



GLADHANDER

Dates to Remember:

Set-up begins: Oct. 21

Preview: October 23

Main Event: Oct. 24

Take Down: Oct. 25

Thank You Party: Nov. 7

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G l a d h a n d e r 2 0 0 9 : F u n & G a m e s !

27TH ANNUAL GLADHANDER FUNDRAISER!

Gladhander 2009 is all about “Fun & Games.” This year’s Gladhander promises to be big fun... and games! From classic board games to traditional TV game shows, you’ll find all your favorites represented in the fabulous decorations and auction items. If you play your cards right and follow the rules, you just might end up as the winning bidder on one of our fabulous items... or a brand new

car! Plan now to attend this prestigious event which enables us to offer a Christ-centered, quality education for more than 1000 young people.

- Preview Night (open to the public) Friday, October 23
- Main Event (advance tickets only) Saturday, October 24

Attend and be part of one of the area’s finest fundraisers, complete with a live auction, elegant dinner and drinks, and raffle prizes and plenty of opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. We’ll even serve you breakfast at midnight! Cost is \$150 per person. Contact the Gladhander office 941-4523.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Gladhander began in 1983.
- It is one of the most prestigious gala events in northern Michigan.
- Since its inception, Gladhander has raised more than \$8million to benefit GTACS.
- Gladhander is a significant funding source for GTACS.

GLADHANDER GIFT GATHERING PARTIES

GLADHANDER GIFT GATHERING PARTIES are hosted by GTACS families and are another way we obtain donations for the auction. Your “entrance fee” to the party is an item for the auction. We’ve already had

one, the ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY! We have scheduled the DUCK LAKE PARTY: July 18th (RSVP to the office by July 1st); ROAD RALLY (September 19th...watch for more details!). We are looking for families to host new parties

(no party is too big or too small). Some ideas: Father/Son gathering, Pontoon Party; Beach Bums Game; Pool Party; Cherry Festival Party; Deck Party, Wine Tasting, and more! Call Gladhander 941-4523 for more information.

2009 Committee Chairs

Co-Chairs:

Pete & Kim Schmitz

Attendance:

Maggie Kent & Jerri Gabriel

Cashiers:

Wayne & Jennifer Johnson
and Howard & Martha Kellicut

Catalog: Cathy Nelson and
John Phillips

Cinema Productions:

Linda Currie & Helen Martin

Decorations:

Carla Nickodemus

Dinner & Refreshments:

Doug & Maureen DeYoung

Internet Auction:

Jerri Gabriel

Live Auction Gifts:

Terri Gauthier

Main Event:

Dave & Amy Pax

Physical Arrangements:

Paul Britten

Preview:

Dave & Trina Kaplan

Publicity:

Becky Kalajian

Raffle :

Chris Middleton, Al Zelinski, and Art Primeau

Silent Auction Gifts

Needed!

Solicitation:

Dennis Brodeur, Pat Heintz,
and Mike Marsh

Student Manpower: Susan
Maasberg & Tracey Tull

Thank You Party:

Lori Phillips, Matt Bauman,
Janet Troppman & Erick-Chittle

Volunteer Coordinator:

Needed!

Development Director:

Wayne Mueller

Gladhandler Coordinator:

Kathy Britten

GLADHANDER DECORATION UPDATE

Gladhandler Decoration Chair, Carla Nickodemus, and crew have begun creating the designs to transform the school into memorable "Fun & Games." Your help is always needed and appreciated. If you would like to chair a section of the building for the event (i.e. Cafeteria, Tent, Bathrooms, 2 Hallways) contact Carla. This

Chairperson is not necessarily responsible for the design, but is responsible to supervise the actual setup of that specific area. Carla will be hosting *relaxed* work bees throughout the summer that all are welcome to join. School work bees will begin after school starts in the fall; watch for times. Carla may have some

take home projects available; just call her to make arrangements. Large items are being constructed and stored off site. If you have a truck and time to help with transportation, please contact Carla. She can be reached by phone at 499-5222 or email at carlanickodemus@yahoo.com.

Did you know that Gladhandler needs over 700 volunteers for its annual auction??? Be part of the action by calling 941-4523.



INTERNET AUCTION

Once again, Gladhandler will be featuring an Internet Auction on E-bay. Last year's internet auction netted \$4,000 and attracted buyers from twenty different states and Canada.

Help is needed in gathering items for another successful E-Bay auction. Items that have

wide appeal include: name brand/designer items, collector items, vintage items, sporting tickets that you can't use, American Girl doll accessories, Barbie dolls and clothing from the 50's, 60's, and 70's, etc. Keep Gladhandler in mind while you are out hitting the garage sales this summer!

If you have items to donate or if you have an interest or experience with E-Bay auctions and would like to help our chairperson, Jerri Gabriel, please call her at 929-3911 or mbgjlg5@chartermi.net

SAVE THE DATE!

The “annual” women’s Road Rally is set for Saturday, September 19th. The committee is busy at work developing fun and intriguing clues for this “scavenger hunt.” Start planning now on getting a group of women together! Back by popular demand...a Road Rally raffle where the prize will be two tickets to Gladhandler!!

RAFFLE

The Annual Gladhandler Raffle will be “gearing up” in August! This year will feature your choice of cash or your choice of either two luxury vehicles! Tickets are \$125 each or two for \$200.

If you turn your tickets in before the St. Francis homecoming game on October 3rd, then you will have a chance of winning \$1,000. All “early bird” entries will also be re-entered in the big raffle on Saturday, October 24th.

There are fourteen cash prizes (four drawings at \$1,000 each and ten drawings at \$500 each) awarded that evening, and the fifteenth winner receives the grand prize. (Need not be present to win!)

2008 Grand Prize Winner: Dave Hengesbach of Traverse City

\$1000 Winners

Carol Vernam of Traverse City
Don Glowicki of Elk Rapids,
Jim Kirby of Williamsburg,
Kris Moore of Traverse City

\$500 Winners

Sheila McIntyre of Traverse City, Matt and Gary of ReMax Traverse City, Tolas Oil and Gas of Mt. Pleasant, Arlene Nelson of Traverse City
Ed Ness of Traverse City
David Sanger of Traverse City
Harry and Patti Day of Traverse City, Reginald McCanham of Mio, Ron Lints of Traverse City, Helen Simko of Traverse City

Early Bird Winner:

Lizabeth Smith of Clinton Township

GLADHANDER GOLD PARTY

Did you know that last year’s Gladhandler raised \$351,468?

Last year, Gladhandler sponsored opportunities for families to bring in old, broken, or unwanted gold jewelry and convert it to cash. Thanks to your participation, over \$3400 was given to Gladhandler.

Thank you to Karat Carat for offering this service and

for donating back a portion of their proceeds.

We are planning on offering this opportunity again in the fall. Start gathering for your pot of gold in the fall!



SILENT AUCTION CHAIR AND VOLUNTEER CHAIR NEEDED!

We are in need of committee chairs! The **Silent Auction Chair** confirms and recruits Booth Chairs and assists them in cataloging items that have been received for their booths in September and October, including descriptions for the catalog. This chairperson also

assists each booth with set up of their booths for the event. We are also in need of a volunteer to **chair the Volunteer Committee**. This person helps recruit volunteers needed to staff this entire event. Many of our volunteers return to their specific job; however, a phone call is

needed to schedule them. Calls need to be made during October Attendance at the weekly chairperson luncheon meetings (Wednesdays at noon) is greatly appreciated for both positions. For more details, call Kathy Britten at the Gladhandler office 941-4523.

CLASSROOM THEME BASKETS

Chair people are needed for the THEME BASKETS!! Decide on the basket theme for each classroom and send out notices to our parents and collect the donations, including cash to shop for the items!! You would also be responsible for assembly and display of the baskets. Get a few friends together to work

on this fun project! Past year's ideas have included: American Girl, Legos, Wii, Tea Party, Family Game Night, etc. The options are endless! Contact Kathy Britten at the Gladhandler office at 941-4523.



MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!

**Call
941-GLAD
to volunteer!**

Each family received a volunteer sign up pamphlet in the registration packet. Please complete, send it in and plan on working this year's Gladhandler. A committee

chair will contact you to confirm your duties. We have a wide range of areas to pick from ranging from at-home projects to working the actual main event. If you'd

prefer to email... just jot down your interests and email to Gladhandler@gtacs.org.

UNIQUE GIFTS ARE HOT ITEMS

At every Gladhandler, it's the unique gifts that set our event from other fundraisers in the area. We've had suites to sporting events, paintings, jewelry and vacations. These items are donated by

businesses and families that support our Catholic Schools. If you are a season ticket holder or own a condo or vacation home, and would like to donate, please contact us.

We also have talented families in our system! We have great success with artwork and crafts. Contact us if you can create an item for our auction.
