

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Auction - February 8 through 21, 2010

### *An Elegant Evening - Worthy of Counts & Countesses*

**Saturday, February 27, 2010**

**6:00 p.m.**

Pat Hartvigsen, Chuck VanderLinden, Susan Hughes and Greg Baker will host 4 to 6 adults in Pat & Chuck's Groton home. The evening will include appetizers, main course, dessert and beverages. All recipes are inspired by Ina Garten, *The Barefoot Contessa*. Guests are asked to open their hearts to their "inner nobility." You may come as the count or countess of your choice, or wait to have an honorary title conferred upon you in the course of the evening.

**Minimum bid \$25**

**Estimated value \$60.00**

### *"Gado-Gado" an invitation to Indonesia*

**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

**6:30 p.m.**

Carol Bousquet will host 6 to 8 adults in her Ayer home. Carol's famous **Gado-gado** is a traditional dish in Indonesian cuisine. This vegetarian salad is served with a peanut sauce, and is eaten as a main dish. It is widely served from hawker's carts, market stalls and fine restaurants in Indonesia and other areas of the world. Carol will provide soft-drinks. Guests may bring wine or beer for their own consumption or sharing. Carol recommends Grolsch beer or a Gewürztraminer as an accompaniment.

**Minimum bid \$25**

**Estimated value \$45.00**

### *The Hollywood Premier of Powar & Greede A murder mystery evening*

**Saturday, March 27, 2010 ?**

**6:00 p.m.**

John Jackson and Ellen Todd will host 6 to 8 adults for this evening of murder and suspense. A multi-course gala feast will include hors d'oeuvres, soup, baked salmon, and an elegant dessert. Guests will also play a role to help solve the murder. Guests will be cast and informed of their roles after the bidding is complete. If you like theatre and playing Clue, you'll enjoy this evening.

**Minimum bid \$25**

**Estimated Value \$50 or more**

### **1950's Kitchen Shower**

**Sunday, April 11, 2010**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (or a little later)**

Marge Kimpton, Jenny Clark, Katharyn Dawson, Ellen Todd and Cindy Furman will host a 1950's themed shower in the Vestry. Refreshments will include punch, finger sandwiches and a tiered wedding-style cake. Join us for a fun afternoon and have lots of fun while we upgrade the church kitchen equipment.

**This event is open to all - the price of admission is a shower gift for the church. The registry list will include small, inexpensive items as well as larger, costlier items. We are currently working on the registry list, and will inform all guests as soon as it is available.**

## **How Does the Auction Work?**

### **How do I bid and how much?**

Read the event descriptions carefully. Some of the events have a minimum bid per person. Other events have no minimum—the hosts are willing to accept the top bidders at any price level.

In all cases, except for the Kitchen Shower, the events have competitive bids, and the high bids will determine the guests. Remember - your bid price is per guest!

**When do I pay for events?** After the auction closes you will receive a letter (by email or U.S Postal service) informing you of successful and unsuccessful bids, including the amount you must pay, the dates and the addresses of any events you will be attending. You will be asked to make your payment before the event.

**I am hosting an event and can include a few more guests. Someone asked me if they can attend (they will give me the payment for the church.) Is this okay?** If you want to include a few more guests, please contact Ellen Todd to coordinate this. We need to be fair to other bidders who did not make the high bid cut-off.

**How does this type of event help First Parish Church of Groton, other than raising money?** Guess Who's Coming to Dinner brings together mixed groups of people at each event—including some who know each other well and others who don't. Our church has grown so fast in the past years that it is hard to keep track of new faces and names. This sharing of time, food and conversation will help us get to know each other and strengthen our sense of community.

### **Is my payment for this fundraiser tax-deductible?**

Payments are not tax deductible unless your payment exceeds the value of the event. If you think you have paid more than the value of the event, consult your tax adviser to determine deductibility.

### **Are my expenses as a host tax-deductible?**

Your expenses to raise funds for the church may be deductible on your tax return. Please consult your tax adviser to determine deductibility.