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HEART

9TH ANNUAL UNITED WAY DINNER PARTY & AUCTION  
COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

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# WELCOME

At United Way of Thurston County, we fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our community. Our work is dense and often complicated, and it requires the dedication, energy, and commitment of many people, including local government, community leaders, nonprofits, and countless volunteers. None of that work is possible without you, and that's why we are all here tonight.



Because of you, we are changing the lives of thousands of people in Thurston County who are struggling. Because of you, our most vulnerable citizens - our neighbors, our children, our seniors, and veterans - have hope for a better future. Your support impacts the lives of people you may never know, in ways you may never see. But, without you, we can't help a veteran who is homeless, seniors who are hungry and isolated, third graders who cannot read, women and children escaping violence, or hopeless teenagers who drop out of school. These are dark issues, but we don't turn away from them. We shine a light and make a path through.

So tonight, on behalf of the Board of Directors and our United Way staff and volunteers, thank you for joining our fight. When we come together to lift up the least among us, we improve the lives of all. That is how we Live United.

Chris Wells  
Executive Director, United Way of Thurston County

## TONIGHT'S EMCEES



**Nancy Leson** is an award-winning food writer and radio personality who learned much of what she knows about food during her first career waiting tables. Readers embraced her as the longtime restaurant critic and food columnist for The Seattle Times, where her byline appeared for nearly two decades. Today she conjures recipes and rejoinders as Food for Thought on Seattle NPR-affiliate KNKX.



**Dick Stein** has been with KNKX since January 1992. His duties include hosting the morning jazz show and co-hosting and producing the Food for Thought feature with Nancy Leson. He was writer and director of the three Jimmy Jazzoid live radio musical comedies and 100 episodes of Jazz Kitchen.

## TONIGHT'S AUCTIONEER



**Jeff Kingsbury, Stokes Auction Group, Seattle.** Jeff is an actor and director who specializes in musical theatre. His work has taken him all over the country, and he has appeared in over 150 plays and musicals. As an auctioneer, Jeff has helped raise funds for JDRF chapters in Kelowna, BC, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Central New Jersey, as well as the American Heart Association, Colorado Epilepsy Foundation, The Pacific Symphony (Orange County), The Amarillo Symphony, and many others.



# TONIGHT'S FEATURES

## PANOWICZ JEWELERS MYSTERY BOX RAFFLE



PANOWICZ  
*Jewelers*

Purchase a \$50 'flashy' ring and enter to WIN the Panowicz Jewelers' Mystery Box Raffle. We won't tell you what the spectacular jewels are yet, but the winner can choose earrings, a necklace or a ring. This selection includes an assortment of

diamonds, gold, and pops of color - there is something to suit every jewelry style and fashion sense! All the pieces are exquisite and will be a hit for whoever wins and gets the thrill of unveiling each surprise piece while making their selection. Each piece is valued at over \$2,000.

## DESSERT DASH



***Nothing is sweeter than making a difference!*** As a table, place a collective bid for one of the amazing desserts available this evening. Your Table Host will coordinate the bid on the form marked "Dessert Dash."

Our auctioneer will announce the tables in winning order and **the highest bidding table gets first choice of the desserts.** So bid high to ensure your pick of the delicious choices. All of the desserts tonight have been created by **Abby's Cookies and Cupcakes** and **Miss Moffett's Mystical Cupcakes.**

**Thank you to our Dessert Dash Sponsor:**



# **AUCTION RULES**

## **GENERAL AUCTION RULES**

We request that all items be removed the night of the auction unless otherwise indicated. Please pay particular attention to all conditions and expiration dates on items and services. Gift certificates do not include tax or gratuity unless noted. Unless otherwise stated, all items and services must be claimed and used by February 10, 2019.

## **LIVE AUCTION**

When bidding, hold your paddle high and toward the auctioneer. The highest bid acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the successful bid, thereby obligating the bidder to purchase the item. The auction clerk will record the successful bidder, and this will serve as the official record.

## **CHECK OUT**

At the conclusion of the evening, you may retrieve your items at checkout. Payment may be made by check or VISA/MasterCard/American Express. Upon payment, auction certificates for services and tangible items not displayed will be provided to you. All item sales are considered final. There will be no exchanges or refunds.

All items are to be considered "as is, where is," with no warranty or guarantee provided by United Way of Thurston County.

# #1 — A MARINERS & WOODINVILLE WINE WEEKEND

On Saturday, March 31, you and three guests will enjoy 100-level tickets to Seattle Mariners vs. Cleveland Indians - we've also covered your parking at Safeco Field! Following the game, head on over to the chic Purple Café and Wine Bar in Woodinville with a \$250 gift card to allow you to enjoy their seasonal menu. After a delicious meal, end the evening at luxurious Willows Lodge, where you'll relax in two Northwest-style rooms, a rejuvenating spa, and proximity to award-winning wineries.

**Special Thanks: Olympia Federal Savings**

**Value: \$1,050**



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## #2 — WIN ‘GRANDPARENTS OF THE YEAR’ AWARD

We’ve pulled together the dream family package for you and your loved ones!

Your adventure begins at **Great Wolf Lodge**, where you’ll enjoy a two-night stay in Majestic Bear Suites for six, breakfast each morning in the Loose Moose & waterpark access for all six guests.

In the **Young Pastry Chefs** experience, hosted by North Thurston Public Schools Director of Nutrition Services, up to 8 kids will learn to make two kid-friendly pastries like Savory Monkey Bread or Stuffed Sandwiches. Kids will learn “What’s in the Water” with an Introduction to **Nisqually Estuary & Hands-on Beach Seining Survey**. Up to 8 participants will set up the seine net and bring it to shore, and discover and examine aquatic life.

**Be a Firefighter for a Day!** Learn about the life of a firefighter with a tour of the fire station with Lacey Fire Department, District 3 & lunch with firefighters for 8 kids.

Make a special kid’s birthday a smashing success for up to 10 kids at the **Hands On Children’s Museum!** This party includes admission for child and adult guests, an exclusive party room or space in the Outdoor Discovery Center, and gift basket from the gift shop.

**Take Them Out to the Ball Game with the Tacoma Rainiers!** Includes four Rainiers ball caps and four tickets to the Summit Club at Cheney stadium, with complimentary beverages and ballpark snacks.

**Special Thanks:** Debra Clemens and Nancy J. LaPointe  
**Value:** \$2,110



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## #3 — BONFIRE PARTY WITH LIVE 1960'S/1970'S MUSIC

Kick back around a blazing bonfire in a wooded setting while rocking to live music!

Get nostalgic with the musicians of Humor & Heart, who describe their sound as 1960's and 1970's pop/rock/TropRock originals with a "wee bit o'Celtic."

Enjoy delicious smoked chicken or pork and your choice of beer or wine for up to 12 people.

**Special Thanks: Navigate Financial and Jessica Jensen Law**

**Value: \$1,800**



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## #4 — TOTTEN INLET BBQ FOR EIGHT

Imagine some spring or summer evening when a BBQ seems in order. Your party of 8 will drive out to the Leonard house on the Steamboat Island Peninsula and you'll be treated to some "bubbly" to enjoy with appetizers.

Dinner will feature both BBQ'd Ribs and Pulled Pork Sliders. You'll also be encouraged to choose some BBQ-friendly wines from Jim's 1,800-bottle wine cellar. It's going to be lots of delicious fun!

**Special Thanks: Jim and Patty Leonard**

**Value: Priceless**



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## #5 — SOUTH SOUND SAILING TRIP AND HEARTHFIRE DINNER

Enjoy a four-plus hour sailing adventure in and around Budd Inlet and the waterways of the Puget Sound aboard the crewed classic 37' SV Saorsa, hosted by Rob and Leann Campbell.

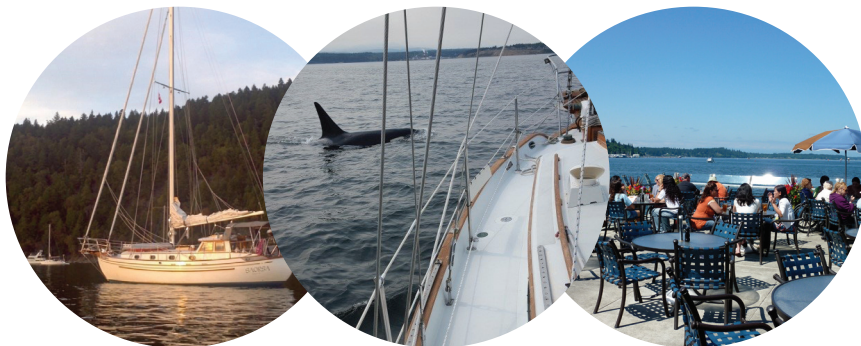
Your cruise will include a light meal, snacks and drinks. The sailing can be mild to wild depending on the weather and guests' desire!

Hands-on sailing with instruction is included in this package if guests are interested!

The trip includes a \$200 voucher for Hearthfire Grill that guests can use as part of the trip using Hearthfire's docks or can be used at another time.

**Special Thanks: Rob Campbell, Meghan Vu**

**Value: \$600**



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## #6 — RECEIVE SPECIALTY BAKED GOODS FROM CHRIS WELLS FOR A YEAR!

Chris Wells, United Way of Thurston County's new Executive Director, is known for her Kentucky Bourbon Pecan and Key Lime pies. In fact, she is a published cookbook author!

This is your chance to taste these baking delights first-hand! The highest bidder receives a specialty baked goodie - that serves 8-10 people - once a month for a year!

**Special Thanks: Chris Wells**

**Value: Priceless**



LIVE AUCTION



## #7 — PRIVATE GLACIER GUN CLUB EXPERIENCE

Located inside T Brothers Liquor Lodge, the Glacier Gun Club is a top-notch members-only facility unrivaled by any shooting range in the Pacific Northwest. They will unlock their private door after hours on a Sunday evening on a mutually agreed upon date to give you and your guests an all-access pass. You'll receive one-on-one coaching from professional instructors inside the Gun Club's six-lane pistol range, including complimentary use of the Club's pistols, as well as eye and ear protection and one box of ammunition per person.

While half of your party hones their shooting skills, the others will receive personal tours of the facility and relax in the Gatling Lounge, outfitted with plush leather chairs and a 70" flat screen TV. Then, you'll switch roles, with the other half of the party moving into the range. After you've finished shooting, you'll retire to the club's exclusive cigar lounge for cigars, whiskey, and wine.

Excludes June-September.

Expires January 20, 2019.

**Special Thanks: Glacier Gun Club and Liz Davis**

**Value: \$3,600.**



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## #8 — TEAM BUILDING RETREAT WITH ESCAPE ROOM

Experience team-building or test your family relationships hands-on by escaping a locked room where you will find clues and puzzles to try to solve the mystery and escape.

This is a half-day team-building retreat or a family reunion experience for up to 20 people.

Expires March 2019.

**Special Thanks: The Athena Group and Exit Puzzles**

**Value: \$1,800**



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## #9 — PARADE OF LIGHTED SHIPS COCKTAIL PARTY FOR 10

Ten guests will toast the start of the holiday season by viewing the Olympia Yacht Club's spectacular Parade of Lighted Ships on Budd Bay.

Take in the breathtaking vistas of Mount Rainier, the Capitol Building, and downtown Olympia from a waterfront home on West Bay Drive.

Your cocktail party for 10 includes an array of delicious food, fine wines and seasonal cocktails in a glowing, festive atmosphere. You'll end the evening on the 180-degree deck overlooking the water enjoying premium cognac and cigars.

Date: December 1, 2018 from 5:30 pm - 10 pm.

**Special Thanks: Liz Davis**

**Value: \$1,225**



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## #10 — DIAMOND PENDANT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

A beautiful diamond pendant incorporating two descending elements set with twenty-two round brilliant diamonds that pass through an open center heart-shape element.

The pendant is fitted with a 14k white gold cable chain that measures 18 inches long. Details: Measures 28.42mm tall and 11.23mm wide with a total metal weight of 2.3 grams.

**Special Thanks: Richard Hartley of Hartley Jewelers**

**Value: \$1,220**



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## #11 — DINNER WITH PROSECUTOR TUNHEIM & SHERIFF SNAZA

Back by popular demand!

Thurston County Prosecutor Jon Tunheim and Sheriff John Snaza will prepare their famous four-course dinner for 6.

Some hidden talents will be discovered from their cooking and bar tending skills. Dinner will be at the private waterfront home of Prosecutor Tunheim on Totten Inlet. You get to pick the menu and the hosts will include a featured cocktail.

You will be able to relax, take in an amazing view, enjoy a delicious meal and get to know two of Thurston County's most dedicated officials.

**Special Thanks: Prosecutor Jon Tunheim and Sheriff John Snaza**

**Value: Priceless**



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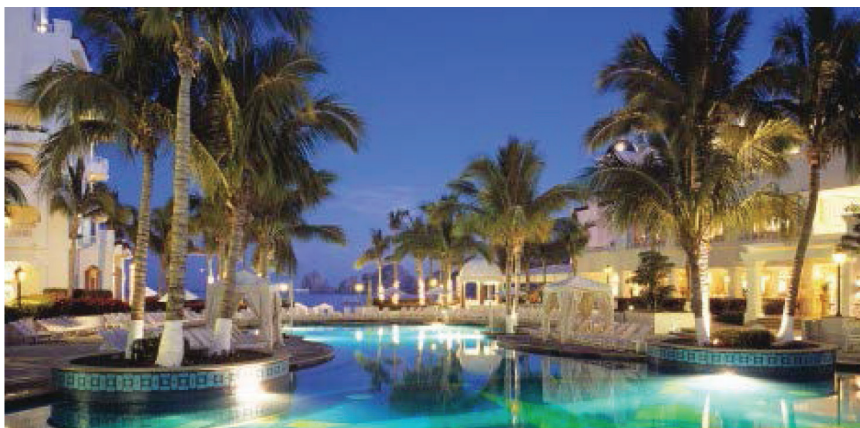
## #12 — BLISSFULLY CAREFREE CABO SAN LUCAS VACATION HOTEL & AIRFARE

One Week Stay—August 20-27, 2018 — Enjoy a seven-day vacation in a suite at Pueblo Bonito Rosé on the Baja California Peninsula. This package includes a \$600 Alaska Airlines voucher and \$100 towards housekeeping services.

Enjoy the private balcony or terrace with a pool and garden view, or request an ocean view, if you prefer. An award-winning, full-service Cabo beach resort, Pueblo Bonito Rosé offers private beach access, upscale dining, state-of-the-art fitness center, tennis courts, full-service European spa and salon, large free-form swimming pool and children's pool area, and a full schedule of resort activities ranging from aqua aerobics to Spanish language sessions.

**Special Thanks: Mike and Kathy Leonard and David Schaffert**

**Value: \$2,700**



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# FUND FROM THE HEART PADDLE RAISE

All proceeds raised tonight during the  
Fund From The Heart will support the many programs of  
United Way of Thurston County.

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financial stability of every person  
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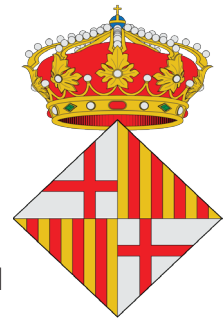
## #13 — BARCELONA, SPAIN



Set in 25,000 square meters of breathtaking gardens with unparalleled views of the stunning Barcelona skyline, Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos I provides guests with an exclusive, luxury retreat in Barcelona, Spain.

This unique, five star, urban resort is located on the prestigious Avenida Diagonal and surrounded by major attractions such as the famous Camp Nou stadium and the Barcelona Polo Club.

With 395 guest rooms and 38 suites, as well as impeccable service and unrivaled amenities, Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos I offers guests an exceptional experience in Barcelona.



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# 5 NIGHT STAY FOR 2!



Travel into the heart of Catalonia to the UNESCO-listed mountain of Montserrat. Explore Santa Maria de Montserrat, where ancient treasures await and then venture on to Spain's so-called Cava Trail for a cellar tour and cava tasting. Leave Barcelona's city sights behind you and venture into the Spanish hills for a day with this private tour.

**EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:** Montserrat and Cava Trail Private Day Trip for 2.

5 Night Stay Standard Room Stay at the Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos I in Barcelona, Spain for 2.

**Special Thanks: Straight From The Heart Committee**

**Value: \$4,600**

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## #14 — CANNABIS FARM TOUR & BUDD BAY DINNER FOR 6

Join urban farming pioneers, Doc and Yeti, for this fascinating tour of one of Washington's finest commercial cannabis grow operations.

Gain insights into the industry and get a behind the scenes look at this state-of-the-art manufacturing facility. This unique opportunity is available to one lucky winner and five friends.

After the tour, end the day dining at Budd Bay Café.

**Special Thanks: Doc & Yeti Urban Farm**

**Value: Priceless**



LIVE AUCTION

## #15 — KNKX LIVE STUDIO TOUR AND DIMITRIOU'S JAZZ ALLEY

You and a guest will attend a KNKX live studio session in Seattle for a rare opportunity to experience a world-class jazz or blues artist up close and to hear their music and stories.

Coffee and pastries are included followed by a KNKX station tour.

Also included is a \$200 gift certificate to Dimitriou's Jazz Alley in Seattle. Valid Monday through Thursday or Sunday. Reservation required.

**Special Thanks: NPR KNKX**

**Value: \$1,700**

*Photo on left Seattle's 45th St Brass, right, Hilary Gardner and Ehud Asherie. Both performed at a KNKX live studio session in November.*



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# #16 — WALLA WALLA WINE WEEKEND

Travel & Leisure Magazine named Walla Walla as one of the 50 best places in the world to travel in 2018 and here's your chance to visit this sun soaked region.

We've planned a fantastic weekend for you and three friends in Walla Walla. First stop is Pepper Bridge Winery, a family-owned estate specializing in Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Their estate vineyards, Pepper Bridge and Seven Hills Vineyards, produce some of the most sought-after grapes in the Northwest and are farmed sustainably. Begin your tour on the back patio with a view of the estate vineyards followed by a private seated tasting in the library room. A selection of small dishes will be paired with each wine by a local chef.

Next stop, enjoy a tour and tasting at Dunham Cellars, housed in a rustic, remodeled World War II era airplane hangar. The family-owned winery strives for excellence from vineyard to bottle, and sources fruit from several renowned estate vineyards in prime locations around the Walla Walla and Columbia Valley appellations. Dunham wines include Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Trutina (Bordeaux-style blend), Three Legged Red (red table wine), Riesling and Chardonnay.

By now, you'll be hungry! Passatempo Taverna will delight your culinary palette. Executive Chef Aaron Mooney offers beautiful and rustic Italian cuisine to this Walla Walla Valley gem.

Cap off your evening at the award-winning Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla's premier destination hotel known for its stunning natural beauty—with generous amounts of historic

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# WINERY TOURS, GOLF, DINING & THE MARCUS WHITMAN HOTEL

style, comfort and friendliness.

Refreshed the next morning, head to Wine Valley Golf Club for golf for four. This stunning Dan Hixson designed course unfolds on a grand scale, playing over rolling hills in the shadow of the Blue Mountains. Each hole affords multiple lines of play, ensuring a pleasant round for every golfer and a true challenge for those who seek it.

**Special Thanks:** Pepper Bridge Winery, Dunham Cellars, The Marcus Whitman Hotel, Wine Valley Golf Club and Passatempo Taverna.

**Value:** \$1,160



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# #17 — GOURMET ASIAN DINNER PARTY FOR EIGHT

Gather your friends for a fabulous, multi-course dinner party for eight at the artful home of Paul Knox and Sara Holt-Knox.

Enjoy and experience the bounty of diverse and delicious cuisines from Southeast Asian cultures prepared by your creative hosts and foodies. The dinner can occur at a mutually available time in 2018.

Expires December 30, 2018.

**Special Thanks:** Paul Knox and Sara Holt-Knox

**Value:** Priceless



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# #18 — FOUR FANCY DINNERS + FOUR FINE WINES = FOUR UNFORGETTABLE EVENINGS

Calling four wine lovers and foodies! This package includes dinners at four of Olympia's premier restaurants, including Ricardo's Steak & Seafood, Gardner's Restaurant, Waterstreet Café & Hearthfire Grill. To add to each dining experience, this package also includes four wonderful wines. You choose which to pair with each restaurant.

## **The Wines:**

1. Syrah Walla Walla Valley En Cerise Vineyard 2008,  
(96 pts Wine Spectator)
2. Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Special Selection 2010  
(96 pts Wine Spectator)
3. Reserve Walla Walla Valley 2012  
(98 pts Robert Parker)
4. Galitzine Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2014  
(100 pts Robert Parker)

**Special Thanks:** Gardner's Restaurant, Hearthfire Grill, Waterstreet Café, Ricardo's Kitchen and Bar, Mark & Joanne Koenig, Jim & Patty Leonard, Andy Stergachis and Omey & Tammy Nandyal.

**Value: \$1,720**



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## #19 — TACOMA GETAWAY: EL GAUCHO & HOTEL MURANO

We've made the tough decisions for you and came up with an easy way to spend an unforgettable weekend with friends!

How does a fun Tacoma weekend excursion for two couples sound? First, you'll enjoy a delicious dinner at El Gaucho—where guests enter a world of shimmering candlelight, classic songs on the piano, and old-school attentive tableside dinner service—with your choice of wine from a private wine collection at the restaurant. Next, a \$200 gift certificate covers admission and cocktails at the Tacoma Comedy Club.

Finally, you'll stay the night at the beautiful Hotel Murano, a luxury downtown Tacoma hotel providing a unique experience through glass art, convenient location, comfort, style and top-notch service.

**Special Thanks:** Omey & Tammy Nandyal

**Value:** \$1,500





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