



AFSA International Family Matters Trustee February 2018



This month's report will focus on St. Patrick's Day fundraisers/activities in which Chapter and **Family Members** can participate.

- **Pot o' Gold Guessing Game** -- Put a seasonal spin on the "guess how many jellybeans are in the jar" game by putting chocolate gold coins in a decorated pot. You can then charge a few dollars per guess, and the person who has the closest guess to the actual number of coins wins a prize (or even just all the chocolate!). This is a fun and casual way to raise money that can be done over several days, with a sweet reward at the end.
- **Shamrock Bake Sale** -- It's a classic for a reason and making a St. Patrick's Day spin on a bake sale is a particularly sweet (get it?) fundraiser. Shamrock-shaped cookies and cupcakes decorated with green frosting and gold sprinkles are a couple examples of treats that could be offered. Make sure you've got ample signage in the days leading up to the bake sale, as well as the day of the event, to get the word out.
- **Irish Potluck** -- The Irish have a good reputation for producing filling comfort food & drink – think stew, potatoes and Guinness – so why not have a potluck to raise funds? Not only can you raise money by selling tickets for entry, but you could also incorporate a draw or a raffle component for prizes. What a great way to build community awareness of our organization AND raise money for a worthy cause!
- **St. Patty's 5K** -- Ready to work off all that delicious Irish food? Hosting a St. Patty's Day marathon could be just the ticket. You could purchase green T-shirts from www.jiffyshirts.com and offer green sports drinks along the way. If there are some crafty **Family Members** in your Chapter who own a Cricut or Silhouette cutting machine and a heat press, have them come up with a design for the shirts.
- **Shamrocks for Veterans** – Here's a shamrock template for you to copy on green paper or cardstock and sign on it "Thank You for Your Service".

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You can hand them out to the local veterans in your community or pass them out to those in the VA Hospital. You could even purchase little bags of gold chocolate coins to go along with the shamrock. You would have to cut these out, which would really be a pain. Those crafters with Cricut or Silhouette cutting machines could knock these out in no time. If interested in this, please let me know and I would gladly design something and mail them to you. Just let me know how many you would need.

Until next month, thanks so much for all you do for our country and for AFSA!

Take care and God Bless!

Patti Dalzell

Family Matters Trustee

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