

*Friends of St. John the Caregiver*  
May 2008 Non-event Fund-raiser

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**“I’m so glad I don’t have to do *that!*”**

<b>Non-event</b>	<b>Position I’ve avoided</b>	<b>Duties I’ve escaped</b>	<b>Personal benefits</b>
<b>Dinner-auction</b>			
“What was I thinking! This is the last time I go to a planning meeting and raise my hand. Ever.”	chairperson	meetings, phone calls, begging volunteers to procure items, choosing hall and menu, hiring auctioneer, pricing items	quiet, restful evenings at home, no dealing with – forceful – committee members; no middle-of-the-night panic attacks
“I was just going to fill in where I’m needed because I don’t have much time to do this.”	<del>vice chairperson</del> ; ad hoc chairperson	being chairperson after he/she gets a new job or moves to avoid being chairperson	no feelings of abandonment and/or no sense of being conned
“I give up. Here’s a check. Buy what you need.”	procurement	ask, ask, ask, ask, ask, ask, ask, ask, ask	no earache from phone being stuck to side of head
“Did you hear that sound my back just made?”	set up	unfolding 10-foot tables, unloading racks of chairs	no need for jumbo bottle of ibuprofen or ice packs
“It’s just the two of us for all this?”	take down	loading racks of chairs, folding 10-foot tables	(see above)
“Hello? Anybody here?”	clean up (see “chairperson”)	clean, sweep, mop, take out trash, and on and on	no staying at hall till 3 a.m.
“A table’s worth of tickets is how much!”	committee member	hosting table guests and pressuring them to bid	keeping friends; saving many hundreds of dollars.
“I only waved my number to get the bidding started.”	oral auction buyer	bidding on a stupid item so donor won’t feel bad.	not getting stuck with . . . what the heck is that?
“Thank heaven I always get outbid eventually. Usually.”	silent auction buyer	having “lots of stuff” to take home and . . . get rid of	saving an amazing amount of money by not buying not-so-amazing items
<b>10K Run</b>			
“This will give me a good reason to get in shape!”	runner	runner = pledge getter (surprise, surprise)	no buying new shoes, knee brace, chiropractic services
<b>Phone-a-thon</b>			
“Just make some calls from my home? That’s easy. Give me the list.”	phoner	saying “ <i>Hello, (fill in blank with name here), I’m calling on behalf of . . .</i> ” several hundred times	avoiding several hundred hang ups, slam downs and one fellow who was <i>really</i> nasty
<b>Chocolate sale</b>			
“Oh, I love chocolate. Count me in. What? Oh . . . <i>sell</i> chocolate. Well, OK.”	seller	obligation to now buy any of the assorted <del>junk</del> items coworkers bring in for their kids’ fund-raisers	avoiding thousands of calories and tooth decay; keeping illusion that you have self-control when it comes to chocolate
<b>Bake sale</b>			
“Sure, I could bring a few items. No problem. That’s easy.”	baker	baking two dozen cupcakes, one Bundt cake, one pie; having to <i>remember</i> to do that.	no forgetting and – uh oh – driving to the store at 11 p.m. the night before the sale and praying it will have two dozen cupcakes, one Bundt . . .
<b>Sail to the Caribbean</b>			
“Sign me up!” This sounds like a dream vacation.”	participant	spending week in 8 X 6 cabin with no port hole and a roommate who snores	saving thousands of dollars; avoiding assault charges

♥Save time, save money, save your peace of mind! A “non-event” means every dollar you donate to the Friends of St. John the Caregiver goes to help family caregivers.

♥Write a check, sit back and relax!

♥No meetings, no traveling (can you believe the price of gasoline?), no to-do list, no pressing deadlines . . . no easier way to offer your support.

Thank you and God bless you.

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