michigan football game, with photo opportunity of players and coaches. For the game, you'll have seats in the press box; in-game visits to radio and television broadcast booths, with opportunities to meet on-air talent. This experience is topped off with access to the postgame press conference!

#2 VIP Broadway Tour for Two

Value: Priceless



Two Theatre Lovers will have Two Remarkable Days in the city that never sleeps – New York City!

Joe Rosenberg, New York's foremost expert in theatre and architecture, and Alejandro Almaguer, New York's most personable tour guide, will be your guides for this *very personal tour!*

On your first night, we will arrange **Front Orchestra Seats** to the Broadway show of your choice, from such greats as *Beautiful: The Carol King Musical*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Aladdin*, *Waitress*, and *others*.

A Private Performance in one of the most beautiful apartments in the Fashion District will be arranged with a featured cast member from a hit Broadway show, who will sing for you and with whom you will have an intimate discussion about the life of a Broadway artist, its challenges and rewards. (**We have 38 artists to choose from for this private performance!**) Your entertainer will be accompanied on the piano by Paul Loesel, the keyboardist and Assistant Orchestra Conductor from "Wicked," who is also a composer of an award-winning Off-Broadway musical, "KLMNOP." Paul will share the life of a composer and Broadway musician with you.

The New Amsterdam Theatre, home to the world premiere of "The Lion King" in 1997 and current home to Disney's "Aladdin" **will open its doors just for you!**

Joe Rosenberg will discuss the history and secrets of this beautiful Art Nouveau theatre. Next, Joe will lead you on a walking exploration of the lights, excitement, history, and theatres of the Times Square Theatre District. ***You will have a birds-eye view, looking down on the lights and excitement of Times Square.*** He and Alejandro will give you an expert-led introduction to the fascinating New York City Subway System and the ***rare opportunity*** to walk inside Gramercy Park, New York's only private park!

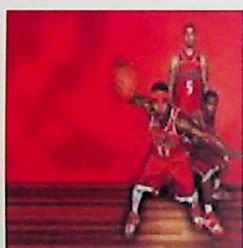
You will visit the theatre world's most prestigious private club, located in the lovely townhouse of Edwin Booth, the greatest American actor in his day. You will have lunch with ***unlimited house wine*** and soft drinks, at the National Arts Club, one of New York's most beautiful Victorian Interiors located in ***our country's most prestigious private club for people in the visual arts.***

The trip is complete with a two-night stay for two at a premier hotel in New York City's Theatre District.

Restrictions: This auction package can be redeemed until June 30, 2020. The date for redeeming this package will be dependent upon the mutual availability of the auction winner and VIP Tours of New York. You will be asked to choose three shows in order of preference. VIP Tours will make every effort to obtain tickets to your first choice show. Depending on availability and on the Broadway show selected by the auction winner, the cast member for the private performance will be selected from one of 25 current Broadway shows.

#3 Fighting Illini Basketball Experience for 10

Value: Priceless



Ten Illini basketball fans will experience something never offered to the general public!

This experience will be held early in the season, likely a November 2019, non-conference men's basketball game.

Your group will be given a ***re-***

markable, behind-the-scenes tour of the State Farm Center and ten seats in Athletic Director Josh Whitman's Suite. Your time in the suite will include a reception for the group that will include AD Whitman and drop in's by Coach Brad Underwood, Deon Thomas and other former Illini stars! This experience includes ***incredible courtside access*** during the pregame warm-ups, with photo opportunities. Your group will enjoy the game from the comfort of the AD Suite along with game programs, food and beverages to your liking. You'll end the experience with attendance at the ***postgame press conference and each member of your group will also receive a complimentary, Illini swag bag.***

#4 Napa Valley Exclusive Wine Tasting for 4

Value: Priceless



If you love football, and you love wine, this experience for four is for you!

Each couple will receive a bottle of wine upon arrival at the Napa Valley Lodge. You will

spend two nights at this luxury hotel, with king-size beds and a beautiful, vineyard view and fireplace.

Super Bowl Great Dick Vermeil, former Head Coach for the National Football League's Philadelphia Eagles, St. Louis Rams, and Kansas City Chiefs will open his Calistoga Wine Tasting Room and giving a personal tasting of his wines just for you! This will take place during grape harvesting season between September 1 and September 14, 2019. Come hear about the wine making process and ask this great coach any questions you have about football!

The next day, a champagne continental breakfast will be delivered directly to your room. You will then be given a private, chauffeured, 5-hour winery tour in a luxury vehicle. **Wow!**

Restriction: Participants must be 21-years-old. The wine tasting with Dick Vermeil should be arranged between September 1-14, 2019.

#5 The Ultimate Illini Fan Golf Experience for 6

Value: Priceless



A golf getaway for 6 with Big Ten Golf Coach of the Year Mike Small and Illini Men's Basketball Coach Brad Underwood –

The day starts boarding a **private jet**, where you'll stretch out and enjoy refreshments and relax before landing in Memphis, Tennessee. Upon landing in Memphis, you'll head to **TPC Southwind Golf Club, the Professional Golf Association Tour's only private golf club** in the state of Tennessee. TPC Southwind is home to the PGA Tour's World Golf Championship

FedEx, St. Jude Invitational, and has been ranked number 23 in Golf World Magazine's Exclusive PGA Tour Course Rankings.

Each golfer will enjoy playing nine holes of golf with both Coach Small and Coach Underwood. After the round, you'll have time to enjoy a meal and conversation about Illini sports with your hosts. Then you'll head back to the jet to enjoy a smooth ride back to Champaign, arriving home before bedtime.

#6 Heads or Tails



#7 World Class 2-Day Leadership Camp for 8

Value: Priceless



*Eight business people will have the unique opportunity to spend 48 hours at Greyfield's **WORLD CLASS LEADERSHIP CAMP!** John Wright started Greyfield's Leadership Camp in 2003 with the 12 draftees of the Chicago Bears. All 12 draftees made the team, which is almost unprecedented, and they led the Bears to the Super Bowl in February 2007! Greyfield's objective is helping people look at their lives and those that they lead, through a new lens. Change your lens, and you change your life! Over two-days, you'll spend time on: the regulation football field, Central Illinois' finest high ropes course, a world class sporting clays range, a 9-hole golf course, archery course,*

*and two fishing ponds! Each of these provide experiences that will impact and accelerate your growth! It will be 48 hours of learning and growing. We go to school, and the subject is you! Accommodations and all meals are provided. Over 800 executives from all over the United States have attended these camps. Locally, Kraft Foods, Heinemann and Associates, Sullivan-Parkhill, Provena, along with many Illini teams, have taken advantage of this experience. **This camp will have a special bonus of two of our most successful Fighting Illini coaches to help facilitate: Head Men's Tennis Coach, Brad Dancer, and Head Men's Gymnastics Coach, Justin Spring.** This is a lifetime experience for a team of 8 people!*

#8 Illini Football Road Game for 2

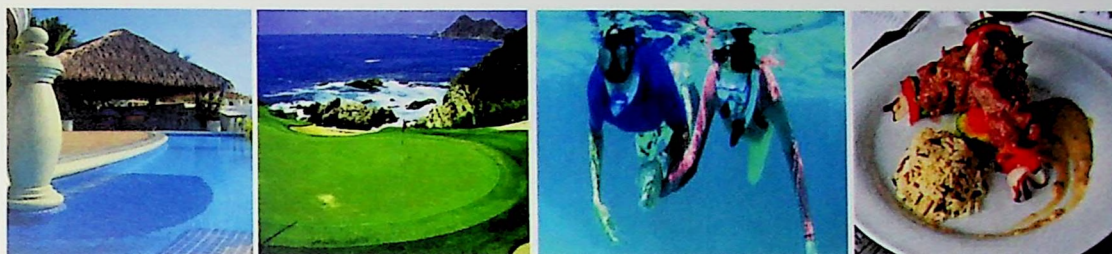
Value: Priceless



Two Illini football fans will have the unique opportunity to fly with the University of Illinois football team to Minnesota on October 4, 2019. You'll stay at the team hotel and be the guests of Illini Athletic Director Josh Whitman for dinner on Friday night. Other guests may include donors and senior staff. On game day, you'll participate in the pregame meal with the team and ride in a bus motorcade to the game with a police escort. You'll have field access during pregame warm-ups, with photo opportunities, and seats in the Athletic Director's Suite during the game. You'll fly home with the team celebrating an Illini win!

#9 House of Dreams for 10

Value: Priceless



TEN people, TEN THOUSAND square feet, SEVEN days, FIVE master suites, FIVE staff, FOUR sundecks, THREE golf courses, ONE spa, and ONE private beach. PRICELESS!

Mexico's best kept secret is La Punta, Manzanillo; a quiet, gated, and secure residential community nestled at the tip of a rocky peninsula jutting into the Pacific Ocean. This totally private, beautiful, and exclusive neighborhood is considered one of the most successfully planned luxury developments in Mexico.

At this striking, luxurious estate villa nestled on a cliff only meters above the ocean spray of the Pacific, you will find 10,000 feet of marble splendor melded into Etruscan Architecture...**five unbelievable, sea-facing, private master suites**...two swimming pools with cooling waterfalls...three sunning decks and a fourth with sun chairs actually in the cooling pool...a shaded palapa bar...outside living and dining areas with sunset views that are simply, "Too Awesome for Words!"

Your party of 10 will feel like kings and queens with a one-week stay in this multi-tiered, majestic mansion. Everywhere you look, unobstructed, breath-taking views of the Pacific Ocean and Santiago Bay greet the eye, while warm ocean breezes sooth the mind and body. And to really make you feel like royalty, this home is **complete with your personal chef**, who will prepare daily meals on-site to your taste, a manager, houseman, and maid, who will provide five-star daily housekeeping.

Enjoy all Manzanillo has to offer with golf just steps away, beautiful beaches, horseback riding, snorkeling, fishing, and wonderful restaurants and boutiques! Or, simply chill out at the home, sipping a margarita at the edge of one of the pools watching the crashing waves below.

Your villa is located in a gated community with round-the-clock security, stylishly manicured gardens, winding paths shaded by tropical trees, a tennis club, private beach and beach club.

Your villa also includes access to LaPunta's private beach where you may choose to snorkel the crystal blue waters of the Pacific or lounge one beachside chaises among stunning coves and the shade of small palapa.

Truly a one of a kind experience!

Restrictions: This package does not include air or ground transportation, spa services, food and drinks, laundry, gratuity, golf, deep sea fishing and personal purchases. Weeks are based upon availability at the time of the request, with selected available weeks in 2019 and availability in 2020. Christmas and New Year's are not available for booking. Package must be redeemed within one year of purchase at auction.

#10 The Ultimate Wine Package: Instant Wine Cellar Collection for Your Home Value: Priceless



100 bottles of premium fine wine can be yours! These wines were donated by members of the Champaign Rotary Club and local celebrities, like Jim Turner and Mike Ross. Each bottle has a personal note from the donor about why the work of Champaign Rotary is so important. There is a nice mix of French and California wines in this collection, including a 2009 bottle of Dom Perignon, a 1996 bottle of Clos du Val Estate Cabernet, and a 2009 bottle of Rotem & Mounir Chateauneuf-du-Pape Omnia.

This package also includes a wine tasting experience by Riley McCulley II, sommelier at Naya Restaurant, in your home for up to 10 people, with hors d'oeuvres provided by Michael's Catering!

Restriction: Must be 21 to purchase this package and participate in the wine tasting.

#11 Tuscan Experience Getaway for 10

Value: Priceless



Tuscany, Italian home for 10 with a Private Chef! "Vacation in a Renaissance painting!"

Your group of 10 will enjoy privacy, serenity, and spectacular views in a Sixteenth Century home immersed in an oasis of natural beauty. This is the perfect experience for families and friends, a romantic getaway, and an ideal retreat!

For one week, you will enjoy the surrounding countryside, which offers stunning valley and mountain views, many walking trails, an exquisite pool, and hundreds of miles of country roads for bicycling or touring by car. Here, you will get a taste of Italian traditions and customs, while enjoying breathtaking views over Cortona's mountains and valley, in the utmost privacy!

You will live like Etruscan Royalty, as you will have a **private chef for the entire week** prepare your breakfast each morning and spectacular dinners every evening, featuring amazing dishes and the price of food is included in this package! Each time you sit at the table will become a memorable experience in itself! Here you will taste the real flavors of Tuscany's traditional food. One of your days, we have even arranged for a cooking class with your chef. This class is not only about executing recipes, but you will discover the authentic traditional Tuscan cooking the way it was in the past, when families were self-sufficient thanks to their own farms.

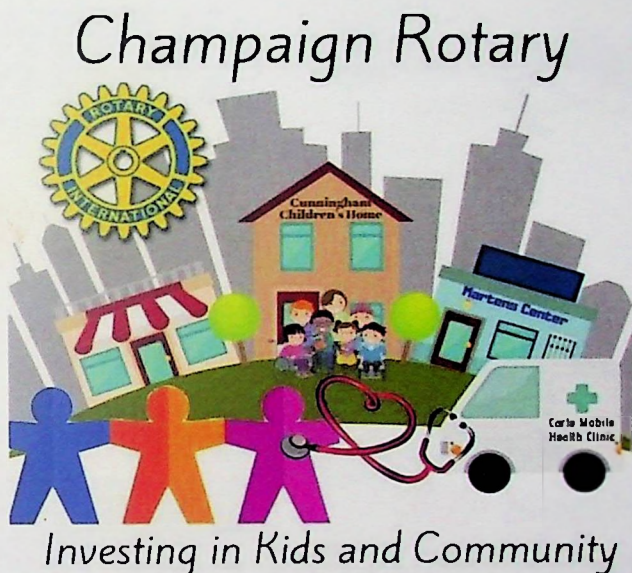
Complete your adventure with a **private tour** in the charming countryside of Cortona where you will learn the secrets behind some of the world's finest wines. Afterward, you will have the **exclusive opportunity to join the vineyard's owner for lunch at his private home.**

Once here, you will not want to leave!

Restrictions: Travel must be booked within one month of the auction and must be completed by May 31, 2020.. Booking is based on availability. The week must be reserved within one month of the auction. The offer is good for one year from the time of purchase. There is no refund for unattended or guest-canceled services. This is for a Saturday to Saturday stay.

#12 Paddle Raise – Champaign Rotary's Action Auction
Supporting Kids and Community

Value: Priceless



During the Live Auction, you will have an opportunity to raise your paddle and join others in donating to WGRC, Inc/the Champaign Rotary Foundation to support our three featured charities (Cunningham Children's Home, the Martens Center, and Carle Mobile Health Clinic) and other worthy causes in Champaign County over the next three years.

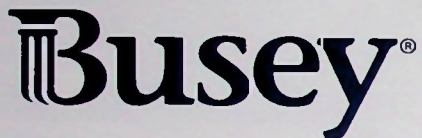
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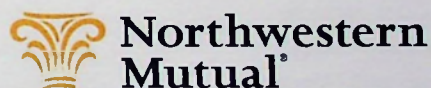
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