

## 2023 HGMC Silent Auction

The 2023 HGMC Silent Auction (SA) was designated in the 2023 Budget to raise \$5,000. The year before, the first HGMC silent auction raised \$3000. An additional \$3,000 was donated at the conclusion by one-time private donors.

The SA Committee was made-up of Marlene Kanuck, Kyle Reilly, Jim Goodyear and Fred Warner. With that lofty goal in mind, the committee knew that we needed to increase the number of items to be auctioned off from 30 items in 2022 to 50 items in 2023.

A timeline was created which included an excel file to document all information needed for listing donations. The complex file was completed by Jim Goodyear. The committee learned from the 2022 experience, how to best feature the items, as well as, the best opening bids and bid increments.

With outstanding help from HGMC board members, staff, singers and friends of the chorus, we reached the goal of 50 items to auction off.

With no prior experience, Kyle did an outstanding job of setting up all items on the Bidding Owl web site. Kyle, also, monitored the website throughout the bidding period. At the "closing bell", the goal was met- raising \$5,000 minus costs. A donor was able to cover the costs, rounding out the total to an even \$5,000 - reaching our goal.

The committee would like to thank all those who solicited or made donations, Mary Nancarrow for providing display and photography of items, Steven Crebs-Rougeau for publicity materials, Lawrence Turner for featuring items on social media and Stephanie Smith for featuring the auction during the Cabaret and Spring Concerts.

It truly takes a village!

Sincerely,

Marlene Kanuck, Auction Chair