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## Alaskan theme for CBHS auction

**What:** "Set Sail to Alaska," Christian Brothers High School's annual auction.

**When and where:** March 19 at the school, 4315 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; 6 p.m. guest check-in and cocktail hour; 6:45 p.m. silent auction tables begin closing; 7:30 p.m. dinner and live auction; \$700 for a table of 10; \$75 per person by Friday, \$90 per person thereafter; www.cbhs-sacramento.org or (916) 733-3600.

**Need to know:** The CBHS Jazz Vocal Choir will perform; the dinner menu includes cedar planked salmon and prime rib with a vegetarian option.

**Special offer:** The Golden Raffle with tickets at \$100 each (only 200 will be sold; ticketholders need not be present to win) will offer the winner first choice of a live auction item.

**Fun items to bid on:** Front-row seats for graduation; a Sacramento pub crawl with Walter and Michelle Neal for a party of 10 via chauffeur; Holy Bowl honorary captains and tailgate party. More than 25 items will be offered.

**Proceeds:** Funds provide for campus needs, including SmartBoards for classrooms, theater department equipment, cameras for the student-run KBFT television station, equipment for athletic trainers and a band shell for the music department.



Margarita Fernandez Cuomo, left, and Rochelle Kaye are on the CBHS auction committee.

Kristen McCarthy

**Featured volunteers:** One auction committee member, Rochelle Kaye, is a newbie as the mother of freshman Parker. Margarita Fernandez Cuomo has more experience at Christian Brothers. A daughter graduated last year, son Alejandro graduates May 27 and two more children are waiting to enroll.

For Kaye, getting involved came naturally. "I am a career volunteer person. I am blessed to be at home full time. When both boys were at Crocker Riverside Elementary, where Parker's brother is a fourth grader, I was heavily involved. It's a great way to meet people."

Kaye has helped with other auctions and fundraisers. "When you really believe in the school, it is easy to help so others can attend Christian Brothers," she

said.

Fernandez Cuomo's view: "Christian Brothers is a very welcoming community, and you feel it when you step on campus. You never feel out of place, and that is one of the best reasons to be there."

She has been an auction volunteer for six years, starting when her daughter was a student. "I have always liked being involved, and I like the social aspect," she said. "The auction really benefits the kids, and there is a great sense of accomplishment."

On auction night, Fernandez Cuomo will help with check-in and cashiering. "The school really appreciates the auction," she said. "After my first year, I got a thank-you card from the president, and that did it for me."