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From: WSDW Scholarship Committee and Ways and Means Committee

Re: Scholarship Auction, Fund-A-Scholarship, Silent Auction, Bench Raffle, Gift Card Tree & Door Prizes

Dear County Presidents & Secretary's:

Fall is fast approaching and it is time to start thinking about the annual Washington State Dairy Women's (WSDW) Auctions, Raffles and Door Prizes for our Annual Dairy Industry Meeting and Trade Show to be held at the Yakima Convention Center in Yakima on Monday and Tuesday November 6-7, 2017.

Each year at Convention, the WSDW has five fundraising events: **Scholarship Auction**, and **Fund-A-Scholarship**, our live auctions, goes totally towards funding the scholarship program. Because the Dinner Auction will be held the first night (Monday) of Convention, early notification of your donations will help the auction go smoothly and also give us time to recognize your generous support.

**WSDW Scholarship Auction:** we are asking that each county donate an item or items valued at approximately \$50.00 or more for this WSDW Scholarship Auction. Last year was fantastic! We were able to award Three (3) \$2,000.00 WSDW scholarships and one (1) Washington State University scholarships to some very deserving young people. Without the participation and enthusiasm of the people of the dairy industry we would not be able to do this. Larger items for Scholarship Auction would be ideal and may be easier to sell. We would like to hold the number to 40 items. Some of our vendors and the Washington Dairy Federation members also donate to our auction. This auction will be held on Monday, November 6, the first day of the convention. **Please no liquor in any SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION items.** Please bring items as soon as possible so we can get them displayed and catalog.

**Fund-A-Scholarship:** will be for any individuals, company, vendor, or county unit to pledge an amount of money to be donated to the Dairy Women Scholarships. Both the Scholarship Auction and Fund-A-scholarship will be held **Monday November 6, in the evening of the first day of the convention.** If you're county or you would like to donate to the Fund A Scholarship prior to the convention, please let Darlene know so you will be recognized at the time of the auction.

**Bench Raffle:** New this year, the Washington State Dairy Women Committee has a beautiful "**Handmade Iron and Trekwood Bench**" made by the Stanwood FFA member that will be raffled off at the end of this year's convention. (Bench is 6 foot long.) **Tickets are 3 for \$5.00.** The bench raffle is replacing the Quilt Raffle this year.

**Silent Auction, Gift Card Tree and the Bench Raffle:** This year the Promotional/Ways and Means fundraiser will again have the silent auction, gift card tree and the bench ticket sales. At last year's auctions we have

some items placed in baskets, which was a lot of fun and went over wonderful. **Silent Auction:** We are asking each county unit to bring one or more silent auctions items value at least \$35.00 or more. These auction items can be filled with a “theme baskets” items representative of your county. **Gift Card Tree:** We are asking each unit to please bring 2 ~ \$25.00 or more gift cards with the activated receipt taped on each card and your units name on the envelope. The silent auction, gift card tree and the bench raffle will go into our dairy women’s general fund. Tickets for the **Bench and Gift Card Tree Raffles are 3 for \$5.00** and winners will be drawn on Tuesday, the last day of the convention.

With all raffles if someone from your unit wished to buy tickets that cannot come to the convention, please collect the money and their names and phone number, and give them to Darlene De Groot at the convention so they can be deposited in for the drawing. You may sell them to anyone, friends, neighbors and family alike. We will have tickets available at the convention to buy.

**This year we cannot sell any SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION items with liquor. We can have alcoholic beverage in our SILENT AUCTION,** due to the permit requirements of the Washington State Liquor Board. Please mark each donated item, telling us if it is for the Scholarship Auction or Silent Auction. Please attach the form with the name of the item, donor, value, minimum bid, and a description of the gift. (Attached is the form that we would like you to use). If you would be so kind to **email this form back to Darlene De Groot** at [darlenedegroot@gmail.com](mailto:darlenedegroot@gmail.com) as the auction will be the first evening of the convention, we would appreciate that. This way we can get some of the items catalog before the auctions, as we will have less time to set items out for selling, as the Scholarship Auction is the first night of the convention. The Silent Auction bidding will close on Tuesday, the final day.

Each county is also to bring **only two door prizes** to be given out at our Dairy Women meetings during the one day meeting on Tuesday. Please bring them to the meeting or mark item so we know it is a door prize.

Any question contact: Darlene De Groot 360-825-1042 or email: [darlenedegroot@gmail.com](mailto:darlenedegroot@gmail.com)

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We would like to have pictures of your items so we can share them on our Facebook page to let everyone know what items will be sold. This is for Scholarship and Silent auctions. Please send them to??????

Attached is the form needed for your items that will be donated. Please copy them off and put them with the correct auction. If we have too many items in any one auction we may have to move some items to the other auction. I hope that will be OK with you all.

LET’S MAKE THIS YEAR’S AUCTION THE “BEST ONE YET”!!

**REMEMBER Scholarship and Fund A Scholarship Auction will be the first night November 6.**

Sincerely yours,

Darlene De Groot  
WSDW, Treasurer

LaVonne Boogerd, Chairperson  
Promotion/Ways and Means Committee, Chair

Helen Kemp, Chairperson Scholarship Auction