

# *A Night on The Ridge*

## **Procuring Silent Auction Items What to ask to generate items.**

**Keep in mind that we want you to tap into your network of friends, family, and businesses you frequent. We do not want to make you spend money!**

Do you have friends or family who own a business and would provide a gift cert i.e. Interior designer, Landscaper, Hairdresser, seamstress, auto mechanic, SAT tutor, Jeweler, Photographer, Artist, Tax accountant, Limo driver, Arborist, etc.

What restaurants do you frequent? Could you get a gift certificate? Are you friendly with the owner or chef - would the chef host dinner for 8 at the restaurant? Would the chef come to cook dinner in someone's home? If they can't do it, do they have a sous-chef or pastry chef who might do it?

Do you have season tickets? Could you offer up one or more pair? Could you get something special, like an autographed ball?

Do you have any vintage or special wines you'd be willing to donate? Do you frequently buy from a vintner who might donate a case?

Do you know an artist who might be willing to paint or draw a house portrait?

What hobbies do you have that might make a good item? Can you offer a docent tour? A beer-making class? A gourmet cooking class for four couples? Family photography? Knitting lessons? Fly fishing lessons?

Do you know anyone that's fun/interesting to hang out with? Can you offer a morning in the governor's office? Dinner or studio tour with the local celebrity i.e. news anchor? A nature walk with a forest ranger? A day-long shadow with a veterinarian.

What access do you have to special experiences? One-hour lesson with a golfer or tennis pro? Tickets to Broadway shows, concerts, or tickets to a live television show? Are you a season ticket holder and/or know any team owners or managers? Chance to play hoops with a pro or college team member? Charter fishing trip? Private lunch and book reading with a local author (child or adult author), etc.

Are you a subscriber to, or on the board of, a local entertainment or sports venue? Could you get tickets... behind-the-scenes tour... (i.e. Ridgefield Playhouse, Westport playhouse, Webster bank arena).

**If you have any questions please call the parish office and they can put a committee member in touch with you to help. (203) 938-2253**

**Tax Forms are available at the back of the church or at the Parish Office**