

Summer Festivities at Serenity Ridge

Photos of the 2010 Summer Auction

The 2010 Annual Summer Auction began in mid-afternoon on July 9. The rhythm of bidding was easily established as each item offered found a new home. The raffle drawings were interspersed in the line-up of items. Drawing the winning tickets became the job of several delighted children in the audience.

In no time at all, the auction was completed and the generosity of the sangha was again apparent as we raised a total of \$23,624 for the <u>Serenity Ridge Land Fund</u> (less some auction expenses, such as the cost of framing calligraphies and the purchase of bookstore items to be auctioned off); plus another \$3,716 toward the completion of the Great Stupa for World Peace in Valle de Bravo, Mexico.

After a brief break, everyone came together again for the banquet under the tent. A wonderful Indian meal was served and we were entertained by song, dance, and readings by our talented sangha members, with charming introductions by the one and only Gabriel Rocco.

It was a fun time for all — the photographs below tell the story. We enjoyed celebrating together and offering our energy, talents and monies to create the magical experience of our center, Serenity Ridge.

With deep appreciation for all present, both in person and online as absentee participants, we again celebrated our most fortunate circumstances with our teacher and one another. Thank you to all! We invite you to join us again next year for our next summer celebration.

Jan Cressman Director of Fundraising

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