

An Introduction to Reef Royale (Catalog Enclosed!)

Let the Bidding Begin!

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With the Reef Royale All Charities celebration only a week away, you are hereby invited to immerse yourself in the myriad offerings listed in the enclosed All Charities 2026 Auction Catalog and start bidding! May it engage you, tempt you, and help you imagine the possibilities – time to grab your favorite beverage, settle in, and help get the FUN-raising off to an...

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excellent start. As Chairs **Meg** and **Pat Shields** point out in the catalog's welcoming letter, "The friendship, love, and support from this community is incredible. . . . **Let's keep doing great things together.**"

HOW TO BEGIN: Use your preferred device to **go online to www.bidORC.org**. Once you've got your bid number (see sidebar), you'll find bidding is easy, whether you're on your computer, iPad, or smart phone. See something that intrigues you? Be sure to re-read the actual lot listing online because *some items have been updated and a few more items have been added online* since the catalog went to print. Then place your opening bid and set your maximum; the system will respond to competing bids on your behalf up to your established limit (which can *always* be updated, BTW).

AND WHERE? As of 9 a.m. today, bidding is open for everything from page 12 on. You may want to start with **FIRST DIBS** (FD, pp. 17-20). Be sure **NOT TO MISS the chance to SIGN UP NOW** for three events which, if any spaces remain, will be a part of the Live Auction:

Scan here to get your bid number and browse auction items:



- Dec. 9 Evening with **Matteo Bocelli** (online FD Lot 1211, also Item 10, p. 6);
- March 19 **Return of the Redneck Breakfast Dinner** at the Four Corners (online FD Lot 1212, also Item 5, p. 4); and
- Nov. 18 **What the Duck Dinner** (online FD Lot 1213, also Item 12, p. 7).

The FD **first come, first serve** opportunities often sell out quickly, so don't delay.

And then, see the Table of Contents for ALL the other categories, and check out those that catch your fancy. With your bid number in hand, start laying down some markers. **If you want something, bid something.** Then do it again!

Online bidding for the Silent Auction closes at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 (except the Bucket Raffle for which the drawing will be held at that evening's cocktails).

If there's a **Live Auction** package (Items 1-19, pages 2-11)

that tweaks your fancy, but you're not planning to attend Saturday night's Gala, **place a proxy bid.** Call the All Charities Office (305-367-5996) for details.

Come taste the wine (and bourbon): Check on your dream list items at Carysfort Hall during next Friday's (Feb. 20) 4 to 7 p.m. Silent Auction Showcase (with wine and bourbon tastings, too – free to Gala ticket holders, \$50 for others). Then return (for free) between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, and enjoy complimentary "Burgers, Beers and Bidding" from noon to 2 p.m. and/or, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., either take in the NetJets aircraft display at the Airport and/or sign up for a Barton & Gray boat tour (BartonandGray.com/orc).

Why? Because your big-hearted generosity over the course of the Reef Royale All Charities Weekend will enable the Ocean Reef Community Foundation's (ORCF) 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, Conservation Association, and Chapel and Fellowship Center. Thanks to the

Ocean Reef community's support, ORCF has distributed over \$80 million since 2008.

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

To that end, please bid early, often, and outrageously . . . and then bid some more! As the Shields say, "Let's keep doing great things together!"

GETTING YOUR BID NUMBER

Members registered for the Feb. 21 Gala should find an email containing your bid number in your inbox today.

Those not planning to attend but still wishing to browse auction items and bid online just need to follow three simple steps:

1. Go to www.bidorc.org
2. Click 'Create Account' at bottom left
3. Enter your name and email and click 'Register'

That's it – congratulations! You're an All Charities Bidder!

SUNRISE & SUNSET TIMES

Friday, February 13 - Thursday, February 19

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6:57 a.m.	6:56 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	6:55 a.m.	6:54 a.m.	6:53 a.m.	6:52 a.m.
6:14 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	6:16 p.m.	6:16 p.m.	6:17 p.m.	6:17 p.m.