

## *Volunteers Needed*

We need volunteers to help with preparations and ask for your assistance in obtaining donations for the auction. For more information, please contact us at (215) 379 – 4791 or you can visit us on the web at:

<http://home.comcast.net/~jackmcleod/PattyWebDec4.htm>

Last year's auction had more than 30 items donated by family, friends, and loved ones: baskets of cheer, gift certificates, restaurant vouchers, services, sports tickets, and Avon to name a few. We hope that many of those who donated last year will be able to do so again. We also encourage new contributors to this year's efforts. Please notify us of your donated item by **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004**. Consequently, we will be able to prepare the Auction Table, as well as, list your donation ahead of time. You will be asked to bring your donation to the Auction Table the night of the event.

The hundreds of \$dollars\$ of new items, gift certificates, and services will be auctioned off during our "Chinese-style" auctions. In this type of auction, the bidders buy tickets from either one of our two cashier booths. Throughout the course of the night, all items being auctioned are put on display with a basket in front of each item. Bidders take their tickets and place them in any combination of baskets that they choose. In the last hour, a winning ticket is randomly drawn from each basket. The more tickets you put into a single basket, the more likely you are to win that particular item. Finally, "Chinese-style" auctions allow the DJ to play music; rather than announce prizes and winners during the entire night.

This year we will use "silent auctions" for our (3) highest valued items. In this type of auction, each item will have a form to write down your personal bid. You may bid as often as you'd like throughout the night – just be sure to clearly write your full name and bid amount on each form. The highest bid by midnight buys that particular item.

A special thanks in advance to everyone who volunteered, donated auction items or funds, and to those who attended our past events. Without your support, our fundraising efforts would not be so successful. We truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Sincerely,

*Michael & Jack McLeod*