

Main Auction

M00 Legos on the March!

#RESIST! Carl Leiby, as only he can, has transformed a simple Lego mini-figure into a female marching 'action figure for change'! We all, in our own way, are resisting the current political climate and working for basic human rights. Bring a Pussy Cat Lego along when you march for equality!

Min. Bid: \$8

Max#: 10

M01 The Pennsylvania Wine Challenge

Steve Conrad challenges your palate with six unique wines from Pennsylvania vineyards to savor with cheeses, entrees, or desserts. They range from dry to sweet, red to white, and there is even one to enjoy by the fireplace on a cold winter night. Two are fruit-based: "Just Peachy" from Starr Hill Winery near Altoona and "Abe's Apple Wine" from Hauser Estate Winery on the slopes of Stone Mountain, west of Gettysburg. There is also a semi-sweet white Riesling from Adams County Winery near Gettysburg. Two are very different reds: "Raspberry Cabernet" from Laurel Mountain Vineyard near Altoona and a sweet mulled wine, "Caroling Cabernet", from Adams County Winery. Lastly, a dry French American hybrid red, a 2006 Chambourcin, from Chaddsford Winery. Also included are two tasting glasses from Chaddsford.

Min. Bid: \$40

Max#: 1

M02 Computer Tune-Up/Clean-Up Service

Is your computer running slow? Does it have a virus? Call Joanne Davis, the Mac/PC "doctor" and let her bring it back to good health at her Chestnut Hill Computer Spa or at your site. Her service includes checking for and removal of malware and viruses, checking hardware, and updating the operating system and all software. She will remove unwanted programs and bloatware, give the machine a good dusting, and make sure you have the utilities needed to keep your system maintained and secure. She will also advise you of any hardware problems or upgrades needed to maximize the power of your computer. This level of service is valued at \$125 or more.

Min. Bid: \$75

Max#: 2

Date: TBD

M03 *Loving* Movie and Dinner

Gwen Lindgren is graciously opening her Chestnut Hill home for a chef-style dinner, followed by the movie *Loving*. The menu features curried chicken salad with mango and cashews, crispy baked vegetables with ranch dipping sauce, and fresh figs with gorgonzola dolce. The movie, *Loving*, is a biopic about Richard and Mildred Loving, the couple whose fight against imprisonment in 1958, led to the Supreme Court decision striking down states' laws against interracial marriage. An evening not to be missed!

Min. Bid: \$30

Max#: 6

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Sat. 6/3/17

M04 Weekend in the Poconos

Spend a summer or winter weekend at Linda and Mark Bernstein's house in Locust Lake Village, a 2-hour drive from USG. The house can accommodate up to 10 people with its 4 bedrooms (3 queen beds, 1 double bed) and a queen sleep sofa. It has a large living and dining area, a picture window looking out onto the creek and woods, a second living area with TV in the basement, and two full baths. Locust Lake Village has three small lakes with life-guarded beaches, playgrounds, and tennis courts. The house abuts a lovely creek and is near many hiking/walking trails. In summer, it would be a great weekend for a family with children or as a jumping off point for the Lehigh Gorge bike trail. In the winter, the Jack Frost, Big Boulder, and Camelback ski areas are nearby. One lucky winner can share all this with a group of family and/or friends. Must be used before our 2018 auction.

Min. Bid: \$200

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M05 Fall Charades and Dinner

Linda and Mark Bernstein are offering once again this perennial favorite – an evening of dinner and charades in their W. Mt. Airy home. For those who aren't familiar with the age-old game of charades, it's a word guessing game in which participants act out the words without words, in other words, by pantomime! Rules of the game are provided ahead of time so no previous knowledge of the game or talent is required. Bid to win this very popular evening!

Min. Bid: \$25

Max#: 10

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Sat. 11/11/17

M06 Service with a Smile

Lynne Kalish is once again offering her impeccable service to serve at the lucky winner's next party – dinner party, cocktail, graduation, or "just because" party. Lynne will provide the extra help you need so that you can entertain in style and still relax and enjoy your own party. What could be more special than having her handle all the last-minute details for you? She'll help with set-up and preparations, as well as serving everything from "soup to nuts". She'll be there for the clean-up as well! Be that lucky bidder to enjoy up to six hours of friendly "service with a smile"! (Not available 10/6-10/8/17)

Min. Bid: \$60

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M07 Top Notch House Cleaning

Do you dream of having your home cleaned by a real professional? Bruno and his team of three have been cleaning Judy and Rick Rodes' home for over 10 years. He'll treat your home with TLC, is trustworthy, and cleans your house from top to bottom. When they've finished, you'll pinch yourself to be sure you're not dreaming! This service is worth \$125 for a two-story, four bedroom home.

Min. Bid: \$50

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M08 Winter Charades and Dinner

This is Linda and Mark Bernstein's second evening of dinner and comedic enactments for this year's auction. What better way to beat the winter blues than to join them for a fine dinner followed by a rousing game of charades? If you missed out on the fall offering, grab a spot for this hilarious winter evening with USG friends.

Min. Bid: \$25

Max#: 10

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Sat. 2/3/18

M09 Childcare Provider Extraordinaire!

Let an experienced, certified childcare provider, Sarah Frazier, take care of your children for up to four hours on a weekend or weeknight. Known for her fun-loving spirit and excellent qualifications, including a background check, you can enjoy some time for yourself while your children are in safe, capable hands.

Min. Bid: \$40

Max#: 3

Date: TBD

M10 Jackie Movie and Dinner

Another wonderful evening with Gwen Lindgren in her Chestnut Hill Home for viewing the movie, *Jackie*. Oscar nominated Natalie Portman portrays First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy as she battles through exhaustion, heartache and anger to preserve JFK's legacy following his assassination in Dallas - and to define her own. Dinner includes grilled salmon salad, cauliflower basil mash, and pears poached in sauterne with crème fraiche. So good!

Min. Bid: \$30

Max#: 6

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Sat. 9/9/17

M11 Gardening and Yard Work by Jim

Let Jim Salom, a long-time member of USG's choir, do some of your gardening and/or yardwork at your home. He will do weeding, raking, planting, plus general maintenance for a total of 8 hours, divided over 2 days. Jim is available this spring or summer – any day but Wednesday or Thursday. Your back will thank you!

Min. Bid: \$80

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M12 *The Birth of a Nation* Movie and Dinner

In case you missed the compelling biopic of Nat Turner, you now have the opportunity to watch it in the comfort of Gwen Lindgren's home in Chestnut Hill. Set in 1831 Virginia, *The Birth of a Nation* follows the growth of the slave preacher Nat Turner, used by his owner to help subdue rebellious slaves, as he witnesses the scope of slavery and so leads a revolt to free his people. Dinner features turkey tacos, winter squash salad with goat cheese "truffles" and pavlova with fruit filling.

Min. Bid: \$30

Max#: 6

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Sat. 1/27/18

M13 Every Family Tree Has Its Sap

Back by popular demand! Mary Phalan will help you with your family history using a variety of subscription databases, including historical newspapers. Mary is a member of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania with access to their proprietary databases as well. Every family has its characters. Let's find yours! The winner will have one 4-hour "searching", and hopefully "finding", session at either her house or yours.

Min. Bid: \$40

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M14 Lebanese Dinner

Join Charles and Betsy Gabriel for a typical Lebanese dinner in their beautiful Jenkintown home. The table will groan with traditional Lebanese dishes prepared using Charles' mother's and his grandmother's recipes. What better way to start a full-course Lebanese meal than with hummus and baba ghanouj? Lamb is an essential feature of course, but the Charles family tradition of vegetarian specialties will also ensure no one goes hungry. But save room for Betsy's baklava, rated A+ by the Gabriel clan!

Min. Bid: \$45

Max#: 10

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: Sat. 3/3/18

M15 Carpentry by Howard Silver

Howard Silver, a professional contractor and accomplished carpenter, will work on a project of your choice for four hours. Howard has offered this service annually and many in the Congregation will testify to how valuable this service has been.

Min. Bid: \$200

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M16 Casual Dinner

Enjoy a casual dinner and conversation with Hal Krieger and Alice Parker at her home in Huntingdon Valley. The simple, yet delicious, menu will include homemade bread and also feature honey mead from Hawaii, made by Hal's daughter Nina. Adults only. Space is limited so bid often and bid high for this special treat!

Min. Bid: \$30

Max#: 4

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: Sat. 3/10/18

M17 Spanish Classical Guitar

Emily Goldberg has generously donated a Spanish Esteve classical guitar, model 1GR05. This difficult-to-find guitar was purchased in Holland in 1996. Rarely played, it is in near-perfect condition and its current value is \$600.00. Emily has also included a hard case and extra strings. Please feel free to examine the guitar on the table in the assembly room. It is a beauty!

Min. Bid: \$150 Max#: 1

M18 Ukrainian Easter Dinner

You are invited to a Ukrainian Easter dinner, hosted by Judi Morrow and Gwen Lindgren, at the Morrrows' Glenside home. You will enjoy such specialty dishes as Ukrainian Potato Babka, Caucasian eggplant caviar, Ukrainian mushroom-filled rolls, Haddock rolls or Chicken Kiev. Dessert will be a surprise of Blinis, Vareniki or Kulich. And to top off the evening you will have the chance to make very special dyed Easter eggs!

Min. Bid: \$50 Max#: 9 Time: 6:00 pm Date: Sun. 4/8/18

M19 Shenandoah Valley Weekend Getaway

Bruce Bryant and Linda Gold are once again offering one 3-day (2 night) weekend for up to 4 people. Sleeping accommodations for their 4 guests (a family, friends or some of both) include: a guest room with queen bed/hall bath, the master bedroom with queen bed, futon couch and bathroom (works well for a couple, a family unit, or maybe for 2 singles), pop-up camper with 2 double beds and great view of the valley and stars, and a queen sleeper sofa in the living room. Activities include hiking on the Appalachian Trail, kayaking, antiquing, special events like a county fair, and farm animals. Or relax in the shade on the porch rocking chairs and end each day viewing a beautiful sunset. The date is flexible, so the lucky winner(s) should contact Bruce as soon as possible to lock in the preferred weekend (one weekend for all four guests). Children are welcome.

Min. Bid: \$30/person Max#: 4 Date: TBD

M20 Dinner on the Hill

No, not Capitol Hill. It's Lafayette Hill. Join Tom and Ann Schoonmaker in their home at *The Hill at Whitemarsh*, in Lafayette Hill. Enjoy drinks and dinner prepared by the chef de cuisine in the community's dining room or, weather permitting, al fresco by the fountain. A great meal and lively conversation are all that one needs for a fine summer evening.

Min. Bid: \$25 Max#: 5 Time: 6:00 pm Date: Sat. 7/15/17

M21 Wine and Chocolate Tasting

Like wine? Like chocolate? Need some extra antioxidants? Taste a variety of wines and chocolates (and hors d'oeuvres) at a fun social event in the home of Kurt Ahrens and Eva Finney in Wyncote.

Min. Bid: \$25

Max#: 16

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: Sat. 10/7/17

M22 Estate Planning

Jim and Elaine Hills have used, and highly recommend, the legal service furnished by his company to do their "family inheritance planning" as the British would say. Their lawyer, Bonnie Smith Moses, Esq. proved very helpful in efficiently and thoroughly developing the necessary legal decisions and papers. She has donated the following:

Dessen, Moses & Rossitto is happy to donate two sets of estate planning documents for four people - two couples, four singles, or one couple and 2 singles. That is, they will prepare Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney, Health Care Powers of Attorney and Advance Health Care Declarations ("living wills") for four people whose estates are worth less than \$5,490,000 per person (\$10,980,000 per married couple). The sets are valued at \$950 per couple. The documents will be prepared in their Willow Grove office, where Saturday appointments are offered if needed.

Min. Bid: \$100

Max#: 4 people

Date: TBD

(2 couples; 1 couple/2 singles; 4 singles)

M23 A Midsummer's Night UNO

UNO offers "good clean fun" and an exciting challenge. Join Jean Wilcox at her Mt. Airy home for a light supper followed by a competitive UNO challenge. Brush up on your UNO skills now so you can join in the fun with the best adult UNO players USG can offer. This is an adults only evening.

Min. Bid: \$30

Max#: 10

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: Sat. 8/26/17

M24 Scrabble and Dinner

Join Barbara and Bill Dowdall in their Germantown home for a springtime home-cooked meal. Dessert and coffee in hand, we'll have a friendly but competitive two-board games of Scrabble. Dictionaries for challenges will be available.

Min. Bid: \$35

Max#: 6

Time: 6:00 pm

Date: Sat. 3/31/18

M30 Bangers and Mash Dinner

Imagine for one night that you are in the British Isles! Enjoy a traditional English dinner of bangers and mash, English beer and tea at the Germantown home of Barbara and Bill Dowdall. Bill is renowned for his culinary excellence and Barbara for her Shakespeare library, so this is an English journey not to be missed!

Min. Bid: \$30 Max#: 10 Time: 6:00 pm Date: Sat. 12/9/17

M31 Stickley Bookcase

A Craftsman-style Gustav Stickley bookcase, with original label on back, is being donated by The Unitarian Society of Germantown. Originally built as a china cabinet, it functions very well as a bookcase. It measures 63" high by 40" wide by 15" deep. And it does need a little tender loving care as the doors are gone and it is missing 3 glass panels. But to own this handsome Stickley bookcase is well worth the small effort and cost!

Min. Bid: \$250 Max#: 1

M32 Dinner and Play Reading at the Wards'

Come for dinner and an evening of thespian fun. David and Debbie will choose the play and assign the roles. With script in hand, feel the presence of Melpomene (muse of tragedy) and Thalia (muse of comedy), and be the star you've always known you are!

Min. Bid: \$35 Max#: 6 Time: 6:15 pm Date: Sat. 3/17/18

M33 Day of Sailing on the Chesapeake Bay

Up to three people are invited to join Dennis and Linda Brunn for a day of sailing in their 22 foot Herreshoff Eagle sailboat, docked in Charlestown MD, approximately 1.5 hours from USG. Lunch provided. Beautiful scenery and option to help steer and hoist the sails! Specific date to be arranged: could be a weekday or weekend during May, June, September or October.

Min. Bid: \$60 adult Max#:3 Date: TBD
 \$25 child under 12

M34 The OBJECTIVE PERSPECTIVE, Philly's Unique Musical Ensemble

Jazz ensemble, OBJECTIVE PERSPECTIVE, led by Jay Klaes, will add a distinctive note to your next event. These talented musicians will entertain your guests with 2 hours of music of your choosing from the Swing Era to all forms of jazz, including Eastern-European Klezmer music. Item value - \$600, musical experience - priceless!

Min. Bid: \$100 Max#: 1 Date: TBD

M35 Edith Wharton Dinner

Sarah Spath and Adam Zolkover are offering a dinner drawn from the pages of Edith Wharton's "The Age of Romance" (and from Martin Scorsese's masterful film rendering). They will serve a full 7-course sit-down meal with a Roman punch, "two soups, a hot and a cold sweet," and matched wines. Enjoy an elegant meal in the fashion of New York Victorian Society in the comfort of their Germantown home. Take Countess Olenska's advice: "Go where you are invited. Our Madeira, we assure you, has gone around the Cape."

Min. Bid: \$60

Max#: 8

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: Sat. 7/8/17

M36 Violin and Cello Duet for Your Special Event

The mother-daughter duo of Becky and Phoebe Horner will perform one hour of live violin and cello duets. This will be a personal and beautiful accompaniment to your special celebration. (Available for a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday event)

Min. Bid: \$50

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M37 Original Woodcut Print

Dennis Brunn has generously donated an original woodcut print inspired by sketches he did of the Maine coast near Rockport, a spot he and Linda have visited several times. The framed color print, entitled "Coastal Peace", depicts a sailboat and a lobster boat returning home. USG is blessed with such talented people!

Min. Bid: \$100

Max#: 1

M38 Summer Salon & Soiree

Join Linda O'Gwynn, Tom Purdy, and Beau the Goldendoodle, for an evening of conversation and dinner. A lively discussion will be had on the topic of "Art and Democracy" over a multicultural dinner in the forests of Roxborough.

Min. Bid: \$40

Max#: 8

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: Sat. 6/10/17

M39 Estate Planning Package

Yes, everyone needs one! Attorney Bill Morrow will spend up to 3 hours with you to prepare a simple will, power of attorney, and living will. Imagine the relief you will feel after you've taken care of this important matter with our own friendly and ultra-professional fellow church member.

Min. Bid: \$100

Max#: 1

Date: TBD

M40 Membership to Morris Arboretum

Andre Stormont has obtained an annual membership to The Morris Arboretum in Chestnut Hill. Begun in 1887 by iron-magnate John Morris, the Arboretum's historic collection of labeled plants and trees reflects his interest in plants from around the world. Hence its designation as the official arboretum of Pennsylvania. Enjoy your Morris Arboretum membership with free admission for a year, discounts in the shop, as well as for classes and trips. Participate in year-round family events such as their discovery time, story-time, and the Garden Railway. This is a family membership worth \$100 and also includes admission to over 300 gardens world-wide.

Min. Bid: \$50

Max#: 1

