

'Wine and Dine' fundraiser promises to be a night to remember



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Senior Notes

As we entered the Sherwood Senior Center, I saw my lifelong friend's eyes light up and actually twinkle when he started talking with Tommy Moore. Both men knew plenty about the stock market (Tom had a successful career as a stock broker and my friend, Bill, does his own investing) and other such adult things, but they weren't seniors talking about such serious stuff, they were kids again, talking about yoyo tricks!

I saw a transformation I longed for in Bill. Since he's about to retire and is suddenly wondering what he is going to do with himself, I'd brought him to The Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center to show him a center I'd grown to love, where I



Tommy Moore gives a demonstration of the tricks that made him a hit.

give my Creative Writing Class, and "receive" many other vibrant classes and truly fun activities.

For Bill, Tommy was the icing on the cake. I saw Bill's future dance before my eyes (and his!) as two grown men talked about "Walking the Dog", "Around the World", and "Reach for the Moon" — which are just some of the yoyo tricks this world-class Yoyo Champion will demonstrate as he greets you at the

Feb. 11 "Wine and Dine" Fundraising Dinner. Add to that entertainment, the world-famous trombonist, Jack Quinby, who has performed with such famous groups as The Moody Blues, Bob Hope, The Temptations, and Natalie Cole — and you can see why we intend to have fun on this special evening.

I hope you see the fun in "FUNdraiser", and join us in a not-to-be-missed-night when you'll be pampered and thoroughly entertained, all while you help support Sherwood Faith in Action and Sherwood Loaves & Fishes as we celebrate the 30th "Pearl" Anniversary of The Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center. Tommy Moore will dare you not to feel like a kid again as he demonstrates tricks you know, and yoyo tricks that will take you to new heights. World famous Jack Quinby (who happens to volunteer for Faith in Action) will make you think you've never heard such beautiful, jazzy trombone music before. All while you enjoy delicious appetizers, a prime rib or salmon dinner, plus great wine and desserts. There will even be a Wine Wall, where you may bid on unseen treasures of fine wine and even hidden pearls!

This remarkable Feb. 11 dinner is also a great time to



Jack Quinby, a renowned trombonist, will provide his unique brand of entertainment for the evening of Feb. 11.

wine and dine with good friends and family. Please drop by or call to purchase reserved tickets (\$50 each, or \$500 for a group or business table). Why should we do it? Because together, Sherwood Faith in Action and Sherwood Loaves & Fishes are what I would call "the Pearl of Sherwood." Marjorie created a legacy, but it cannot be taken for granted. Each of us are called to "spark" the new tradition of enthusiastic support that will be our legacy — so friends of ours, like my friend Bill, will walk into our Senior Center and meet other instant friends, like Tommy Moore, and realize a very big thing: that their lives are not over. Indeed, their lives have just begun. I myself have volunteered and have received from these two fine groups. And I have to tell you, both giving and receiving have been meaningful — and fun!

Meanwhile, I hope you read my writing student, Karon Heineman's article about "1,000 Kindnesses." (See accompanying sidebar, right.) Maybe we could all make participating in this fundraiser one of our Kindnesses this year, and let our hearts expand at the joy, and even the Fun of creating "a Pearl"!

For reserved Feb. 11 tickets & tables, call the Loaves & Fishes, Marjorie Stewart Senior Community Center at 503-625-5644.