

2012 Silent Auction Prize Descriptions

Item # 1) Paris, France Getaway for Two

Value \$1500 Minimum Bid \$ 600

Enjoy one week in an elegant and newly renovated one bedroom apartment. Situated in one of the oldest parts of Paris opposite Notre Dame Cathedral. It's the perfect location for site-seeing.

Donated by J. Paul & Mimi Horne

Item # 2) Rediscover the Small-Town Charm of Historic Manayunk

Value \$350 Minimum Bid \$100

Nestled along the Schuylkill River, Manayunk's Main Street offers a dynamic dining and shopping destination outside the bustle of Center City. This deluxe prize package includes a **\$100 gift certificate** to Bendi Jewelers, **\$50 gift certificate** to Il Tartufo Bistro (BYOB), Plus **two bottles of Syrah-Cabernet Blend** from Montemaggiore Winery in Sonoma, **Wine Accessories** from The Little Apple Boutique and three pounds of the incomparable **La Colombe Coffee**.

Donated by Bendi Jewelers, Il Tartufo Bistro, The Little Apple Boutique, Café Volo, and Paul & Kim Thomas

Item # 3) Two Hour Interior Design Consultation with RJP Interiors

Value \$300 Minimum Bid \$100

RJP Interiors offers a range of services customized to meet each client's individual needs, from no-strings-attached consultations to full-service interior design. Let the experts at RJP Interiors guide you into giving your space a fresh new look and feel.

Donated by Rebecca Pickens

Item #4) Behind the Scenes at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Value Priceless Minimum Bid \$300

Don't miss the chance to get two exhibitor passes to the most prestigious dog show in the world at Madison Square Garden including access to the benching area. Find out what it takes to be Best in Show behind the scenes in the benching area and enjoy general seating.

Donated by Mary & Tom Caraccioli

Item #5) In-home Cooking Demo with Wine from David Kotok's Cellar

Value \$500 Minimum Bid \$150

Join Christine Peterson (Schlesinger), author of, *Mindful Eating: How to Eat Your Way out of Obesity and Diabetes*, to jump start your plans for a healthier tomorrow with a cooking demonstration and dinner party for you and five friends. The menu, with your preferences in mind, will be a healthy feast for your eyes and palate. Wine will be provided from David Kotok's renowned cellar. Prize also includes autographed copies of Christine's recently published book for all dinner guests.

Donated by Christine Peterson (Schlesinger) and David Kotok

Item # 6) 2013 US Open Tennis Championship

Value \$500 Minimum Bid \$150

Enjoy the final major championship of the professional tennis season at the Billie Jean King USTA National Tennis Center. Great opportunity to get two tickets to the fourth and final Grand Slam of the year. US Open Tennis is legendary for the competition. You don't want to miss it!

Donated by Mary & Tom Caraccioli

Item #7) NASCAR Pocono 400

Value Priceless Minimum Bid \$500

Find out what it's like to be a NASCAR racecar driver! Ride in the NASCAR pace car—for one person—at the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series on June 7-9, 2013, and get two tickets to watch the race.

Donated by Mary & Tom Caraccioli

Item #8) Dinner for Two at Ristorante Panorama**Value \$100****Minimum Bid \$30**

A feast for the senses, Ristorante Panorama offers authentic trattoria-style dining in the heart of Old City, featuring homemade pastas, authentic veal dishes, and fresh seafood specialties. A distinctive feature of Ristorante Panorama is their unique wine bar with its custom-built, 120-bottle wine dispensing unit, the current Guinness Book of World Records holder.

Donated by Ristorante Panorama

Item #9) Adolf Biecker Salon \$100 Giftcard / Full Body Massage**Value \$ 100****Minimum Bid \$ 40**

Relax as you feel the tension slipping from your mind and body during a glorious, full-body massage. Choose the beautiful Rittenhouse Hotel location or the newly renovated Main Line spa in Stratford for your much-deserved massage therapy.

Donated by Adolf Biecker Salon

Item #10) Di Bruno Bros & Two Bottles of 2008 Montemaggiore Syrah**Value \$150****Minimum Bid \$50**

DiBruno Brothers has been continually recognized for its culinary delights and shopping experience. Spend the \$75 gift card on gourmet food to complement this wonderful wine. Take the bottle into the store with you and the staff will even help you select! The 2008 Paolo's Vineyard Syrah from the Montemaggiore Winery is known for their estate-grown Syrahs from organic mountainside vineyards.

Donated by Di Bruno Bros. & Paul and Kim Thomas

Item # 11) Que Syrah Syrah!**Value \$100****Minimum Bid \$35**

Enjoy two delightful bottles from the Montemaggiore Winery! Located in Sonoma County, Montemaggiore is known for their estate-grown Syrahs from organic mountainside vineyards. Prize includes one bottle of the 2008 Paolo's Vineyard Syrah and one bottle of the 2008 Nobile Syrah-Cabernet Blend.

Donated by Paul & Kim Thomas

Item #12) A Consultation on Healthy Cooking and Eating**Value \$300****Minimum Bid \$100**

Allow Christine Peterson (Schlesinger), author of [Mindful Eating: How to Eat Your Way out of Obesity and Diabetes](#), to jump start your plans for a healthier tomorrow with a personal evaluation of your diet and pantry to promote healthy eating and four subsequent 30-minute telephone coaching sessions. Prize also includes autographed copies of Christine's recently published book.

Donated by Christine Peterson (Schlesinger)

Item #13) 2003 Château Lafite Rothschild (Bordeaux Blend)**Value \$1,480****Opening Bid \$400**

You could be the lucky winner of this truly special bottle given a perfect score of 100 points by Robert Parker. He notes, the 2003 is a modern day version of the 1959 Lafite, dense purple-colored, with classic notes of graphite intertwined with melted licorice, creme de cassis, smoke, and flowers, it reveals extraordinary richness, opulence, power, purity, intensity, and viscosity.

Donated by Christian Noyer, Governor, Banque de France

Item # 14) Philadelphia Eagles vs. Carolina Panthers Club Box Tickets & Prize Pack**Value \$1,000****Minimum Bid \$400**

Two club suite tickets to the November 26, 2012 game at Lincoln Financial Field complete with parking pass. Plus two passes to the pre-game party where you will enjoy complementary food & beverages and appearances by Eagles Alumni, SWOOP, and the Eagles Cheerleaders. Prize pack includes a player-autographed helmet and Eagles pens, notebook, picture frame and magnet. Go Eagles!

Donated by Maggie Arganbright

Item # 15) Philadelphia Eagles vs. Cincinnati Bengals Club Box Tickets & Prize Pack**Value \$1,000****Minimum Bid \$400**

Two club suite tickets to the December 13, 2012 game at Lincoln Financial Field complete with parking pass. Plus two passes to the pre-game party where you will enjoy complementary food & beverages and appearances by Eagles Alumni, SWOOP, and the Eagles Cheerleaders. Prize pack includes a player-autographed helmet and Eagles pens, notebook, picture frame and magnet. Go Eagles!

Donated by Maggie Arganbright

Item # 16) Plough and the Stars Restaurant Gift Card **Value \$50** **Opening Bid \$50**
Enjoy an evening in Old City at Philadelphia's premier Irish pub with this \$50 gift certificate. It's a lovely day for a Guinness!

Donated by Marion Ryder

Item # 17) "Twelfth Night of Christmas" Dinner in a Victorian Castle **Value \$1800** **Minimum Bid \$700**
Enjoy an elegant dinner party for 8 including wine in this historic stone castle built in 1887. Castle Hewitt has been a Christmas Day feature in the Philadelphia Inquirer's "Home and Style" section. It's the perfect finale to the holidays!

Donated by Tim & Sandi Weckesser

Item # 18) Threesome of Golf, St. David's Golf Club **Value \$500** **Minimum Bid \$ 200**
Treat yourself to a round of golf on this beautiful course designed and constructed by Donald Ross in 1927. Considered to be one of the premier clubs on the Main Line. Includes carts and lunch.

Donated by Marcia & Peter Burns

Item # 19) Three night/Two day Stay for 2 at Trout Ranch Resort **Value Priceless** **Opening Bid \$1,000**
Open waters, fast streams and cascading waterfalls provide the setting for an exhilarating and unique fly fishing experience in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Relax in comfortable rustic lodge cabins and dine on gourmet meals sumptuously prepared and served in the breathtaking lodge. Meals, guides, fishing gear, and airport shuttle all included. Don't miss the chance to experience the world-famous Star Valley Trout Ranch Resort, where all access is By Invitation Only!

Donated by the Hyde-Norton Group

Item # 20) Trophy Club Tickets to US Open Golf Championship **Value Priceless** **Minimum Bid \$300**
Enjoy two tickets to the 2013 US Open Championship at the Merion Golf Club for the Final Round on Sunday, June 16, 2013. Don't miss this opportunity, tickets are already sold out!

Donated by Michael Veloric

Item # 21) 2013 PGA Championship **Value \$350** **Minimum Bid \$100**
Enjoy two tickets to the PGA Championship at Rochester's Oak Hill Country Club in scenic Western New York State on August 8th or 9th, 2013. The PGA Championship is professional golf's final major championship of the season.

Donated by Mary & Tom Caraccioli

Item # 22) Boat Trip to Catalina Island with GIC's Paul McCulley **Value Priceless** **Minimum Bid \$ 600**
Climb aboard the Moral Hazard for a day to Catalina Island, off the coast of Southern California. You and 3 friends can chose from fishing, snorkeling, zip lining, skeet shooting, whale and dolphin watching or just a day on a private beach. All Catering is included in this day out, and a Licensed Captain will escort you to the island paradise.

Donated by Paul McCulley

Item #23) 2003 Château Haut-Brion (Bordeaux Blend) **Value \$500** **Opening Bid \$ 200**
Referred to by Robert Parker as a "Blockbuster", this red Bordeaux blend is a wine of both power and finesse. Given 96 points by Wine Spectator.

Donated by David Kotok

Item # 24) Behind the Scenes access for two at the CBS NFL Today Show**Value Priceless Minimum Bid \$500**

Picture yourself arriving at the CBS Broadcast Center in New York City on a Sunday afternoon. Visit the studio area. Watch the pregame show and all NFL games from the exclusive show lounge while you feast on a bounty of food and beverages. Watch the NFL on CBS up close and personal.

Donated by Mary & Tom Caraccioli

Item # 25) Dinner for Four at Lacroix**Value \$800 Minimum Bid \$250**

Dine at what Gourmet Magazine calls one of the "World's Best Hotel Dining Rooms." Voted one of the top five restaurants in Philadelphia and winner of Open Table's 2011 Diner's Choice award. Includes a sommelier-selected bottle of wine, tax and gratuities.

Donated by The Rittenhouse Hotel

Item # 26) 2000 Chateau Latour (Bordeaux Blend)**Value \$1,480 Opening Bid \$400**

Robert Parker rated this wine 98 points. A huge wine, solid as a rock and at the same time utterly sensual and creamy, with great inner-mouth complexity and depth of flavor and a complete absence of rough edges. A powerful, hugely rich Latour with a great building finish and perfectly suave tannins. Given 100 points by Wine Spectator.

Donated by David Kotok

Item #27) Arthur Ashe Kids Day for Four**Value \$300 Minimum Bid \$100**

Take the kids to the US Open pre-tournament celebration for families at the end of August 2013. Kids can join free tennis clinics, play lots of different games, and enjoy face painting. Watch a number of musical acts perform, try and talk to your favorite tennis stars, and even get their autographs. A fabulous day for the kids!

Donated by Mary & Tom Caraccioli

Item # 28) Set of Hand-woven Rug and Placemats**Value \$75 Minimum Bid \$25**

Add some new flavor to your kitchen with these hand woven textiles. Set includes an area rug (37"x24"), four table mats and four mug rugs. All are machine washable!

Donated by Camille Scott/Just for Ewe

Item # 29) Philadelphia Flyers Club Box Tickets**Value\$ 300 Minimum Bid \$ 100**

Get a fantastic view of the action with two tickets to a club box located just off center ice! Game date to be decided.

Donated by the Philadelphia Flyers/Brian Propp

Item #30) Ikebana Flower Arrangement**Value \$125 Minimum Bid \$35**

Take home this beautiful, freshly created floral arrangement designed by the renowned Ikebana artist, Midori Tanimune, who is ranked at the Somu level by the Sogetsu School in Tokyo.

Donated by Tomoko Torii and Friends of GIC
