



2026 CONVENTION FUN-DRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

Greetings from your Fundraising Committee, which includes Julie Blewis, Krissa Brown, Michael Giunta, Rebekah Kaufman, Fred Patton, Sue Popp, and Sheryl Sunderman. Our team is responsible for the fundraising activities at our National Convention, and our main goal to keep the FUN in FUNdraising a top priority. Here are a few of the can't miss activities we've planned for you in New Orleans this summer!

WELCOME GATHERING: *Immediately following the Opening Ceremonies on Monday evening, (note the new time!), we kick off the best week of the year with our traditional Ice Cream Social.* Catch up with old friends, make some new ones, and enjoy a frozen treat on the house! This event will offer customized New Orleans themed souvenirs for purchase, including a stunning, silver Mardi Gras Pandora style charm. Cash, checks, and credit cards are all fine for payment.

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE: *Our fundraising party this year will be a Mardi Gras Masquerade: a Fundraising Costume Dance Celebration.* Start planning your purple, green, and gold themed costumes now, and don't forget your mask! We'll be having a King and Queen contest, although all of our Masquerade guests are royalty. And our souvenir for this celebration is one you'll be sure to sport all convention long - and onward! Tickets are \$50 and registration is limited, so make sure you sign up on the event request form in the event packet to guarantee your place

BINGO: Feeling lucky? Then sign up for bingo - and bring a friend or two along to make it really memorable. Whether you are a bingo expert or a newbie, give it a try, it will be great fun, and the prizes this year are off the chart great! Tickets are \$40 for preregistration and \$50 at the door, so make sure you sign up on the event request form in the event packet.



NEW "CURATED BY..." SUPER HELPERS: *Our committee is thrilled to present a new fundraising project called "Curated By..."* These helpers on steroids are assembled, presented, and contributed by five of our community's beloved thought leaders and subject matter experts. These rockstars each will be offering a basket brimming with irresistible items related to their specialty. These may even include items from their own personal collections! These can't-resist super helpers, which each value over \$500, will be on display in our helper room and will require their own *Curated By...* helper tickets. These will be available for purchase at convention and will be \$5 each or five for \$20.

