

Saturday evening January 28, 2017

Cocktail Reception 6:30 pm

Live Auction 7:30 pm



The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood 113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ www.uuridgewood.org

Thank you to everyone who helped make this auction possible. We could not have done it without you. The Society Auction only works because of your generous donations of your time, talent and treasure.

Dawn and LuAnn
Co-Chairs of the 2017 USR Society Auction

All About the Auction

January 28th, 2017 at 6:30 pm

(Snow date: February 8th, 2017)

The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, New Jersey

The Society Auction is a fundraiser that has been an important part of the community spirit, social life and fiscal health of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood since the 1960s. This years' Society Auction (our 49th) is supported by donations from well over 75 members and friends of the USR. Thank you all!

Donations of food, wine, dinners, hikes, concert tickets, vacation homes, and much, much more are all listed in this catalog. Items are auctioned to the highest bidder. Winners can take home their treasures and/or mark their calendar to attend or collect the services/ events that they've won throughout the year.

How does the "NEW" Society Auction work?

The Society Auction has six main parts:

- **50/50 Raffle** Buy 50/50 raffle tickets the night of the auction. Split the pot with the USR!
- <u>Wine Pull</u> This year we are introducing our Wine Pull! We will have bottles of wine wrapped so that the label cannot be seen. They will be numbered and each person who buys a ticket for the wine pull gets to select a bottle. The bottles will range in value. The same concept will apply to our Coffee/Chocolate Pull
- <u>Coffee / Chocolate Pull</u> We will have Coffee and Chocolate wrapped and numbered. Each person who buys a ticket for the Coffee/Chocolate Pull gets to select a package of coffee or chocolate of different values.
- <u>Live Auction</u> At 7:30 find a seat in Anderson and enjoy the evening while our always-entertaining auctioneers present the live auction items. Use your paddle to bid on the items you most desire.
- <u>Door Prize</u> Everyone who purchases a ticket to the Society Auction will participate, as your Auction Paddle Number will hopefully be the winning Door Prize number.
- <u>Party!</u> Whether you're bidding a lot or a little, the Society Auction is a fun party. Great food; a festive atmosphere, and great company make this one of the USR's biggest social events and USR's single largest fundraiser of the year.

Do I need to make a reservation?

YES! Please make your reservation ASAP with Robin Ritter [robinritteruu@gmail.com or 973-310-3525 (e-mail preferred)]. The cost is \$25 and includes hearty appetizers, open bar, coffee and dessert. Please let Robin know how many spots you are reserving and if you will be using childcare. You will get a bidding number and when you arrive at the Society Auction you'll get a paddle with your bidding number on it to use during the Live Auction.

What if I can't come? Can I still bid?

Most certainly! If you can't make it to the Society Auction, just fill out the absentee bidding form at the end of this catalog (follow directions on the form) and we'll do your bidding for you! We'll let you know what you've won after the auction.

Is there child care?

Of course! Children will be cared for in the RE space where they will have snacks, movies and fun. Feel free to bring blankets or sleeping bags so your little ones can really get cozy. When you make your reservation, inform the reservation volunteer how many children you will be bringing. Childcare is free.

Is it too late to help?

Never! We still need raffle ticket salespeople, clean-up crew members, food helpers and more. Contact LuAnn (luannmarkowitz1@gmail.com) or Dawn (dawnywallers@gmail.com) right away.

Auction Tips and Tricks

- Plan ahead before the night of the auction arrange with a group of your UU friends to bid as a block on vacation homes, classes, dinners, etc.
- Make your reservations early space is limited! Information on how to reserve your spot is on the previous page.
- Claim your stuff and pay before you leave This year, bring your checkbooks or credit card, as you will be paying for your auction winnings before you go home with your auction winnings. For dinners, outings, concerts, etc. the SELLER will send out a reminder to buyers a week or two before the event. For other, one-on-one services the BUYER must contact the seller to make arrangements to collect the item won. All services must be collected before next year's auction unless otherwise arranged with the seller.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO PROVIDED CASH DONATIONS! THANK YOU ALL!

Kristin Bluemel and George Witte Bea Cronin Anita DiGiulio and Ira Mendelsberg Delight and Paul Dodyk Stephanie Gannon Rose and Wally Griffin Beth Helfst Hetty and Ron Hirshman Katherine Hyde Eileen and Adam Jarrett Anita and David Knechel LuAnn and Robert Markowitz Julie McMurray Jane Scerbo **Ruth Scherrer** Kathy and Paul Smolen Suzanne and Rob Willis

Here's Your Chance to Win!!!

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50/50 Raffle

\$10 per ticket, 3 for \$25, 6 tickets for \$50
The winner splits 'the pot' with USR

Live Auction

"Adventure"

- 1. Expand Your Horizons: Join us for an informative and inspirational trip to C.A.M.P. YDP in Paterson. You will visit the preschool and after school programs, hear the new Director's vision, learn the history of the neighborhood and take a guided bus/car tour of Paterson's Northside led by a Paterson resident and C.A.M.P. staff member. Transportation to Paterson and around Paterson, as well as lunch, are included. (Please note that two flights of stairs are involved.) Offered by C.A.M.P. volunteers--Susan Burleson, Marshall Katzman, Sally Lewis, Ira Mendelsberg and Mike Patterson. \$35.00 per person minimum. Tuesday, April 18th, 10:30am 2pm. Limited to 18
- 2. Into the Woods: Eat, Hike, Delight: Hosted by Bob & Jeri Cohn and Nina Forrest on Monday, May 15, 2017 (with Rain Date) for 8 guests. Join 3 veteran hikers for a trek in Harriman State Park. Ascend West Mountain and delight to a string of breathtaking views. Celebrate Springtime in all its glory. Bob & Jeri will lead the hike—at four miles, relatively short—at a moderate to difficult level. Nina will provide lovely healthy gourmet lunches with treats—all individually wrapped for your backpack and ready to eat at the destination--the menu adjusted to your dietary needs. Minimum bid \$25.00. Donated by Bob & Jeri Cohn and Nina Forrest
- 3. **Discover the Beauty of the Hudson Valley:** Come to Nyack for lovely pescatarian, gluten free, dairy free lunch at the Calvin/Cohen's home. Ride with other UU's to Nyack Beach Park for beginner bikers. If moderate biker, continue the bike path along Hook Mountain. If more advanced, continue to Rockland Lake. Return to Nyack for Dessert. Offered by Jan Cohen & Jim Calvin and Helen Matusow Ayers & Phread Ayers. \$25 minimun bid and minimum age 18yrs. 10 people max.
- 4. Biking and Brunching in NYC: Join Eileen and Adam Jarrett for a bike ride and brunch in New York City. Start at their apartment just north of the George Washington Bridge or start by biking across the bridge on your own! Then travel down the beautiful scenic bike path along the Hudson River to your choice of destination: Brunch at a taco restaurant followed by biking around Central Park OR biking all the way down to Battery Park for brunch. Of course, you have to make the return trip back up to Eileen and Adam's! Date in Spring, Summer, or Fall, 2017, to be worked out with the group. Maximum 6. Donated by Eileen and Adam Jarrett.
- 5. Picnic and Ping Pong in NYC: Discover the beauty of Fort Tryon Park located just north of the GW Bridge. Enjoy a late afternoon picnic provided by Eileen and Adam Jarrett, take in the majestic views of the Hudson and Palisades, stroll the gardens and even play Ping Pong in the Park! Afterwards, enjoy a glass of wine as you watch the sunset over the Hudson from the rooftop of Eileen and Adam's new home in Manhattan just north of the bridge. June-September 2017, to be arranged with the group. Maximum 6. Donated by Eileen and Adam Jarrett.
- 6. Hookey Hike: Let's grab a beautiful Spring day and play hookey! Join us for a moderate hike on a local trail followed by libations at a nearby eatery. We'll start around 9:30 am and plan to have lunch around 12:30 pm. A little nature, a little food what do you have to lose? Late Spring 2017 on a mutally agreed upon day. Maximum 6. Donated by Marilyn Maney and Don Campolo.

7. **Escape the Room!:** You've heard all about this fun challenge, now here's your chance to participate! A group of 6 lucky individuals will have only one hour to puzzle their way out of a series of brain challenging rooms -- and the clock is ticking! Choose your own room - you could be lost in a forest, heading down a deserted alley, helping out a secret agent, or uncovering a lost record in a music studio. And pick your own date - This voucher is good for a group of up to 6 people, at a date of their own choosing, at the Amazing Escape Room in Montclair NJ. One winner. Donated by Judy and Ed Silver and Paul and Betsy Rosengren.

"At Your Service"

- 8. **The Eager Beaver Cleaning Service:** Dave Myers and his trusty assistant Lexi are offering 4 hours of yard cleanup. Mutually agreed upon time. Donated by Dave and Lexi Myers.
- 9. **Math Tutoring:** Karen Ramsahai is offering four hours of math tutoring for anyone in grades 1 through 8. Donated by Karen Ramsahai.
- 10. **Airport Chauffeur:** Lori Baumann offers a ride to and from a NJ airport or -- any other place in New Jersey! Max. 3 passengers. Donated by Lori Baumann.

"Events"

- 11. **Music and Fellowship:** An afternoon with music of romantic composers performed by The Brookside PianoTrio (Deb Goodell, pianist; Claire Kapilow, violinist; and Fawn Wiener, cellist) followed by wine (selected by Doug) and fellowship at 234 Mulberry Place, Ridgewood. Sunday, February 12th at 3pm. Maximum 20 winners. Donated by Deb and Doug Goodell.
- 12. **Soup, Supper, and Music:** Supper and music performed by Marcia Spitz of our Society, and her son, Jonathan Spitz, Principal Cellist of the NJ Symphony Orchestra. This is a very special treat. Friday, February 17, 2017, 7:30pm, at the home of Brietta Savoie, Glen Rock, N.J. Maximum number of guests: 15. Offered by Brietta Savoie and Marcia Spitz.
- 13. Chamber Music Cheer Ushers in Daylight Savings: Elizabeth Ames has invited three members of the NJSO (Bart Feller, principal flute; Bob Ingliss, principal oboe; and Fran Rowell, cellist) to play Baroque Trio Sonatas, and Elisabeth Mannschott and Al Blomquist will host the event for 30 lucky guests in their lovely Ridgewood home on Sunday, March 12, at 3:00pm. Food and drinks will be served. Minimum bid \$50. Donated by Elizabeth Ames, Elisabeth Mannschott, Al Blomquist.
- 14. **Ars Musica Chorale Tickets:** Ruth Scherrer offers two tickets to an Ars Musica Chorale concert on Saturday, March 18th, 2017, at 8pm. Donated by Ruth Scherrer.
- 15. **Society Café:** Society Cafe presents The Tononi Trio, featuring Liz Martyn. Up to 12 people will receive their choice of seating to see The Tononi Trio, with violinist Laura Hamilton, principal assistant concert master of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra; cellist Lanny Paykin, a member of the Westchester Philharmonic and American Composers' Orchestra, and pianist Liz Martyn, who was the Music Director of the USR from 2003-2014. Doors open at 7:00 and wine, dessert and coffee are available, and the concert starts at 8:00 pm. Saturday, April 15, 2017. Donated by Kristen Plumley.

- 16. MOTH 3: High above Ridgewood, THE MOTH is already winging its way back toward its important Mission: Yes, it's time again to capture the spirit of National Public Radio's "THE MOTH RADIO SHOW" in a live simulcast radio Café, broadcast from Anderson Hall. The Pattersons, Collins & Bergins host ACTUAL HUMAN BEINGS who share Heartfelt, Hilarious, Thought-Provoking & Life-affirming tales. Not short-story reading but true-life revelations. Oh the Humanity! The Pathos! A Kiss & Tell is extremely likely! Cookies, Wine, and Coffee are included! \$20 guarantees your seat in Anderson on Friday October 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Sold out in 2015 and 2016, and deemed the "best UU Fundraiser in American History". "They wept, they cried, and they were never the same again." No maximum but if we go over 65 bidders Mike Patterson might sing a 'provocative' song. Donated by The Pattersons, Collins & Bergins.
- 17. **NJSO Sci Fi Spectacular #1:** Two tickets to Sci-Fi Spectacular with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, January 6, 2018, 8pm, NJPAC in Newark Music from science fiction movies and television shows is highlighted in this concert, such as 2001: A Space Odyssey, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, many Star Wars themes and all the Star Trek themes, including spin-offs! This concert features USR's own Kristen Plumley, soprano. The guest narrator is still to be announced, but in the past it has been George Takei, Jonathan Frakes and Marina Sirtis, all of Star Trek fame. Donated by Kristen Plumley.
- 18. **NJSO Sci Fi Spectacular #2:** Two tickets to Sci-Fi Spectacular with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 3pm, State Theatre in New Brunswick. Music from science fiction movies and television shows is highlighted in this concert, such as 2001: A Space Odyssey, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, many Star Wars themes and all the Star Trek themes, including spin-offs! This concert features USR's own Kristen Plumley, soprano. The guest narrator is still to be announced, but in the past it has been George Takei, Jonathan Frakes and Marina Sirtis, all of Star Trek fame. Donated by Kristen Plumley.

"Getaways"

19. **Old Friends in the First State:** Birder? Historian? Antiquer? Foodie? Naturalist? Beachcomber? Enjoy a 2-night stay for two adults at the new home of Elaine and Joe Petrowski in Georgetown, Delaware (3.5 hours from Bergen County) to explore the First State and all it has to offer. On Day 1 we'll visit local attractions (antique shops, Dogfish Head Brewery, Old Wood Delaware, etc., you pick!) then share a home-cooked dinner and drinks. Next day we head out to check out Cape Henlopen State Park, the beach, nature trails, art galleries, lighthouses, and/or the historic fishing ports of Milton and Lewes. Dinner on night 2 will be Dutch-treat at a local restaurant. Accommodations include a comfortable king-size bed (or two twins) and private bath, as well as 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner for two people. Weekend or weekdays by mutual agreement. Minimum bid \$400.00. Donated by Elaine and Joe Petrowski.

- 20. A Week on the Lake: Jeff Summerville and Kristen Plumley invite you to enjoy a week on the lake. Our home is nestled on 2.5 acres of southern Adirondack woods with 130 feet of lake frontage on Hadlock Lake in the town of Fort Ann, NY. Hadlock Lake is a beautiful, clear lake about 1.5 miles in length and about 20 minutes southeast of Lake George Village. The new(ish) house has four bedrooms and three full baths and is about a 2:45 drive from Ridgewood (traffic permitting). Sleeps 8: 2 king beds, 1 queen and 2 twins. The swimming, fishing and boating are wonderful, and there are two kayaks available for your use. Dates to be mutually agreed upon (other than the major summer holidays). Winter is an option as well as the house is fully winterized and there are ski resorts nearby. The house has no air conditioning, but two of the bedrooms have ceiling fans. Full size washer and dryer. No pets, no smoking. Minimum bid: \$1,000. Donated by Jeff Summerville and Kristen Plumley.
- 21. AirBNB? No, AirUSR: Enjoy a few days in New York City and instead of schlepping back to Bergen County each evening, spend two nights at Rob & Suzanne Willis' pied-à-terre. Located in the charming and convenient Beekman Place neighborhood, the one-bedroom apartment is located on a quiet, off the beaten path street, but is a mere 17 minute walk to Rockefeller Plaza. Two nights on a mutually agreed upon date. Donated by Rob & Suzanne Willis.
- 22. Laureledge in the Berkshires: Enjoy the beauty of the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts for a weekend in 2017. Use Paul and Delight Dodyk's vacation home "Laureledge" on Lake Garfield in Monterey, MA as your home base for exploring the cultural and natural treasures of the area. This year the weekend can be scheduled during Winter as well as Spring or Fall. Historic sites, art and house museums, craft and art galleries, great restaurants, wonderful trails for hiking or snow shoeing. Relax by the wooded lakeside or stay active with winter (family skiing nearby), or summer sports (boating, tennis, swimming). Excellent for a family, or 3 to 4 couples, or an affinity group wanting to escape from the cares of the world. Five bedrooms (3 king, 1 twin with 2 beds, 1 queen) 4 1/2 baths. Donated by Paul and Delight Dodyk.
- 23. Cape Cod Stunner: Enjoy a completely renovated and expanded contemporary Cape Cod home with cathedral ceilings and large open spaces in a secluded pine grove near the end of a cul de sac. Offered by Kathy and Mike Azzara, the home has 3 bedrooms (2 queens, 1 king, and another queen in a sleeping loft), 3 full bathrooms, outdoor shower, new family room with a 55 inch flat screen and a finished basement with another large flat screen and plenty of room for 3 available roll-up beds. There are two adult bicycles on site and 2 kayaks at Gull Pond with the bay, ocean, and ponds in close proximity. Wellfleet is a gallery town and has some amazing restaurants and shops. Provincetown is a short drive away. The week is from Thursday, June 15, through Thursday, June 22, 2017. Thursday to Thursday means you beat the traffic to and from the Cape. No pets, please. Minimum bid \$1,500.00. Donated by Kathy and Mike Azzara.

"Learn"

24. **Essential Oils:** A 45 minute class on essential oils, their uses, and how they can be applied to health and wellness. The class will be given by Donna Barrett who is a Holistic Health Coach, and Wellness Advocate for doTerra essential oils. The class is limited to 10 people and each person will go home with a roller or spray bottle of an essential oil blend personalized to their needs. Donated by Donna Barrett.

- 25. **Jewelry Making:** Sophie Lechner presents a jewelry making workshop. This is polymer clay jewelry like that sold by Sophie at the Craft Fair in November. Participants will leave with a beautiful piece of jewelry that's exactly the way they want it! Maximum of 5 winners who will attend the class together. Date of the class will be determined with the participants. Donated by Sophie Lechner.
- 26. Career Coaching: USR's Career Guru, Bill Belknap, offers one hour of career coaching, resume preparation, severance negotiation, or salary negotiation. Donated by Bill Belknap.
- 27. "Read My Mind" Talisman: "If you could read my mind love, what a tale my thoughts could tell..." (Gordon Lightfoot 1970) Here's your chance to make a 3-dimensional keepsake that tells the world what's on your mind. In less than an hour, you'll create a lasting, global ornament to proudly showcase your vision of the world you want to live in. Join me at USR on one of three Sundays after coffee hour where you'll cut, glue and assemble your own "Read My Mind" talisman. Bring used greeting cards & calendars to use as materials. Will be offered on a Sunday in April, May and September 2017, dates to be determined. Any number of winners at \$10 each. Donated by Georgetta Walsh.
- 28. **Guitar Lessons from a UU Rocker:** Are you a beginner (at least 10 years old) who would like a few lessons to see if playing the guitar is right for you? Or, maybe you are a more experienced player who would like to pick up a few new licks or techniques you might not have thought of before. Either way, Rick Sawyer, an experienced guitarist and guitar teacher who has frequently performed at USR, will provide four 30-minute guitar lessons at a mutually convenient time and place (ideally, before or after Sunday services). For a beginner, Rick will loan you a guitar; the book is approximately \$10 at Guitar Center. One winner, minimum bid \$50. Donated by Rick Sawyer.
- 29. **Pottery Lesson:** A customized pottery lesson for 1 or 2 people. Beginners welcome! Brave my unfinished basement and learn a wheel demo of basic shapes You will throw a small bowl, return and learn to trim and finish the bowl. The bowl will be fired and glazed. All glazes are food safe. This pottery lesson is completely customizable to your individual needs. Adults only, please. Donated by Mary Mogerly.
- 30. **Yoga Classes:** Gift Certificate for three classes at Shree yoga studio in Saddle River, New Jersey. Shree is a lovely studio in a beautiful and serene setting overlooking the Saddle River. All levels of classes are offered, including beginner, intermediate, advanced, and restorative. Pilates is also available. All teachers are certified and have years of experience. Donated by Beatrice Cronin.

"Party"

31. **Supper and Salon:** Start your evening with a sumptuous supper then move into the "salon" to entertain and be entertained. That's right. In order to bid on this event, someone in your party must offer a short performance (guideline: 5 minutes or less) -- could be a song, instrumental piece, a short skit or long joke, poetry, etc. At the Trischka home in Fair Lawn, Friday, February 24, 2017 at 7pm. Maximum 14 people. Minimum bid \$15.00. Offered by Assunta & Tony Trischka and Robin Ritter & Ben Hershman.

- 32. **Good Food, Good People, Good Books:** Continuing the tradition, here is the unofficial 5th annual Book Lover's Dinner and Swap. The evening begins at 6:00pm at Cathe McAuliffe's home in Fair Lawn with a congenial group of readers gathering by the fireplace for wine, nibbles and conversation. We'll then move on to a simple but scrumptious dinner of a variety of home-made soups accompanied by bread and more wine. After dessert we will each exchange a favorite, gently used but highly recommended book. Everyone goes home with a new-to-them personally-recommended read, a full stomach and a happy heart. Saturday, March 4, 2017, snow date Sunday, March 5. Minimum bid \$35.00. Offered by Cathe McAuliffe, Kevin Smith, and Kris Henrickson.
- 33. **Third Annual 7 F Dinner:** Join Helen and Phread Ayres and Jan Cohen and Jim Calvin at 7 PM on Saturday, February 25, 2017 for Fantastic Food From several Asian countries and have lots of Fun playing games. Sit by the Fire and make new and enjoy old Friends (7F's). Small plates and casual dining at 274 Prospect Street in Ridgewood. Maximum 8. Offered by Helen and Phread Ayres and Jan Cohen and Jim Calvin.
- 34. **Annual April Sunday Soiree:** By now, this has become a tradition. My husband goes on his golf trip and I entertain 7 USR women in my Radburn home on a Sunday afternoon between 4:00-7:00. This year I'm skipping the rhymes and all the alliterations but you can expect a wonderful meal, charming company and interesting conversation. We'll laugh, we'll eat and of course there will be wine. If you've never attended, this is the year I'd love to have you. Sunday, April 8th, 2017. Offered by Georgetta Walsh.
- 35. **Seventh Annual Seafood Bonanza:** IF YOU LOVE SEAFOOD... BID ON THIS. You can join us for this dinner only if you really LOVE seafood. At past dinners we've served seafood like in-season soft shell crab, fire seared sushi grade tuna, sweet gigantic sea scallops, red snapper seviche, mussels Martin, delicious baby pulpo octopus and always a Caroline special desert. This year come and see what we choose. The Seafood Bonanza will be held Saturday, April 29 at 5PM at the Sterling Forest home of the Lavanhar's. Max 10 guests. Min. bid \$80.00. Offered by Caroline and Martin Lavanhar.
- 36. **Revenge of the Fifth Social:** Revenge of the Fifth Social visit with the Wardells in a galaxy, far, far away (Oaklandia) and celebrate 'May the Fourth Be With You' and 'Revenge of the Fifth' days. Vegetarian dishes and dessert served. A galactic good time you will have. Friday, May 5, 2017 at 7pm. Maximum of 6. Offered by Debbie and Ed Wardell.
- 37. **Spring Celebration Dinner:** Dinner in Midland Park, Saturday, May 13, 2017. The Krag family is hosting a dinner for 8 guests at their new house to celebrate spring, but they haven't had time to set a menu yet. But there will be some fine food, and plenty of libations to stimulate the conversation. Offered by Laura and Carl Krag.
- 38. **The Maine Clambake is Back!:** Join us under the big tent for the world's BEST lobster, New England steamer clams, fresh corn-on-the cob and potatoes cooked over a flaming fire-pit. Finish up with fresh blueberries over homemade ice-cream. Offered by the Cohns, Spungens, Bergins, Tae Terumoto and Bernie Josefsberg, and Ginny Stillman and Jim Russell on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 3pm. Minimum bid \$65.

- 39. **Sun's Out, Buns Out:** Join the Walters in Ramsey for the best of all things Summer. We're hosting a gourmet burger and hot dog bar, with great summer salads, and, of course, refreshing libations. For dessert, an ice cream sundae bar. Summer is never a bummer when you're having burgers and dogs! We're looking for 12 guests and your kids can come for free. We'll have backyard games and a firepit to boot. Saturday, June 10, 2017. Offered by Dawn and Charlie Walter.
- 40. **Juneteenth Barbeque:** Experience Texas Style Barbeque and learn about Juneteenth! Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, is a holiday that commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas on June 19, 1865. Our barbeque will be held on Saturday, June 17, and is being offered for 8 guests at our home in Wyckoff. Dinner will consist of Texas style smoked barbeque and picnic style sides. A selection of Texas beers and Non-Texas soft drinks will also be provided. The event will be held outdoors, so a rain date will be offered if necessary. Kids are welcome but we don't have kids of our own, so please have them bring their own outside activities. Offered by Owen Uscher.
- 41. For Food and Wine Lovers: Looking for a delicious way to spend an early summer evening? On Saturday, June 24th, 8 lucky winners will experience Peter Duran's multicourse dinner extravaganza, where he'll pull from his repertoire of proven delights and add new delicacies. Each course will be paired with unique and interesting wines chosen by sommelier Ralph Pleasic. Hosted by Peter Duran, Mary McBride, Elyse and Ralph Pleasic, beginning at 6pm.
- 42. **Maui**, **Honolulu**, **Kauai**...**Ramsey!**: Join the Cagans and Spungens for the ultimate Hawaiian Luau! Lounge by the (cement) sea. Let the Tiki Bar refresh you. Enjoy a sumptuous Polynesian cookout. Be pampered while you bask in the sunshine! We will host 12 wonderful friends on Saturday, July 8th, at 2pm. Aloha! Offered by the Cagans and the Spungens.
- 43. **Game Night:** Please join Sean and Stephanie Brennan for a fun night filled with laughter, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres while we share our skills, acumen and sense of humor during games of of Balderdash, Trivial Pursuit, or Pictionary. The fun starts at 6:00PM on Saturday, July 29th for 8 lucky winners. Offered by Sean and Stephanie Brennan.
- 44. **Alpha and Omega Returns!:** Alpha and Omega returns! As happened for 10 bountiful years 2004-2013, you'll be offered wine and an irresistible array of hearty hors d'oeuvres and delectable desserts at the Ridgewood home of Suzanne and Rob Willis. The purveyors will be Margaret Davies, Ann Diamond, Carolyn Musser, Judy Scanlan, Diane and Jack Seymour and Bob Shoemaker. Some of you returned year after year and we hope you'll come again. If you've never been, please join us for this special evening. Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 6:30pm. Max 40, minimum bid \$30.

45. **Dinner at Our Home:** We had so much fun last year that we are doing it again. Anita and Ira invite four friendly UU's to come to our home in Fair Lawn for an informal, low key evening. We still know how to cook pretty well and dinner could be anything from French, Italian, New American, Spanish or a mix of anything plus we still have lots of really good wine to drink. Join us! Saturday, November 4, 2017. Offered by Ira Mendelsberg & Anita DiGiulio.

"Treats"

- 46. **Mediterraneo in Ridgewood:** \$100 gift certificate to Ridgewood's perennial favorite restaurant, Mediterraneo. 23 N. Broad Street Ridgewood. Donated by Debby Crane and Jim Campanella.
- 47. **Uncle Guiseppe's in Ramsey:** \$125 Gift Card to new Italian gourmet grocery, Uncle Giuseppe's Italian Marketplace, in Ramsey. Donated by Steve and Regina Andrews.
- 48. **Whole Foods:** \$150 Gift Certificate to Whole Foods, located in Ridgewood, Paramus, NYC, etc. Donated by Helen Lindsay, Marcia Spitz, and Barbara Goldberg.
- 49. **Stella Artisan Italian in Ridgewood:** \$100 gift card to Ridgewoods hottest new restaurant, Stella Artisan Italian. 18 E Ridgewood Avenue. Donated by Frank and Carol Loscalzo.
- 50. A Mano in Ridgewood: \$50 gift certificate to the delicious and family friendly A Mano, 24 Franklin Ave. at corner of Chestnut St. in Ridgewood. Delicious wood fired pizza & more! Offered twice and donated by Suzanne Carpenter and Peter Lehman.
- 51. **Craft Beer Basket:** Craft Beer Basket: A collection of craft beers of various styles. Donated by Betsy Longendorfer and Steve Jackson. Available at the auction.
- 52. **Note Cards by Libby:** Libby Myers would like to offer 12 uniquely designed photographic note cards. Each card contains one of Libby's photos. Available at the auction. Donated by Libby Myers.

ABSENTEE BID FORM

Ridgewood Unitarian Service Auction

January 28, 2017

This sheet is prepared in an effort to assist in your bid planning. If you find that you are unable to attend the Service Auction but want to submit bids on offerings, fill in the dollar amount you are bidding next to the offering number and either bring a copy to the Society office or email it to Bernie Josefsberg at bajos@verizon.net. Absentee bids **must** be received before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

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Please limit total bids to \$		
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