

Be an All Charities Connoisseur



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This year's collection of All Charities Auction items offers all kinds of fabulous opportunities for your inner connoisseur at a moment when your participation will be appreciated more now, more than ever.

From wine and gourmet dining to jewelry, travel and more, everyone will find something to love and bid for again and again, beginning when the online auction goes "live" **Feb. 12** and running through the final drop of the gavel (virtually) late on the evening of **Saturday, Feb. 20**.

Take automobiles, for instance. While you've already read that you can become one of only 500 Patron level or higher supporters with a chance to take title to (that's right: own, not lease!) a brand-new Lexus, did you know you can also win the opportunity to attend both the Concorso Italiano and the 70th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance this August?

Two couples will fly private with **Jan and Jim Loomis**, spend a magical and exclusive 24 hours in Napa with a luncheon experience hosted by Karen Crouse at Mt. Veeder Magic Vineyards, including library vintages and vineyard tour checking the sugar levels in the grapes, and a private tour, tasting and chef-created sunset dinner at Progeny Vineyards. After a night's stay at Auberge du Soleil, you'll fly on the next day to the Monterey Peninsula, settle in for three nights at the Hyatt Monterey Hotel and spa, golf at a storied Pebble Beach course, and get VIP treatment at the car shows. When you arrive



The Brammers, the Hills and the Joneses with the Mt. Veeder hosts.

home, each couple will have two souvenir cases of custom-labeled Mt. Veeder cabernet to prove the dreamlike experience was in fact real.

Speaking of wine... How about adding some Chateau Mouton Rothschild from 1970, or 1988, or 2000 to your cellar? Maybe some 2014 Plumpjack Reserve cabernet sauvignon? When the All Charities catalog comes out in the Feb. 12 *Ocean Reef Press*, you'll find all kinds of flights and verticals and magnums (there's even a Jeroboam in there), as well as fine single malts and bourbons and other mouth-watering treasures, some to taste now, others to tuck away for later.

Itching to shop before February 12? You're in luck. Come to the Cultural Center Courtyard for the Baubles, Bubbles & Jewels event hosted by Preferred Partner (and renowned jeweler to the stars) Lester Lampert from noon to 5 p.m. both **Tuesday, Feb. 2** and **Wednesday, Feb. 3**. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, champagne and wine while browsing wonderful wearable pieces from the world's best jewelry houses. Shop with a purpose knowing that Lester returns 20 percent of any proceeds to All Charities. Everyone in attendance will have a chance to win a gorgeous platinum blue sapphire and diamond necklace... (just in time for Valentine's, perhaps...). You can even arrange to work with Lester on a magnificent custom creation.

The above is a mere soupcon of what you'll find when the auction gets underway. But know that your generous support of All Charities strengthens the missions of the entities that enhance Ocean Reef's Unique Way of

Life: The Medical Center, The Academy, the Cultural Center, the Conservation Association, ORCAT and the Art League, and enables the Ocean Reef Community Foundation to fulfill its calling to the benefit of thousands in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City.

Details for how to register for your bid number will arrive in your inbox soon, in plenty of time for you to peruse the catalog, look over all the offerings and begin to bid. You will also have the opportunity to schedule your Feb. 19 in-person visit to view the auction items and take part in the Members Choice wine tasting.

No matter where you are the evening of Feb. 20, plan to join us online for some phenomenal only-for-Ocean-Reef entertainment that's not to be missed. Afterward, cast your final bids for any and all items in the auction.

Give your exquisite sense of taste free rein, because All Charities needs you more now, more than ever.

All Charities' purpose: Since 2008, All Charities has united the Ocean Reef community and raised over \$40 million, helping enable The Reef's Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Conservation Association, ORCAT and Art League to fulfill their missions. Additionally, thanks to All Charities' support for the Ocean Reef Community Foundation, millions of dollars have been passed along through grants to a wide variety of charitable organizations from Homestead and Florida City throughout the Keys.

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