**September 15, 2022**

**Hello Fellow Woodland Rotarians,**

We are in the process of organizing the **2023 Rotary Club of Woodland Dinner Auction** fundraiser and it is time to get your help. As President-elect it is my responsibility to make sure the event is successful. Allow me to lay out the issues as I see them and I will look to you to help make the upcoming event another great success.

**The planned date for the event is Saturday, April 22, 2023**: We had a good deal of success this year by moving the event to later in the spring, so the Board believes we should build on that success. We recognize this date remains tentative until a contract is in place with our venue and vendors.

**What we raise funds for:** As in the past, we are seeking input from organizations and others in the community, so we can decide how best to use the funds we raise. Our closing date to receive input is November 1, 2022. Also, we especially value suggestions from our members. Please feel free to make your thoughts known to me by emailing me at kddiekman@aol.com, or simply reply to this email.

**Team:** The Club has decided to make a substantial change in the way the event team is organized for the coming year and going forward. In general, the plan is to form a **Standing Dinner Auction Committee** that will not need to start from scratch each year. Operationally, we look forward to the continued support of members who have given so much to past Dinner Auctions. The key change we need to make is identifying a Chair for the Standing Committee.

**Chair for the Standing Committee:** Working with the Club President and the President-elect, the Rotarian who takes this role will help the Club define the role in this initial year and prepare a successor for transition in some yet to be determined future year. If you think this role is right for you please send me a message at kddiekman@aol.com by early October.

**Back to the Team:** While a Chairperson is a critical role, we also need to build a team. We have great talent among our Club members, but we have difficulty identifying the talent because we are unaware of members desire to participate. I would really appreciate an indication from you of your interest in participating as an active member of the event planning team. If there is something you would especially like to be involved in, or for that matter, avoid, please let me know by writing to me at kddiekman@aol.com .

Your very kind and thoughtful attention to this request is appreciated.

**Karl Diekman, President-elect**

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