Here’s Just One of Many Unique Items

Whether you’re a wine aficionado or just like an occasional glass of whatever’s being poured, here’s an interesting and unique item full of delicious goodness that will be part of a package going on the block at the Feb. 7 and 8 All Charities Weekend (ACW).

Sherwin Family Vineyards, a family-owned Napa Valley estate in the Spring Mountain district, is the only winery in the country certified to bear the American flag. That means the 12-liter bottle of their fine estate cabernet included in the February 8 “Big Steaks, Big Cabs, Big Art and Big Hearts!” Live Auction package is a rare gem, and the wine has been shared by many presidents and senators from Alaska to Mar-a-Lago. The special commemorative bottle, which also features the All Charities logo and 2020 theme “Making Miracles Happen,” supports military service members through Folds of Honor as well as several other charities throughout the country. (And BTW, 12 liters is the equivalent of 16 regular bottles!)

Whoever purchases the collector’s item at the February 8 Gala and Live Auction will also be the host at a steak dinner for 30 on April 20 at the newly renovated Key Largo Anglers Club (think “mouthwatering ribeyes cooked on Himalayan salt blocks” prepared by Chef Jon). The biggest decision that evening will be whether to open and share the big bottle or go with the case and a half of “regular” bottles included in the package (or the third option: “All of the above”).

Artist at work: The winner of the steak dinner party will also be the proud owner of a 50” x 39” giclee entitled “In God We Trust.” The painting’s creator, renowned wine artist Thomas Arvid, will be present at the Community Wine Tasting & ACW Silent Auction at Carysfort Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. the evening of February 7 artist-retouching the piece. Thus, while you are sipping and choosing the Members’ Choice wines for next season, you can study the artist at work. Tickets for the wine tasting are $25 at the door, so everyone can raise a glass to ACW 2020 while raising funds for a great cause.

Don’t like grapes? There’ll be other beverages going on the block, too, all under the category “Cheers!” Or if those aren’t your thing, you will find something to pique your interest among the additional auction categories, “Amazing Adventures,” “Art & Antiques,” “Family Affair,” “Gourmet Gatherings,” “Indulgences & Practicalities,” a bucket raffle and the exciting and fun “First Dibs.” You can read all about them when the auction catalog comes out in next week’s Ocean Reef Press.

All Charities’ purpose: In the mid-2000s, Ocean Reef was overwhelmed by the number of fundraisers each season (over 27). Thus organizers conceived of a combined fundraising effort that has evolved into ACW. In the years since, All Charities has raised over $38 million, benefitting The Reef’s Medical Center, Cultural Center, Art League, Academy, ORCAT, and the Ocean Reef Conservation Association as well as the lives of thousands in Key Largo, Florida City, and Homestead through grants from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation.

Curious to know more? Contact the All Charities office at 305-367-5996 or AllCharities@oceanreef.com, or visit allcharities.org/ found.org to see the bid packages (please keep in mind, even at this late date, it is a work in progress). If you would like to take part but are unable to be present that weekend, call or email All Charities to register proxy bids.