

# AUCTION 2018 CATALOG

HARVARD UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

## Annual Auction and Dinner

Saturday, March 24 - Fellowship Building

*Catch that '70s Fever!!!*

This year's theme is CATCH THAT 70's FEVER. Dress up, drop in, and join your fellow UUs for another great social gathering where you can bid on fabulous events, experiences, classes, services, and treasures.

**Note: Due to the Boston March for Our Lives, this year's auction will start one hour later at 6:00 pm.**

**6:00 p.m. Doors Open & Silent Auction Begins**

*Social Event, Appetizers, and Beverage of Your Choice*

**7:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner**

**8:15 p.m. Live Auction**

**Post Auction**

**No need to rush home! Feel free to stay and socialize and maybe even shake your booty to the tunes of the 70s.**

### ***What to Bring:***

- **This Auction Catalog**
- **Your Calendar**
- **Your Checkbook** *Payment is due the night of the auction—we are unable to accept debit or credit cards.*
- **BYOB** *Because of local liquor ordinances this is a BYOB event. Feel free to bring wine, beer, or other beverage to enjoy during the evening.*

***Dinner Reservations:*** Contact Carol MacFarlane at 978-505-4370 or [carolmacfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com). Or, go to [www.harvard.org](http://www.harvard.org) and follow the link for Reservations. We greatly appreciate any donations to help defray the cost of your dinner and putting on the auction. Suggested donation: \$20.

***Volunteer to Help:*** We could still use more help and more food for the auction. Go to [www.harvard.org](http://www.harvard.org) and follow the link for Sign Up Genius to volunteer.

***NOTE:*** Remember to drop off your donations at the Fellowship Building on Sunday, March 18, preferably before but also after the church service. **THANK YOU!**

## Schedule of Events

- 6:00 p.m. Registration and Opening of Silent Auction:** At the reception table, pick-up your paddle number, which you may use for bidding on auction items. Enjoy a long social hour with your beverage and hors d'oeuvres and continue to monitor your silent auction bidding. Don't forget to check out the Raffle table!
- Food:** Please bring your fully prepared and/or precooked food to the kitchen. We are only set up to reheat dishes. Please include a list of ingredients with instructions for reheating.
- 7:15 p.m. Dinner Begins:** Find seating and continue conversation with friends. To manage flow, we ask you go to the buffet line with your table when directed.
- 7:30 p.m. Silent Auction Begins to Close:** The MC will make an announcement about time remaining to bid on Silent Auction items.
- 8:15 p.m. Live Auction Begins:** Eating, bidding, and general hilarity continue until everything is sold, about 9:30, but feel free to stay and socialize and take in a dance or two.
- Checkout** Visit the computer table, where you will receive a list of all items you purchased. Then, take the list to the Cashier to pay (by cash or personal check) and pick up your items.

## Silent Auction Instructions

**Bid Sheets:** Next to each auction item is an individual bid sheet that lists the starting bid and other useful information on how to bid for that item.

**How to Bid:**

1. Enter your paddle number and dollar bid amount on these sheets. Please **DO NOT** ENTER your name—use your paddle number only.
2. Bid as often and on as many items as you wish. It is a good strategy to return often to items that interest you, constantly checking on your last bid, in order to win the items of your choice.
3. Once we enter your bid on the bid sheet, you may not withdraw it. A bid is your obligation to buy.
4. The highest bidder on the bid sheet, at the time the Silent Auction closes, wins the item. In the case of multiple winners, e.g. "top 3 bidders", the top 3 bidders will each pay what they bid, which means they will probably all pay different amounts.

**How to Bid on Fixed-Price Items:** There are a number of fixed-price items with a maximum number of buyers (primarily dinners, classes, tours, etc.) included in the silent auction. The first people who sign up for these items win. For example, a Chinese dinner party for 20 people with a fixed price of \$40.00 per person will go to the first 20 people who sign up on the bid sheet. The early bird really does get the worm at the Auction! If a fixed price auction has different costs for adults, children, or families note how many in each category you are enrolling.

**Silent-to-Live:** If a Silent Auction item is attracting a lot of interest, the auctioneer, at his/her sole discretion, may move the item to the live auction. Silent-to-live items will be bid on early in the live auction.

**Closing of the Silent Auction:** To allow bidders to monitor multiple items, closing times are staggered by room. Rooms will close between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. The MC will announce: "The \_\_\_ room, with items in \_\_\_ categories, will be closing in 10 minutes at precisely \_\_\_ p.m." The MC will make these closing announcements in the main hall.

## Live Auction Instructions

At the conclusion of dinner, the fabulously fun live auction begins in the Sutherland Hall. Raise your paddle to place a bid. When an item sells, the winning bidder signs a form committing to buy and confirming the purchase price. Have fun. That's it!

## Proxy Bidding

We will once again offer proxy bidding. If you are unable to attend the auction, but would like to place a bid on any item, live or silent, a member of the auction committee serves as your proxy and tries to win the items you want. Your proxy receives your paddle number the night of the auction—we will bill you after the auction for any items you win.

We need the following information to place your bids: for each auction item on which you want to bid, please list the item number, the title of the item, and the maximum amount of money you are willing to bid. For each fixed price item (dinners, classes, events) we also need the specific number of adults and children you wish to register. **Proxy bidding on fixed price items will take place at 6:30 p.m., one-half hour after the Silent Auction opens.**

Please contact Darrell Wickman at [wickmandarrell@gmail.com](mailto:wickmandarrell@gmail.com), or 978 456-8081 by **Wednesday, March 21** if you are interested in placing proxy bids or if you have any questions.

## The Fine Print

1. At the Auctioneer's discretion, we will withdraw any item not sold at a satisfactory price. Please keep the spirit of the auction in mind as you bid on items.
2. The record of each sale, kept by the recorders and entered into the computer during the evening, is final.
3. It is the buyer's obligation to contact the donor **within one year** for any items not available the night of the auction. In the case of events, dinners and parties with specified dates, the donor receives a list of his/her buyers and contacts them directly.
4. If a silent auction item is attracting a lot of interest, the auctioneer, at his sole discretion, may move it to the live auction.
5. We will not accept any items donated on the day of the auction. Cash donations are always welcome!
6. Remember to take your winning auction items home with you after checking out.
7. If there is no bidder on your donated item, please take it home with you.

## Planning Ahead – The 2019 Auction Team

If helping plan and organize the auction interests you, please give consideration to being on the 2019 planning committee. There will be a sign-up opportunity during this year's auction. We are looking for people to step up and help as:

- Auction Committee Co-Chairs
- Donation Management
- Kitchen/Food
- Setup/Logistics
- Publicity
- Records Management/Bid Entry/Reporting

We look to have three-year commitments, but any time you can give is appreciated.

Contributing your time, creativity, and skills to the Annual Auction in this way makes a significant impact to our community!

## Chronological Listing of 2018 Auction Events

You can read the full description of each event starting on page 1 of the catalog.

### April 2018

Saturday, April 7	322	KIDS CAN COOK FOR AGES 6 TO 9: \$15, 4 seats
Saturday, April 28	321	KIDS CAN COOK FOR AGES 9 TO 12: \$15, 4 seats
Sunday, April 29	409	THE MINDFUL WARRIOR \$10: 20 seats

### May 2018

Saturday, May 5	323	KIDS CAN COOK FOR AGES 13 AND UP: \$15, 4 seats
Friday, May 11	312	LADIES NIGHT OUT: \$25, unlimited
Saturday, May 12	324	GEOLOGY HIKE AT TOPHET CHASM/OAK HILL: \$10/adult, \$5/child, 20 seats
Saturday, May 19	300	SINGLE BLIND WINE TASTING: \$35, 12 seats
Sunday, May 20	310	LASAGNA LUNCH FOR ALL: \$10/adult, \$5/child, unlimited

### June 2018

Week of June 2 – 9	16	SPEND A WEEK ON BAILEY ISLAND; Live item
Saturday, June 2	301	JUNE HIKE UP MT. WACHUSETT: \$10/person, \$25/family, unlimited
Saturday, June 2	304	DINE DOWN WILLOW ROAD 2018: \$100, 24 seats
Friday, June 8	305	DELECTABLE SALAD BAR LUNCHEON: \$25, 10 seats
Saturday, June 9	314	COULD IT BE THE BEER? \$40, 24 seats
Saturday, June 16	316	AN AMERICAN ELEGANCE WEEKEND OF WINE TASTING: \$50, 24 seats
Thursday, June 21	318	SOLSTICE COCKTAILS ON THE VERANDA: \$30, 16 seats
Sunday, June 24	303	NEW ORLEANS BRUNCH: \$35, 10 seats

### August 2018

Saturday, August 18	325	FIRE AND SMOKE: GROWN UP'S POOL PARTY: \$40, 12 seats
Saturday, August 18	326	TURKISH DINNER: \$60, 8 seats

### September 2018

Saturday, Sept 8	315	PIG ROAST XVI: \$25/adult, \$12/kid, unlimited
Saturday, Sept 15	302	THREE IMMIGRANT HUNGARIAN DINNER: \$50, 10 seats
Sunday, Sept 23	310	CULINARY ADVENTURE TO INDIA: \$25, 8 seats
Friday, Sept 28	308	DRINKS ON THE DECK: \$20/person, 6 seats

### October 2018

Saturday, October 13	306	FAMILY GAME NIGHT: \$15/person, \$40/family, 50 seats
Sunday, October 14	309	CLASSICAL CONCERT WITH COCKTAILS: \$30, 60 seats
Sunday, October 28	307	AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL PIANO MUSIC AND DINNER: \$115, 12 seats

### November 2018

Saturday, Nov 10	313	COOKING CLASSES AT SALTBOX FARM: \$90, 8 seats
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### January 2019

Saturday, January 26	327	BOY'S NIGHT OUT IN A MAN CAVE: \$45, 14 seats
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### February 2019

Saturday, February 9	311	FAT SATURDAY FEAST: \$100, 16 seats
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***PLEASE BRING THIS CATALOG TO THE AUCTION!***  
***(DON'T FORGET YOUR CHECK BOOK)***

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

*Thanks to the many people who have contributed to the success of this year's Auction!*

*Auction Committee: Edie Joyce, William Kellogg, and Carol MacFarlane (co-chairs), Pam & Glen Frederick, David Kendall, Victoria Andersen, Heidi Bachmann, Marcia Croyle, Jim Colony*

*RE Liaison: Susie Macrae,*

*Runner Coordinator: Michelle Catalina*

*Kitchen: Victoria Andersen and helpers*

*Auctioneer: Jim Colony*

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*Those who donate, purchase, and come to dine...*

*and finally, we are grateful to all those who helped out and "remain in our hearts unspoken."*

*Carol, Edie and William - Auction Committee Co-Chairs*