

MONEY FOR NOTHING CHAPTER FUND RAISER

During my tenure as president of the Chicago/Northern Illinois Chapter, I had the good fortune to know a generous merchant in my home town who, unfortunately, was going out of business. Her gift shop was always full of French-influenced goodies. The idea occurred to me to ask for some products to sell at a silent auction during our annual programs. The Chapter's Executive Council supported the idea, so a relatively easy fund raiser was born. Under each item, the following sign was posted:

Vente aux enchères silencieuse.

Pour nous aider à gagner des fonds pour nos activités, on vous invite à participer à une vente aux enchères silencieuse. Pour acheter cet objet, écrivez votre nom et la somme que vous offrez sur la fiche. Ajoutez au moins 50 cents au prix offert par l'acheteur précédent.

Bonne chance et merci.

Cet objet commence au prix de _____.

Votre nom

Prix offert

All that was needed was a Council member or two to be available to collect the money from the bidders.

For the next program, we decided that, since many members on our Council had retired, we would sponsor a *marché aux puces*, using materials donated from retirees. We grouped materials on tables according to prices thus eliminating the need to mark each item.

The funds raised provided us with enough money to offer small grants from our Chapter. The process went well, and we voted to continue with this effort during this school year.

If you do not have Chapter dues or if you're looking for a way to raise some extra funds, try these relatively easy techniques.

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