



**It might seem early, but the ERC board is looking ahead to the annual Christmas auction. It is already shaping up to be a great event. We have secured Michael Medved as our keynote speaker and we have some fun pre-dinner activities planned. The money made at the auction is crucial to the club as it helps to offset the cost of monthly meetings, covers operating expenses, encourages young members, provides support to the College Republicans as well as our troops, and allows for outreach activities designed to promote Republican principles.**

ERC members have always been very generous providing items for auction. This year, our silent auction items will be focused on baskets. The board will be providing a number of baskets and live auction items but additionally, families, friends, interest groups and Legislative districts are encouraged to work together to gather items. Here are just a few ideas for basket themes:

- Chocolate Lovers
- Seahawks/Mariners/Sounders
- Huskies/Cougars
- Food/Kitchen
- Wine/cheese
- Patriotic/Make America Great Again
- Elephants
- Golf
- Emergency Preparedness

Don't have time to put together a basket? That is OK! We welcome individual items and opportunities. Here are just a few suggestions:

- Vacation packages/time shares
- Experiences/Events (tickets to sporting events, theatre tickets, rafting trip, local cruises, gun lessons, hunting event, etc.)
- History DVD sets such as David Barton's American Heritage series
- Services (lawn care, pet-sitting, spa, printing, catering, etc.) This is a great way to promote your business!
- Gift certificates - (restaurants, coffee shops, stores, online shopping etc.)
- Bottles of wine and spirits
- Specialty food items (smoked salmon, desserts/sweets, preserves etc.)
- Hospitality (cooking lessons, host a cocktail party or BBQ, lunch with a legislator, etc)

**We encourage people to bring donations to our October meeting or contact:  
Mark Griswold ([mwgriswold@me.com](mailto:mwgriswold@me.com))**

Some items, if they don't fit with any of our themes or basket, might be kept for door prizes or donations.

This will be a great opportunity to shop for gifts for family members, friends, neighbors, service providers, and hosts/hostesses, while supporting Republican events and principles!