

## LIVE AUCTION

The Live Auction will follow dinner. Please bid high and bid often! All proceeds benefit our Topeka Symphony Orchestra and Youth Ensembles. The Cashier's Table will accept payment by check, MasterCard, or Visa at the close of bidding. All sales are final, and some restrictions may apply. Do not remove auction items from display tables until payment has been made. A designated volunteer will assist you in securing your items. The auctioneer reserves the right to remove an item from the auction without notice and change minimum bids as necessary.

### 1. CANOEING ON THE KAW

A perfect, exciting, memorable experience will be a grand adventure with all of your equipment provided, plus a lesson and a guide. Twelve family members or friends will team in six canoes to experience the power of the Kaw River. Three hours of fitness and fun will be rewarded with a sandbar champagne toast and crumpets (or other appropriate snack). Assistance in returning to your vehicles is part of the package. Sunscreen and "river" clothes recommended. A \$100 gift certificate from Einstein's will help you dress for the occasion.

*Value: \$750*

*Donors: Bill and Joan Barker, Einstein's Outdoor Outfitters*

### 2. MORNING NEAR COUNCIL GROVE

The Flint Hills as only Cally Krallman can capture will also capture your heart. *Morning Near Council Grove* is a 14" x 18" framed oil, ready to fill a special place in your home or office.

*Value: \$850*

*Donor: Cally Krallman*

### 3. NORSEMAN VIP BREWERY TOUR

You are invited to enjoy a VIP Norsemen Brewery Experience. The Experience includes a Brewmaster tour, access to the mezzanine meeting area (stairs only) for up to 4 hours, and a maximum of two (2) pints of beer per person up to a total of 40 people. To add to the experience, KB's Smokehouse has included \$100 in catering allowing you to select from KB's Smoke House menu! Certain blackout dates apply such as First Fridays and holidays.

*Value: \$500*

*Donors: Norsemen Brewing Company, KB's Smoke House*

#### **4. PURIFY YOUR AIR SYSTEM**

One Air Scrubber plus Ultra-Violet Air Purification System and all parts and labor.

*Value: \$1,200*

*Donor: Blue Dot of Topeka*

#### **5. EVERYTHING'S BETTER IN BRECKENRIDGE**

This Colorado Mountain Retreat is comfy any time of year! Seven days for eight people in the comfort of a four-bedroom/four-bath mountain home is just the beginning. Amenities include relaxing in the hot tub or steam shower, enjoying a game of pool, or watching a movie in the media area. Morning coffee is perfect in the great room or on the deck overlooking the golf course with the Continental Divide in the distance. This mountain retreat is available for your use from March 2018 until April 2019. Make arrangements by July 1, 2018. (Please, no pets and no smoking!)

*Value: \$3,000*

*Donors: Randy and Debra Clayton*

#### **6. CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST**

A late breakfast for eight is always better with champagne. Prepared and served by members of the Symphony League, you will see why you and your friends will be glad you shared this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Please schedule before June 15, 2018.

*Value: \$750*

*Donors: Sue and Larry Krische, Trella and T.C. Anderson*

#### **7. THE RAPHAEL AND LYRIC OPERA**

Escape to Kansas City's original boutique hotel, the Raphael, for one night in a luxurious room and a romantic prix fixe dinner for two at Chaz on the Plaza (exclusive of alcohol and gratuity). Enjoy a memorable performance of the Lyric Opera before or after.

*Value: \$750*

*Donors: The Raphael, Lyric Opera*

#### **8. GOLF AT COLBERT HILLS**

The golf outing you and three of your friends have been hoping to experience, complete with golf carts and a \$100 gift card for a little sustenance before or after your game. All you need to do now is bid.

*Value: \$500*

*Donors: Dale and Susanne Bradley*

## **9. AFTERNOON WITH THE MAESTRO**

What a unique experience tasting wine with Maestro Kyle Wiley Pickett. Spring gardens will be in bloom at the historic 1857 rural home of Sandi Wilber and Barry Busch, and wines and musical compositions from around the world will be paired for your enjoyment. Include your friends for a party of 8, and walk the grounds, enjoy parlor music as you sip, and then experience the unique delight of a private performance coupled with hand-selected wines of prestige vintage. May 6 is the date.

*Value: \$1,200*

*Donors: Barry Busch and Sandi Wilber*

## **10. BLUE DOT HEATING AND COOLING**

Update up to 2,000 square feet of your home's heating and cooling systems with the Luxaire package. The package includes an LX series gas furnace, LX series split system air conditioner, and one digital wi-fi thermostat, all parts and labor.

*Value: \$9,000*

*Donor: Blue Dot of Topeka*

## **11. DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT**

Eight people are invited to join President and Mrs. Jerry Farley for entertainment and dinner in their lovely Westboro home, the 2015 Designer Showhouse. Please schedule date with Rugena Hall, 785-670-1022, between February 9, 2018, and January 31, 2019.

*Value: Priceless*

*Donors: President Jerry and Mrs. Susan Farley*

## **12. IT ALL HAPPENS AT CROWN CENTER**

Perfect for Valentine's Day, an overnight in a deluxe room at The Westin Crown Center, a \$500 shopping spree at Hall's Crown Center, and a performance at the Musical Theater Heritage at Crown Center.

*Value: \$900*

*Donors: Hall's Crown Center, The Westin Crown Center, Musical Theater Heritage*

## **13. WINK EYEWEAR OF LAWRENCE**

Eyewear should make a visual statement of fashion and fun. For more than a decade Wink Eyewear in downtown Lawrence has specialized in designer eyewear sourced mainly from Europe and acquired by buyers in Paris, New York, Amsterdam, Munich, and Milan. Whether you prefer

conservative or fashion-statement eyewear, Wink has exceptional eyewear that is uniquely “you.” This \$1,000 gift certificate must be used by December 31, 2018.

*Value: \$1,000*

*Donor: Wink Eyewear of Lawrence*

#### **14. HYGIENIC DRY CLEANING**

Enjoy 12 months of having clothes cleaned, shirts laundered and pressed—up to \$50 worth each month. Must be used February 18, 2018, through January 19, 2019. (Note—amount does not carry over from month to month.)

*Value: \$600*

*Donor: Hygienic Cleaners*

#### **15. HAYRIDE AT DANCING STAR RANCH**

Travel across a pasture filled with blooming wild flowers on a sunset hayride at the Dancing Star Ranch where history comes alive on the Oregon and California “Gold Rush” trails. As many as 10 people are invited to enjoy twenty-first-century wine and cheese, the ambiance of the ranch, and an old-fashioned sunset hayride. This experience needs to take place during the lovely month of May.

*Value: \$1,000*

*Donors: Joe Scranton and Marty Bloomquist*

#### **16. JOIN THE ORCHESTRA—NO AUDITION REQUIRED**

This is your chance to appear on stage with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra! The maestro will find a chair for you among the musicians. You will be invited to attend a rehearsal, see facial expressions and antics not shared with the audience and more. Correct orchestra attire is your responsibility. A bonus is four complimentary tickets for your friends.

*Value: Priceless*

*Donor: The Topeka Symphony Orchestra*

#### **17. SHERIFF FOR A DAY**

You will be picked up by a deputy to go on duty and ride “shotgun” as one of Shawnee County’s finest. Comfortably aboard a Sheriff’s Patrol cruiser, you will take in the sights and sounds of Law Enforcement on a guided tour of a patrol beat.

Later, tour of the Law Enforcement Center: VIP look into the inner workings of the Agency

Enjoy lunch with Sheriff Herman T. Jones, a law enforcement professional with more than 30 years of experience.

Bonus: You may bring your spouse or guest.

*Value: Awesome!*

*Donor: Sheriff Herman T. Jones, Shawnee County Sheriff's Department*

### **18. PRAIRIE SMOKE WATERCOLOR OF THE FLINT HILLS**

You almost can smell the smoke in this 11 3/4" x 15 1/2" painting by Yeqiang Wang, Associate Professor of Art at Washburn University. The piece has been artfully matted and framed by Bob Swain of Beauchamp Gallery. Finished size is 19" x 23".

*Value: \$600*

*Donors: Yeqiang Wang, Bob Swain*

### **19. INVEST IN THE ORCHESTRA**

Help support the programs of the Topeka Symphony Orchestra and Youth Ensembles with your contribution of \$100.

*Value: Many, many thanks!!*

*Donor: Topeka Symphony Orchestra*