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Chinese New Year and Auction

Over 65 people attended the first annual Chinese New Year and Auction and over \$800 was raised to help support the civic projects of the GFWC Anthem Women's Club.

The Shanghai Club, 3434 W. Anthem Way, Anthem, graciously allowed the Women's Club to use the restaurant for the fundraiser. "We were pleased to support the efforts of the Women's Club since they are doing so many good things for the community" says Ming Wong, owner.

Items auctioned included numerous white elephant gifts, and items donated by several local businesses including Boates and Crump, PLLC, Eccentric Gourmet, Garrett's Salon, Good Life Family Health Chiropractic, L&H Fine Art and Mosaic, Nancy Matthews Interior Design, and The Dugout.

Not a typical auction, the participants used numbered paddles and bid 25 cents per item. Auctioneer, Teri Baxter, called out numbers until the "gong master", Matt Beason, hit the gong to determine the winner. "It was more of a game and we had a blast!" says Michelle Sunyak of Deer Valley Credit Union.

"The party and auction was a huge success and we were so pleased with the attendance, the food, and the party atmosphere", says Gina Bonavito, project manager. The Women's Club plans to hold the event again next year with even more surprises planned.

The GFWC Anthem Women's Club has supported many projects in the community including the North Valley Regional Library, raising awareness about domestic and date violence, The Sojourner Center, Fresh Start, the Salvation Army Christmas angels, and supporting the Anthem Team in the Susan G. Koman 3-Day Walk for Breast Cancer.

Currently, the Club is promoting a raffle to help the Sheriff's Anthem Posse purchase a second patrol car. Tickets can be purchased up until the drawing date of March 19 at various locations in the Anthem area or by calling 623-551-0146.

The Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the North Valley Regional Library and is open to all women over 18 years of age. To learn more about the GFWC Anthem Women's Club, contact Donna Kublin, President, at 623-680-5815.

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