Where has this year gone? The holidays are fast approaching, which means life is going to get busier both at home and at church for the next little while. I love this time of year, the cooler weather, cozy sweaters, and all the wonderful traditions that we share with friends and family, as we prepare for the celebration of our Saviors' birth. It is truly a magical time of year.

With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, keep in mind that our Annual DCCW Convention will be following close behind (April 17-18, 2027). Convention is a wonderful time to relax, make new friends, catch up with old friends, but most importantly take time to rejuvenate and feed our spiritual soul. We can also feed our creative side at convention, by putting together some must have items for the Raffle Basket, Silent Auction and Ugly Purse Auction, which also allows those of us with a love for shopping to fulfil that need as well. As a reminder, this is the only fundraiser for the DCCW. To help with this, each affiliate is asked to provide the following items:

Silent Auction item – with a minimum value of $100
Raffle item/basket – with a minimum value of $50
Ugly Purse with mystery contents – with a minimum value of $25
Table Centerpiece

While we ask each affiliate to provide one of each of these items, **more donations are always welcome!** As your out shopping or surfing Amazon for that perfect Christmas gift, keep an eye out for those holiday sales and bargains that would make a wonderful raffle item. You never know when the perfect auction treasure will appear—and we all know it's much easier to explain shopping when it's for a good cause and on a great sale!

We have received a donation of a beautiful King Size Quilt for our annual quilt raffle at convention, so save up your cash, and plan to get tickets. You won't want to miss an opportunity to win this beautiful quilt.

I will be sending out donation request letters to local businesses asking for donations of items or tickets etc. to help support our fundraiser. If you know of a company that might be willing to donate, please let me know. In addition to donation requests, I am looking for individuals that would be willing to help with the set-up of the Raffle & Silent Auction room on Friday April 16th, as well as help with ticket sales during convention. If you are willing to help, please reach out to me at: Jazzfan63@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and share your wonderful gifts and talents.

With Peace and Gratitude,

Jessica Jurkowski
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