

Attention members and friends...and especially Retailers in our group

Once again it is time for the Gemological Institute of America Alumni and Associates of Washington DC to formulate plans for our annual fund-raising auction, dinner, and party. This year we will celebrate at: **Fairfax Marriott**, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22033 **Phone:** (703) 352-2525

Sunday, December 2, 2018. The festivities will start at **NOON:**

Noon to 2PM – Silent Auction
1PM – Lunch
2PM to 4:00PM – Live Auction

We hope that you will sign up and join us at the party.

I am writing to all our vendors, business associates, and friends to ask that you donate for our once-a-year fund-raiser. The proceeds from this auction allow us to present outstanding speakers at eleven monthly meetings a year. You are welcome to attend any of our meetings for a nominal meeting fee. We also provide affordable seminars and workshops throughout the year to further the education of members, students, interested gem enthusiasts, and residents in our Mid-Atlantic area.

Your donations may be in the form of cash, merchandise, gift certificates, services, or any combination. **Donations can be brought to the upcoming October, and November Meetings, or we can arrange pickup.** Last minute donations brought to the Party on December 2nd, while appreciated, take too much time to process, so please donate early.

All donations are greatly appreciated and the donors will receive a Tax Receipt, and be acknowledged on our web site **WWW.DCGIA.ORG**

Please send your donated items with business cards to:

GIA Alumni & Associates Washington DC
c/o Charles Marts - Auction Secretary
13400 Catoctin Court, Herndon, VA 20170.

The Holiday Party and Auction invitations will be mailed, emailed, and posted on the Chapter's Website the first weeks of October. We sincerely hope you will join us at this spectacular event! The annual auction is for a good cause, is great fun, and is vital to the chapter's financial health. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Charlie Marts – Secretary DCGIA

To schedule Donation pickup, contact cmarts@cox.net or 703-473-4992 to schedule a day and time for pickup.