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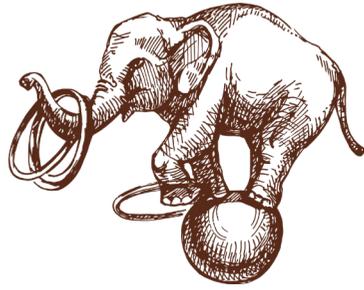
MARCH 18, 2023

ONLINE AUCTION

MARCH 15 - 22, 2023



**ONLINE CATALOG**



## **DINNER, DANCE, AND LIVE AUCTION**

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

Cocktails 5:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Live Auction and Fund-A-Future 8:00 pm

This event would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our...

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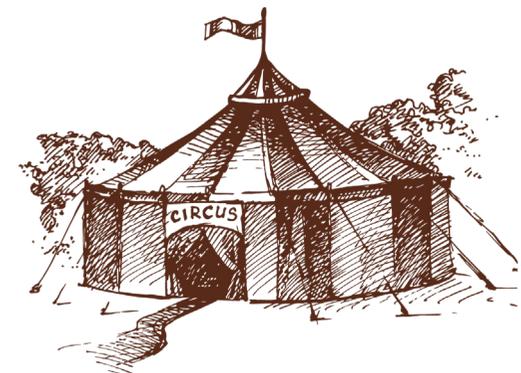
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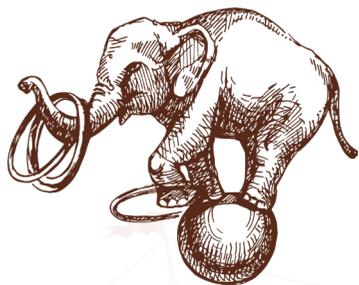
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## AUCTION CONDITIONS & LIMITATIONS

All sales are final. Menlo School assumes no liability and makes no warranties or representations of any kind with respect to any auction items or any other items available for purchase during the event.

### PAYMENT AND RECEIPT

Full payment for all purchases must be made by June 1, 2023. Checks payable to Menlo School are preferred to save nearly 3% in credit card fees. All sales are final and no exchanges or refunds are possible, including Count-Me-In purchases. Grants from Donor Advised Funds can be accepted for Fund-A-Future or auction underwriting only.

Purchaser is responsible for reviewing the auction item package upon receipt. Assume, unless otherwise stated, that all offers of services, homes, gift certificates or other items:

- May have restrictions and limitations
- Expire on March 17, 2024
- Will be mutual/donor consent
- May not be sold or otherwise used by persons other than the purchaser without the donor's consent
- Will be arranged after purchaser contacts donor
- Does not include transportation, which is the responsibility of the purchaser except where explicitly stated otherwise
- **Restrictions are non-negotiable**

### LIABILITY

Menlo School assumes no liability and makes no warranties or representations of any kind with respect to any item sold through the Menlo Online and Live Auction or its related activities. Generous parents, faculty and community members have donated items to our auction. We have attempted to describe these items correctly and to work around known school calendar



## AUCTION CONDITIONS & LIMITATIONS CONTINUED

dates. We apologize for any errors, changes or omissions. All items are sold as is. All items offered in this catalog are restricted to registered members of the Menlo community, unless otherwise stated. Menlo School is not responsible for the correctness or condition of any activity, service or product purchased through this auction, including but not limited to failure of delivery, failure of performance, and/or claims for personal injury or property damage.

### ITEM VALUES

Values listed on contracts are estimated by the donor and are not warranted by Menlo School. Purchaser should consult with their tax advisors regarding IRS regulations. Only the portion of the purchase amount that exceeds the value of the auction item may be deducted as a gift to Menlo School.

### LIVE

These auction items will be available for bidding during the auction dinner party on March 18. Pick your favorite and plan to invite your friends or form a bidding team in advance to gain a competitive edge!

### SILENT AUCTION

Silent Auction is a small collection of exclusive items available only at the auction. These items are available for bidding and buying on March 18. Bidding opens when the first cocktails are served, so come early or designate your proxy bidder. Bidding closes at 9:30 pm sharp!

### DONATION DRAWING

Who says your vote doesn't count? Buy your Donation Drawing tickets (\$100 for 5 tickets, \$25 for one ticket) and vote for the item(s) you hope to win by placing your tickets in the corresponding jar. Donation Drawing jars will be located in the auction registration area at the event. Winners will be announced during the live auction.

## AUCTION CONDITIONS & LIMITATIONS CONTINUED

### COUNT-ME-IN AND FIXED PRICE ITEMS

Purchasing continues until all spots are filled. Entering your bid for a ticket constitutes a commitment to pay. There are no refunds. In the event you are unable to attend, your full payment will be considered a donation to Menlo School and is very much appreciated.

If your student receives financial aid, you are eligible for FREE tickets to events that include the entire grade. The Financial Aid office will contact you after the auction. Questions? Contact Rose Garza in the Financial Aid Office at [rgarza@menloschool.org](mailto:rgarza@menloschool.org).

**Questions? Please contact Katrina Sitter at [ksitter@menloschool.org](mailto:ksitter@menloschool.org)**



# ★ LIVE ITEMS



## ESCAPE TO DEER VALLEY

Ski-in and ski-out from the ultimate luxury accommodation located at the base of Deer Valley's Silver Strike Express Chair lift and ski valet! Fuel up for a day on the slopes with complimentary breakfast at the Tower Club. After your exhilarating day, enjoy Talisker Club amenities and relax in the slope-side heated outdoor pool and two hot tubs with views of Flagstaff Mountain. Families love enjoying hot chocolate or hot toddies while roasting marshmallows at the adjacent outdoor fire pit. Don't feel like making dinner in the fully-equipped designer kitchen? Drive 5 minutes to Park City's Historic Main Street where you can enjoy several restaurants and bars and explore the unique shops. Whether you ski or just apres-ski, this tastefully decorated home could be yours for 10 people for 5 unforgettable nights! Deer Valley Resort is a premier "ski only" destination known for its beautiful terrain, proximity to Park City and luxurious accommodations. See more here: <https://www.vrbo.com/2512152>.

Maximum of 10 people. Does not include lift tickets.  
Blackout dates: Holiday Break and February Break

**Value: \$17,500**  
**Donors: Meredith & Brian O'Malley**



## BRING ON THE BLING

Diamonds are most definitely a girl's best friend or a partner's best purchase when you see this gorgeous custom round brilliant cut diamond necklace in white gold by Neil Dahl Jewelers. This stunning necklace can be dressed up for a special occasion or dressed down for every day with a crisp white shirt and jeans. It is truly an elegant piece of art that you won't want to take off! The diamonds are G/H color, VS clarity, weigh approximately 7.35 total carats and are Ideal Cuts. The necklace is 18 inches long and can be shortened to any length.

But wait, that is not all! You will not stop smiling in your new stunning necklace after a professional teeth whitening package from Dahl Dental Practice.

For this necklace, Neil Dahl Jewelers will offer an exchange for a different piece of greater value and will apply the winner's bid towards the new piece with the winner paying the cost for the upgrade. Exchange must be completed before April 18, 2023.

**Value: \$24,630**  
**Donors: Neil Dahl Jewelers and Dahl Dental**



## DINNER PARTY AT PELEFÈRIC BARCELONA WITH THAN & DEBORAH

¡Salud! Imagine yourself transported to the vibrant Plaça de Catalunya in Barcelona for a private dinner party where you'll be treated to an authentic Spanish feast featuring pintxos, tapas, paella, and of course, plenty of sangria to go around. 18 friends will join Than & Deborah for an unforgettable evening at Telefèric Barcelona | Palo Alto.

This unique gastronomic experience will make you feel as if you've stepped onto Las Ramblas Mercado de La Boqueria, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the bustling Spanish marketplace. Relax and enjoy a festive evening with your friends while your hosts take care of all the details.

For 18 guests.  
Date: April 29, 2023

**Value: Priceless**  
**Donors: Deborah Blake & Than Healy, Lori & Craig Blanchard, Allison & Clint Chao, Laura & Sameer Dholakia, Ashley & Brian Dombkowski, Dulcy Freeman & Kelly Foster, Namrita & Sunny Goyal, Angie & Joe Kauffman, Darcy & Mark Leschly, Reema & Kamal Shah**



## VIP COURTSIDE TICKETS TO WARRIORS OPENING NIGHT 2023!

Be there in person to welcome the Golden State Warriors back for the opening night of the exciting 2023-2024 season! 2 spectacular VIP Golden State Warriors courtside front-row AA tickets, for the 2023 Opening Night at the state-of-the-art Chase Center in San Francisco. Includes one VIP Parking pass and access to the VIP Club for a complimentary dinner. Beer and wine will also be complimentary throughout the evening. Don't let this amazing opportunity pass you by!

**Value: \$20,000**  
**Donors: Rachael & Larry Bowman**





## A DINNER PARTY ESCAPE TO WINE COUNTRY... IN WOODSIDE

Skip the traffic nightmares on 19th Ave, the tolls on the Golden Gate Bridge, the crowds at the wineries. Let us whisk you away to Wine Country, right here in Woodside, where your hosts will deliver a magical evening that will feel like you've been transported to Napa. Sip on a specialty cocktail as you stroll through the vineyard and take in the views of the Western hills. Then partner off with your fellow guests for a friendly (or competitive?) bocce ball tournament. Finally, enjoy a gourmet 4-course meal al fresco, complete with perfectly curated wine pairings. For 16 fun-loving guests!

For 8 couples.

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Amy & Grady Burnett, Lara & Andrew Houser,  
Linda & John Knoll, Jennifer & Corey Mulloy, Nicole & Andrew Sheehan** 12

## MONDAY KNIGHT FOOTBALL WITH STEVE YOUNG

You and your favorite football fan will have the time of your lives with this priceless and unforgettable Monday Knight Football experience hosted by our very own Menlo Parent and Hall of Fame Quarterback Steve Young.

- Choice of any 2023-2024 NFL Monday Night Football game
- Pre-game and game passes for two (2) football fans. Meet-and-greet with Steve Young and his ESPN colleagues.
- Standard round-trip airfare for two (2) and 2-nights (Sunday/Monday) hotel accommodations for the chosen destination.
- Restrictions: Must be over 18 unless accompanied by a parent. This package is for two (2) members of the Menlo community only.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Barb & Steve Young**





## CASINO ROYALE - 4TH ANNUAL POKER EXTRAVAGANZA - 1/20/2024

It's time to put on your poker face and get ready to ante up. Join hosts Joon Yun & Kimberly Bazar, David & Laura Krane, Grady & Amy Burnett, Phil Deutch & Marne Levine, Bill & Heather Frauenhofer, and Sameer & Laura Dholakia in some hot hands of five-card stud. Play for fabulous prizes! No poker experience necessary, beginners to experts welcome! Cocktails and dinner for 50 people.

Number of Spots: 50

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Location: Menlo Country Club

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Kimberly Bazar & Joon Yun, Amy & Grady Burnett, Laura & Sameer Dholakia, Heather & Bill Frauenhofer, Laura & David Krane, and Marne Levine & Phil Deutch**



## ★ SILENT AUCTION

### ROSE GOLD & DIAMOND NECKLACE FROM BRIDGET KING

Beautiful rose gold and diamond octagon shaped pendant on 18” adjustable chain designed by Menlo alumni parent, Bridget King. Engraving of winner’s preference is included!

- 14K Gold
- Diamond Weight: 0.22 Carat
- Pendant Length: 5/8”
- Pendant Width: 5/8”

<https://www.bridgetkingjewelry.com/>

**Value: \$1,850**

**Donor: Bridget King Jewelry**

### BRUNCH AT MENLO TAVERN

This summer, 8 lucky people can enjoy a special a la carte brunch and bottomless Bloody Marys and mimosas while listening to live music under the “Big Top,” aka Menlo Tavern’s Pergola. You and 7 of your friends or 3 of your favorite couples will not want to miss this fun and intimate gathering. Champagne toast and light apps to start. You had me at champagne.

To be used during Summer 2023.

**Value: \$1,000**

**Donor: Greg Alden ‘90, Menlo Tavern**



## PICKLEBALL PARTY

Pickleball Party with Local Legends Joe McDonald and Mima Takemoto: join the sport craze that is sweeping the nation! Gather your group of 8 — whether pickleball pros or first-timers — for a round robin style event taught by local pickleball enthusiast and long time Menlo School athletic director and coach Joe McDonald. Coach Joe will provide all the equipment, instruction, coaching, scorekeeping, cheerleading and positive vibes you need to learn and play this exciting and learnable game that went from a backyard knockabout hobby to a sport with Olympic aspirations in the last five years. Party hosts extraordinaire and pickleball fans Laura & Akash Agarwal, Amy & Grady Burnett, Laura & David Krane and Jenn & Steve Miller will provide encouragement and cheers, as well as food and libations, for both hydration and celebration!

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 4:30-6:30pm

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Laura & Akash Agarwal, Amy & Grady Burnett, Laura & David Krane, Jenn & Steve Miller, Joe McDonald, Mima Takemoto**

## A VERTICAL OF HARLAN THE MASCOT 2014, '15, AND '16

The Mascot is a Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon made from distinct hillside vineyards; specifically, the younger vines of Harlan: BOND, Harlan Estate, and Promontory. It started out as a small project shared among the family, winemaking team, and close friends. A hedonistic blend of power and balance, The Mascot is approachable early in its life with potential to evolve well into the future. Ready to drink upon release, it will age for decades given the opportunity. Not available in stores. Don't miss your chance to add this exclusive line-up to your wine collection!

**Value: \$520**

**Donor: Nick Halsey**

## MENLO MOMS' GETAWAY TO DONNER LAKE

Round up your girlfriends to celebrate the last days of summer with this hosted 2-night stay on the beautiful south shore of Donner Lake. Feeling sporty? Learn to wake surf, enjoy a waterski or have fun tubing behind a 23' Malibu wake surfing boat. Adventure out on a paddle board and swim from your own private dock. Take a lakeside stroll or bike ride, or hike to Castle Peak with a picnic before relaxing with a little yoga, a hot tub on the deck or a massage. Feeling chill? Simply savor your book and report to the dock for cocktails and a sunset cruise. Relish in being pampered by your hosts and a private chef. Guaranteed fun with a beautiful backdrop which will feed your heart and soul.

For 6 guests.

Date: September 11-13, 2023

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Leah Bernthal, Clare Corcoran, Erin Crocker, Julie Herlihy**





# ★ PREMIER ONLINE

## 4 NIGHTS IN MONTECITO

Location, location, location! Enjoy a 4 night stay in Montecito, aka the American Riviera! This 4 bedroom, 4 bath home plus kids loft is perfect for a ladies weekend or family trip. This charming Cape Cod style home is a 5 minute walk to the Rosewood Miramar beach and a 10 min walk to either Lower and Upper Montecito villages. When you are not soaking up the sun on the beach, on a hike or dining and shopping downtown, you can enjoy the indoor/outdoor open floor plan with outdoor kitchen, fire pit, bocce court and hot tub. Enjoy a relaxing time in this beautiful home and make lasting memories with your gal pals or family members. In addition, guests can enjoy one of the following options during their stay: a round of golf for up to 4 people or Brunch for up to 8 people at the luxurious Montecito Club. <https://www.montecitoclub1918.com/>

8 people max. Available Mid July. No pets. Date Restrictions (Labor Day wknd, Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks)

**Value: \$8,000**

**Donors: Lori and Richard Blanchard**

## CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA BEACH HOUSE - 4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS

Steps to the entry of Pebble Beach, located next to the lower access gate in Carmel by the Sea, this comfortable home can be your home away from home. A minutes walk to the top of Carmel Beach, the convenience of this location will amaze you when you come for your beach vacation. Open chefs kitchen and large family/living/dining space make this home a great family spot to come spend your holidays or summers in Carmel by the Sea. Updated kitchen, two-car garage, BBQ, WiFi, flat-screen TVs.

Blackout dates: March, July, Aug, Sept 2023 and Feb 1-5, 2024

See more at: <http://hauteshelter.com/listings/gate-house/>

**Value: \$5,000**

**Donors: Allison and Clint Chao**

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE WITH EXCLUSIVE RESORTS - 7 NIGHT VACATION

Life travels fast with plenty of 'should haves' along the way. I should have spent more time with family. I should have played more, worked less. Taken better vacations.

At its best, luxury travel is effortless. Everything from where you stay to what you do should be arranged without lifting a finger. But for the discerning few, it's about more. More than staying at the finest locations. More than opulent welcome amenities. More than superior thread counts. These are mere table stakes. Boxes to check.

Introducing Exclusive Resorts, a Members-only vacation club founded in 2002, designed for families who put a premium on privacy and peace of mind. As a Member, you can relax and reconnect in the Club's 350+ residences, often located in private resorts or residential enclaves. Away from the crowds. Your own sanctuary in the world's most coveted destinations. Some might say we're the best kept secret in luxury travel.

As our valued guest, you're invited to experience a stay in one of the Club's private flagship residences.

The winner of this seven-night vacation can choose to stay in one of these Member-favorite destinations:

- Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
- Lake Tahoe, California
- Los Cabos, Mexico
- Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rica
- Real Del Mar, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- Scottsdale, Arizona
- Sea Island, Georgia
- Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Booking guidelines:

- Travel must occur by March 18, 2024 or will be forfeited
- Reservations are subject to availability
- Additional nights may be available
- Holiday weeks designated by Exclusive Resorts are excluded including Christmas, New Year's, President's Day, Spring Break, Fourth of July, and Thanksgiving

To see more information on select destinations and booking guidelines please visit: <https://www.ExclusiveResorts.com/Charity>

**Value: \$15,000**

**Donors: Julie Clugage and Richard Hardegree**

## 4 DAY/3 NIGHTS AT CANYON RANCH WOODSIDE

Just a short drive away from the hustle and bustle of Silicon Valley at the top of the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains, you'll find your path to wellbeing. Spend four days and three nights at the award-winning Canyon Ranch Wellness Resort in Woodside. During your stay, you can choose from an assortment of complimentary daily activities including fitness classes, cooking demonstrations, art classes, guided hikes, biking excursions, and wellness lectures by physicians, nutritionists, and other experts. Spend your time outdoors at the indoor and outdoor pools, take a turn on the tennis and sports courts, or meander through the hiking trails. Feeling a little hungry? Three nutritious farm-fresh meals daily, and unlimited snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are all included. You may lose yourself in the beauty of the redwoods, but you are sure to find your inner peace and serenity before returning home.

The gift certificate is for a deluxe accommodation and includes a \$200 per person (for up to two persons) total allowance toward spa, sports & wellness services. The gift certificate expires one year from the date issued and is not valid during holiday periods (please call the Reservations Department for these dates: 800- 742-9000).

Inclusions:

- Four-Days | Three-nights at the award-winning Canyon Ranch Wellness Resort in Woodside, California for two guests in shared accommodations.
- Three nutritious farm-fresh meals daily, and unlimited snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Use of all facilities including spa locker rooms, indoor and outdoor pools, tennis and sports courts, and hiking trails.
- Over 20 complimentary activities daily including fitness classes, cooking demonstrations, art classes, guided hikes, biking excursions, and wellness lectures by physicians, nutritionists and other experts.
- \$200 per person total Spa/Activity Credit and the assistance of a personal Retreat Advisor to custom design the stay!
- Complimentary on-site parking
  
- Reservations and minimum stay are required.
- Gift Certificates cannot be applied to online reservations and certificate number is required at time of booking.
- Cancellation fees apply as with standard reservations and bookings.
- Bookings may only be made within 90 days of desired arrival date.
- Multiple nights must be consecutive - if not, the remaining nights will be forfeited.
- The gift certificate will not be extended beyond the expiration date.
- Blackout dates may apply.
- Certificates are nontransferable and have no cash value.

**Value: \$6,100**

**Donor: Canyon Ranch Woodside**

## 5 NIGHT STAY AT BIG SKY, MT HOME

### (MOONLIGHT BASIN)

Ready to leave the Big Top for the Big Sky? Enjoy a 5 Night Stay in a luxurious ski-in, ski-out 3 bed, 3.5 bath (sleeps up to 8 people) 3000 sq ft luxury townhouse in the heart of Big Sky, MT. It's located in Moonlight Basin, a one hour drive from Bozeman airport. Moonlight Basin is a private community with access to Big Sky ski lifts right in the backyard. House has unobstructed stunning mountain views & immediate ski access via Moonlight Lodge to the world-class skiing at Big Sky Resort-a mountain retreat to envy. If snow sports aren't your thing, there are amazing hiking & mountain biking trails steps away in the summer months, and Moonlight's coveted community amenities minutes away. When not outside, you're engulfed in a perfect environment, with an open concept floor plan, vaulted ceilings, mountain modern finishes and timeless furnishings create the ideal place to relax and enjoy your time in the mountains. The lucky winner will work with the property manager to determine visit dates.

**Value: \$16,000**

**Donors: Catherine and Joseph Porten**

## OPPORTUNITY FOR A CAMEO IN UPPER SCHOOL MENLO SPRING PLAY

Have you ever unleashed your inner actor? Have you dared to share your flair? The Menlo Upper School Drama department is offering a cameo role in the Menlo Spring play. The chance for your claim to fame is here! You don't even have to try out!

Date: Spring 2023

**Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Steven Minning**

## LOGS TO LEISURE

Create a second life for trees whose first life ended with the 2020 CZU Fire, turning milled logs from the Santa Cruz Mountains into two beautiful Adirondack chairs! Along with your host, Menlo parent Kelly Foster, you and your family (up to 6 people) will participate in each step of the process building these special chairs from kiln-dried all heart Redwood, with craftsman joinery, stainless fasteners, and a finish of the winner's preference.

Step one is milling the logs and loading the kiln for drying. Return two months later to unload the kiln and cut the components into shape before fine shaping, sanding, joinery assembly and finishing. For anyone young or old, who likes DIY, wood and trees living an interesting second life, it will be a blast! Work takes place near Ano Nuevo in northern Santa Cruz County, where you can "mill with a view" then take home your new pair of chairs to enjoy for many years to come.

Dates to be mutually agreed upon with winner and host.

**Value: \$5,000**

**Donor: Kelly Foster**

## COASTAL AIRSTREAMS GET-A-WAY AND PRIVATE DINNER FOR 4

Exclusive use of 2 new Airstreams for 2 nights on 9 private acres on the coast between Half Moon Bay and Pescadero overlooking Tunitas Beach. Airstreams are fully stocked with power, water, grills, appliances, showers, etc. Exclusive use of the property for two nights (each Airstream sleeps 2). In addition, enjoy a chef-catered dinner for 4 while taking in the stunning view of Tunitas Beach and the Ocean.

See more here: <https://youtu.be/nHG8redHnxs>

**Value: \$4,000**

**Donors: Kristi Erickson-Roberts and Dean Roberts**

## AERO - TWO ROUNDTrip FLIGHTS SF <> LOS CABOS

Heading to Cabo? Get there in style with two roundtrip flights between San Francisco and Los Cabos on Aero. Aero is a next-generation semi-private air travel service whereby you can uniquely purchase a single seat, rather than chartering an entire jet. Enjoy spacious premium seats, private terminals with no lines or crowds, a dedicated concierge team, and curated amenities. With a seamless direct flight aboard Aero, you can minimize your time traveling and maximize your vacation time.

Terms & Conditions - This gift voucher is valid for 2 round-trip tickets on Aero booked by March 18, 2024 (subject to availability). Travel must be completed by April 18, 2024. Black out dates apply. The terms and conditions of this gift card shall be amended at any time at the discretion of Aero, and shall be binding on the guest. Unless otherwise advised: (1) All flights either arriving or departing the United Kingdom are operated by Aero FlightOps UK Ltd (company number 13163672) whose registered office is at 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU, United Kingdom; and (2) All flights within North America are operated by USAC Airways 695 LLC dba Aero Air. We will notify you as soon as possible if the air carrier operating your flight changes or is not one of the above companies. Aero Technologies Inc. acts as ticketing agent for Aero FlightOps UK Ltd., and, in the United States, as an indirect air carrier under US-DOT Part 380. All passengers are required to accept the applicable Operator Participant Agreement and/or Conditions of Carriage at the time of booking. © 2023 Aero Technologies, Inc.

**Value: \$10,000**

**Donor: Aero**

## ★ SPORTS & ADVENTURES & GETAWAYS

### I YEAR OF FREE GAS FROM SHELL

Get ready to be cruising through the year - 52 weeks of Shell gas! The winning bidder will receive 52 gift cards (\$50 each), totaling \$2,600! Keep the cards for yourself, send them with your teen driver for those quick and easy weekly fill-ups, or surprise a babysitter with an added bonus. However you use them, you'll be cruisin'!

**Value: \$2,600**

**Donors: The Goyal Family**

### WATERSPORTS ON LAKE BERRYESSA

A full weekday or half weekend day of water sports on Lake Berryessa. Fleet features two state-of-the-art Centurion Fi23 wakesurfing boats, with all the right toys: wakesurf boards, wake boards, multi-passenger tubes, and water cannons for inter-boat water wars. Each boat can comfortably hold up to 6 passengers plus driver - the winning bidder can invite a total of 12 friends and family to the event. Your on-boat hosts will be Gaby Foster (Class of 2026) and her dad Kelly Foster. Instruction available to those new to wakeboarding or wakesurfing. Date mutually agreeable between June 1st and Oct 1st 2023. Boat gas is included in the event. Bidder's only out-of-pocket costs are sunscreen, getting to and from Lake Berryessa (2 hours from Menlo Park) and food and beverage for the on-board coolers. Quality photography and videography optionally available at no additional cost.

Dates mutually agreeable. For weekdays, it can be a full day on the water. If weekends, event hours are either 8am to 1pm or 2pm to 7pm.

**Value: \$2,500**

**Donors: Gaby Foster (Class of 2026), Kelly Foster & Dulcy Freeman**



## 2 NIGHT STAY AT MONTEREY PLAZA HOTEL & SPA

Perched dramatically on historic beachfront property above the crashing surf of the Pacific, Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa delights its guests with classic, California coastal experiences animated by an irresistible spirit of conviviality and play. Here you'll be welcomed with warm hospitality and elegantly-appointed guest rooms with thoughtful extras and luxury touches. From our chef-driven oceanfront restaurant, award-winning rooftop luxury spa and prime location steps from charming Cannery Row, our elegant oceanfront hotel is the centerpiece of Monterey Bay. Nearby activities include golf, tennis, whale watching, shopping, kayaking, wine tasting, scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, and hiking.

Please contact our reservations department at (831) 920-6710 when you are ready for your trip.

Valid Sunday through Thursday. Certain restrictions may apply.

**Value: \$2,000**

**Donors: Greg Alden '90, Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**

## 3 NIGHT SUMMER STAY AT THE VILLAGE AT PALISADES TAHOE

Enjoy a three night stay this summer in a spacious 2 bedroom suite at The Village at Palisades Tahoe. Perfect for groups of up to 6 guests, the suite includes two bedrooms and a spacious living room. The suite is fully furnished, including a king-size bed in the primary bedroom, two twins in the second bedroom, and a pull-out sofa in the spacious living room. Located directly across from the Tram building, you'll have a lovely view of the mountain and easy access to everything in the village.

Three nights can be booked any time between June 1-September 15, 2023 and must be selected and communicated to the item donor by April 2, 2023.

**Value: \$1,800**

**Donors: Heidi and Andrew Voltmer**

## TAHOE GETAWAY - A LUXURIOUS STAY IN A COZY VACATION HOME

Need to get away for a couple days? Just minutes away from world-class ski resorts, endless hiking, and stunning Lake Tahoe, this beautiful vacation home could be yours for a weekend! Cozy up after a long day outdoors in this newly renovated 4-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom home right on the Truckee river. Throw supporting Menlo School into the mix, and you have the idyllic mini-vacation!

Blackout Dates: Month of December, Winter Break, February Break

**Value: \$1,750**

**Donors: Amita Paul and Shekhar Yadav**

## 2 NIGHTS IN CHARMING COTTAGE IN MARSHALL (POINT REYES)

Enjoy all that Tomales Bay has to offer. Soak up the outdoors right on the water in a lovely 3 bedroom 1 bath home located on Marshall's Marconi Cove. Watch birds and sea otters, sea lions and other sea creatures from your private oasis. If you feel like leaving your cozy and comfortable retreat, the house is located close to hiking trails, Hog Island Oyster, Tony's Seafood and the Marshall store. Located only 1 hour and 30 mins drive from Menlo School, it is the perfect place to unwind and relax for the weekend with or without the kids. House includes kayaks, Coyuchi bedding and Purple mattresses. Fully equipped kitchen and board games.

Up to four people. Not available Fourth of July, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Thanksgiving.

**Value: \$1,700**

**Donors: Mariana and Marc Pappalardo**

## SPORTS FAN'S DELIGHT!

Step right up Bay Area sports fans! Does buying season tickets to your favorite local sports team seem like too much of a commitment for you? Or do you just love ALL sports, making it impossible to commit to just one? Then this package is for you! You will get to experience some of our best local teams - NBA, MLB and NCAA - with two (2) tickets to each of:

- Warriors – Section 122, Row 5, Seat 5&6 plus parking at 150 Warriors Way (WWG)
- Giants – Section CL222 Row D Seats 15&16 (Between Home and 3rd base, in the clubs section, on the aisle) plus Parking Pass in Lot A
- Stanford basketball – Lower Level 2, Row AA, Seats 5&6 (right behind Stanford coaches)

Specific games to be agreed upon by the donor and buyer.

**Value: \$1,450**

**Donors: Tracy and Tito Bianchi**

## SF GIANTS VS RED SOX - 4 TICKETS - OWNER'S SECTION - 7/29/23

Enjoy a summer afternoon at the ballpark with 4 tickets to the SF Giants vs Boston Red Sox, Saturday, July 29th, 4:15 pm at Oracle Park. These seats are in the 4th row (PFC, Section 121, Row A, Seats 9-12) behind the SF Giants on-deck circle and in the section adjacent to the SF Giants dugout (pretty great view!). Priority Entry available from the Field Club entrance at Willie Mays Plaza.

**Value: \$1,344**

**Donors: The Schnell Family**

## SAILING IN THE BAY FOR FLEET WEEK

Take in the Fleet Week Airshow while sailing on the majestic San Francisco Bay. Drink in the sparkling views of the City as you participate in sailing or simply relax and enjoy the experience. Ryan Floyd is an experienced sailor who has sailed extensively in the Bay, the Sea of Cortez, and the Caribbean, and in 2002 raced doubled-handed to Hawaii. Light lunch and beverages included. Maximum four (4) adult guests OR two (2) adult guests with three (3) children. The sail will last about three hours.

Fleet Week Airshow is October 2 - 10, 2023. The exact day can be mutually determined.

**Value: \$800**

**Donors: Julie and Ryan Floyd**

## A ROUND OF GOLF FOR 3 (PLUS HOST), OLYMPIC CLUB, SAN FRANCISCO

Experience the prestige and beauty of the Olympic Club's Ocean Course or Lake Course with a round of golf for three, hosted by a member. This exclusive opportunity allows you and two friends to join a member on one of these courses, known for their challenging layout. The Lake Course is a historic venue that has hosted numerous national championships, including five U.S. Open Championships, and is considered one of the top golf courses in the world. The Ocean Course has hosted several local, state, regional, and national championships, including the 2004 U.S. Junior Amateur, the 2007 U.S. Amateur, and the 2015 inaugural U.S. Four-Ball Championships. Bid now and tee off at the Olympic Club!

After your round, enjoy a delicious lunch and fun drinks with your host. All in all, a day to remember!

For a mutually agreeable date and time. (Note: Lake Course is under renovation until Fall 2023. Buyer may choose Ocean course for an earlier date or wait for the completion of the Lake Course renovation.)

**Value: \$750**

**Donors: Kristina and Patrick Toland**

## SAN JOSE SHARKS SEATS: LOWER BOWL, CENTER ICE!

Get in the rink, or at least really close to it! Enjoy two tickets to two San Jose Sharks games at SAP Center. Tickets are great seats located in the lower bowl, center ice right in front of all the action! Section 115, Row 18, Seats 18 & 19.  
Tues. March 28th @ 7:30pm vs. Winnipeg  
Thurs. April 6th @ 7:30pm vs. Colorado

Winning Bidder will receive tickets electronically through Ticketmaster. Must contact Maria Vogel to arrange ticket transfer.

**Value: \$600**

**Donors: Maria and Henry Vogel**

## A ROUND OF GOLF FOR 3 (PLUS HOST) AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED LAKE MERCED GOLF CLUB

A round of golf for 3 hosted by a Menlo parent. Lake Merced just completed its renovation project by Gil Hanse. Lake Merced Golf Club stretches out to a Par 72 that covers 6,960 yards, featuring six sets of tees for members and guests of all abilities to enjoy. The course was added to the California State Amateur Championship rotation and hosted the 2009 NCAA West Regional Championship, 2012 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic, and the LPGA Mediheal Championship from 2018-2020. Perfect item for golf fanatics.

**Value: \$300**

**Donors: Susan and Henry Shih**

## RIDE IN A STUNT BIPLANE OVER SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Pilot, and Menlo parent, Pete Sandhu is offering the chance of a lifetime to fly over San Francisco Bay in a replica of a classic, fully acrobatic, two-seater stunt biplane with an open cockpit (think wind on your face and hair, white scarf optional). Meet Pete at your choice of the Palo Alto or San Carlos airport, where you begin your adventure. Fly over landmarks such as Alcatraz Island, the Golden Gate Bridge, and local beaches as you make a circuit around the Bay. There will be opportunities for taking photos. If you desire, you will experience flying loops upside down and engaging in other stunts. The flight route and level of aerobatics is highly customizable: e.g., you might even be able to fly over your own house! Pete has been flying for 32 years and holds Instructor, Instrument, and Airline Transport Pilot ratings with nearly 4,000 hours. He has owned this biplane for 24 years and has been flying aerobatics and aircraft longer than that. He is also the owner of Five Rivers Aviation, which builds jet hangars in Livermore.

Date to be mutually agreed upon and contingent on flying conditions. Flight is for one (1) passenger.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Suneet and Pete Sandhu**

## TWO HOUR TENNIS CLINIC WITH COACH BILL SHINE

Need a tune-up for your tennis game? Students or parents can capitalize on a two-hour doubles clinic with Menlo's legendary Head Tennis Coach Bill Shine. Bill has been the coach of the boys' and girls' teams at Menlo School since 1996 and during that time his teams have won a combined 25 CCS titles and have never lost a league match. Students or parents can participate in the clinic.

Date to be mutually agreed upon with winning bidder.

**Value: \$250**

**Donor: Bill Shine**



# ★ DINNER PARTIES, FOOD & WINE

## DINNER PARTY FOR 10 BY HEIRLOOM CATERING

Private dining experience for 10 catered by Heirloom Catering Co. Invite 9 of your friends to join you for an intimate dinner party for 10. With an emphasis on seasonal and organic products, Heirloom Catering sources locally whenever possible and will offer a seasonal menu unique to your dining experience. Their customized menu, combined with great company, will set the backdrop for a memorable evening.

Expires March 18, 2024. Does not include beverages, gratuity, rentals, decor or florals, etc. These can be added for an additional charge.

**Value: \$2,500**

**Donor: Heirloom Catering Co.**

## DINNER FOR 8 AT THE MENLO TAVERN

This summer, 8 lucky people can enjoy a spectacular 4 course prix fixe dinner with wine pairing while listening to music under the “Big Top” aka Menlo Tavern’s Pergola. But wait, that is not all, after dinner enjoy s’mores while sipping a nightcap by the fire pit and reminiscing about how much fun you all had at the Menlo Auction. You and 7 of your friends or 3 of your favorite couples will not want to miss this unforgettable night under the stars. Menlo Tavern is best known for its American seasonal dishes with California flare and curated cocktails.

**To be used Summer of 2023**

**Value: \$2,000**

**Donors: Greg Alden ‘90, Menlo Tavern**

## GRAZING BOARD AND ARTISANAL PIZZA EVENT

Menlo Hosts--Upgrade your event to the next level with a beautiful, 4-foot grazing board and artisanal, grilled pizza served by three young chefs from Rising Gastronomers. Rising Gastronomers is a Menlo student-founded nonprofit that seeks to help youth build their entrepreneurship and cooking skills while connecting to their community. Event size: Up to 20 people. Learn more about creations from the next generation of culinary artists: [www.risinggastronomers.org](http://www.risinggastronomers.org)

**Value: \$1,200**

**Donor: Rising Gastronomers, Inc.**

## CULINARY POUR OF MENLO PARK

Make your donation count two for one! Contribute to Menlo School financial aid while supporting local businesses. This delicious culinary package includes five \$200 gift cards to local eateries - Farmhouse Kitchen Thai Cuisine, Camper, Che Fico, Bistro Vida, and Little Sky Bakery. Do good by eating well!

**Value: \$1,000**

**Donors: Angela and David Weiden**

## SOLO PIANO MUSIC AT YOUR NEXT DINNER PARTY OR SPECIAL EVENT!

Menlo Entertainers and Hosts - Do you want to elevate your next party or social gathering? Is your piano collecting dust? Why not have a professional piano player with 25 years experience (who also happens to be our beloved Menlo Middle School music teacher!) entertain your guests for your next event? Whether you want to sit back and enjoy the music or sing along to your favorite tunes, your living room will be transformed into the hippest gig in town.

Not to exceed 4 hours. Date to be mutually agreed upon. Excludes holidays. Host must have a piano (no keyboard).

**Value: \$500**

**Donor: Liz Bongiorno**

## WHOLE SHABBAT DINNER DELIVERED

One lucky family will be the chosen people and get to nosh on a scrumptious Friday night dinner consisting of delicious challah, matzoh ball soup, brisket, kugel and ruggelah - all homemade, naturally. Dinner for six adults will be delivered on a mutually-agreed upon Friday evening during the 2023-24 school year.

**Value: \$300**

**Donors: Salama Family and the Jewish Families at Menlo (JFaMs) affinity group**

## LUNCH AND LEARN AT THE STANFORD FACULTY CLUB

Worried about the state of elections and our democracy? Confused about cybersecurity? Enjoy lunch for you and three friends at the Faculty Club with Stanford Law Professor Nate Persily and ask questions while discussing any topic of your choosing related to democracy, law, or tech policy. Professor Persily is the co-director of the Stanford Cyber Policy Center, the Stanford Program on Democracy and the Internet, and the Stanford-MIT Healthy Elections Project. His current work examines the impact of changing technology on political communication, campaigns, and election administration. See <https://law.stanford.edu/directory/nathaniel-persily/> for additional information.

The date of the lunch is to be mutually agreed upon.

**Value: \$250**

**Donors: Andrea and Nathaniel Persily**

## A VERTICAL OF SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE CABERNET 2007, '08 AND '09

Impress your friends and your taste buds with three bottles of Spottswode Estate Cabernet. Described by Charles Olken of the Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine as displaying “stunning depth, classic definition and impeccable craftsmanship,” these highly rated wines belong in your cellar. Robert Parker gave both the 2007 and the 2009 100 points and said, “If Château Margaux were in Napa Valley, it would Spottswode.” Wow!

**Value: \$1,025**

**Donor: Nick Halsey**

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# ★ HEALTH, BEAUTY & FASHION

## PRENUVO WHOLE BODY MRI SCAN

Curious about your health? A Penuvo Whole Body MRI scan provides comprehensive knowledge about what is going on under your skin - system by system, organ by organ, covering over 500 conditions, including detecting 9 out of 10 of the deadliest cancers at Stage 1. We explain what we found, why it's important and what you should do about it. We provide the knowledge that can empower you to make positive change to your healthcare journey. Your scan includes a one-hour health screening producing thousands of detailed images of the inside of your body, a detailed radiology report that covers most major cancers and diseases taking into consideration your personal health concerns, a consultation with a health practitioner to go over the findings ensuring you can be the best advocate for your own health, easy access to your health information 24/7 via the Penuvo mobile app and website, and the ability to easily share your report with anyone you would like to (family, physician, medical providers).

For more information about Penuvo, visit us at [www.penuvo.com](http://www.penuvo.com).

**Value: \$2,499**

**Donor: Penuvo**

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## SKIN REJUVENATION PACKAGE AT HESSLER PLASTIC SURGERY

Get a little me time in -- and look refreshed and rejuvenated at the end of it — with this special auction item! The winner of this gift certificate will receive an aesthetic consultation with Menlo parent Dr. Jill Hessler of Hessler Plastic Surgery. Included with this consultation is a BBL Photofacial treatment performed by the aesthetic nurses at HPS. A BBL is a device that uses gentle pulses of light to minimize brown spots, redness, fine lines and other signs of aging on the face and neck. To complement this treatment the winner will also receive a European facial that helps cleanse, hydrate and refresh the skin with our medical aesthetician, and a custom skin care package. Trust us, your skin (and spirit) will thank you for it!

Certificate Expires October 31, 2023

**Value: \$1,500**  
**Donor: Hessler Plastic Surgery**

## SCHUMACHER PHOTOGRAPHY FAMILY SESSION AND A SIGNED PHOTOGRAPH

Voted BEST PHOTOGRAPHER by SF Weekly's Best of San Francisco. Family photographs, elevated to the level of fine art. Create contemporary, black and white, museum quality photographs for your family and record this moment in time with your children.

The winning certificate includes:

- Creative Consultation to get to know one another and tailor an inspiring session that is personal to your family.
- Weekday Photography Session at your home or meaningful location.
- A Personalized Presentation to review your images and curate the perfect photographic collection for your home.
- A Museum Quality, Black & White Photograph matted to 16x20 inches or a \$500 print credit to be used towards a larger photograph.

Session is for FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY only and is valid for one (1) year. 40  
Non-transferable. Session is for the winning family. Weekend session upgrades are available.

Reviews on YELP: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/schumacher-photography-family-portraiture-san-francisco-san-francisco>

**Value: \$1,645**  
**Donor: Schumacher Photography**

## EDEN & ZOE - WOMEN'S CASHMERE GIFT SET

A luxurious and stylish gift set of a cashmere poncho, a cashmere cardigan and a cashmere wrap. All items are one size, and hand loomed from the highest quality cashmere.

**Value: \$600**  
**Donor: Melissa Chuang - Eden & Zoe**

## ROMI BOUTIQUE SHOPPING PARTY & GIFT CERTIFICATE

Grab five of your friends for an intimate, private shopping experience at Romi Boutique in Palo Alto. Enjoy a fun ladies night while you sip champagne, get expert style advice, and peruse Romi's selection of edgy, yet sophisticated clothing and accessories. Your group will also receive 10% off all purchases made at the event. This package also includes a \$500 gift certificate. Date will be mutually agreed upon between purchaser and Romi Boutique.

**Value: \$500**  
**Donor: Romi Boutique**

## BOTOX COSMETIC TREATMENT

No need to keep wishing away those frown lines. Botox provides real, noticeable results with no surgery and no recovery time. In-office treatment to temporarily improve moderate to severe frown lines, crow's feet, or forehead lines! Call to schedule an appointment at your convenience. Must be used within six months.pon.

**Value: \$400**  
**Donor: Jennifer Wang**

# ★ FOR STUDENTS

## AJ TUTORING - 18 HOURS OF SAT CLASS

Want to have a sensational SAT Score? AJ Tutoring wants to help you with 18 Hours of SAT Prep Class. Our classes are taught by our most experienced instructors and office directors, and average at 4 students per class (capped at 8 students on weekdays and 12 students on weekends). This voucher is good for 18 hours of class instruction and 3 SAT practice tests, which include:

- 9 SAT classes (2 hours each)
- 3 full-length SAT practice tests, proctored like on the actual test day
- Comprehensive study materials, including our proprietary - SAT workbook and SAT practice tests
- Personalized feedback
- Progress reports to parents/guardians
- Proven teaching philosophies from the leading SAT experts in the Bay Area

**Value: \$1,280**

**Donor: AJ Tutoring**

## FREE ONE MONTH OF TUTORING (K-8TH GRADE ONLY)

Get a FREE month of instruction at Mathnasium of Redwood City. Winner will receive a complimentary, comprehensive assessment, free registration, and a customized learning plan. Student is eligible for 1 month tutoring lessons, twice a week, up to 10 sessions a month.

Redwood City location ONLY. New Customers ONLY. Applicable to K-8th grade students ONLY. Cannot be applied to existing membership.

**Value: \$750**

**Donor: Mathnasium of Redwood City**

## FAMILY ART SESSION WITH MR. HYLAND, MIDDLE SCHOOL ART TEACHER

This is a perfect opportunity for your family to spend a little more time together as you create your own personal family artwork under the guidance of our very own Mr. Hyland, Menlo Middle School Art Teacher, who comes to us with 20 years of experience as an artist. Your family will get the opportunity to learn about acrylic painting and color mixing while painting a still life featuring a colorful assortment of various desserts as inspiration or creating something more abstract. Create a collection of family paintings or create one pièce de résistance! Mr. Hyland will host a two-hour painting session for a family or group of friends up to six (6) people, who will also enjoy treats and beverages - both for children and adults - to add to this creative experience. Mr. Hyland, whose art has been published and featured around the world, brings his training in traditional realism and experience as an art teacher to you. Create a special memory together with unique artwork to take home and commemorate the experience forever!

- For up to six (6) people
- April-May 2023 date to be mutually agreed upon

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Sean Hyland, Melissa and Jonathan Stueve**

## AJ TUTORING - 3 HOURS OF ACADEMIC TUTORING

AJ Tutoring can help you accomplish Feats of Academic Strength! This voucher is good for 3 hours of 1-on-1 sessions with one of our phenomenal tutors. We offer the following subjects in all levels (including AP): Math, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, English, Spanish and French, US History, Economics, Study Skills. We can also help students plan for tests by reviewing study guides, homework assignments, and past tests, pinpointing areas of weakness.

**Value: \$360**

**Donor: AJ Tutoring**

## MS DIRECTOR FOR THE DAY 2023

Give the Middle School Director a break, and let your child be Menlo Middle School Director for half a day! The job will begin at 8:35 am and end at noon with a lunch off campus with La Vina Lowery, and Student Council Co- Presidents! The student will have an opportunity to run an assembly, meet with Mr. Healy and other Senior Administrators and experience the inner workings of the Director's office. This opportunity will take place in Spring 2023.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donor: La Vina Lowery, Menlo School**

## ★ MENLO LIFE

### POMP & CIRCUMSTANCE: A GRAND UPPER SCHOOL GRADUATION

Revel in the pomp and circumstance of high school graduation. Your senior won't be home much longer, so take the stress out of graduation day and truly enjoy your time with your graduate and family. You will not need to race to Menlo at the crack of dawn, because you will have reserved front row seats to the ceremony along with a coveted parking space. Congratulations, Class of 2023!

**Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Menlo School**

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION - CELEBRATION PACKAGE

No rushing, no long walk, no need to arrive hours early to save seats. Make the big day stress free as you celebrate at your eighth grader's 2023 Middle School Promotion Celebration on June 6, 2023. This package includes preferred first row seating for eight and two close-in parking spots.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Menlo School**

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA PATRON'S PACKAGE: VIP SEATS & TREATS TO ALL 3 SHOWS

Perfect for the MS Theater lover. Four saved seats for your preferred dates and location for all three of the Middle School Drama's performances (a complete season!) in the new Spieker Center for the Performing Arts. Special customized treats will be provided for each guest.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donors: Alexis and Staffan Bjorlin, Sushmita Vij and Balaji Prabhakar**

### SENIOR APPRECIATION NIGHT RESERVED SEATS AND PARKING

No need to hurry! You'll have four premium reserved seats for the evening performance of Senior Appreciation Night festivities June 2, 2023. Along with your preferred seats, you'll also have two reserved, close-in parking spaces.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Menlo School**

### RESERVED UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING (Q1)

The first few weeks of high school can be hectic enough without cruising the parking lot for a spot. Make the transition easier for your student driver by bidding on a reserved parking place for the first academic quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. Your student will thank you, and you can hope they will make it to all of their classes on time!

Restrictions: First Quarter of the 2023-24 school year. Parents may purchase only one (1) reserved parking space in the Online Auction. Should you be the high bidder on more than one parking space you will win the one on which you placed your highest bid, and each additional parking space will be awarded to the next highest bidder. Only available for rising Junior and Senior students.

**Value: Priceless**

**Donor: Menlo School**

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## RESERVED UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING (Q2)

When the weather begins to get cold and wet, give your student driver the gift of convenience with a reserved parking spot in the Upper School parking lot for the second academic quarter. Your student will thank you, and you can hope (s)he will make it to all of his/her classes on time!

Restrictions: Second Quarter Parking, 2023-2024 school year. Parents may purchase only one reserved parking space in the Online Auction. Should you be the high bidder on more than one parking space you will win the one on which you placed your highest bid, and each additional parking space will be awarded to the next highest bidder. Only available for rising Junior and Senior students.

**Value: Priceless**  
**Donor: Menlo School**

## RESERVED UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING (Q3)

Just because the school year is halfway over doesn't mean the stress diminishes. Make it easier for your student driver by bidding on a reserved parking space in the Upper School parking lot for the third academic quarter. Your student will thank you, and you can hope (s)he will make it to all of his/her classes on time!

Restrictions: Third Quarter Parking, 2023-2024 school year. Parents may purchase only one reserved parking space in the Online Auction. Should you be the high bidder on more than one parking space you will win the one on which you placed your highest bid, and each additional parking space will be awarded to the next highest bidder. Only available for rising Junior and Senior students.

**Value: Priceless**  
**Donor: Menlo School**

## RESERVED UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT PARKING (Q4)

The last days of school can be hectic juggling class projects and finals. Save your student driver from having to lug loads of books and other paraphernalia from the far reaches of the parking lot by bidding on a reserved parking space in the Upper Student parking lot for the fourth academic quarter. Your student will thank you, and you can hope (s)he will make it to all of his/her classes on time!

Restrictions: Fourth Quarter Parking, 2023-2024 school year. Parents may purchase only one reserved parking space in the Online Auction. Should you be the high bidder on more than one parking space you will win the one on which you placed your highest bid, and each additional parking space will be awarded to the next highest bidder. Only available for rising Junior and Senior students.

**Value: Priceless**  
**Donor: Menlo School**



# ★ COUNT-ME-INS

## EARTH DAY HIKE TO ALICE'S - 4/21/23

You can get anything you want, when you hike up to Alice's Restaurant! Join us to celebrate Earth Day and hike through the meadows and up the mountain to this Woodside gem. Besides the fabulous skyline views, you will be treated to a delicious local, sustainable, homemade outdoor lunch. After refueling, we'll head back down the mountain just in time for after school games and events.

Date: Friday, April 21, 2023

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Meet at Wunderlich County Park 4040 Woodside Rd Woodside, CA

**Number of Spots: 20**

**Price per Person: \$75**

**Donors: Erin Sanders, Heidi Abrams, Jenny Brokaw, Tamara Dunn**

## TAI CHI, WELLNESS, NOURISH - 4/27/23

Tai Chi, often described as "meditation in motion", has been proven to have value in treating or preventing many health problems. Learn some low-impact, slow-motion Tai Chi moves and traditional Chinese wellness techniques, and enjoy vegetarian bites and refreshments in a serene setting. Feel your body relax and refresh. No equipment is necessary - just yourself, comfortable clothing, and shoes.

Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023

Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: Guo-Kepecs Home in Woodside

**Number of Spots: 20**

**Price per Person: \$75**

**Donors: I-Hsien Lee, Jin Wang, Jin Zhang, Jing Huang, Jing Li, Louise Lien, Qing He, Tian Wu**

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## ASIAN BRUSH PAINTING CLASS - 5/4/23

Come relax with us and learn the art of brush painting. Enjoy the process and capture the spirit of beauty. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: TBD

**Number of Guests: 15**

**Price per person: \$75**

**Donors: Binny Wong, Linzi Lee, Louise Lien, Min Min Tun, Sandra Tsai, Yenny Widjaja**

## CURATED VISIT TO THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM - 5/5/23

Located in the heart of San Francisco, the museum is home to one of the world's finest collections of Asian art, boasting more than 18,000 awe-inspiring artworks ranging from ancient jades and ceramics to contemporary video installations. Dynamic special exhibitions, cultural celebrations, and public programs for all ages provide rich art experiences that unlock the past and spark questions about the future. Join fellow Menlo art enthusiasts to enjoy a special day that includes:

-All-day admission and access to the museum

-A curator tour of the special exhibition Beyond Bollywood: 2000 Years of Dance in Art and a docent tour of highlights of the permanent collection

-Private lunch in the Fisher Family Dining Room

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023

Time: 10:30 am to 1:30pm (or stay until the museum closes at 5pm!)

Location: Asian Art Museum, SF

**Number of Spots: 16**

**Price per Person: \$200**

**Donors: Anjali Pichai, Deborah Schafer**

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## FIESTA SAN FRANCISCO! LATIN AMERICAN TOUR THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO ON A FIESTA BUS - 5/6/23

Join us on a grand tour as we explore art, music, and dining. Meet at Menlo to hop on the fiesta bus and head to San Francisco. We will start the late afternoon with a guided tour of Diego Rivera's massive mural at SFMOMA, then board the fiesta bus and head to the autentico Mission District to explore Latino neighborhood murals, enjoy a delicious dinner from San Francisco's favorite Salvadoran restaurant, and end the night learning salsa from a pro dance instructor at the Mission Cultural Center! Dress fun and colorful and bring your dancing shoes!

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Time: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: San Francisco

**Number of Spots: 30**

**Price per Person: \$200**

**Donors: Celia Segura, Damaris Avila, Deborah Schafer, Gloria Gavin, Lizbeth Aguilar, Lorena Mendez-Quezada, Marta Solsona**

## MASTERCLASS: SKINCARE ESSENTIALS - 5/12/23

Just in time for Mother's Day, please join us for a social brunch and a MasterClass in Skincare Essentials and Anti-Aging Tips from Dr. Jill Hessler. Dr. Hessler is a double board-certified facial plastic surgeon practicing in Palo Alto and a Menlo parent. Learn tips on sun safety to prevent skin cancer and photo aging as well as the latest skin rejuvenation products and procedures. Attendees will receive a take-home bag with a suite of luxe skin care products. Join us for this interactive session and bring all your questions.

Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Namrita Goyal's Home in Atherton

**Number of Guests: 30**

**Price per Person: \$150**

**Donors: Alissa Faris, Amy Farrell, Diana Engel, Jill Hessler, Namrita Goyal, Nayna Kaushek, Sandra Tsai, Suneet Sandhu**

## SIPS, SOCRATES & SOUL - 5/12/23

Join us this May for an unforgettable evening of delicious food, drinks, music and dancing with renowned Menlo Philosophy teacher, author of 5 books, beloved water polo coach and resident mixologist, Jack Bowen. Jack will give us his philosophy on the perfect craft cocktails to pair with fabulous Kenyan food. Dance the night away under the stars when you hear active duty military hero and Kenyan native, Bro Muhota sing from the soul. This will be an amazing evening of Sips, Socrates and Soul that you will not want to miss.

Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Location: The Meeks Home in Atherton

**Number of Spots: 60**

**Price per Person: \$150**

**Donors: Cintia Capasso, Corey Mulloy, David Stoffel, Don Coleman, Jack Bowen, Jen Coleman, Jennifer Guyer, Jennifer Mulloy, Jonathan Meeks, Lauren Stoffel, Lynda Galligan, Meredith Meeks, Patrick Galligan, Robson Capasso, William Guyer**

## FORAGING HIKE/EDIBLE & MEDICINAL WILD FOODS WALK - 5/13/23

Taste the local flavors of our North Coast. While hiking in the redwoods, pines, creek sides and chaparral ecosystems, our local foraging expert will teach you wild-food harvesting techniques. These classes are really fun and interactive!

At our designated meeting time, we'll meet at a central location and caravan to the trailhead where we'll orient to the land & talk about harvesting and identification. The hikes vary in distance from 1-2 miles through a diversity of forest and field. These ~2.5 hours long classes are fun, interactive and deeply immersive.

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Santa Cruz

**Number of Spots: 20**

**Price per Person: \$75**

**Donors: Meredith Meeks, Sarah Dorahy**

## **K-NIGHT OUT - AN IMMERSIVE KOREAN DINNER EXPERIENCE - 5/13/23**

Join us for a feast for the senses. Spend a lovely spring evening al fresco catching up with old friends and making new while enjoying flights of Korean spirits and a culinary adventure of deliciously flavored Korean dishes. All this against a backdrop of K-music and other K-delights. Bring your adventurous palate and sense of wonder!

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: CADC Patio at Menlo School

**Number of Spots: 40**

**Price per Person: \$125**

**Donors: Bill Choe, Binny Wong, Bosung Kim, Byron Lee, Catharina Min, Chungwha Park, Frederick Livingston, Haewon Park, Heajoung Moon, Hodong Nam, Jeannie Karl, Jennifer Sung, Jihwon Im, Jill Hessler, John Fish, John Sunwoo, Lynda Halprin, Mary Macgill, Matthew Halprin, Mili Jeon, Myung Im, Sang Hyun Yoo, Sherwin Hua, Sora Kang, Wai Wong**

## **PAINT AND SIP WITH NINA OLLIKANEN - 5/17/23**

Come get creative with us! Channel your inner artist in an evening of fun and painting with Menlo's very own beloved art teacher, Nina Ollikainen. Nina will lead us in a workshop on impressionistic still life painting in the Upper School CADC Art Studio. Nina will give hands-on instructions as well as an introduction to the style and techniques used by Monet. No painting experience necessary--novices are very welcome! We'll provide all supplies and drinks and nibbles to sustain us on our creative journey.

Date: Wednesday, May 17th, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: CADC Art Studio

**Number of Guests: 15**

**Price per person: \$100**

**Donors: Claudia Dunsby, Houda Rahim, Nina Ollikainen, Sheri King**

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## **CLASS OF 2027 - 8TH GRADE FAREWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL MOMS' LUNCHEON - 5/18/23**

Celebrate with other Class of 2027 moms as we come together to share memories of Menlo Middle School! Toast our soon-to-be high school students while we enjoy a lovely lunch at the Alpine Hills Swim and Tennis Club, surrounded by friends who you have known through this middle school journey and others who you are excited to know better. Menlo Upper School, here we come!

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Time: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Location: Alpine Hills Club

**Number of Spots: 50**

**Price per Person: \$75**

**Donors: Amy Fenton, Angelica Kauffman, Anne Rubin, Carrie Lukatch, Jin Zhang, Joy Ying Zhang, Karen Castagna, Lorena Mendez-Quezada, Mansi Goyal, Mary Shapero, Poroshat Tabar, Rachel Freitas, Susan Shih, Sushmita Vij, Victoria Zung, Viridiana Lourdes**

## **PUB QUIZ NIGHT WITH OSCAR KING IV - 5/20/23**

Do you know what's full of holes but still holds water? The answer: riddles! (Or a sponge - you choose.) Riddles are all around us, masquerading as everything from math problems to metaphors, and solving them requires an eye for abstract thinking, an ear for logical loopholes, and a mind for imagination. Join Upper School English teacher Oscar King IV for a night of pub trivia and unexpected riddles - and worry not! No matter your familiarity with puzzles and mind-benders, this night is open to everyone as we journey our way through deceptively simple solutions to beautiful questions. Be ready to enjoy the wit of your fellows and even take some riddles home to stump your students. There will also be plenty of beer and pub food to enjoy!

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: The Patnam Home in Menlo Park

**Number of Spots: 25**

**Price per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Divya Patnam, Erik Edwards, Katrina Sitter, Matthew Sitter, Namrita Goyal, Oscar King IV, Sandesh Patnam, Sunny Goyal, Susan Edwards**

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## BON VOYAGE CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR MOMS' LUNCHEON - 5/25/23

We sailed into Senior year and now prepare to send off our Seniors as they embark on their next adventure! Please join other Class of 2023 moms as we get ready to say Bon Voyage to our special Seniors as they set sail. Join us in a toast to this special high school journey that we all have shared together as we count down the moments to graduation and enjoy an outdoor luncheon at the Kranes' home. All Class of 2023 Moms are welcome to join.

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: The Krane Home in Atherton

**Number of Guests: 75**

**Price per person: \$75**

**Donors: Carolyn McCusker, Claire Thompson, Clare Corcoran, Gina Skinner, Holly Lawson, Jill Levitt, Julie Herlihy, Karen King, Laura Krane, Robbie Fang**

## CLASS OF 2023 LEI-MAKING PARTY - SAY ALOHA TO YOUR SENIOR -6/7/23

In Hawaii, it is customary to give a lei as a gesture of congratulations and aloha (love) to those celebrating a milestone or receiving an honor. Leis are commonly presented when someone is arriving or leaving, so it's no surprise that leis are given to graduates as they are leaving school and beginning a new chapter of life. Rather than purchasing a lei, enjoy the opportunity to create a personalized lei for your Menlo Senior as our own Selina Makoni (mother of Senior, Charlotte) and other members of the Polynesian Affinity Group share the tradition of lei making with you and other Class of 2023 parents. Reminisce over champagne and treats, enjoy one last time to share friendship and laughter, and prepare to take deep breaths as you celebrate your special Menlo graduate!

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: TBD

**Number of Guests: 30**

**Price per Person: \$75**

**Donors: Allison Chao, Dulcy Freeman, Erin Grant, Gina Skinner, Linda Wong, Lynda Galligan, Menlo Polynesian Affinity Group, Meredith O'Malley, Nayna Kaushek, Selina Makoni, Stacey Low**

## PAKISTANI/INDIAN VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS - 8/26/23

Want to spice things up in the kitchen and make a dish your family will be asking for over and over? Then step right up to Nosheen Babar's virtual cooking class. Nosheen prepares delicious authentic Pakistani & South Asian recipes passed down through generations and made with love on the Mississippi Gulf Coast (hence the Zoom class). Dinner is served!

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Time: TBD

Location: Virtual via Zoom

**Number of Spots: 15**

**Price per Person: \$75**

**Donors: Kamran Zaki, Saadiya Zaki**

## MOMS & MARGARITAS - 8/31/23

Always a back-to-school favorite! Reconnect with other Menlo moms over ice-cold margaritas and delicious Mexican food. We cannot wait to see all of you Middle School and Upper School moms (some of us are both!) as we come together for a fun and festive evening to celebrate the beginning of another fabulous school year.



## BEHIND THE SCENES WITH AN NPR CORRESPONDENT - 9/10/23

Come out to the redwoods for a late afternoon of wine tasting, nibbles and the inside scoop from Menlo parent John Ruwitch. You've probably heard John on Morning Edition as he unpacks the intricacies of all things China. We'll start the afternoon with a tasting from local winery Sandar & Hem (<https://www.sandarandhem.com/>) or for those underage - a root beer tasting. Once you have that glass in hand, settle in to learn about the life of a correspondent (there will be plenty of time to ask questions). You won't want to miss this intimate gathering!

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023  
Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Location: Woodside, CA

**Number of Spots: 20**  
**Price per Person: \$100**  
**Donors: Anh Truong, Erin Sanders, John Ruwitch, Maria Matsumoto, Nathan Sanders, Uwe Horchner**

## FOREVER BLOOM - DAHLIA HEAVEN - 9/11/23

Have you seen those giant dahlias at the Portola Valley Farmers' Market? Well, imagine a huge field of them! Join a group of fellow florists-in-training and head over the hill to Forever Bloom Farm in the coastal village of Pescadero. Wielding secateurs and buckets, we will harvest glorious dahlias and be taught how to arrange them by Forever Bloom's own farmer florists. Afterwards, enjoy a lovely al fresco lunch before heading back home with your superb arrangement of late summer blooms.

Date: Monday, September 11, 2023  
Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Location: Forever Bloom Farm, 413 Dearborn Park Rd, Pescadero, CA 94060  
(Depending on numbers, we hope to carpool, so meeting point is TBD)

**Number of Spots: 16**  
**Price per Person: \$175**  
**Donors: Nadia Gazor, Renee Barkley, Sarah Dorahy, Susan McLaughlin**

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## HIKE TO THE SEA - 9/12/23

Truly not-to-be-missed! Every year, an energetic group of Menlo parents gathers in the morning and hikes 11.5 miles from bucolic Woodside up and over the stunning Santa Cruz Mountains to arrive in the verdant fields of Half Moon Bay, where a fleet of cars will bring guests to a lavish (and well-deserved!) lunch at Pasta Moon. We carry the snacks, sunscreen and extra water so that you can enjoy the hike. A fun "you did it!" bag of goodies awaits you at lunchtime, along with the satisfaction of a truly enjoyable day on the trails. You return back to Woodside by around 3:15 pm. Immerse yourself in nature while enjoying the great company of fellow Menlo School parents.

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
Time: 8:00 am - 3:15 pm  
Location: Woodside

**Number of Spots: 12**  
**Price per Person: \$150**  
**Donors: Amy Burnett, Christina Tudor, Nicole Sheehan**

## SWIRL WORKS WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP AND LIGHT LUNCH - 9/15/23

Come get creative at a hands-on workshop followed by a light lunch! Join a group of 12 parents at Swirl Works at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park for an outdoor, 1.5 hour Watercolor Painting workshop led by Sha Liang. In this workshop, you will learn some basic watercolor techniques meant to help you let loose and be creative and playful with art. This is a wonderful way to refresh your mind and feel inspired for what lies ahead! All supplies for the workshop are included; no experience necessary. Following the workshop, enjoy a light lunch with your fellow attendees. For more information about Swirl Works and its workshops, check out their website: <https://swirlworks.com/>

Date: Friday, September 15, 2023  
Time: 10:45 am - 1:00 pm  
Location: Swirl Works at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park

**Number of Spots: 12**  
**Price Per Person: \$125**  
**Donors: Amy Paye Venuto, Catherine Wilson**

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## STAR PARTY WITH ELIZABETH JENSEN YOUNG AND JAMIE FORMATO - 9/22/2023

Join us for a star party! Gather in the Stent Ballroom for light refreshments, good cheer, and conversation about hot topics in astronomy. We will hear from Physics and Math teacher Elizabeth Jensen Young on the exciting field of exoplanet research, and from Physics and Engineering teacher and Science Department Chair Jamie Formato on happenings in astronomy at Menlo School. We will head up to the roof of Stent for telescopic viewing of solar system objects and late summer night sky highlights. All you need to bring is a sense of curiosity and wonder! Parents and students are welcome. Please purchase one spot for each person.

Date: Friday, September 22, 2023  
Time: 7.30 pm -10:30pm  
Location: Stent Hall, Menlo School

**Number of Spots: 18**  
**Price per person: \$100**  
**Donors: Elizabeth Jensen Young, Jamie Formato, Katrina Sitter, Matthew Sitter, Paul Longhenry, Rhoda Longhenry**

## BEER PONG PARTY - 9/23/23

Relive your glory days or amaze your friends with previously untapped talents! Come with your favorite Menlo parent partner and enjoy a nostalgic evening of great fun, good beer and plenty of themed food (read: pizza). Teams will compete in a mixed-game tournament--both throwing and paddle-based game varieties--with prizes for the winners. Team names, costumes, and a love of the sport (sort of) are highly encouraged!

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023  
Time: 4:00 pm  
Location: The Brokaw Home

**Number of Spots: 26**  
**Price per Person: \$100**  
**Donors: Daniel Abrams, Dayal Gaitonde, Heidi Abrams, Jenny Brokaw, Matthew Brokaw, Meeta Gaitonde, Ranjini Malavalli, Ushirkumar Patel**

## MATS AND MIMOSAS - 9/26/23

Join your fellow Menlo parents on the mat for an outdoor, bodyweight strength and yoga combination fitness class taught by Menlo parent, Erin Grant, followed by a casual mimosa brunch. Dress comfortably for a workout, bring your own yoga mat and your appetite! No experience necessary, all levels can be accommodated. Mimosas, other non-alcoholic drinks, and breakfast foods to follow class.

Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Location: The King Home in Los Altos

**Number of Guests: 20**  
**Price per Person: \$75**  
**Donors: Erin Grant, Sheri King**

## ALUMNI MOMS' COCKTAIL PARTY - 9/27/23

Once a Menlo mom, always a Menlo mom! If you're missing those parking lot or sidelines chats and your social lives are struggling without parent socials, come spend a gorgeous September evening reminiscing and reconnecting with your Menlo PALs! Still have a child at Menlo? You're absolutely welcome (that is, if you can squeeze it in amidst the back to school madness)!

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Location: Erin Crocker's Home in Hillsborough

**Number of Spots: 75**  
**Price per Person: \$100**  
**Donors: Carolyn McCusker, Catherine Lee, Erin Crocker, Holly Lawson, Jennifer Jeffries, Jennifer Vitro, Jill Aufrecht, Kristi Pickering, Laura Agarwal, Robbie Fang**

## **ALOHA PARTY- 9/29/23**

Hula yourself over to the Second Annual Aloha Party and be ready to limbo with the beach-iest Knights families...we promise the event will delight with delicious tropical food and drinks, great music to sway to and a festive vibe. We're planning more fun and memories this year - you'll be shouting "mahalo!" out the window as you Uber home at the end of the night!

Date: Friday, September 29, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Atherton, CA

**Number of Spots: 75**

**Price per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Aaref Hilaly, Catherine Porten, Christy Richardson, Erica McMullen, Fariha Hilaly, Jeffrey Richardson, John Herndon, Joseph Porten, Katie Dodd, Kristina Toland, Laura Dholakia, Matt McMullen, Michaela Kindler, Nevin Brownfield, Nina Herndon, Noah Kindler, Patrick Toland, Preston Dodd, Sameer Dholakia, Taj Alavi**

## **6TH ANNUAL FINE WINE TASTING PARTY - 9/30/23**

Let's get the party started! Relax and enjoy the evening while having fun mingling with old friends and new. Think you know your wines? Try guessing the fine wine being poured and devour some well paired appetizers. Test your knowledge of varietals, terroir and vintages. Enjoy a light dinner after the tasting. Not a wine drinker? No problem. Enjoy some amazing cocktails. Added bonus - There will be prizes and bragging rights for the most discerning palate. Guests over 21 please.

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: The Chandna home in Atherton

**Number of Guests: 50**

**Price per Person: \$200**

**Donors: Aarti Chandna, Art Shaw, Asheem Chandna, Ashley Dombkowski, Brian Dombkowski, David Krane, Divya Patnam, Emmalyn Shaw, Erik Edwards, George Bischof, Kamal Shah, Kathryn Bojack, Kerry O'Rourke Bischof, Laura Dholakia, Laura Krane, Parveen Nandal, Rashi Chowdhry, Ravi Mhatre, Reema Shah, Sameer Dholakia, Sandesh Patnam, Savinay Berry, Susan**

## **HARVEST NIGHT WINE TASTING - 10/5/23**

Celebrate the harvest on a gorgeous fall evening in a local backyard vineyard. Enjoy a fabulous sampling of wines expertly curated by a master sommelier, delight on gourmet nibbles, and mingle with fellow guests and your hosts, Menlo School trustees.

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Home of Lara & Andrew Houser, Woodside

**Number of Spots: 50**

**Price Per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Menlo School Trustees**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL MOMS' TENNIS AND COCKTAILS - 10/6/23**

Tennis and cocktails anyone? Yes, please! Join fellow Menlo Middle School moms for a casual and sporty night of doubles tennis and cocktails at Alpine Hills Tennis and Swimming Club.

Date: Friday, October 6, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm ish

Location: Alpine Hills Tennis and Swimming Club

**Number of Spots: 16**

**Price Per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Julie Clugage, Kirsten Cahill, Sarah Rye**

## **BOLLYWOOD NIGHT - 10/7/23**

Dive into a world of vibrancy and color! As you enter the world of Bollywood, you'll be greeted with an exotic cocktail and transported to another world. You will become part of the festivities as you are adorned by a henna artist and instructed by dance teachers' signature hip-shaking Bollywood moves. The DJ and dance floor will be open all night, so grab your finest sari and bangles, Sherwani and Kurtas or any colorful attire, and enjoy a party that is out of this world! Your hosts are excited to join you!

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

The Location: The Vohra Home in Hillsborough

**Number of Guests: 70**

**Price per Person: \$150**

**Donors: Divya Patnam, Gambhir Kaushek, Harpreet Sandhu, Hema Mohan, Kamal Ahmed, Manjiv Vohra, Mansi Goyal, Murthy Nukala, Nahid Aliniazee, Nayna Kaushek, Neal Mohan, Poonam Vohra, Preetha Basaviah, Rashi Chowdhry, Sandesh Patnam, Savinay Berry, Suneet Sandhu, Sunita Parbhu, Varish Goyal, Venky Ganesanoah Kindler, Patrick Toland, Preston Dodd, Sameer Dholakia, Taj Alavi**

## **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE PARTY - CLASS OF 2023**

### **HALLOWEEN EDITION - 10/17/23**

Out of the house but never too old for tricks-and-treats in a fun care package from home! Join us in October to make a Halloween-themed care package for your Class of 2023 child, while catching up with old friends over drinks and nibbles. Each guest will bring a small item to include in each care package, so the end result is a box filled with treasures of all sorts—from yummy treats and silly toys to dorm must-haves. Best of all, your hosts will ship the package for you, so you don't have to worry about taking it to the post office in time for Halloween! This is one item your student will be excited you signed up for!

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Erin Crocker's Home

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**Number of Spots: 12**

**Price per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Carolyn McCusker, Clare Corcoran, Erin Crocker, Gina Skinner, Jennifer Vitro, Laura Agarwal, Melissa Kepner, Robbie Fang, Usha Nesamoney**

## **BARB'S BUNCO PAJAMA PARTY FOR UPPER SCHOOL & ALUMNI MOMS - 10/18/23**

Let's Roll!! Please join us in your comfy cozies for a casual night of fun! Chat with old friends and laugh with some new ones while playing the easy-to-learn, easy-to-play game of bunco. Enjoy non-alcoholic beverages, a delicious dinner, and polish it off with some yummy sweets. Don't worry if you haven't played before, that is part of the fun! So throw on those PJ's and head on over! (Prizes will be awarded for best jammies and more.)

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: The Young Home in Palo Alto

**Number of Spots: 16**

**Price per Person: \$150**

**Donors: Barb Young, Steve Young**

## **YOGA HIKE, NOURISH - 10/27/23**

Please join us for a unique, restorative fall hiking adventure. Nicole Perkins will lead us on a 90-minute gradual hike with a yoga session at the summit while enjoying exceptional views. Upon return from the hike, we will refuel with healthy bites and electrolytes. No equipment necessary – just comfortable clothing, walking shoes and your positive energy.

Date: Friday, October 27, 2023

Time: Please arrive at 9:15 am, the hike will start at 9:30am

Location: Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills

**Number of Spots: 20**

**Price per Person: \$75**

**Donors: Heidi Abrams, Meredith Meeks**

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## COLLEGE TAILGATE PARTY - 11/3/23 OR 11/4/23

Let's celebrate the traditions and rivalries of college sports! Come join in the festivities and antics right in the middle of college football season! There will be food and drinks from your favorite campus joint, tailgate games for all, music, and perhaps even a contest or two to encourage some friendly competition. Wear your favorite team shirt and don some face paint. Brush up on your school fight song, practice your beer pong skills, and come ready to have a good time!

Date: Friday or Saturday, November 3 or 4 (will not conflict with Valpo Bowl)

Time: 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Clugage/Hardegree Home

**Number of Guests: 75**

**Price per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Adam Yonkers, Frances Maletis, John Maletis, Jon Kossow, Julie Clugage, Katie Rottier, Molly Kossow, Nevin Brownfield, Peter Rottier, Richard Hardegree, Suzanne Yonkers, Taj Alavi**

## BOOK BRUNCH - 11/3/23

Stuck in a reading rut? Tempted to branch out and explore new reads but don't know where to start? Or perhaps looking for good gifts for the holidays? At this festive book brunch in Hillsborough you'll get fabulous recommendations across various genres. Mingle with friends while you enjoy a casual brunch at the home of Christina Tudor. Hear our hosts each share two favorite reads, and then you choose two books to take home.

Date: Friday, November 3, 2023

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: The Tudor Home in Hillsborough

**Number of Spots: 30**

**Price Per Person: \$75**

**Donors: Christina Tudor, Erin Crocker, Heather Willis, Lara Houser, Lesley Gold, Meaghan Schaefer, Megan Scacco**

## MENLO AT THE MOVIES - 11/7/23, 1/9/24, AND 2/6/24

Escape with other Menlo parents as we enjoy a few outings to watch your favorite movies on the big screen! There is nothing like watching a movie with that full theater experience - and your popcorn, snacks, and drinks are included! Always a fun way to connect with other Menlo friends, old and new (alums are always welcome!), get ready to sit back, relax, and enjoy the shows! All movies will be Tuesday matinee showings at local theaters and guests will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred viewing choices. The three dates in 2023-24 are sold as a package and tentatively will be 11/7/23, 1/9/24, and 2/6/24 movies, pending Menlo calendar announcements.

Date: 11/7/23, 1/9/24, and 2/6/24 movies, pending Menlo calendar announcements

Time: TBD - Matinee movies

Location: Various Theaters

**Number of Spots: 50**

**Price per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Alissa Faris, Amy Darling, Benita Daryani, Divya Patnam, Erin Grant, Gina Skinner, Katrina Sitter, Lara Pande**

## BOOK CLUB WITH WHITNEY NEWTON AND RACHEL BLUMENTHAL - 1/11/2024

Want to read like an English teacher? Maybe you just want to know what it feels like to talk about literature in a Menlo English class—except with appetizers and wine! If so, please join Dr. Blumenthal and Ms. Newton for a no-stakes discussion of *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, the acclaimed 2022 novel by Gabrielle Zevin. A New York Times Notable Book of the Year and winner of the Goodreads Choice Award, the novel follows friends Sam and Sadie through thirty years of a friendship and collaboration that is at turns exuberant, maddening, redemptive, and heartbreaking. Though the plot hinges on video game development, you don't need to know a thing about gaming to get sucked into the world of this novel. So join us for an evening of stimulating dialogue, food, and drink. And don't worry: there will be no quiz, and you won't be graded on your annotations.

Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: Mohan residence in Atherton

**Number of Spots: 25**  
**Price per Person: \$100**  
**Donors: Allison Chao, Beini Zhou, Clint Chao, Hema Mohan, Kevin Chen, Millie Wan, Neal Mohan, Ni Lu, Rachel Blumenthal, Sugiharto Widjaja, Whitney Newton, Yenny Widjaja**

## SCOTTISH WHISKY TASTING - 1/20/24

Transport yourself to the lochs of Scotland where skilled distillers take pure water from crystal-clear streams and plump, golden barley from the fields and transform them into a precious spirit, malt whisky, which is then poured into oak casks and tucked away to mature. Join together with fellow whisky enthusiasts for delicious appetizers and multiple “drams” to compare single malts (some aged over 20 years!) from the land of lush forests, towering mountains and pristine lochs.

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024  
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Location: The More Home in San Carlos

**Number of Spots: 10**  
**Price Per Person: \$100**  
**Donors: Archana More, Hemant More**

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE PARTY - CLASS OF 2023

### VALENTINE'S EDITION - 2/6/24

Out of the house but always in your heart...and never too old to enjoy a fun care package from home! Join us in February 2024 to make a Valentine-themed care package for your Class of 2023 child, while catching up with old friends over drinks and nibbles. Each guest will bring a small item to include in each care package, so the end result is a box filled with treasures of all sorts—from yummy treats and silly toys to dorm must-haves. Best of all, your hosts

will ship the package for you, so you don't have to worry about taking it to the post office in time for Valentine's Day! This is one item your student will be excited you signed up for!

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Location: Linda Knoll's Home

**Number of Guests: 12**  
**Price per person: \$100**  
**Donors: Clare Corcoran, Gina Skinner, Julie Floyd, Laura Agarwal, Linda Knoll, Usha Nesamoney**

## MEXICAN MEZCAL TASTING - 2/10/24

Discover the famous spirit of the Oaxaca region of Mexico by joining other cocktail curious attendees to taste and appreciate the fascinating spirit Mezcal. Enjoy delicious appetizers and good company while you learn about mezcal's signature smoky character, which comes from cooking the agave in underground pits before fermentation and distillation. You'll taste your way through various examples and become an agave expert by the evening's end.

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024  
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Location: The More Home in San Carlos

**Number of Spots: 10**  
**Price Per Person: \$100**  
**Donors: Archana More, Hemant More**



## NORTH OF 92 PARTY - 2/15/24

Tired of commuting to Valparaiso to catch up with other Menlo parents? Look no further! Join the North of 92 crowd for drinks and appetizers. We're not an exclusive bunch - all southerners are encouraged to join!

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: The Fenton Home in Hillsborough

**Number of Guests: 50**

**Price per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Amy Fenton, Christina Tudor, Julie Ford, Kelly Ryerson, Meaghan Schaefer, Nicole Ancelovici-Lenihan, Nina Herndon**

## WHITAKER LAB MERRYMAKING WITH DR JAMES

### DANN AND BRIAN WARD - 2/28/24

Curious about the Whitaker Lab? Ever wish you could play there too? Wonder what the first day of Menlo's Applied Science Research (ASR) class is like? Just like students on the first day of class, teams of two will compete to build a motor from scratch using provided materials and instructions. No previous knowledge is required. The team with the fastest RPM (the motor's RPM, that is) will win a select bottle of wine. Participants will also create a party favor with the laser cutter to get a small taste of possibilities in the lab. Light refreshments will be provided.

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Whitaker Lab, Menlo School

**Number of Spots: 16**

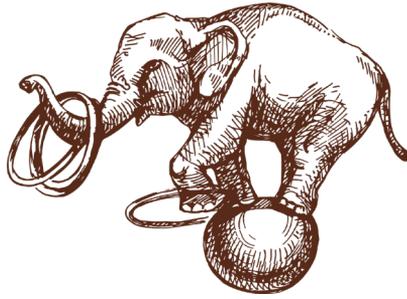
**Price per Person: \$100**

**Donors: Anjali Pichai, Brian Ward, Divya Patnam, James Dann, Sandesh Patnam, Sundar Pichai**

## ★ COUNT-ME-IN-CALENDAR

- 4/21/23: Earth Day Hike to Alice's
- 4/27/23: Tai Chi, Wellness, Nourish
- 5/4/23: Asian Brush Painting Class
- 5/5/23: Curated Visit to the Asian Art Museum
- 5/6/23: ¡Fiesta San Francisco!: Latin American Tour through San Francisco on a Fiesta Bus
- 5/12/23: MasterClass: Skincare Essentials
- 5/12/23: Sips, Socrates & Soul with Jack Bowen
- 5/13/23: Foraging Hike/Edible & Medicinal Wild Foods Walk
- 5/13/23: K-Night Out - An Immersive Korean Dinner Experience
- 5/17/23: Paint and Sip with Nina Ollikanien
- 5/18/23: Class of 2027 - 8th Grade Farewell Middle School Moms' Luncheon
- 5/20/23: Pub Quiz Night with Oscar King IV
- 5/25/23: Bon Voyage Class of 2023 Senior Moms' Luncheon
- 6/7/23: Class of 2023 Lei-Making Party - Say Aloha to your Senior
- 8/26/23: Pakistani/Indian Virtual Cooking Class
- 8/31/23: Moms & Margaritas
- 9/6/23: Class of 2024 Moms' Cocktail Party: Sailing Into Senior Year
- 9/8/23: Menlo Moms' Pickleball and Lunch
- 9/9/23: Menlo Hoedown Throwdown 2023
- 9/10/23: Behind the Scenes with an NPR Correspondent
- 9/11/23: Forever Bloom - Dahlia Heaven
- 9/12/23: Hike to the Sea
- 9/15/23: Swirl Works Watercolor Workshop and Light Lunch
- 9/22/23: Star Party with Elizabeth Jensen Young and Jamie Formato
- 9/23/23: Beer Pong Party
- 9/26/23: Mats and Mimosas
- 9/27/23: Alumni Moms' Cocktail Party
- 9/29/23: Aloha Party
- 9/30/23: 6th Annual Fine Wine Tasting Party
- 10/5/23: Harvest Night Wine Tasting





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