

## **2017 UUCWC Auction – Aloha! – Contribution Ideas and Information**

Meals, events and services are great things to offer for the auction. These may be as simple or as elaborate as you wish. Often contributors join forces with others to cohost an event or dinner, too. Or you may have some good physical items that you feel will be attractive to bidders.

Below are examples of auction contributions from the past that have been successful. But you are not limited to what has been done before. Feel free to be creative. You can set a minimum bid for any contribution to be sure the church is getting full value, too. See any Auction Team member to talk about contributing or call or email auction co-chairs Connie Schofer or Lynda Shapiro at [auction@uucwc.org](mailto:auction@uucwc.org) and they will help you.

**How can you contribute?** An online Contribution form is available at <http://www.uucwc.org/spring-auction/>. If the URL is not working for you, go to the UUCWC website and choose UUCWC Auction under GIVING. Or, find printed forms in the lobby or contact the auction team at [auction@uucwc.org](mailto:auction@uucwc.org).

**Contribution deadline.** This year, we need auction contribution forms with descriptions no later than April 2, so we can include the descriptions of all meals, events and items in the auction book available on April 16. You can submit a contribution from the link on the UUCWC website at <http://www.uucwc.org/spring-auction/>. Also find the form under GIVING on the website.

### **Examples of past auction contributions.**

**Food:** We all love to eat. Some of us love to cook too. Always popular are dinners or other culinary events that can be scheduled throughout the year. Not able to host a whole dinner? No problem. Co-host with others or offer a special dish as a carry in. Chili, soup, dessert, pie, cookies, or bread to name just a few. This is a way to share with others the things that you love to cook.

**Events/Activities:** Do you have a favorite place, event, festival, museum, concert, art show or other attraction that you like to attend yourself? Consider offering passes or to host someone at an event or activity that you enjoy. Could you offer a week or weekend in your vacation home? This is a very popular item and a great fund raiser for the church.

**Games/Sports:** Offering to lead activities, like biking, tennis, fishing, hiking, golf, canoeing and kayaking are great auction items. Or indoor games, movies and parties are good for the less athletic. What do you like to do for fun that others would like to participate in, too?

**Skills to Share or Teach:** Do you have a skill or interest that others would find useful or are interested in learning to do? Some examples from recent years are learning to use eBay, knitting, Chinese cooking, woodworking, beading, yoga, meditation, bread and pie crust making. The possibilities are endless.

**Service/Help:** People need lots of help around the house. Services like yard work, spring cleaning, pet sitting, child care, closet or garage organizing, house sitting and computer or technology services are all things that help people in their daily lives and may not cost you out of pocket money.