

## Did you know...

Auction 2018 raised \$175,000?

Our top selling item was the weekend in New Orleans trip, which raised \$3,800?

Live Auction brought in \$24,600?

We raised \$78,500 for the spot auction—35 little Things, One BIG Impact?

Over 250 people attended the auction?

We had a record number of sponsors?

43 Quest families contributed a total of \$3,665 to the “Feast of Gratitude” to cover the costs of our teachers’ meals on auction night?

The “Volunteer of the Year” award was announced and congratulations went to alumni parent and still amazing Quest volunteer, Lynda Eckardt?

The Cheriyan family always gets the best seats at Quest events? They were the high bidder of the “Best Seats in the House” at last year’s auction. These 4 seats can be yours this year!

Over 100 bottles of wine were collected for our Wine Pull? Participants had a 1 in 3 chance of pulling a “prize wine” valued at over \$80 a bottle.

Every time you glance at your Quest calendar, you are looking at artwork created by 6th grader Alexander Asllani? 2007 was the first year we offered the opportunity for a child to create the cover. It will be back again this year.

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Knights

March 9, 2019



## A tisket, a tasket...

Our basketing volunteers are getting ready to create the many auction baskets that will raise money for Quest. The first step is to gather the “baskets.” These are basically anything big enough to hold other items:

Crystal, plastic, or mixing bowls/platters  
Vases, plant pots  
Colanders  
Laundry baskets  
Food serving pieces  
Storage containers

Please drop your items in the Auction Office, in the back of the Community Room or with Karen Dickerson in the Development Office Thank you!



# Night of All Knights

January 11, 2019



## All Ye Knights Gather at Stonegate

We are excited to be returning to The Stonegate Conference Centre in Hoffman Estates for this year’s Auction & Gala on **March 9, 2019!**



We have always loved the lavish Grand Ballroom and its service-oriented staff. Because this venue hosts many events for charity organi-

zations, they are accustomed to working with-in smaller budgets. They are helping us create a wonderful experience for you while keeping costs in check.

Your evening will begin at 6:00 pm with cocktails and appetizers as the silent auction opens. (Last year there were over 200 items for the silent auction; make sure you allow enough time to see them all.) The teacher raffle drawings

of student winners are always exciting! There will be music and dancing afterward to round out the night.

Come and see the creative baskets, Quest Treasures, class projects, wine pull, Bubbles & Baubles, and above all, your children’s teachers dressed to the nines – it’s a great event whether or not you leave with anything (but we think you will)!

## Auction Fun Begins on the West Campus

Now that the auction season is underway, we want the entire Quest Kingdom to join in the fun! New this year is the Family Ice Skating & Auction Gift Gathering Party on the West Campus on Sunday, January 20 from 1:00-

4:00 pm. Come out and celebrate winter with us! We will have ice skating, outdoor games, and hot chocolate. Bring your own skates. If you don’t have any, it is just as fun to “skate” in shoes (broomball anyone?)! We will

transform the hut into a warming station for those who want to sit and visit with friends. Admission is simply to bring a donation for auction! RSVP to your evite today!

*Night of All Knights*  
March 9, 2019

**Honorary Co-Chairs: Valerie & Roy Campbell-Brown, and Parul & Thomas Cheriyan**

Auction Committees:

Baskets: Dominique Kendrick

Bulletin Board and Communications: Mica Cataletto

Catalog: Erica Lee

Class Projects: Parul Cheriyan and our amazing Room Parents

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Quest Treasures: Roberta Sullivan

Solicitations: Valerie Campbell-Brown, Victoria Dilorio, Janice Moman, Trudy Mosley, Lisa Pirone, Roberta Sullivan and the Entire Quest Community

Teacher Raffle: Radha Palanisamy

Wine Pull: Roxana Naughton



# Quest Treasures Uncovered

Every year at the auction, the Quest Treasures table is one of the busiest. You'll find everything from unique logo clothing items in every size to auto-graphed Quest sports team memorabilia. It's a great place to find Spirit Day wear!

Donations for Quest Treasures include anything that is red, black, grey, white or pink – we often embellish it with the Quest Academy logo.

- ◆ Jean jackets
- ◆ Clothing in Quest colors
- ◆ Plain baseball hats
- ◆ Volleyballs, basketballs
- ◆ Duffle bags
- ◆ Red or black cell phone
- ◆ Scrapbooks/memory books/photo albums in red or black
- ◆ Hand-painted items with Quest logo
- ◆ Back packs/messenger bags/one shoulder sling bags
- ◆ Golf balls/golf bag
- ◆ Frames for team photos (8x10 with a large mat for signing)
- ◆ Black or silver i-Pad

Quest Treasures is a great place to donate smaller-value items like fleeces, totes, etc. Have any new ideas for us? We'd love to use them!



## We LOVE our Sponsors!

We are excited that we already have a GRAND SPONSOR for this year's *Night of All Knights!* Thank you to **Corkhill Insurance** for their continued support of Quest Academy!

If you have a business, work for a company, or know of a company that would like to be a sponsor, please contact Karen Dickerson in the Development Office at (847) 202-8035 x461 or Karen.Dickerson@questacademy.org.

There are many different sponsorship levels and the benefits are extraordinary!

Last year the Super Silent tables held 33 items available for bidding and raised over \$10,600.

## It's a bird, it's a plane: it's SUPER Silent!

The Super Silent category is the crème de la crème of the silent auction. It is made up of higher priced items that we are not able to include in the live auction due to time constraints, deadlines, etc. Super Silent items might include fine jewelry, original artwork, trips, vacations and more. In

short, this is the "really good stuff!"

Last year's super silent category included beautiful jewelry, the experience of being a Page for a Day with State Rep. Tom Morrison, a day on a boat on beautiful Bangs Lake, a fire department

ride-a-long, Jay Leno tickets, an introductory flight lesson in a real airplane, a Cubs World Series Game 7 scorecard with notes, Quest's own Head of School for the Day for your child, and much more! You won't want to miss this exciting category!

## Who gives?

Careful readers will notice that on page one, the solicitations committee consists of "the entire Quest community." What this means is that the hundreds of live and silent auction items won't happen without you. The big and small ideas that make the auction exciting are out in the Quest community.

Any of your service providers might be interested in the exposure to the Quest community, either through a donation or an ad in our program. Please consider asking them to support Quest Academy.

All donations need to be received by February 20, and forms are

available online or in the lobby.

If you have an idea for a fun item, please run it by the Development Office to make sure someone isn't already working on it. We'll provide any support you need to make it happen.

It never hurts to ask!

## What is your child creating for Auction?

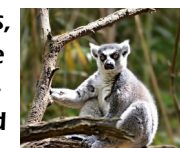
The Tree Frog class will be creating a



one-of-a-kind framed work of art depicting the Chicago skyline made entirely out of recycled products.

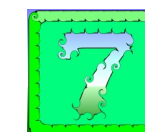
The Lemurs are incorporating their LOVE of race cars by creating personalized wooden race cars, along with a

wooden ramp race car track. They plan to also make a garage in which to store their cars, complete with personalized garage spaces!



The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are creating a unique Family Traditions recipe book. Each student will sub-

mit a favorite family recipe, along with a description of why they love the dish. This hard-bound book will also include photographs of the students cooking, and pictures of each completed creation!



Look for the lobby preview of class projects, including middle school projects, in late February.

## *But I don't have a thing to wear! . . .*

Actually, you do! While your auction invitation will read "black tie optional," you will see many different looks at the *Night of All Knights*. Some folks like to pull their formal wear or stunning cultural attire out of the closet. Others prefer to sport a business casual look. You will see everything from tuxedos and formal gowns, to saris, cocktail dresses, sport coats, and pant suits. No matter what your preference, the emphasis is on "optional." And remember, it is not necessary to go out and purchase something new each year. This is your chance to wear that favorite outfit again!

