

Gibson auction awaits bidders

Use of vacation homes in Myrtle Beach, Florida, and Ocean City along with theater tickets, a hand-carved duck and a variety of other items will be sold to the highest bidders at the Gibson School for the Gifted Gala International Fund-Raising Auction Saturday, March 4.

The evening opens with a silent auction at 7 p.m. in the Recreation and Organizations Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. A live auction begins at 8 p.m. followed by dancing and entertainment.

The silent auction features a variety of gift certificates for services, golf outings and tickets to theater and sporting events in the metropolitan area.

Auctioneer Dan Ford will start the live auction at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Admission includes an international hors d'oeuvres buffet and entertainment.

The live auction features such items as use of a vacation home in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Vero Beach, Fla. and Ocean City, Md. for a week. Michael Rector of Livonia has donated a hand-carved blue wing teal duck. Rector, a local veterinarian carries as a hobby.

Theatergoers can bid on tickets to the Toronto performance of Phantom of the Opera. Also on the auction block will be a 10-speed Schwinn bicycle, artwork, jewelry, crystal collectables, weekend getaway packages at area hotels, tickets to area restaurants.



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Getting ready for the Gibson school auction are Sue Clulow, (right) chairwoman, and Carol Green, development director. More than \$15,000 worth of merchandise and services will go on the auction block Saturday, March 4, in the Recreation and Organizations Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Sue Clulow of Livonia is chairwoman of the Gibson auction. This is Clulow's sixth stint as chairwoman of a local auction. A member of the board of the Livonia Family YMCA, Clulow spearheaded three successful auctions for that group. She has chaired two silent auctions for Gibson as part of the school's annual arts festival.

"After I started the auctions at the Y, they got wind of it here (at Gibson) and we started with the silent auction. We decided to make it a separate event this year and combine a silent and live auction," said Clulow.

"We have more than \$15,000 worth of merchandise and that's pretty good for our first try," said Clulow, who has a 10-year-old

daughter, Jennifer, who attends Gibson.

Co-chair of the auction is Carol Green, the school's development director. Green explained that the school receives no funding from public sources.

"Everything we need, we raise," said Green.

The auction is just one of the school's many efforts to raise money. Last fall the school held a dinner to raise money for scholarships. Green is presently writing several grant applications.

Gibson, a school for academically gifted children from ages 4-13, has 140 students from 23 communities in the tri-county area including Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth,

Westland, Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield. There are 25 faculty members on staff at the school, which is on Fenton Street in Redford Township.

The school, formerly in Dearborn, has leased a school building from the South Redford School District since 1980.

Green said the auction committee hopes to raise more than \$6,000. The money will be used to buy equipment such as computer materials, desks, chairs "whatever is needed" for the school.

UM-D is at 4001 Evergreen Road, just south of Ford Road in Dearborn. For tickets to the auction, call Gibson at 537-8688 weekdays.

Optimists sponsor oratorical contest

An oratorical contest open to all boys and girls who have not reached the age of 16 is being conducted by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club of Michigan.

The contest will be scheduled as follows: March 1, girls and March 8, boys.

Medallions will be awarded to first place and second place winners in each division. In addition, both first place winners will be eligible for further competition.

Top prize is a \$1,500 paid scholarship. The official oratorical contest subject is "Challenge the Summit."

Contestants must speak on the official subject for not less than four minutes and not more than five minutes.

Scoring is based on personal qualities, material organization, delivery and presentation, and over all effectiveness.

For information concerning the contest, call Barbara Ellman, 851-4926.

Oratorical committee members are: Wendy Strip Sittsamer, Rusty Soronen, Marty Krohner, Kenneth Borio and Barbara Ellman.

Novi turns 20, receives honor from Hills council

Farmington Hills has honored its neighbor to the west, Novi, on its 20th anniversary as a city.

In a proclamation adopted Monday night, the Farmington Hills City Council said Novi "has been and continues to be a city of vision and vitality for the people who live and work in the community."

Novi "shares many of its dreams

and goals with its neighboring cities and works together for the betterment of all citizens whose lives are affected by our decisions," according to the proclamation.

The proclamation calls Novi "a neighbor of the best kind and to whom we offer our most sincere congratulations on this birthday celebration."

2 speed limits lowered

Slow down, motorists.

That's the word from the Farmington Hills City Council.

Monday night, council members ordered the lowering of the following speed limits:

- 12 Mile, Drake to Haggerty, 50 to 45 mph.
- Farmington Road, 10 Mile to 14 Mile, 45 to 40 mph.

"I think they can go a little lower," councilwoman Jean Fox said. "I

think a community that cares about its people will have speed limits which keep it safe and discourage speeding. Everybody knows you go a little higher than the speed limit."

But she called the reductions "a fine step" in the right direction.

The reductions followed a speed study by the Michigan State Police for the Oakland County Road Commission. New speed limit signs will be posted.

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