

UUCB Service Auction Gala an Overnight Success!

The UUCB Fund Raising Committee is pleased to report that the service auction held on November 2 had gross receipts in excess of \$11,000. While we still have some outstanding expenses to reimburse, net proceeds to the church will be in excess of \$10,000.

We would like to thank everyone who took part, as a donor of items or services, a bidder or purchaser, an attendee, or a volunteer. Special thanks go to **Beverly Nelson** and **Kim Allen**, and to **Jim and Lisa Albea**, who along with **Russ Kirby** made the event happen, assisting with publicity and printing, arranging food/beverage services and volunteers, and handling the database of donors and bidders. Also to **Carla Craft**, who coordinated bidding on the Damon Johnson concert and recruited numerous donations of services from local businesses, **Angela Pruitt** who shepherded the Karen Pollack concert and helped with the auction setup, to **Jeanne Weaver** who coordinated desserts ably assisted by **Judy Deegan** and **Lea Davis**, **Linda Barnes** for invaluable help during the planning process, **Bob Koehler** who along with **John Latham** masterfully tended the bar, Steve Gilbert and **Ervin Boehm** who served as auctioneers, **John and Janel Rhodes** who arrived early and stepped in to man the bidder registration table, **John Dantzler** who played a key role at the auction neural network nerve center registering bidders and recording the proceedings so that the accounting was on target, Barbara Koehler who did a splendid job running the silent auction, **Claudia Watkins** and **Destiny** who played the role of Vanna White to showcase live auction items, Garron West who provided home hospitality for our guests from Huntsville, **John and Colin Albea** who helped set up and tear down the auction space, Dana Poss who coordinated the youth who ran the concessions, the non-random-digit dial phone informal calling tree, and countless others who helped out in ways large and small.

A special thank you to each and every UUCB member and friend who donated items and services, or arranged for donations (the total estimated value of all donations was \$14,966.24), and to everyone who attended the event, checkbook in hand.

This event helped to bring us together as a community, and also benefited from the expertise and generosity of members of our sister church, the UU Church of Huntsville. It could definitely be said that while we could have done it without the help prior to the event and volunteer assistance during the event from **Alice Dilbeck** and **Betsy Applegate**, it's quite clear that we would not have been nearly as successful.

A great time was had by all, but don't rest now. We have two additional fundraisers coming soon, beginning with the annual Blue Light in early December!

Yours,
Russell Kirby
Fund Raising Chair

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