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Dear Texas FlyFishers Club Member,

The Texas FlyFishers of Houston was founded in 1976 by a group of avid fly fishermen. The Club's objectives are to share our knowledge of fly fishing with one another and others who wanted to learn, to help in conserving our natural resources, to enjoy the camaraderie of fly fishing, and to have a good time doing it. To be able to do all of this, the Club needs funds beyond its membership dues. Every year around early April, the Club holds an auction with the purpose of generating funds to cover the Club's operating expenses for the year. This year's auction is planned for April 14th, 2012 at the Bethany Christian Church, 3223 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX, beginning at 10:00 am and concluding around 3:00 pm.

The auction takes place in 3 stages, a silent auction, a live auction and a drawing. The silent auction consists of items donated from Club members that they no longer have use of. These items range from rods, reels, lines, artwork to almost anything else that might be stuck away in your closet. During lunch we hold the live auction consisting of about thirty upper end items like guided fishing trips, rods and reels, original artwork and much more. Also included in the live auction will be the fly plate containing flies tied and collected at the Annual Dr. Ed Rizzolo Fly Tying Festival. Lastly, but certainly not the least, will be the drawing for a top end prize, maybe a new rod or a guided fishing trip.

To make this event a success, it takes the help of many people. We certainly need help with soliciting and gathering donations as well as you donating items that you may no longer have the need for. Remember the old saying, "one man's trash is another man's treasure". We also need help setting up the auditorium Friday evening and taking down the tables and chairs Saturday afternoon. There is also need for your help the day of the auction with bidder sign in, with ticket sales, auction spotter and most importantly, with the cashier table.

I will be keeping you informed on our progress with announcements at the upcoming monthly meetings and through e-letters on the website but, I ask you to begin thinking on how you might help out and make this years auction one of the best in the Clubs history. If you wish to volunteer or you have any questions on how you can help out, please feel free to contact me at dlemke@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 713-502-1809.

Thank you.

Regards,

David Lemke

Club President and Auction Event Chairman