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Please see the inside of program for silent auction items and the many businesses who donated items.



RNeighbors

Rochester's Neighborhood Resource Center

Providing tools to grow GREAT neighborhoods

Thank you for joining us for the 4th Annual RLUau fund raiser for RNeighbors. It is through community support, like yours, that we are able to provide tools for neighborhoods to grow.

Created in 2001, RNeighbors has served as a community nonprofit resource center for neighborhoods.

In 2010 RNeighbors has been able to provide resources and sponsor events to support Rochester neighborhoods. Some of our accomplishments this year include:

- Helped to organize three new Neighborhood Associations including Homestead, Friends of Indian Park, and Manor Park using the RNeighborhood Toolkit.
- RColorful Corners organized over 250 volunteers to brighten up Rochester streets with 4 mural repaints and 1 new mural.
- RNeighborWoods planted 660 boulevard trees with the help of more than 650 volunteers.
- Helped the "A Litter Bit Better!" campaign rally 3,500 volunteers to collect over 24,600 lbs. of litter.
- Continued to increase neighborhood visibility and awareness in events like Chalk the Block, Rochesterfest parade and National Night Out.
- Served as an organizer to address public safety concerns in the grassroots Neighbors for Safety effort which has evolved into the Citizen Advisors for Public Safety group.
- Greened up Rochester over 1,000 neighbors in the Think Green Fair.

RNeighbors is a nonprofit managed by a Board of Directors and one full-time staff person. Partly funded by the City of Rochester, the remainder of our operating budget comes from grants and donations, especially those brought in by RLUau. With limited resources we continue to accomplish great things! Join us on facebook and at our website RNeighbors.org to learn more and see photos from the evening.

RNeighbors and Rochester neighborhoods thank you for joining us at this tropical celebration!

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A Night Out with RNeighbors

EVENING'S SCHEDULE

6-8:30 pm
Food and Silent Auction

6-6:45 pm
The Nodding Wild Onions - Music

6:45-7 pm
Hula Lessons
Former Mayor Hazama
International Dance Studio

7:30-7:45 pm
International Dance Studio

7:45-8:15 pm
Neighborhood Feud
Denny Hanson, City Council
President

8:30 pm
Close Silent Auction

8:45 pm
Heads or Tails

9 pm
Silent Auction Checkout

9 pm-Close
The Nodding Wild Onions - Music



6-8:30 pm

SILENT AUCTION



1. It's a Kid's Picnic
Kids wooden picnic table, wooden puzzle, garden themed chess set
Donated: RNeighbors
2. Sparkling Light
Opulent Vodka night table lamps
Donated: Jeff Ellerbusch
3. Listen to the Music
2 tickets to Music of the Masters and 2 of their CDs
Donated: Choral Arts Ensemble
4. Desk Delight
Desk organizer and office supplies
Hand Crafted by René Jones Lafflam
5. Scrub, But Don't be Bad to the Earth
Bucket of natural cleaning products, crocheted dish cloths
Donated: Lily Bud Naturals
6. Rochester in Ink
24 x 18 framed sketch of Rochester by Bruce Loeschen of Loeschen Art. Autographed and donated: Mayor Ardeall Brede
7. It's A Dog's Life
Dog bed, blanket, toys and treats
Donated: Heather Peterson
8. Spam-a-Lot
Bucket of Spam products, collectibles and memorabilia
Donated: Renee and Rich Pavek
9. Pamper Your Pooch
Basket of doggie treats and toys
Donated: Aaron Stelpflug
10. Meow Mix
Basket of kitty treats and toys
Donated: Aaron Stelpflug
11. Brown Bag It
Bagolita Purse, clutch and handcrafted purse hanger
Donated: Marlene Jenke and Kazos Designs
12. Cuppa Joe on the Go
Gift card from Bravo Express, coffee mugs and clock
Donated: Michon Rogers
13. Baby, It's Cold Outside
Crocheted baby afghan, snow suit, crocheted musical clown, and baby shears for first haircut
Handcrafted by Judy Stern

14. A Light in the Storm
Royal Dalton crystal hurricane candle holder and candle
15. Two Fine Wines
Two bottles of Cannon River Winery Wine. Donated: Bob Sixta
16. Art All the Time
Family Membership and "Failure", a book by Minnesota artist Chris Larson
Donated: Rochester Art Center
17. Sweet Baby
Handmade baby sweater, soap, baby powder. Handcrafted: Cassie Runke
18. Fore!
Golf shirt, golf balls, water bottle, 4 Golf passes for Rochester Courses
Donated: Shooting Star Casino, Park and Recreation Department
19. Tee Time
Windshirt, hat, 4 Golf passes for Rochester Golf Courses
Donated: Shooting Star Casino, Park and Recreation Department
20. Wolf Pack
Two Timberwolves t-shirts, key chain and bobble head
Donated: Minnesota Timberwolves
21. Run With the Pack
Mini autograph basketball, autographed program, stocking cap, t-shirt and key chain
Donated: Minnesota Timberwolves
22. A Night with the Wolves
Autographed basketball, 2 tickets to Timberwolves game in December
Donated: Minnesota Timberwolves
23. Raptor Gear Up
Autographed picture of Tubby Smith, Gopher Basketball coach, UofM Rochester sweatshirt, can cooler
Donated: Michon Rogers, Shjon Podien Children's Foundation, Bob Suk
24. Mmmmm...Butter and More
\$60 gift card to Ferndale Market in Cannon Falls, \$20 gift card to Great Harvest Bread, 4 lbs of Good Food Store Hope Butter. Donated: Bob Sixta
25. Tack It Up
Repurposed Bulletin Board
Handcrafted by René Jones Lafflam
26. Play Time Together
Membership to Family Y, hacky sacks, tote bags, water bottles, lanyards
Donated: Rochester Family Y, Public Health

27. Editor's chair
Fold up lawn chair in bag
Donated: Post Bulletin Company
28. Around the Campfire
Folding camping chair and quilt
Donated: Home Federal Bank, RSVF
29. Romance, Wine and the Great Outdoors
Wicker picnic basket, quilt and bottle of Lanesboro wine
Donated: Judy Stern
30. Felted Fashion-ista
Felted purse and lip balm
Handcrafted: Cassie Runke
31. A Historic Vintage
Friends of Mayowood wine and glasses, history books, year family membership to the History Center
Donated: Olmsted County History Center
32. I Can See U
Case of glass cleaner
Donated by City Auto Glass
33. Nap time for Care Bear
Care Bear quilt, stuffed bear
Donated: Michon Rogers, Judy Stern
34. Soap and Suds
Cosmetic bag filled with herbal soaps
Donated: Think Green Fair Vendors
35. A Night Away with a Show and Cookies, Too
One night at Rochester Double Tree Hotel, 2 tickets to 2010-11 Mainstage Show at Civic Theater
Donated: Double Tree Hotel and Rochester Civic Center
36. Zesty Goodies
Box of goodies including spices, etc.
Donated: ZZest Culinary Market
37. A Norwegian Holiday
2 tickets to Minnesota Dance Theater of Nutcracker Fantasy December 2010, 1 dozen lefse, 1 dozen krumkake, and 1 dozen rosettes
Donated: Minnesota Dance Theater and Wayne Flock
38. A Night Out at the Cinema
2 movie passes to Cinemagic Theater, \$10 to Famous Dave's
Donated: Cinemagic Theater and Famous Dave's



39. Rain Garden Package
Raingarden party, 1 hour raingarden design consultation, seeds, magnets and stickers
Donated: Public Works Department and Sargent's
40. Compost It
Compost bin
Donated: Olmsted County Waste
41. I Like to Ride My Bicycle
Re-furbished "Holiday Impala" cruiser from way back when
Holiday stores sold bikes
Upcycled: Anna and Eric Reeve
42. Tea Time with Neighbors
China tea set, tea and cookies
Donated: René Jones Lafflam
43. Big Picture in the Big City
Photography session valued at \$200 in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro area. Donated: Tom Conlon Photography, Minneapolis
44. Ice Cream Social
6 glass dishes with dessert toppings
Donated: Michon Rogers
45. Americana in Concert
2 tickets to Civic Theater Americana
Donated: Rochester Civic Theater
46. Shopping @ Tar-Jay
Wheeled tote bag, \$30 Target card
Donated: Target South, Judy Stern
47. An Evening Out
2 tickets to Rochester Symphony Orchestra Concert, soy candle and \$100 card for The Restaurant
Donated: Rochester Symphony Orchestra, Caffes Family – The Restaurant
48. It's All in the Cap
Robins Egg bottlecap necklace
Donated: Wild Apple Design, Jennifer Fairchild Paulson
49. You're a Character and so is Greg
A caricature drawing of you by local artist Greg Wimmer, RColorful Corners muralist
Donated: Greg Wimmer
50. It's a Hoot
Adorable owl Themed handbag, Bags by Collette
Donated: Crystal Merkel
51. What's Cooking
Cookbook by Jennifer Wood
Donated: Crystal Merkel

52. In The Groove
Groovy Nally and Millie shirt, size medium
Donated: The Crate Inc., Marriott
53. Eye of the Tiger
Tiger's Eye Pendant
Donated: Amy Bibcau
54. Tree of Life
Hand stamped brass pendant
Donated: Marcie Jane Designs
55. Gone Hunting
Wooden crafted photo album
Donated: Studio 253, Dennis and Shelley Matthiesen
56. How Do You Spell Relief?
Antique glass dish full of stress relief bath products
Donated: Scrub Your Butt Soap Co.
57. Scrub Your Stinky Hippie Butt
Stinky Hippy products made from good stuff, one of our favorites!
Donated: Scrub Your Butt Soap Co.
58. It's All In The Bubbles
All natural bath products
Donated: Bubbles by Brooks
59. Take Me Out To The Ballgame
8 x 10 print in honor of the Twins 50th Season (autographed by Tony Olivaretired) and official baseball from the 1991 World Series
Donated: Minnesota Twins, Bob Suk
60. Play Ball in Purple
A Vikings winter jacket autographed by Adrian Peterson, size large and autographed picture of Percy Harvin
Donated: Minnesota Vikings, Shjon Podien Children's Foundation, and Bob Suk
61. Pastel Tool Time
Handyman/Handywoman tool tote
Donated: Jason Schilling
62. Corn. Not Just for Dinner.
Corn-Hole yard game
Handcrafted: Jeff Ellerbusch
63. Southwest Salsa
Outta the Barn salsa and more.
Donated: Susan Waughtal
64. Brede and Burgers
Lunch for 4 with Mayor Brede
Donated: Mayor Brede, Canadian Honker Restaurant

65. Leaf it to Jacob
One potted Ginkgo tree, City Forester's planting assistance, RNeighborWoods toolbelts & t-shirts
Donated: Whittings Nursery; Jacob Ryg, City Forester
66. Harvest Time
Goodies donated by the Rochester Downtown Farmer's Market
67. U-Bake in the AM
Tea, jam, pnut butter, \$5 at U-Bake
Donated: U-Bake
68. Sips from Scenic Valley
Apple and Cranberry Wine
Donated: Michon Rogers
69. Glitchy petals
Mixed-media, assemblage compiled from salvaged computer and watch parts with antique buttons
Upcycled by Jeff Kiger
70. Autumn at Kismet
Assortment of home décor items and \$20 at Kismet. Donated: Kismet
71. Pond Talk
2 tickets to the 2011 Rochester Pond and Garden Tour. Water garden design consultation/ rainwater harvest assessment and estimate. Donated: Pond and Garden Tour Steering Committee and Whitewater Gardens
72. Drink in Garvin Heights
Wine glasses, bottle of Bluff Country Red and St Urho Blush wine
Donated: Bob Sixta
73. Rain, Rain Don't Go Away
Rainbarrel handpainted by Rochester middle school students. Some assembly required.
Donated: RPU, Roch Public Works
74. Hulla Lessons/Party
A Hula party for you and your friends, teaching the basics of Hula and an actual Hula choreography. Perfect for a women's group or a child's birthday. Donated: International Dance Studio
75. 76, Good Puck (I&II)
Hockey puck signed by Tom Chorske and Neal Broten. Donated: Shjon Podien Children's Foundation
77. Quarry Hill Fall Festival Fun
Raffle and activity tickets for the September 18 Fall Festival
Donated: Quarry Hill



6-8:30 pm
**SILENT
AUCTION**

THE ARTS

A. Minnesota History Center
4 free admission passes to MN
History Center valid at numerous
historical sites in Minnesota

B. Old Log Theater
Gift letter good for 2 theater tickets
at the Old Log Theater In Excelsior

C. Rochester Art Center
1 year family membership to
Rochester Art Center

D. Ordway Center for the
Performing Arts
Gift Certificate redeemable for 2
tickets to one: Upcoming TARGET
World Music Series performances

E. Commonweal Theater Co.
4 tickets to Commonweal Theater in
Lanesboro

F. Minnesota Opera
Voucher for 2 tickets to "Mary
Stuart" on 1/29/11, 2/1/11, 2/3/11,
2/5/11 or 2/6/11 performance

THE ARTS

G. The Southern Theater
2 tickets for the 2010/2011 season
at the Southern Theater in
Minneapolis, Mn

H. Stages Theatre Company
Certificate for 4 tickets during the
2010-2011 season at the Stages
Theatre in Hopkins, MN

I. Chanhassen Dinner Theater
2 pair of tickets for dinner and show
for two in Chanhassen, MN

J. 2010 Renaissance Festival
2 tickets to the MN Renaissance
Festival

K. Jawaahir Dance Company
10 week session beginner dance
lessons in Minneapolis, MN.

ASSORTED GIFT CERTIFICATES

L. Brother's Bar & Grill
2 - \$10 gift certificates

M. Whiskey Creek
4 - \$10 gift cards

N. Salon Chic
\$25 gift certificate

O. Silver Lake Canoe
\$30 gift certificate for canoe,
paddle boat or bike rental

P. Bakery Barn, Zumbrota, MN
\$25 gift certificate

Q. Personalized Assistance
2 hours of service from Personalized
Assistance, LLC
Customized assistance for seniors,
friends and loved ones in
Rochester, MN

R. Creative Costumes & Clothes
Like our tree costume? Costume
rental, creation, and alterations
\$50 gift certificate

S. Counterpoint
University Square Shops
\$50 gift certificate

T. Wehrenberg Theater
\$25 gift card

U. U – Bake
Frozen bread and cookie dough
\$25 gift card

V. Whistle Binkies On The Lake
\$100 gift card

W. Wine Tasting Party
Enjoy time with 10-12 neighbors
compliments of Apollo Liquor



ENTERTAINMENT

NODDING WILD ONIONS

This local band is made up of a variable group of musicians, committed to crossover blues as both a genre and a philosophy.

The band is named after "Allium cernuum," the pesky endangered onion species once found at what is now the bottom of Chester Woods Lake.

For the RLUau, the NWO will consist of professional musicians Laurie Helmers (lead vocals), Joe Mish (bass), and Roger Nelson (lead guitar and vocals), along with Randy Crawford (rhythm guitar and vocals), Mike McMullin (trumpet, rhythm guitar, harmonica, and vocals), and Phil Wheeler (finger-style guitar and vocals), each of whom has been paid to play music on at least one occasion.



SHAIA DANCE COLLECTIVE

Shaia (sha-ee-ah) is a Romany – Basque Gypsy word for Sister. Our Rochester, MN based group consists of professional and semi-professional Middle Eastern dancers.

Their styles range from Classical Egyptian to Tribal Fusion, and everything in-between including Hula.

Based out of Rochester International Dance Studio, they offer classes and lesson/parties for adults and kids.



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