



If you're unsure of what this auction business is all about, a refresher is in order. The City of course is our indispensable partner in maintaining healthy, competitive programs at the Green Lake Small Craft Center. But you are likely aware that the City has lots of competing priorities that require us to pitch in regularly and augment the foundation provided by the Parks Department. "Us" is the Rowing Advisory Council, Friends of Green Lake Crew--and the range of program participants. For "Rowing Advisory Council," think 'PTA.' For "range of program participants," think you, the kids, masters rowers—all of us!

We have two annual fundraisers. The juniors are the key to the fall season Ergathon. The "Raisin' of the Green" in the spring is more an adult enterprise.

Parent/adult involvement is the key to success for our 26th annual Raisin' of the Green dinner-auction at the Nile Golf and Country Club on April 6. We truly rely on your help.

The event itself is a good party—for veterans and for newcomers, so if you have not reserved your spot yet, please simply phone the office (206-684-4074), return your reservation card, or [just post us an email](#). We typically have a crowd of about 150, and we won't be twisting your arm (too hard) on the evening of.

An equally basic key to the event's success is "procurement." It's procurement that keeps us awake at night, wondering if we'll have a great supply of auction items (donated in a timely manner) If every GLC family could come up with just one item for us to auction off, our worries would be over. To get your creative juices flowing, here are some items that have proved popular in the past:

- Tickets: Could you part with some of your season tickets to the 'Hawks, M's, or Huskies? How about theater or concert tickets—will you be out of town the weekend that your tickets to the symphony or the Rep roll around?
- Lodging/Vacation/Recreation: A condo at Crystal? A beach cabin in the San Juans? It could be a great get-away weekend for another GLC supporter. How about hosting a foursome at your club. Think of it as a new "green fee."
- Food and/or beverage baskets: Seattle coffee favorites? Northwest wines? The finest regional chocolate makers? The martini basket was a tremendous hit a couple of years back!
- "Personal services": Do you cruise on Opening Day or race on Lake Union on summer evenings? Think about taking along another fan of GLC. Can you bake—and deliver—cookies on the first weekend of each month for the rest of the year? Maybe your profession is fascinating enough that another family would pay to have their kid "shadow" you for a day in 'the real world.' We've auctioned off everything from veterinary services to an afternoon observing orthopedic surgery at Virginia Mason. (We once auctioned off the coolest tour of the Chittenden Locks—by an engineer while the place was "dry" and under repair.)
- Hardware or software: Got a discount at the Microsoft store? Have a friend at Apple? We'll be auctioning off something cool and electronic, but there's always room for more!
- The sky really is the limit: Can you send someone on a hot air balloon ride? Kenmore Air? Got a relative who teaches flying?  
(One committee member is still mad at his wife for not buying the glider ride a couple of years ago!)

We're sure you can come up with something at least as good as any of these ideas. If you'd like to brainstorm with a member of the auction committee—or join us as we put on the event's finishing touches over the next ten days, just pop us an email at the link above.

**Thank you for helping keep GLC one of the nation's premier public rowing programs!**