FUNd Rai$ing Ideas You Can Take to the Bank

Involve other people besides members in the fundraising efforts

**Auctions**

1. White Elephant Silent Auction with time limit on things we buy, never use, collect from friends

2. Silent auction of items donated by the members/community

3. Centerpieces for a DKG event

4. Live auction (with real auctioneer who donates services) of items donated by members/community

5. Pies - members bid on slice

6. Bid on seasonal plants

7. Silent auction of wrapped items and include a poem or saying that gives clue to contents

**Sales**

1. Food Sales: (baked goods and nuts) take orders, set up table in community, e.g.,“One-day Cafés” in park

2. Yard/Garage Sales containing donated items from members and neighbors –link with another member

or neighbor to raise profit

3. Sell donated items on E-bay

4. Sales of books, candy, plants, cookbooks, recipes (providing samples helps)

5. Buck a Book: sell used books for a dollaror bid on them **,**

6. Homemade items: jams and jellies, crafts

7. Sell DKGor education designed items: sweatshirts, mugs, stationery, pins, cards, calendars, and ribbons

8. Rummage/Flea Market

9. Panera Bread and Village Inn offer gift cards and DKG gets a percentage. Some restaurants allow jar at

register or give percentage of sales for designated night or certain hours.

10. Sell gently used purses: put a surprise in one purse or in every purse such as lotion, gift card, holiday

decoration (could be auctioned especially with member acting as live auctioneer)

11. Old Jewelry: collect old jewelry from members, clean it, bag it, and sell for $1, $3, or, $5

12. Sell emergency kits

13. Pick fruit or vegetables and sell

14. Sell items made at a Creative Arts Retreat or program

15. Decoupage coasters, using napkins as design

16. Ask companies for restaurant gift cards or donations and sell them

**Activities/Events**

1. Jewelry exchange, bring jewelry and buy other member pieces

2. Be a Vendor at an international, regional conference, or state organization event

3. Box/Supper/Social: Each person brings a boxed meal. Members pay $5 to $7 each. Boxes are numbered

and members draw a number for their boxed meal.

4. Gift wrapping at local mall/retail outlet

5. Monitor tests and donate pay to chapter

6. Booth at staff development or teacher’s meeting

7. Game Night (with admission fee) make this a tournament, playing rounds

8. Recycle ink cartridges and electronic devices with www.greenschoolfundraiser.org

9. Write grants to local Wal-Mart/Matching Funds

10. Partner with Rotary International for a chapter/state literacy project.

11. Luncheon, Dinner: donated food prepared by members, charge a fee, served by officers or local celebrities

12. DKG members babysit for hourly fee during holiday season

13. Christmas Boutique: members bring handmade or purchased items

14. Non-event (tea, meal, bake sale): members pay but there is no event, perhaps create a poem to

invite members to take part in the non-event

15. Sell tickets to tea or luncheon with each table featuring a theme—holiday, country, season, sport,

etc. and provide a style show or inspiring speaker

16. City Sports Venues will often pay organizations to clean up after an event

17. Trivia Night: invite public with 8 to a table at cost of $10 each and winners receive a predetermined

percentage of total. Google “Trivia Fundraising” for step-by-step directions.

18. Scrapbooking Night: contact scrapbooking store that has room to offer classes. Hold 12-hr. session

and charge $25-$45 for space and meals. Store may share database. If not, advertise. Attendees

bring supplies but also buy from store which profits. (Chapter made $1,000 and store did as well.)

19. Golf Scramble Tournament: invite the men to participate as well

20. Corn Hole Tournament: similar to horseshoes but using a slanted board and bean bags - men also enjoy

21. Photo Shoot – take photos for chapter history or make greeting photo greeting cards

22. Trunk or Car Boot Sales. Put garage sale items in the trunk or boot of an automobile. Charge for (when

working with others) or pay for (if joining other groups) for a spot to park and all proceeds go to DKG.

Advertising is needed. Event can be based on children’s items, books, plants, etc.

23. Friendship Night – ½ members bring food, other ½ pay and later in the year reverse responsibilities

24. “Murder Mystery Evening” for members and guests who pay an entry to play game (similar to Cluedo) and

object is to spot guilty culprit after following clues, answering questions from detective, and listening to

witnesses

25. Joint meetings with another chapter to share expenses of room hire, etc.

26. Make Christmas cards and sell handicrafts at Christmas Market

27. Interactive creative workshops at chapter meetings culminating in donations

28. Golf Day with lady golfers

**Donations**

1. Pass the basket or plate: donate designated amount per member with annual membership

2. Members empty purse – 10 cents for each item in purse

3. Celebration Sock – member brings a sock for the season, hands it to member who tells good news and tucks

in some money and passes the sock to another, and so on.

4. Honor a chapter member’s birthday (or special event) by making a donation in that person’s name

5. “Pay” at a meeting to “brag” about family or school activities

6. Collect change at meetings

7. Request a specific amount of money at a meeting (e.g. $1.00) for a specific reason

8. Piggy Bank to collect for postage, grants, Schools for Africa, etc.

9. Members’ donations instead of sending Christmas cards to each other– for scholarships

10. Open homes for a small fee to members visiting the area

**Assessment**

1. Pay more than ordinary dues for funds (each year)

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