



IMPORTANT NOTICE

..... RELATED TO THE LIA AUCTION

Flexibility is the Name of the Game!!!

Dear LIA Alumni:

About two weeks ago, we were notified by The Riverside Hotel that there had been a double booking for a portion of the space we had reserved for the upcoming auction. This was due to a transition in their staffing over the past year. We began negotiations to determine what could be worked out, knowing that a great deal of auction publicity had gone out already.

This week, we were notified that the other party was not willing to negotiate for space. The result was that we were going to be limited in the space we could use for the auction. Those of you who have been with us in recent years know the size and scope of our event, and that space had become paramount.

This caused us to scramble, and we have been looking at other venues throughout the Treasure Valley that would meet our needs for the auction:

- All day set up the day of the auction
- Space for 40 round tables and availability of a bar
- Space for our Live Auction and other auction games
- Supplies – tables, chairs, china, linens, etc., to run the auction

We found all kinds of pricing, but the biggest thing – **LACK OF AVAILABILITY**. This then brought the leadership of the Auction Committee to the following decisions for the 2016 Auction.

- **2016 Auction will be moved to Boise Centre in downtown Boise**
- **2016 Auction will be moved to Wednesday, February 17, at 5:30pm**

The week of the auction is prime time in the legislative session and many of the venues that might have worked for this year were simply not available. The board knew that because of the increasing number of graduates in the program, we would eventually have to depart The Riverside Hotel. We like to hold the auction on Thursday evening; we feel it benefits the flow of the week's activities. However, in order to get our foot in the door for a new facility, we had no choice but to move to Wednesday evening, February 17, since no facility that would hold the gala and auction was available on Thursday evening.

Just like you, we are making many adjustments in the Boise schedule to accommodate this change. We hope that you will join us on **WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 17, at Boise Centre** (850 W. Front Street – Boise, ID) for a celebration of 30 years for the Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation. Thank you for being flexible!

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