

- 1) **Margarita Madness** - This basket included all the fixing for a Margarita night. Vodka, Margarita Mix, Margarita glasses, salt for the rim, some small batch craft salsa and guacamole mix. The winning bidder just needed to provide some friends and chips for a great time. Some other ideas would be some fixings for tacos or gift cards to a local favorite Mexican restaurant.
- 2) **Craft Beer Basket** - Your town likely has a thriving craft brewery scene. A great basket to offer is a Craft Beer Basket including some of your favorites. In my experience if you approach your favorite local breweries with a pitch for your nonprofit, you will probably get a growler or 6-pack along with some brewery swag to add to your basket. It's a great chance for them to get exposure and give back to their own community. Sure it's easy to buy craft beer and add it to the basket, but your local breweries may surprise you, don't be afraid to ask.
- 3) **Old Fashioned Whiskey Basket** - Think Manhattans, Old Fashioneds, Moscow Mules, Margaritas, etc. Purchase everything you need to assemble the perfect cocktail, including appropriate glassware, and add a recipe card so the winner knows exactly what they need to create the perfect cocktail at home. This would be a great item to pitch to local liquor stores as a donation for some free publicity and community outreach! (Cute small baskets, nice whiskey, we can do multiple ones of these, one for each recipe you have.)
- 4) **Jello Shots Anyone?** – Basket for Jello Shot preparation, including the alcohol, cups, and Jello. Maybe a local liquor store will donate. I have plenty of Jello.
- 5) **Italian Dinner Basket** - This basket includes everything you need for a delicious Italian dinner. Pasta, wine, seasoning, sauces, extra virgin olive oil, small block of cheese, crackers. Think fit in a cute colander with wooden utensils on a checker red dish towel.
Got your own dinner in a basket idea? We could do other themes.
- 6) **I Scream, You Scream** - Compile a basket with all the ingredients for the perfect ice cream sundae bar. (Except, of course, for the ice cream — give a gift card to a local grocery for that.) Different syrups, sprinkles, cones and whipped cream can create a family ice cream extravaganza! Add a couple Sundae glasses and spoons.
- 7) **Road Trip** - A gas card, some fun snacks and board games made for the road that are easy to play in the car are the perfect recipe for a family road trip! To add some extra helpful items, include sunscreen, gum, coloring books and maybe a fast food gift card (for any pit stops). Again think dollar store theme shopping.
- 8) **Date Night** - Include DVDs (or streaming service gift cards) maybe of classic old movies for a nice night at home.... Bottle of wine, box of chocolate, soft throw, candle, use your imagination
- 9) **Kids Movie Night** – Include DVDs (or streaming service gift cards) for a fun night at home, movie snacks (think dollar stock snack boxes), a few bottles of soda, and of course, popcorn! I have a great popcorn gift set to assemble this one.
- 10) **Everything's Coming Up Roses** - A gardening-themed basket is perfect for the green-thumbed participant. Include new gardening tools, vegetable and flower seeds, a new pair of gloves and maybe even a pink flamingo lawn decoration. Check with the local nurseries for donations.
- 11) **Take a Hike** - This hiking basket can include things like granola bars, an upscale water bottle, new carabineers, hiking socks, sunscreen, a nice first aid kit, some jerky, survival knife, flashlight, bug spray (you get the idea). OR since we have some bikers, **Take a Ride** – include stuff appeal more on a bike ride. Any gift card to a local outdoorsy type place.
- 12) **Day at the Spa** - A gift card for a massage, along with some nice candles and bath salts, loofahs, lotions, essential oils or gift card to body works, or gift card to nail salon, lots of ideas to go with on this theme. Could do more than one of these.
- 13) **Waffles Anyone** - Breakfast Food - Waffle mix, high-quality maple syrup and a waffle iron make for a yummy breakfast-themed combination. Include some non-perishable toppings (like sprinkles and chocolate chips) for an extra tasty touch.

- 14) **Caffeine Fix** - The basket for the coffee lover. Add a few gift cards to popular local coffee shops in Aurora, as well as fun coffee items such as a French press or pour over kit. Include some coffee beans as a final touch — it will make the basket smell good!
- 15) **A Lot of Chocolate** - Anything that can be covered in chocolate should be included in this basket! Add a variety of chocolates — from truffles to chocolate-covered blueberries. Stick with the Rotary theme and add in some chocolate liquors!
- 16) **Grill 'Em** – Who doesn't need some new grilling equipment such as tongs, meat seasoning, a grill brush and apron. Maybe add some grilling sauces and a grill pan to use as the basket tray.
- 17) **Baking Day** - Buy a few baking mixes, some icing and sprinkles and a few cooking utensils for a basket that is inexpensive but will provides many delicious goodies. Maybe a gift card to local bakery.
- 18) **Puppy Lovers** - For the dog lovers in your audience, put together a basket with treats, toys, and a new leash. Gift card to a local pet store or groomer. Pet bed to make the basket on.
- 19) **Cat Lovers** - For the cat lovers in your audience, put together a basket with treats, cat toys, and scratching post. Gift card to a local pet store or groomer.
- 20) **Manscaping** - Guys want to look nice, too! Create a beard kit basket for the manly man. Include a beard trimmer, beard oil and a comb to keep this basket's winner nicely groomed. Include a gift certificate to a local barber shop.
- 21) **Zen Fitness** - Include a gift certificate to a local gym or dance studio, videos or access to a streaming service, along with a yoga mat and a water bottle.
- 22) **Lucky Lotto**. Your raffle winners are on a lucky streak! Give them the chance to win even more with a lotto ticket basket or wreath. Just buy lottery tickets, we'll come up with a fun way to display them.
- 23) **Date Night on the Town**. Dinner and a show. Procure two tickets to a local live performance, and add gift certificates to a downtown restaurant nearby. Bottle of wine for basket.
- 24) **Rounds of Golf**. Self explanatory.
- 25) **Fun with Science** - Tickets to the SciTech science museum, science games, experiment kits, science puzzles.
- 26) **Picnic Basket** – Literally use a picnic basket and put in items – Tickets to Blackberry Farms or Fox Valley Park District gift card. Can include some sausages, cheeses, pasta salad mix, cole slaw mix, etc.
- 27) **Arts & Crafts** - Markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons, craft paint, construction paper, paint brushes, stamping kit, jewelry kits, small wooden model kits, loom bracelet kit, gift card to craft store. Stick to a theme, age, not all of these, these are just ideas.
- 28) **Car Care** – A quality cleaning kit & oil change gift certificate. We have car wash gift cards left from last auction.
- 29) **Welcome Baby** - Diaper bag, onesies, burp cloths, infant toys, board books, teething rings, baby socks, bibs, not to go overboard but everyone knows someone who has a baby, right? Use your imagination.
- 30) **Game Night** – Get a new game or two that is currently popular, include a gift card to a local pizza delivery place. Examples include: Exploding Kittens, Apples to Apples (or Cards Against Humanity if want Adult version of Apples to Apples), Codenames (regular or themed) are a few great ones.
- 31) **Sports Themed** – Local baseball or event, paired with some matching team items
- 32) **Best Cookies Ever** – Same as the drink one, do a recipe card of the “Best _____ Cookies Ever” and then include all the non-perishable ingredients. Put on a cookie tray or cooling rack.