Rebecca 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.

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