

We usually have an auction sometime the end of October or 1st of November. The auction consists of Seasonal items, handmade or purchased or nearly new items. We have had hand painted sweatshirts, ornaments, mugs, etc.. One member even made her own dog bones, for pets of course, and sold them.

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We had an auction which was a lot of fun and we made over \$100.00 We asked everyone to bring in things that they don't use but someone else may have use for them. They brought in jewelry, candy dishes, scarves, flower arrangements, books, pens (2 Cross pens) tupperwear, baskets with shampoo, conditioner, hand cream etc., glasswear etc. We had a funny auctioneer so it was a good time. Presently, we are selling chances on a surprise gift. It was donated by one of the members. She said the value is \$30.00. We will continue to sell the chances until everyone has as many as they want. \$1.00 per chance. I'm planning on having a "Silent Auction" in the future. The donated articles are displayed on the table. A sheet of paper with the name of the article and minimum bid written on and a pencil are placed in front of the article. The members go from one article to another and write their name and their offer. It's like the original auction but instead of shouting your bid, you write it down. So you really don't know what you end up with until it's over. ( Unless, of course, there is something special that you want and you just stand by it and out bid each one) Of course, you have to have several tables end to end, so it won't be too crowded.

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About four times a year we have a white elephant auction. Every member brings an item nicely wrapped and we bid on it. It can be anything--gag gifts included. As Leader I am the auctioneer. We accept checks, cash, or easy payment plan. (We have discovered since our meeting is late in the evening, the items wrapped in fast food bags go for more money.) We make about \$100.00-125.00 at each auction. We do better when we ask for donations only.

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One thing that we did was have a brown bag auction. We placed articles into brown bags and drew pictures etc. on the front to give clues as to what was inside. People bid on the bags and sometimes the competition was quite brisk. Of course the more attractive the bag the more attention it got. It turned out to be a lot of fun as well as profitable with little effort as all bags were donated and everyone had to bring at least one bag preferably more.

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One of the best fund raisers we have had is a white elephant auction. Have members bring wrapped things and have someone be the auctioneer and have fun. We have done this a number of times and it helps a lot to raise a decent amt of money. Hope this helps.

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Our chapter has an annual craft auction within our own chapter. Everyone brings different items that they have made or bought over the previous year and we take one meeting time to have our auction. I think the most anyone paid for any one item was about 15 dollars, and most were only 2 or 3, but we were able to raise about 200 dollars

this way! We also put in 25 dollars monthly from our dues, etc, for SRD, and we save upc's from certain brands to turn in to our local grocery store and they pay us for them. I don't know the details of the deal with the grocery store, but it might be something you could do in your area too. Good luck!

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Basket Auction- Each member buys a basket and fills it with stuff (like sample bath items, etc) or can purchase one that is already filled. Bring it to the meeting and members bid on baskets.

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Auctions - We decide a theme, such as St Patrick's Day. Everyone brings in a item that is green, wrapped in green as pretty or creative as it can be. A dollar amt is discreetly written on the bottom so the auctioneer does not o over the dollar amount. The prettier they are the more money they bring in. (no food items please)

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We all brought in a wrapped gift (chapter decides what the value should be). Each week we picked a gift and auctioned it off. Members bid on it by stating # of pounds or portion of pounds they would lose for the next week. Ex: bid could be for 3/4 pound and if someone else bid 1# and someone else bid 2 # and that was the highest bid, then that member got to take the gift home for the week. If that member returned the next week and lost the 2#, he or she got to unwrap and keep the gift. If member didn't lose what they bid, they had to pay \$1.00 into chapter treasury. If they didn't weigh in the next week, they had to give it up and pay \$1. We started out auctioning just one gift each week but it was so popular that we went to 2 gifts per week. As the gifts were depleted, members took turns bringing in more. Our chapter did this for about 4 months and our treasury swelled by \$30 but a lot of people lost weight too. You could have a separate auction for KOPS if you have enough in your chapter. We had only 1 KOPS so she bid along with everyone else. It was a lot of fun.

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**brown bag auction:** Each member brings in a brown bag with something in it. Can be something worth something or a gag . Each member has a chance to bid on each bag with the highest bidder buying that bag.