

Counting Down to All Charities



by Sarah A. Cart

Befitting tradition, behind-the-scenes arrangements are progressing fast and furiously for the **Feb. 11** and **12** All Charities Weekend (ACW) and its Live and Silent auctions. With online bidding and "First Dibs" opening a week from today, now's the time to build your team and prepare strategies so when your catalog (the largest ever) arrives, you can initiate your action plan.

Once again, the collection of items offered will include myriad amazing opportunities, and co-chairs **Adele Acheson** and **Diane Hill** want to be sure no

one suffers from FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) or FOLO (Fear of Losing Out). To that end, "We're counting on the tradition of generosity that defines Ocean Reef, that of bidding early, often and outrageously, all for a great cause."

From fun parties, gourmet dinners, phenomenal golf rounds, and spectacular cruises here and abroad, shopping sprees from the practical to the extravagant, cultural events, artworks, wines and jewelry, every Ocean Reef Member can find a way to support the cause.

Co-chairs Acheson and Hill continue, "To post the winning bid for some of these items you just have to be lucky, but for others, it will help to plan ahead and gather a crew together," adding that, "Each year's trip offerings are more than adventures to be had and miles to be traveled, they're opportunities to deepen friendships and strengthen our Ocean Reef community."

Imagine: Multiple options for visiting Napa, for wine, for food, for golf. Eight nights in Africa for six. Ten nights in Italy for four. Bali or Puglia or Corfu. N'Orleans for 10. Lakes Geneva and Michigan for six. The Maldives for four ... with a couple nights in Doha. A megayacht dream in the Mediterranean for 12. Seven nights and three couples exploring Paris and Champagne. Two different Kentucky experiences, each for three couples and three nights: Bid on horses or bourbon, depending on your preference.

If you'd rather bid singly or as a pair without leaving The Reef, you can sign up for a Taste of Texas in November or bid to host your own exclusive New Year's Eve party for 50 at The Point, plan to play golf or tennis or pickleball, invest in a bike, a smoker or a couple of paddleboards. Go birdwatching. See Carrie Underwood.

Why? To enable the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's distribution of financial grants to

assist thousands of our neighbors in Key Largo, Homestead and Florida City plus local entities vital to Ocean Reef: The Medical Center, Cultural Center, Academy, Art League, ORCAT and Conservation Association. Thanks to this community's tradition of generosity, over \$50 million has been distributed since 2008.

For your calendar: Next Friday morning, online bidding. Friday evening a week later, Feb. 11, Wine & Bourbon Tasting & Silent Auction Showcase. Saturday daytime, the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce's Burgers, Beers & Bidding and a NetJets display. And Saturday night: Dinner, dancing and the Live Auction. And at 10:30 p.m., the close of online bidding).

Questions? Visit oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org, or contact All Charities at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@OceanReef.com.

The All Charities tradition at T minus two weeks? Strategize. (Good luck befalls those who prepare well).

THIS WEEK AT ALL CHARITIES

All Charities is excited to share a sneak peek of our 2022 Catalog, coming soon (Feb. 4) to a mailbox near you (if you're an Ocean Reef Club homeowner)!

Exclusive Napa, Pebble Beach Golf & Concours d'Elegance - Via Private Jet
August 18-22, 2022/Two Couples

Travel with **Jan** and **Jim Loomis** to visit exclusive vineyards and enjoy delicious wine, amazing golf and fabulous vintage cars.

Four of you will travel to Napa Valley aboard the Loomis' private jet, arriving in time for a private lunch at the Crouse Farmhouse at exclusive Mount Veeder Magic Vineyards, hosted by owner Karen Crouse. You'll visit the vineyards and leave with two cases (24 bottles) of Mount Veeder Magic Vineyards Cab with your own private label and personal story.

Next up? Auberge du Soleil to check in, rest up and prepare for a multi-course dinner for the six of you, crafted with the freshest seasonal ingredients and served for your enjoyment

as an exclusive sensory food and wine pairing experience not available to the general public.

The next day, the six of you will fly to the Monterey Peninsula to play golf at one of four available Pebble Beach golf courses (Spyglass Hill, Cypress Point, The Links at Spanish Bay or Poppy Hills). And for the next three nights, your accommodations will be king suites at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa.

Also included are VIP passes to Concorso Italiano, the world's largest exotic and luxury Italian car show, and Chairman's Hospitality at the Lodge passes for the 71st Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, the flagship of Pebble Beach Automotive Week and considered to be the world's premier celebration of the automobile.

At the end of this California dream you'll board the Loomis' jet one last time to return from whence you came.

All Charities Weekend Gala attendees can bid on this spectacular live auction item February 12, 2022. Questions? Contact All Charities at 305-367-5996 or allcharities@oceanreef.com.