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# Message from our Head of School

Good evening,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to La Carte Blanche at the beautiful, and beautifully decorated, Tuxedo Club.

This evening we are honored to recognize Phil and Serene Swirbul for the myriad ways in which they have used their lives in the service of others. We are not only fortunate that they chose Tuxedo Park School for their four children's education, but also for their active participation in the life of the school over the years. Phil, Paul, Mark and Jason are the recipients of a great education, made possible by their parents' leadership, philanthropy, and love of TPS. This partnership made a difference, not only to our small school but to the larger community.

Tuxedo Park School's annual benefit is the most important fundraising event of the school year, and could not happen without a great team. My sincere thanks to Jennifer DuBrul and Katrina Cunningham for their tireless work and also to their team of dedicated volunteers for many hours of enthusiastic support.

Together they have worked their magic to create an evening that will delight the senses and ensure that the financial future of Tuxedo Park School remains bright and vibrant. My thanks too to Fiona Duffy and Lisa Weisbrod for their dedication to the success of their benefit team.

Please take the time tonight to check out our incredible auction. Place your bids, raise your paddles, and open your hearts for this wonderful little school that makes a difference in the lives of so many students every day.



**TUXEDO PARK SCHOOL**

# Message from our Co-Chairs

Welcome to La Carte Blanche!

We gather tonight to celebrate our beloved school and the ever-growing TPS community. The most remarkable thing about Tuxedo Park School, we think, is its way of making everyone feel “at home.” And each of you has something to do with that. Coretta Scott King said that “the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” Every member of the TPS “family” strives to uphold the core values of TPS: kindness, fairness and responsibility.

These guiding principles were on full display when we traveled last spring to South Africa for the first annual TPS/Botswana service trip. It was inspiring to see what a small group of students, parents and educators working together could accomplish. We embodied the very definition of community: a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

Tonight we honor Serene Swirbul and her late husband Philip for their many years of support and involvement at TPS as parents, grandparents, trustees and volunteers. People like the Swirbuls are often called “pillars” of a community; for TPS, they are the roots. It is their depth of commitment, their gracious strength and steadfastness that help us to grow and bloom over the years.

We have had great fun planning tonight’s festivities, mainly because it has given us the opportunity to work with so many of you. We thank all of you for your role in making this night a success. We are grateful to our parent volunteers, the Parents Association, the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, alumni families and friends, the Tuxedo Park community and, of course, The Tuxedo Club.

So please enjoy this evening on the lake! Eat, drink, dance, and raise your paddles high and often. And thank you for your part in helping TPS continue to flourish.

Co-Chair Katrina Cunningham  
Parent of Teagan Cunningham ‘14,  
Aidan Cunningham ‘18 and  
Reyna Cunningham ‘19

Co-Chair Jennifer DuBrul  
Parent of Lili Missbrenner ‘18 and  
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# **Benefit Underwriters**

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The Shaw Family

Ms. Mary Shepard



# **Raise Your Paddle**

## **Do Your Part For Art!**

A good art education has been scientifically proven to promote self-directed learning, and sharpen critical thinking and creative skills. The art curriculum at Tuxedo Park School has exposed our students to an array of educational benefits far beyond the confines of the art room. TPS students study a wide variety of art mediums, under the careful tutelage of Ms. Megan Sweeney, who has developed and curated an innovative and meaningful program. Art at TPS moves fluidly into many subject areas and faculty look forward to cross-curricular work for specific projects.

This year's Raise Your Paddle is focused on advancing Art at TPS. Updating the current art studio space with new countertops, sinks that are at a small child's level, better lighting and storage will give the art room a much needed facelift and improve the space for our students' exploration, creativity, learning and-let's not forget-joy! New art materials and visiting artists will further enhance and invigorate our program. Gallery-like spaces throughout Blairhame will showcase and celebrate the creative work of TPS student artists.

Our students are excited and inspired by Blairhame's reinvigorated spaces and our faculty also enjoy that renewed energy.

Please join us as we reinforce our commitment to creativity, collaboration and confidence through an enriched art education at TPS.



# CARTE BLANCHE

## About the Auction

### General Rules

1. Every dollar you spend in our auction goes to support TPS! Bid high and bid often!
2. All lots are offered and sold “as is.” Check all items carefully before you bid; all sales are final.
3. Unless otherwise specified, all auction items and services must be used within the time limit given in the item’s description or one year. Unless stated otherwise, dates and times are to be arranged at the mutual convenience of the donor and the winning bidder.
4. An individual bidding number will be assigned to each bidder and shall be given to the bidder upon check-in at the auction. This number is used for live auction bidding.
5. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted as forms of payment. Please note, TPS pays a 2-3% fee for credit card use.
6. Consider bidding with friends or other class parents when you see this symbol:



### Live Auction & “Raise Your Paddle”

1. Have fun!
2. When bidding, please raise your paddle high so the auctioneer can clearly see you.
3. The highest bidder shall be the buyer, after the lot’s reserve price has been met, if applicable. The Auction Committee shall designate the reserve price for each lot.

At the end of the evening, please check out at the designated table to receive your items.



# **Super-Special Silent**

## **3 Night Stay at The Abaco Club, Bahamas**

**The Botta Family**

**Opening Bid: \$2,500**

3-night stay for two in a cabana along the Number 1 Golf Course in the Bahamas. Unlimited golf and cart, access to a beach cart to travel around the resort as well as beach amenities.

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay is a rare kind of community: a tropical paradise to escape the rigors of everyday life and relax, recreate, and rejuvenate in a setting so beautiful as to defy description. A true sporting club, The Abaco Club offers a world of wonders including the #1 golf course in The Bahamas, a spa and fitness facility, water sports, tennis courts, gourmet dining, and the club's crown jewel—an incomprehensibly beautiful, 2-mile, powder-soft beach that serves as the gateway to the tranquil waters of Winding Bay. Value: \$5,500

## **“Let It Go” on Broadway Experience**

**The Carpentier Family**

**Opening Bid: \$2,500**

**For ages 8 and up**

You've seen Frozen a hundred times, you know which Frozen character you are, even know where you stand on the great Hans debate! Well, you are not a Frozen expert until you have experienced it on Broadway. You and three friends will see Elsa and Anna on stage at the St. James Theater on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 1pm. Stay over the night before at The London Hotel, the only luxury, all suite hotel in mid-town Manhattan. Enjoy dinner at The Capital Grille. Value: \$1,200



# Art From The Heart

Together with Katrina Cunningham and Meg Sweeney, TPS students have been busy creating beautiful ceramic platters, serving bowls, planters and more that are available in tonight's auction. You will not want to miss these beautiful works of art! Wonderful lasting memories of TPS for you and your child.

## Sign-Ups

### **Parking for Grandparents Day**

**\$250 per spot – 2 available**

Treat your special guest to prime reserved parking at the front of Blairhame for Grandparents' Day!

### **Front Row Seating**

**\$250 per spot – 4 available**

Never rush to TPS for seating again! Enjoy front row seats to all TPS performances for an entire school year.

### **Parking for the Musical**

**\$250 per spot – 2 available**

Perfect to pair with Front Row Seating to ensure that you don't miss one note of the performance. The spot is yours for both shows!

### **Blairhame History Tour & Dinner—Kids Only!**

**Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 6-8:30 p.m.**

**\$100 per child (1st-9th grades)**

Explore the hidden hallways of Blairhame and meet Mr. and Mrs. Blair! Learn about the house's history and why it was turned into a school. Finish the evening with a delicious dinner and dessert.



# Sign-Ups

## **Gaming with Mr. France and Mr. Bennett**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 3-5 p.m.**

**\$100 per child (5th-8th grades)**

Want to go old school? Now is your chance to spend an afternoon gaming with Mr. France and Mr. Bennett as they break out their older video games and play current ones as well. Pizza will be provided.

## **Jewelry Making with Ms. Hinshaw**

**Thursday, October 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

**\$150 per person – 6 spots**

Design and create the necklace you've been dreaming of with top-quality semi-precious gems. Ms. Hinshaw has been making beautiful jewelry for years and is excited to share her know-how with you over wine and cheese.

## **Superhero Workshop**

**Friday, May 10, 2019, 3-5 p.m.**

**\$75 per child (1st-4th grades)**

Gather your pals and spend time hanging out with Christopher Hansen as he shows his techniques to draw your favorite superhero's, choosing the best colors and compiling to a book form to add (or start) your own personalized series. Christopher will be assisted by our own Ms. Sweeney.



# Sign-Ups

## **Cricket and a Pint**

**Saturday, June 15, 2019 2 p.m.**

**\$125 per person (adults only)**

**Peter Watts and Jen Jenkins**

Enjoy a truly British day of Cricket, a Ploughman's lunch, a pint and strawberries and cream on the TPS campus. Learn the art of the game from resident Brit, Peter Watts with lunch provided by Dottie Audrey's.

## **Take a Hike! With Mr. Stansbery**

**Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.**

**\$125 per person**

Did you know hiking with friends can bring you closer together and to form strong bonds and lasting memories? Your kids will put down their devices and reconnect with nature on this afternoon local hike. Bagged lunch will be provided. Please bring a water bottle. Value: priceless



# Live Auction

## **Dinner for 14 at Dottie Audrey's The Jenkins Family/The Kidde Family**



Enjoy the entire restaurant for your own dinner party or gather a group of friends to bid on this spectacular evening! Be prepared to have your every culinary wish granted as you and your friends enjoy the fabulous cuisine, special ambiance and the care that Pat and Jen put into everything. Cocktails provided by Black Dirt Distillery.

Value: priceless

## **Headmaster for the Day**

### **Tuxedo Park School**

Don't miss this golden opportunity to make the rules for the day at TPS! Your day will include a tour of the grounds and the 'secret' school, an opportunity to work with Chef Al to create a special menu, and the choice of a dress down or dress up day! Mr. Stansbery and Mrs. Watts will work closely with your child to create a day your child will not want to end. Value: priceless

## **Six (Four & Two) Tickets to Billy Joel at Madison Square Garden**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

### **Ms. Ana Degelman and Mr. Lawrence Miri**

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the "Piano Man" live in New York City! Enjoy and all adult night or Sing along to classics such as; Just the Way You Are, Movin' Out and of course New York State of Mind.

Value: priceless





# Live Auction

## Campout

**Tuxedo Park School**

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

**Friday, September 27, 2019**



What could be better than a camp out with your friends on Shepard Field with Mr. Stansbery, Ms. Bradley, Mr. France and Mr. Bennett as your hosts? Start your evening off with a game of capture the flag followed by a barbecue. Then gather around the campfire to roast marshmallows, make s'mores and share ghost stories until it's time to tuck up in your tent under a sky full of stars. Breakfast is served prior to pick-up at 9:00 a.m. This is a memory making experience that can be shared by a class, bought as a birthday present, or can be shared by alumni for that special trip down memory lane! Value: priceless

## Pick your Parking Space

**Tuxedo Park School**

Stop rushing once you have your own parking space! Late for a concert or your child's presentation? Rain? Snow? Not a problem for you when you only have a few steps to walk. Choose your spot in front of Blairhame, in the Primary School parking lot or at the Middle School for a stress free year! Value: priceless

## Look who's coming to (cook you) dinner!

**Tuxedo Park Events**



Let alumna Heather Bullard '83 make your next cocktail party, or intimate dinner, a night to remember. With her crew of experienced and friendly wait staff from Tuxedo Park Events, Heather will cater to your every need, and gastronomic whim. Cocktail party for 25 or dinner for 12. Value: priceless



# Live Auction

## Duffy Wine Dinner

### The Duffy Family

An annual tradition, the winner of the “Duffy Dinner” will enjoy a tasting of many rare wines and a beautiful dinner catered by alumna Heather Bullard ‘83 in a menu crafted to suit the palates of your guests. To take place on a mutually agreed upon date. Value: priceless



## Name the Road

### Tuxedo Park School

See your name, your child’s name, or the name of your team every day when you come to school. How does Gold Team Lane, or Green Team Way sound? The possibilities are endless! Value: priceless



## Ms. Cassidy, Ms. Clary and Ms. David present an “Insta” Delicious Day in NYC— Summer 2019

### Opening Bid: \$1,500

Join your teachers as we eat our way around Greenwich Village. Don’t forget to bring your phone or camera, these foods are made for photographing! Value: priceless



# Silent Auction—Kids! Kids! Kids!

## **Xbox Gaming Experience**

**Microsoft Store**



**Opening Bid: \$75**

The winner will be entitled to their very own private game tournament hosted by the Microsoft Store at Garden State Plaza for you and up to 20 of your friends. Value: \$200

## **Robotics Class for Four**

**Mr. Grasso**



**Opening Bid: \$200**

Invite 3 of your friends to spend an hour after school building and creating with TPS' King of Robotics, Mr. Grasso. To take place on a mutually agreed upon date immediately after dismissal. Value: \$400

## **“Rock a Bye Baby”**

**Little Nikki's**

**Opening Bid: \$75**

A thoughtful gift for an expecting mother or newborn! Value: \$125

## **Princess Package**

**Fiona Duffy**

**Opening Bid: \$75**

A perfect little package for a perfect little princess. A collection of classic books such as Madeline, and Eloise and other treasures worthy of any princess. Value: \$125



# Silent Auction—Kids! Kids! Kids!

## Karaoke and Cupcakes

Mrs. Duffy and Mr. Bennett

**Opening Bid: \$350**

Sing the latest tunes with your friends while wearing the coolest dress-up clothes from the TPS closet. Recharge with a delicious cupcake and get ready for your encore! To take place on mutually agreeable date at TPS. Value: priceless



## Birthday Party/Mega Playdate

### Gate Hill Day Camp for 25

**Opening Bid: \$300**

Looking for a different way to celebrate a birthday or just want to organize a mega playdate? The beautiful camp grounds, nestled on the edge of Harriman State Park, provide the perfect backdrop for the special day. Your little guests will be wowed by the activities organized by experienced camp counselors. Finish off the 2 hour experience with pizza and a goody bag for the road. Valid during the months of April and May; last week of August thru second week of October. Valid thru October 2019. Value:\$750

## Pixie Pop Party

Melissa Mazzella and Zoe Steinberg-DiStefano

**Opening Bid: \$250**

Join Ms. Zoe and Ms. Melissa for an afternoon of fun and games with a special guest appearance by Pixie Pop, who will be making balloon creations and transforming your children with her creative face painting. Value: priceless



# Silent Auction—Kids! Kids! Kids!

## **Cupcake Decorating and Tea Party for 10 My Mimi Cakes, Fiona Duffy and Lisa Weisbrod Opening Bid: \$300**



Calling all budding chefs! Your child will learn the secrets of decorating delicious cupcakes. A rainbow of icings and embellishments will be on hand to make each a work of art. On mutually agreeable date. Value: priceless

## **Design the TPS Season Flag Autumn Flag—Winter Flag—Spring Flag Opening Bid: \$250**

Raise high the flag—the TPS flag! After designing a picture of their choice, your artist will have their design turned into a flag. See it raised on the TPS flagpole at an all-school ceremony. Value: priceless

## **Polar Express Party Ms. Tillsley and Arthur Opening Bid: \$350**



All Aboard the Polar Express! As if the holidays were not exciting enough, Ms. Tillsley and Arthur will bring the magic of the season to the children with this wonderful holiday party. Dress in jammies and join us at TPS to watch the movie and of course enjoy hot chocolate and holiday cookies. Children will go home with a special treat! Value: priceless



# Silent Auction— Experiences

## Glenmere Mansion & Spa

**The Cabas/Toro Family**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

Experience exceptional luxury and personal service with a visit to Glenmere. Choose between two superb restaurants, The Cortile and Frogs End, and enjoy the world-class Spa at Glenmere. Finish the day by exploring the 150 acre gardens. Value: \$250

## Private Tour of Black Dirt Distillery & Lunch at Pane Café For 6

**Jeremy Kidde & Jason Grizzanti**

**Opening Bid: \$200**

Co-founders Jeremy Kidde and Jason Grizzanti will take you and your guests on a private tour of New York State's first micro-distillery located in Pine Island, New York. Over the past decade the distiller has produced numerous award winning brandies and liqueurs in addition to their critically acclaimed Warwick Gin and Double Gold Medal winning Black Dirt Bourbon. After your tour enjoy lunch down the road at Pane Café located at the Warwick Valley Winery. Pane Café serves only the freshest and highest quality foods using locally grown products. Value: \$350

## Food Art

**Barbara Thorson**

**Opening Bid: \$350**

Your child and five friends will be taught the art of fruit carving by our own Chef Barbara. The children will create a beautiful centerpiece they can bring home. Value: priceless



# **Silent Auction— Experiences**

## **Cigars and Cocktails at The Grand Havana Room for 4 The Rhode Family**

**Opening Bid: \$500**

Relax at this exclusive members-only club and prepare to be wowed with its breathtaking views from the 39th floor. Enjoy cocktails, cigars and light food for four. Host will accompany you on mutually agreed-upon date Monday through Thursday. Value: priceless

## **Behind the Scenes Tour of CBS2 Studios**

**Chris Wragge & CBS2 New York**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

You and three friends will get an insider tour of CBS Studios in New York City. Since 2008, Chris has co-anchored several WCBS News telecasts, as well as The Early Show for CBS. He and Mary Calvi currently co-host CBS 2 News This Morning and CBS 2 News at Noon. You'll also join Chris Wragge, anchor to sit just off-camera as he and his team film News at Noon. Value: priceless

## **Orvis Sandonona—1 Hour Fly Fishing Class for Four**

**Opening Bid: \$750**

Expert Orvis fishing instructors will teach you multiple fly casting techniques, the essential fishing knots, equipment basics, and enough about freshwater entomology to make fly selection an easy, intuitive process. They are set amongst the rolling hills and horse farms of Millbrook, N.Y., and have two private ponds and a trout stream right on the property. At the conclusion of the program you will be able to fly cast with authority and fish confidently. The fly fishing school tuition includes instruction, lunch, textbook, and use of Orvis tackle. Value: \$1,200



# Silent Auction— Experiences

## **Group SUP Yoga Class for up to Eight**

### **Jersey Paddle Boards**

#### **Opening Bid: \$200**

Yoga practice brings balance and restores all bodily systems by creating physical, mental and spiritual harmony. Use your board as a “mat” and build better balance, coordination, endurance, and body strength. Bring up to seven of your closest friends and family members for this private SUP yoga class on Greenwood Lake. Sup yoga class includes 75 minutes of fitness instruction, SUP board, paddle and leash, PFD and water safety instruction. No experience is necessary. Value: \$320

## **Private Introductory Stand Up Paddleboarding**

### **Jersey Paddle Boards**

#### **Opening Bid: \$100**

Learn everything you need to know to get started in the exciting sport of Stand Up Paddleboarding. SUP offers a great total body workout and is a great activity for lakes, rivers, and the ocean. In this series of three private lessons, you will receive 1-on-1 guidance as you learn proper stance for balance and control, essential paddle strokes and turning techniques, as well as how to choose the right board and paddle. All equipment is provided, no experience necessary. Value: \$207

## **Glo Facial with Cut & Style**

### **Luxe Salon & Day Spa**

#### **Opening Bid: \$100**

Pamper yourself at Luxe Day Spa in Ramsey , N.J. Start with a special Glo Facial and be ready for a night on the town with a cut and style with one of the salon’s senior stylists.

Value: \$175





# Silent Auction— Experiences

## **Classic Boat Ride on Greenwood Lake for 8**

**Bob Krahulik**

**Opening Bid: \$500**

Join Captain Bob Krahulik for an evening cruise on Greenwood Lake for eight aboard an authentic 30' mahogany Hackercraft. The cruise will depart from and include cocktails for eight on the patio of Greenwood Lake's scenic New Continental Restaurant. To be used before Labor Day 2019. Value: \$750

## **Boat Ride on Tuxedo Lake for 10**

**The Hansen Family**

**Opening Bid: \$500**

Jump aboard and navigate the beautiful waters of Tuxedo Lake for a relaxing afternoon viewing the Park from its best vantage point. Grab some friends for this three hour. tour and find out what adventures await! Wine and cheese provided. Not available Fourth of July weekend. Value: priceless

## **Centering Massage and Steam/Sauna at the Wholeness Center**

**Opening Bid: \$75**

Awaken your senses and nourish your wellbeing in an elegant healing sanctuary that bridges the luxury spa experience with state-of-the-art clinical treatments and services. Value: \$130

## **1 Month of Barre Classes at The Barre Method in Ridgewood, N.J.**

**Carolyn Loh**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

Voted Best Barre Studio by 201 Magazine. Reshape your body and channel your inner strength with 1 month of unlimited classes. Value: \$250



# Silent Auction— Experiences

## **Football with Mr. Donaldson**

### **Opening Bid: \$800**

Two luck winners will get to spend an afternoon with Mr. Donaldson at MetLife Stadium when the Dallas Cowboys take on the N.Y. Jets on Sunday, October 13. Game time is 4:25 pm. Value: priceless

## **Teddy Bear Picnic**

### **Opening Bid: \$400**

#### **Pre-K-1st Grade**

Your little teddy bears will surely have a lovely time at this picnic hosted by the Administrative team with “lots of marvelous things to eat, and wonderful games to play.” The best part is the “Mommies and Daddies will take them home to bed. Because they're tired little Teddy Bears.” Of course teddies are invited! To take place on a mutually agreed upon date. Value: priceless

## **Pizza and a Movie for 6 with Mrs. Berryman**

### **Opening Bid: \$400**

#### **3rd Grade and up**

Grab some friends for pizza and a movie at the Ridgewood Movie Theater. Take a stroll around town and get an ice cream at Ben & Jerry's or grab a cupcake at Cupcakes by Carousel. To take place on a mutually agreed upon date. Value: priceless

## **Holiday Cookies with Mrs. Sweeney and**

### **Mrs. Morrisohn**

### **Opening Bid: \$400**

#### **3rd Grade and up**

Spend a Saturday morning at TPS with your friends creating delicious holiday treats to take home and share. Value: priceless



# Silent Auction— Experiences

## Cocktails for 20 around the piano at the Ketchum House in Warwick, N.Y.

**Michael Bertolini**



**Opening Bid: \$400**

Enjoy an evening with friends around the piano at this Federal-style house, home to designer Michael Bertolini, located in the Historic District in the Village of Warwick. With classic, old paintings, Oriental tapestries, and 18th century porcelain plates from Holland hanging above handcrafted French and English furniture, elaborate statues, and a 1903 Steinway & Sons piano the dwelling is simply drenched in history and culture. An array of hors d'oeuvres and wines will be served as you and your guests enjoy the musical musing of TPS's own Alex Wise. June-September 2019. Value: \$1,000

## 2 Tickets to Jerry Seinfeld—May 3, 2019 at 9:30 p.m. The Decossard Family

**Opening Bid: \$100**

Legendary New Yorker and comedian Jerry Seinfeld returns to the Beacon Theatre. The performer extends his residency, bringing him back to his comedy roots and to a familiar setting — Manhattan's Upper West Side, where he, Elaine, George and Kramer once brought an entire neighborhood and city to life. Value: \$200

## Turning Headz Salon, Tuxedo, N.Y.

**Fran Liza**

**Opening Bid: \$75**

You will be turning heads after you are pampered with highlights, a cut and blow out by alumni mom Fran Liza. Value: \$175



# Silent Auction— Experiences

## Zoom Teeth Whitening

**The Paes Family**

**Opening Bid: \$350**

A confident smile is one that is both healthy and beautiful. Dr. Paes of Town Center Dental will transform your smile using the state of the art ZOOM teeth whitening method. Look younger and feel better about yourself with this easy, pain free solution! Value: \$750

## An Evening at the Rushmore Estate

**The Pulver Family**

**Opening Bid: \$200**

The Rushmore Estate has only four suites, guaranteeing privacy and luxury, as well as personalized attention. The pristine setting of the Rushmore Estate offers a myriad of outdoor activities, including a stunning infinity pool.

Value: \$400

## Harriman Experience

**Opening Bid: \$1,200**



Meet your guide at Dottie Audrey's for breakfast before your depart for your nature hike through some of Harriman's lesser know trails. Bring your camera, your guide, award winning photographer and naturalist Robert Skinner, will not only lead your hike, but will teach you insider tips for perfect nature photography. Make your way back to Valley Rock Inn. Freshen up for dinner and enjoy an overnight stay at one of Valley Rock's Waldron Historic Houses. For 6-8 people. Value: \$1,800



# Silent Auction— Experiences

## **Art and Sports Party at TPS**

**Ms. Sweeney and Mr. Tsilibes**

**Opening Bid: \$200**

The winner of this fan-favorite will work with Ms. Sweeney and Mr. Tsilibes to plan an epic party at TPS! Work with Ms. Sweeney to pick out an art project for you and your friends to complete. When you have completed your creation, meet with Mr. Tsilibes to get some friendly competition started on Shepard Field. Pizza and cupcakes will be served. Value: priceless

## **Fishing at the Joe Jefferson Club with Sean Duffy**

**Sean and Fiona Duffy**

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**Idan Ravin**

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## Silent Auction— Experiences

### Four MVP Tickets to Yankee vs. the Tampa Bay Rays

Ms. Ana Degelman and Mr. Lawrence Miri

#### Opening Bid: \$750

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**Opening Bid: \$800**

Surf's Up! Kick back and relax at this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath house located on the border of Point Pleasant Beach and Bay Head. The house is just a few minutes walk to the beach and includes 10 beach passes. Available June 8-15, 2019. Value: \$1,500

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**Jeanine Glendening**

**Opening Bid: \$400**

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# Silent Auction - Travel

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**Vacanca Travel/Debbie Salgado/Todd Schietroma**

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## Five Racquet Lessons with Josh Dodgson

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**Opening Bid: \$300**

Let this Brit help you raise your game to the next level. Regardless of your racquet sport, Josh will help you reach your full potential! Value: \$500

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**Tim Chisholm**

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You may know that Tim is currently the Racquets Director at The Tuxedo Club, but did you know that at one point in 2003 he held all four major open titles at the same time? Improve your game in any of the racquet sports with Tim. Value: \$500

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**The Strober Family**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

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**Opening Bid: \$175**

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Value: \$350



# **Silent Auction - Golf & Racquets**

## **Deepdale Foursome**

**Michael Martin & Gina Capella Martin '75**

**Opening Bid: \$1,500**

When William K. Vanderbilt II decided to convert some of the rolling acreage on his Deepdale summer estate into a private golf course he created one of the most prestigious private clubs in the nation. This priceless experience is for an unaccompanied or accompanied four-some at Deepdale, including greens fees and lunch before or after round. Caddy fees are included. Any day during the 2019 season, unless restricted by the club. Value: priceless

## **Manhattan Woods Foursome**

**The Donaghy Family**

**Opening Bid: \$1,000**

Ranked as the #21 golf course in the US by Golf Digest, enjoy a four-some at this Gary Player designed course. Available Monday to Thursday except for holidays. Recipient is responsible for caddie fees and tips. Value: priceless

## **The Tuxedo Club Foursome**

**The Duffy Family**

**Opening Bid: \$1,000**

Enjoy a foursome at one of the most prestigious courses in the metropolitan area. The winner of this item will enjoy a round of golf and lunch at Tuxedo Park Golf Club. Caddies and lunch included. Value: priceless

## **Threesome and Lunch at the Hackensack Golf Club**

**The Botta Family**

**Opening Bid: \$350**

Established in 1899, this Bergen County course was designed by architect Charles Banks and offers spectacular views. Once your round is complete enjoy lunch with your host. Value: \$650



# Silent Auction—Summer Camps

## **Adventure Camp, June 24-28, 2019**

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**Opening Bid: \$350**

Calling all 4th—9th graders who love the great outdoors! Everyday campers will head to a different local adventure destination. Day trip options may include hiking, rock climbing, swimming, fishing, kayaking, rafting and more. Space is limited! Value: \$900

## **1 Week of Golf Camp at The Tuxedo Club**

**Chris Muldoon and The Tuxedo Club**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

Choose a week and make this life-long sport fun for your child to learn! Students will learn proper technique and refine the essential skills of the game from Chris Muldoon and his team. For ages 6-9 yrs., camp hours are 9 a.m.—noon; for ages 9-17 yrs. camp hours are 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Value: Non-member price \$395 for half day, \$625 for full day.

## **4-Week Camp Session at Gate Hill Day Camp**

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# Silent Auction - Fashion and Electronics

## **Tori Burch Handbag**

**Katrina Cunningham**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

Value: \$300

## **Kate Spade Baby Blue Backpack**

**Katrina Cunningham**

**Opening Bid: \$150**

Value: \$300

## **Mardu Belt**

**Ciara Duffy and Nikki Martin**

**Opening Bid: \$125**

As featured in "Who What Wear", the Mardu belt is a fresh take on a wardrobe staple. "The twist on the classic black belt. I keep a belt in my styling kit at all times. I am obsessed with this NYC-based brand, Mardu. Throw this around your favorite trench coat or high-waisted denim, and instantly you're the coolest chick in the room." The Mardu brand is a fashion brand created and curated by two TPS alumnae, Nikki Martin and Ciara Duffy from the Class of 2005. Value: \$175

## **Handmade Necklace**

**Fiona Duffy**

**Opening Bid: \$75**

Ms. Hinshaw, history and math faculty at TPS, is also a jewelry maker. Tonight she offers us a beautiful rose quartz mala adorned with a handmade silk and rayon tassel. A mala is a type of necklace often popular with people interested in healthy living, meditation, and spirituality. There is no one definition or correct meaning as to what a mala is, it is up to each individual to determine what meaning their mala holds for them. AND nowadays they are quite the fashion statement! Value: \$125



# Silent Auction— Art

## ***“The Critic”* by Norman Rockwell Framed Print**

**The Huntington Family**

**Opening Bid: \$250**

A Normal Rockwell classic portraying one of Rockwell’s reoccurring themes of reality and fantasy exchanging places. A beautifully framed 40” x 38” print. Value: \$750

## **Portrait Session at Bradford Studio**

**The DeCossard Family**

**Opening Bid: \$500**

Be photographed at world renowned Bradford Portrait Studio in New York City. Portrait may be of your family or an individual. Includes one 20” museum quality portrait. Value: \$5,000

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## **Handmade Crafts from Ghana**

**The Obeng Family**

**Opening Bid: \$50**

Four beautifully handcrafted items including two vessels, wall décor and a hand woven basket made of elephant grass. Value: \$100



# Silent Auction— Art

## Bring the Romance of Art to your Event with Artist Janet Howard-Fatta

Jennifer Morrison and Paul Madel

**Opening Bid: \$1,000**

Your events, your parties, your relationships will come to life in a painting to have as a lasting keepsake. Artist Janet Howard-Fatta will tell your story for you, in art, on canvas with your colors, at the places you bring her to, with your family and friends. The painting will unfold into a work of art for you to keep always. Value: \$2,500

## *Into the Woods* Cast Photograph

**Opening Bid: \$250**

This is a must-have for any serious TPS collector! Autographed by each cast member, the photo is beautifully matted and framed. Value: priceless.

## *“Madge”* by Bill Landau

Bill Landau

**Opening Bid: \$50**

Bill Landau, former TPS Science Chair and very beloved teacher, has set his hands to creating artwork which, “...incorporates some poetry, some prose, some mischief, some nonsense and some send-ups...” The work donated to the TPS auction is titled *Madge*, is 16” x 20” and is a reference to pop culture and Madonna. Value: \$150

## *“Untitled”* by Lili Neuhauser

Lili Neuhauser

**Opening Bid: \$75**

Caught on a late summer afternoon, this view captures a peaceful spot in Warwick. Painted by Lili Neuhauser, proud alumni mom! Watercolor on paper. Value: \$225



# The TPS Spirit of Philanthropy Award Honoring Serene Swirbul and the late L. Philip Swirbul

Phil and Serene moved to Tuxedo Park in 1968 and quickly become involved in many aspects of the community as parents of young children. The Park, it turned out, was an excellent fit for them and their family. Over the years Phil was an enthusiastic member of the Tennis Committee at the club before moving on to the Board of Governors and eventually serving as chairman of the Board. He followed a similar arc at St. Mary's church, where



he was active in a number of roles before serving as head of the vestry. A third area of his involvement was TPS, where he was first active as a parent of four boys and then proceeded to join the Board of Trustees, ultimately providing leadership as president of the board. Over





time, therefore, Phil was fully engaged in and provided leadership for three major pillars of Tuxedo Park life: church, club, and school.

In her own way, Serene has also been very active in all three of these institutions, as well as others like the Garden Club, not necessarily as a formal leader but as a caring, devoted, and reliable “doer” who to this day continues to cheerfully volunteer her time and services on a regular basis. Whether it involves organizing, decorating, or just being present, she exemplifies the ideal of volunteerism. Most people know or experience her participation, however, through her love for and creative way with flowers, as her arrangements have graced many an event or service over the years.



# Silent Auction Items - Food & Wine

## Paso Robles Wine Basket

**The Peverly Family**

**Opening Bid: \$300**

A Paso Robles Experience awaits. This California region has reinvigorated itself with new blood, creativity and rapidly improving wines. Wine regions far more famous than Paso Robles produce great wines, but few places exhibit the spirit and can-do positivity of this Central Coast appellation. It's not easy for a wine region to reinvent itself, but Paso is doing it with flair. Young winemakers want to work here because they can pursue their visions outside the constraints of convention. Paso does not care about boundaries or traditions, they are just out to make the best wines they can.

Paso Roble vintners such as Georges Daou and Daniel Daou, and L'Aventure's Stephan Asseo tinker with blends and styles that would be unfeasible in other regions more bound by tradition and consumer expectations. The infusion of passion has had a galvanizing effect throughout the appellation and the wines produced.

Wines offered include the best of Daou, which is a realization of the Daou brother's childhood dream, and a testament to the timeless bonds of love and family. L'Aventure receives consistent acclaim and high scores by Robert M. Parker and the estate has been informally termed a "Grand Cru of Paso Robles". Value: \$450

## Napa Valley Wine Basket

**The Peverly Family**

**Opening Bid: \$350**

Enjoy handcrafted rich premium wines from some of Napa Valley's smallest niche producers. These wines are made in such extremely limited quantities they can only be acquired through private allocations. Produced using only the best grapes and in limited barrel quantities, these wines from winemakers such as Grant Long at Aonair, Peter Kitchak at Kitchak Cellars, and Patrick Elliot-Smith at Elan consist of bold vintages primarily sourced from the rocky volcanic hillsides of Napa Valley's Mountain Appellations. These wines will tempt the inner sommelier in you! Retail value: \$550



# Silent Auction Items - Food & Wine

## **Dominus Double Magnum**

**Fiona and Sean Duffy**

**Opening Bid: \$700**

“There are 6,500 cases of the superb 2006 Dominus. Its dark plum, purple color is accompanied by aromas and flavors of truffles, forest floor, black cherries, black currants, and Asian spices. One of the finest wines of the vintage, it is complete, full-bodied, and seamlessly built with beautiful ripe tannins, low acidity, and a luscious, layered mouthfeel. The aromatics are even more evolved and complex than the 2005's. The 2006 should drink well for 20-25 years. “ Robert Parker

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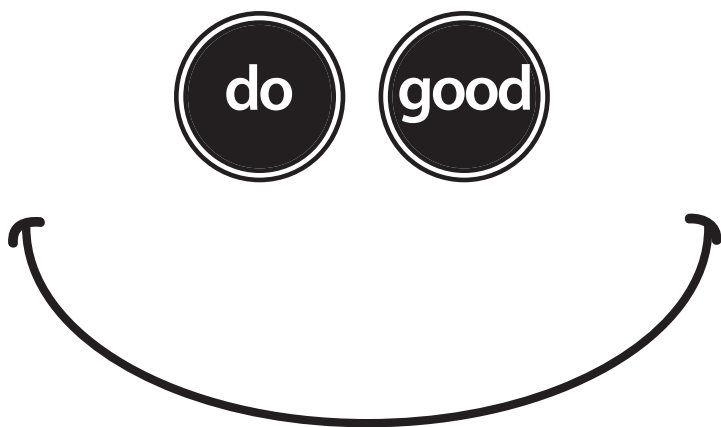
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