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Silent Auction Donor Information

On January 1, 1994, the rules governing substantiation of charitable gifts for federal income tax purposes changed significantly. Donors and purchasers of items given to a charity for sale at auction are both affected by the changes.

IF YOU ARE GIVING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY such as books, CDs, wine, furniture, jewelry, collectibles, etc., either new or used:

For personal tax purposes, donated items should be listed on the donation form including the donor's estimated fair market value of the item. The estimated fair market value would be the cost to purchase the item or the value given by a qualified appraiser.

Donors will receive a receipt for the donated property. In accordance with the new federal income tax rules, the receipt will describe the property donated and give a date of gift but will not include a dollar value for the time. The donor is responsible for assigning that value.

IF YOU ARE GIVING SERVICES such as cooking, lecture, babysitting, beauty treatment, gardening, etc.

Donors must assign a fair market value to the service being donated. This is usually the provider's going rate for the same or similar service. If the provider is not usually compensated for the service, then the going market rate for a similar service may be used. Receipts will not be issued for services. Services are not deductible for federal income tax purposes under the current law. Donors will receive a letter of thanks for their records.

IF YOU NEED A TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT please contact sonomacojacl1934@gmail.com
A form with our tax FEIN number can be sent to you.

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Silent Auction Donor Ideas

Travel & Leisure – Travel can range from an extravagant cruise to a 1-2 night stay at a hotel in a destination city such as Monterey, Reno or San Francisco. Sporting travel opportunities (skiing, sailing, golfing, fishing, etc.) or the use of a private vacation home, time share or lodge also make great auction items. Disney vacations are always popular. Don't forget romantic getaways and spa weekends. Some of the packages put together by chapters in past years for weekend getaways were truly wonderful. We can also use other travel related items such as luggage, car rentals, dinners or tickets for events, concerts, plays, musicals, even movies. Keep in mind the 'regional' issue. If the event is taking place in a metropolitan area there is a better chance it will sell well at auction.

Food & Wine – This is California and wine is big business here. Not only are bottles or even cases of wine appropriate but also tours of wineries and private wine tastings. Why not approach your favorite vintner. And everybody likes to eat. Whether it's a basket of prepared foods or a collection of items that will enable someone to create a feast of their own, it's sure to please. Some favorite themes are chocolate, gourmet, ethnic foods and ice cream. What's your favorite?

Memorabilia & Collectibles – eBay is full of people trying to increase or complete their collections and people collect just about anything you can think of. Autographed items are great, one-of-a-kind is even better. This includes memorabilia from sports, movies, television, music, etc. We've done well in past years with historically significant cultural items. Especially those that were signed. Antique is also good, but please not just plain old.

Arts & Crafts – This was probably the most surprising and one of the most profitable areas of past year's auctions. Who knew we had so many talented artists in our midst or knew others who were willing to donate to the cause? The items were unique, one-of-a-kind in some cases and highly desired. So, if you dabble in art, whether it be painting, sculpture, glass, textiles, jewelry or any other medium OR you know of someone who does, let us showcase their work.

Jewelry, Clothing & Accessories – Most of the items we had in this category in past years were 'wearable art' such as scarves, pins, necklaces. Again, this would be a great area to increase. Maybe expand to include children's clothing?

Home and Garden – It seems everyone today is trying to update their homes and yards. Maybe that's why this category is popular. We can use donations ranging from garden kits with tools and plants to lovely tea sets, dishes, bowls and home décor. Maybe now is the time to go through that closet and see what nice things are destined for a new home. Do you have items that you purchased or received as a gift but never used? It may not fit your decor, but maybe just the right item for someone else.

Children – Books, toys, games, videos, especially with an educational aspect, are very popular. There are a lot of doting parents and grandparents out there. Let's let them fill that need to spoil that special child in their life.

Electronics – This is always a great area but again we need to remember the event and our audience. Many people are traveling a distance to attend and don't have the ability to transport a large piece of electronics, such as a desktop computer. But they would certainly bid on laptops, MP3 players, DVDs, tablets, phones, etc.

Books, Periodicals & Movies – From histories to cookbooks, there are so many wonderful books and movies created by Japanese Americans. Most of the authors are familiar with JACL and are more than willing to donate a copy of their work. Don't forget to have it autographed for that extra special touch.

Baskets – No donated item is too small. Donate, albeit ahead of time by the Feb 10, 2019, DC meeting, and our committee will put your donation to use by combining it with others into a gift basket. Small specialty items, gift cards, single bottles or jars of goodies, or packages of candy will be repurposed into a gift basket. **OR** maybe a group of members would be willing to gather together a group of items and create a gift basket.