FUNDRAISING IDEAS & EVENTS

Form a committee to help you carry out these tasks; **you can't do it alone** and good volunteers can really help.

"Never underestimate the power of a few committed people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that can." Margaret Mead

Raffles

- **50/50 Raffle in your work place**—Each week those who want to participate kick in \$10 to have their name put in a hat. At the end of the week draw the name and split the pot with the winner. If you have 20 participants, the winner gets \$100 and so does your residency.
- **Flowers**—Ask a florist to donate a bouquet for January, February and March (or your most dreary months) and co-workers purchase chances to win.
- **Solicit Prizes** from local businesses and hold a raffle at an event, club meeting or during lunch hour with your colleagues.

Sales

- Flower bulbs in late winter
- Christmas ornaments in fall—Place a Christmas tree in a well-trafficked location (bank, mall) and make and sell ornaments to use as decorations
- Baked goods
- Plants
- Garage sale
- Books
- Greeting cards—Make greeting cards from children's drawings.
- Calendar—Make a photo calendar with photos from your show.
- Cookbook of favorite recipes from your organization's members or employees.
- Gift wrapping—Set up booths during the holidays at the mall or downtown—Valentine's Day, Christmas, etc.
- Coupon book from local restaurants.
- Car Wash—Find local celebrities to put in some time and be sure to advertise.

Events/Parties

- Wine tasting
- Pancake breakfast
- Bunko Tournament
- Halloween party
- Valentine's Day Party
- New Year's Eve Party
- Dance—Daddy/Daughter Date Night, Teen, Big Band Swing Dance, Retro Party
- Bingo
- Carnival
- Casino Night
- Auction

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Miscellaneous

- **Weekly Potlucks**—Ask a group of co-worker friends to help you by contributing a potluck dish for a certain day of the week—Fridays work great! Charge other co-workers \$5 for lunch. Include other offices near yours. This idea also works for coffee breaks—charge for coffee and baked goods once a week.
- Work or School Casual Days—Employees or students pay a fee (\$5) to wear something they don't usually get to wear, i.e. jeans, ball caps, costumes, etc.
- Send a letter to your friends and family asking them to make a donation to your residency rather than give you a birthday or holiday gift. Who needs more stuff anyway?
- Take a walk around your neighborhood and ask your neighbors for their support.
- Place a flock of plastic flamingos or something else obnoxious and noticeable in a yard of a home or place of business and charge the owner to have it removed. The best part is that they get to pick the next recipient. You might want to send out a warning postcard so they know it's coming and why.
- Ask a restaurant to donate a portion of proceeds for a specific day or menu item.
- Collect aluminum cans and sell them to a recycling company.
- **Duck Race**—Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge and determine a finish line. The duck that finishes first wins.
- Guess the number of ??? in the jar—gather a prize(s) and fill a jar with beans or popcorn or pennies or something else small. The guess closest to the number gets the prize. Other idea—guess the weight of the cake—winner gets the cake.
- **Mile of pennies**—Make a mile of pennies in your town center or mall. Ask shoppers to help by donating their coins.
- **Hire a photographer** and sell photos from the night of your performance.