

Education Foundation News

Foundation to raffle off \$10,000!

The District 57 Education Foundation will make someone a little richer this spring, with the Grand Prize Raffle of a \$10,000 cash prize. The winner will be drawn March 8 at Xtravaganza, this year's Casino Night fund-raiser event. Families and community members will be able to purchase tickets at school events, in the school offices and on the Foundation Web site (dist57.org/education-foundation), as well as during Xtravaganza. "Because this is our 10th anniversary year, we wanted to offer a raffle that people could really get excited about. And we knew it needed to be a special prize, because it is coming on the heels of last year's new car raffle," says Tom Lowe, Foundation chairman. "We anticipate Xtravaganza will be another successful fundraising event that will directly benefit the students of District 57."

The Grand Prize Raffle tickets are \$10 each or six for \$50. The winner need not be present the night of the drawing. The winner must be 18 or older and is responsible for all taxes. If fewer than 1,500 raffle tickets are sold, the winner will receive 60 percent of total ticket sales, not to exceed the grand prize value. For more information, contact Tom Lowe at 847.471.4000.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And thanks to all of the District 57 families that helped make 2007 an exciting and successful year for the Foundation!

With your help, the Foundation raised funds throughout 2007 that have been put to good use at all four schools, benefiting every child in the District in one way or another. This would not have been possible without the support of District 57 families. So we thank you for embracing the mission of the Education Foundation!

The Foundation has accomplished so much, but there is still a lot to do for the students of our community. That's why we ring in 2008 with many exciting plans in the works. This is the year that the Foundation will celebrate its 10th anniversary. To mark the occasion, we have launched the Decade of Giving Campaign. The goal is to bring the total amount raised to \$500,000 in time for the anniversary this spring. There will be many opportunities to be part of this endeavor, primarily the Xtravaganza fund-raiser and \$10,000 raffle.

We look forward to working with you, the committed families that make District 57 so great, to bring the Foundation's exciting goals to life throughout 2008!

Buy Xtravaganza tickets online!

Xtravaganza, the Foundation's Casino Night fund-raiser, will be held March 8 at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows. That means you have less than two months to purchase tickets and make your plans! Invitations will be mailed later this month. You can send in your RSVP by mail. **Or, for the first time, you can register to attend and purchase raffle tickets on the Foundation Web site using PayPal (dist57.org/education-foundation).**

Xtravaganza participants will be treated to Vegas-style casino games, an open bar, martini bar, dinner stations, late-night buffet, dessert bar, silent and live auctions, and live entertainment. Don't miss the fun!

Help the Foundation help our schools – donate a basket for the silent auction

District 57 parents, PTAs, staff, friends and families can help make the Xtravaganza fund-raiser a successful event, by creating a basket for the silent auction. Examples include use of a vacation home, professional services such as accounting or legal help (a simple will), personal training and photography sessions. Past examples include game, theater and theme park tickets; spa packages; a trip to Disney World and special interest themes such as golf or gardening. To donate, collect and arrange an assortment of items related to your theme (you don't have to use an actual basket) and deliver them to one of the schools by Feb. 28. Retail value should not be less than \$25. In addition, submit a form with information about the basket by Feb. 15. These forms will be sent home in the Friday packets later this month. Call Kathy Orel at 847-870-7552 with any questions.

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