

# St. George Fellowship Centre

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## Fund Raising made fun!

*There are many fundraisers a group can hold that can be fun and exciting. The goal, of course, is to make money in the most efficient way possible. The staff at St. George Fellowship Centre is your fund raising experts. We strive to make your event an annual success!*

*The three most important aspects of any fundraiser are:*

- 1) Tickets are sold well in advance of the event.*
- 2) There are enough volunteers – this makes it fun instead of work for those involved.*
- 3) It is an expected and anticipated annual event.*

- *Reverse Raffle: A pre-set number of raffle tickets are sold for the chance at a ‘grand prize’. Ticket price usually includes dinner along with a number. Tickets are drawn with door prizes every so often and the last ticket out wins the grand prize. Thus, it is a reverse raffle. The hardest part of this event is selling the tickets.*
  - *Chances can also be sold that night for a ‘side-board’ ticket. These are numbers, equal to the number of main board tickets, guests may purchase for a chance to win cash. There can be \$3, \$5 and \$10 sideboards. ½ of the money collected goes to the group, ½ goes to the winner.*
  - *A 50/50 raffle is very popular and nets ½ of the sales of tickets.*
  - *10<sup>th</sup> ticket hold-out – A 10<sup>th</sup> ticket hold-out is a chance for someone to buy or win a ticket that is put in the hopper as one of the last 10 tickets in the raffle. This is usually done by auctioning the ticket when only 9 remain or selling chances for it throughout the night.*
  - *Bingo – Bingo cards are sold and played along with the raffle as numbers are called. ½ of the sales goes to the group, ½ to the winner.*
  - *Raffle- Chances for a big ticket item ( ie. Trip for 2, Condo rental, Large screen T.V) are sold for high dollar amount - usually \$10 each and 3 for \$25. the item should be donated but can be bought.*
- *Auction Dinner: A silent and oral auction is held with items donated from every source possible. Examples of items are tools, decorations, theme baskets, sporting goods, sports memorabilia, books, toys, art, autographed items, logo apparel, collectibles, blimp ride, golf packages, sporting event tickets and so on. This event requires letter writing as well as calling on businesses and picking up items. A large committee is required to set up and display all the items. Auctions must be well organized as payment is received that night via cash, check and credit card. A 50/50 raffle can also be held at the dinner. Tickets must be sold in advance.*

- *Vegas Night: Currently a very popular fund raiser. A company is hired to provide the gaming tables, dealers, cards and play money. Tickets are sold which include dinner and a set amount of play money. Guests gamble for a few hours to make as much money as they can. They can 'buy' more funny money if they run out. After the tables close, donated prizes can be bid on or guests can receive a raffle ticket for every \$500 turned in. This event probably needs the least amount of volunteers.*
  
- *A Night at the Races: A company is hired to provide the race films, racing forms and betting tickets. Horses are sold in advance and programs printed. Tickets are sold for dinner and a fun filled night of horse racing. Betting windows are set up and race times announced. Volunteers must be in place and well organized as the betting is all done in cash. After the race, winners are paid and more bets are wagered on the next race.*