

Rummage Committee Report

February 2025

The Rummage Committee held its first meeting for Rummage 86 on January 29th. Many things were discussed but the first decision was made. Donation days this year will be May 3rd and September 13th. The hospital has already approved these dates.

While you still have your pens out please write down the new rummage committee email address, rummage@ladiesboard.org. We will be creating a few forms to be placed on the website. One form will be for anyone wanting to volunteer. One form will be for anyone wanting to donate. The last form will be for sponsorship. These forms will help us disseminate information quickly.

We need a chair for the book department. Please let us know if you have a person you feel would be perfect for this job.

The rummage committee spends countless hours researching, discussing, and implementing solutions to produce the best possible outcome for the Ladies Board. After Rummage 85, we took a hard look at each department. We evaluate how to increase profit. The one overarching thought is the auction would make for a great event to be held outside of the rummage sale. Our shoppers come to rummage looking for a bargain. They generally have a budget in mind and want to stretch it as far as they can. With an auction, the goal is reversed. We want to make as much money with a greatly reduced number of items. By holding an auction in the late spring, we would be able to have both a silent and live auction. The competitive spirit is alive in all of us, no one more so than me. Having a live auction will allow for attendees to bid against other people in the room. This could help the potential profits go up. The rummage committee will solicit items from various stores, artist, companies, and anything special that comes into our first donation day in May. A spring auction would help with acquiring sponsors for the sale by having the same conversation when soliciting items. Companies arrange their charitable contributions early in the year. Summer and Fall are a difficult time to ask for sponsors so any help is appreciated. Everybody is invited, tickets will be required. The price of the ticket will be based on the cost of the event. The ticket price will cover the cost of the food plus fees. Any money left over would be earmarked for the rummage committee's annual pledge. The venue has yet to be determined. We will advertise on social media. We will advertise through Inova and through the ladies board website. Any ladies board member who wishes to volunteer to help organize, solicit auction items and participate at the auction will have the able to purchase their ticket at half price. Tickets will be sold through the

ladiesboard.org. The rummage committee reached out to Suzy Quinn, Inova Health Foudation, to purpose the idea of an auction being held in the spring. Ms. Quinn approved of it. In fact, the Inova Foundation is willing to assist us with this endeavor. Therefore, the Rummage Committee moves to hold a silent and live auction event in late spring.