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TELL MEL

Move it on over for emergency vehicles, it's the law

When you approach an emergency vehicle – a police car, fire truck, ambulance or even a tow truck – that is on the side of the road with its lights flashing you have two legal options:

» If you are on a multilane road you can move over.
» If you are on a two-lane road or can't safely move left on a multilane road, you must slow down to at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit.

If you don't exercise one of these two options, you can be stopped and ticketed. The penalty is a fine and three points on your license. Law enforcement issued 31,078 citations in 2014 to drivers who violated the Move Over Act.

The second consequence of not following the law is that you could hit, kill or injure a law enforcement officer or emergency responder.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reports that there were 161 crashes in Florida in 2014 because drivers didn't move over for emergency vehicles. And you know who the biggest culprits are when it comes to violating this law? Older drivers.

That's right. It's not kids. The violators are, for the most part, drivers whose licenses were issued prior to the law being passed in 2002.

Fortunately, no one died in the move-over crashes reported to the state. But I encourage you to watch the video I've posted online with this column. I don't know how that trooper wasn't killed. It just wasn't his time to go, I guess. That doesn't mean the next trooper will be so lucky.

So remember to pay attention and move over. The few seconds you lose reaching your destination could save you money and more importantly, someone's life.

Lawyer's defense

A couple months ago I wrote a column about Bill Edy, an elder law attorney who lost his license to practice law in Florida.

Even though I left messages with Edy over several days, he didn't get back to me before the article was published. But he contacted me after it ran and gave me his side.

Edy said that although he consented to permanent disbarment, he did it not because he was guilty of stealing from clients but because it cost too much to fight it.

The Florida Bar case against him had already cost \$6,000 in lawyer fees, he said. "Do I want to spend \$40,000 I don't have, or let it all go away?" Edy said he asked himself. He only intended to practice one

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Florida Legislature

Budget plans show officials, Gov. Scott not on same page

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TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

This week, Floridians will begin learning how lawmakers intend to spend around \$81 billion.

Now that subcommittees have rolled out their priorities Senate and House full appropriations committees will decide what to leave in and what to take out of the state budget for the fiscal year beginning

July 1.

The decisions made over the next six weeks could have a profound impact on the welfare of the four-county Tallahassee metro area. The Florida Chamber projects the region may need as many as 23,000 new jobs by 2020 to keep the economy humming along like it is right now. Its chief economist, Jerry Parrish, said up to 46,000 jobs will be needed by 2030. Parrish calculates that Florida as a

whole will need to create an additional 800,000 over the next four years and more than 2 million by 2030 to prevent an economic slowdown.

Gov. Rick Scott says he has a plan to create new jobs for the state. He wants \$1 billion in tax cuts and another \$250 million for Enterprise Florida – the public/private partnership that administers the

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Naples Winter Wine Fest



PHOTOS BY KINFAY MOROTI/THE NEWS-PRESS

Julian Movsesian's winning bid of \$750,000 for a 2016 Rolls Royce was among the highest Saturday at the Naples Winter Wine Festival's live auction at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples.

Cheers! Millions are raised for children

Ritz-Carlton Naples hosts annual charity event that netted \$11M in funds



Cheryl Andrews, left center, and Shelly Stayer were among those attending the live auction.

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It was an almost \$11 million day at the Naples Winter Wine Festival.

This year's theme was Great Expectations, and guests came ready to enjoy wine, socialize and bid high at the live auction. The Naples Winter Wine Festival benefits the Naples Children & Education Foundation, which provides grants to nonprofits in Collier county and funds seven initiatives set up by founders of the foundation.

In 2015, the live auction raised \$12.32 million.

Jeff Gargiulo, a trustee and original chairman of the wine festival, explained the intent of the event.

"We wanted to make a profound difference in the lives of kids," Gargiulo said. "I stay involved because I want to see that continue."

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Allen Papp, center, was among those attending the Naples Winter Wine Festival's live auction Saturday at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples.

“My parents are co-chairing. I grew up in Naples. I just wanted a chance to give back to local charities and see that Collier County children have a bright future.”

KYLEN MORAN, ATTENDING FOR THE THIRD TIME AS GUEST AND PREVIOUSLY AS A VOLUNTEER



Volunteers launch the live auction Saturday.

Cheers

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The auction

The day began on the lawn of the Tiburon at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort as guests trickled in. Around the perimeter, chef stations alternated with vintner stations with small plates to taste and vintages to sample. At one station, Chef Tristan Baker plated applewood smoked scallops, horseradish mousseline and apricot pearls.

“They took two hours to make,” Baker said, gesturing to the pearls balanced atop the horseradish mousseline.

Under the tent, Chef Sebastian Thieffine of the Ritz-Carlton Naples was flanked by elaborate chocolate sculptures and surrounded by an endless array of fine pastry. Macarons disguised as lollipops, shallow dishes cradling praline panna cotta and tin cans filled with rum cake, pineapple lime chutney and topped with mascarpone cream were examples of his vision of serving classic pastry with a twist.

“I’m trying to have all of the families of the pastry world,” Thieffine said. “It took 80 to 100 hours between the planning, the creation and the production.”

Part of the new generation of wine festival patrons is Kylene Moran, attending for the third time as guest and previously as a volunteer.

“My parents are co-chairing,” Moran said. Moran is involved with Friends of the Foundation, a support group founded in 2013 to bring the next generation of philanthropists into the Naples Children & Education Foundation.

“I grew up in Naples,” Moran said. “I just wanted a chance to give back to local charities and see that Collier County children have a bright future.”

The Gulf Coast High School Marching Band Drum Line drew patrons inside for the live auction. The first lot, Knights of the Round Bottle, was described as an instant collector’s lot. One Magnum from all participating wine fest vintners, 50 Magnums total, filled the lot, which sold for \$110,000.

“Bid high and bid often!” came over the loudspeaker.

The lot to watch was the 2016 Rolls-Royce Dawn. This was the first model year for the car, and winner of the lot would receive the first Dawn in the world, number 0001. Patrons paused to pose next to the car, taking time to chat with the representatives on hand from Rolls-Royce. The bidding went fast, climbing to and then stopping at \$750,000.

Afternoon dipped towards evening as the last 10 lots approached, with funds raised soaring to \$10 million.

Big-ticket items

Lot 14: Guess Who’s Coming To (and Cooking) Dinner?

The winner, Candy DeBartolo, won a once-in-a-lifetime cooking class and multi-course dinner with paired wines, hosted by Mario Batali and Glenn Close at Mario’s Eatery in New York for 10 people. DeBartolo is married to Eddie DeBartolo, former owner of the San Francisco 49ers. The lot went for \$400,000 after a round of bidding and was the first lot of the day to bring the crowd to its feet.

Lot 18: The Ultimate “First Dawn”

The first Rolls-Royce Dawn was the the most buzzed about lot going into the live auction. The winner would jump to the front of the line for the new model, described by auctioneer Humphrey Butler as “the sexiest Rolls-Royce ever built.” For the honor of owning the first Dawn, marked as 0001 from the sold-out first year, the winning bidder paid \$750,000.

Lot 24: Curtain Calls, Cameras and Carats, Oh My!

Up for bid was a trip for two couples to Broadway for four nights in a private apartment. For the Broadway experience, the winner would receive a name-drop live on a Broadway stage, attend a private reading of a Broadway show, along with extras including four VIP tickets to “LIVE with Kelly & Michael.” Auctioneer Lydia Fenet announced if bids went above \$250,000, tickets for the sold-out show “Hamilton” would be added to the package. The lot went for \$240,000.

Lot 49: L’Avventura Ferrari

With a 3-year wait list, the Ferrari F88 Spider was the second most anticipated lot of the evening. The winner would win the car and opportunity to configure the vehicle to their specifications. Additional items in the package included access to the 2016 Corso Pilota Driving Experience at Le Circuit Mont-Tremblant in Montreal, Quebec with two nights stay for one couple and VIP hospitality passes to all 2016 Ferrari Challenge races. Bidding started at \$100,000 and soared to a bidding war between two guests, with the winner bidding \$650,000.

Auctioneer Humphrey Butler, part of the live auction since 2002, celebrated with the crowd as the auction total was announced.

The final lot for the evening was for a VIP package for the 2017 Naples Winter Wine Festival for two couples along with tickets to the 2016 Victoria’s Secret Fashion Show with tickets to the model after-party. The lot sold for \$50,000, closing out the auction and signaling to guests it was time to head outside for the wine-down after party.

The online auction is open today until 11 a.m., officially closing during the final event of the weekend, the brunch.



Winning bids

A look at lots and the loot that won them. For details on particular lots, visit napleswinefestival.com.

- » Knights of the Round Bottle: \$110,000
- » Have you been to the land down under? \$60,000
- » It’s gonna be a bright, bright sun-shiny day: \$35,000
- » Meet the Masters: \$260,000
- » This is Burgundy: \$120,000
- » Timeless Inspiration: \$190,000
- » Yeah, Baby! \$130,000
- » A Quest for Perfection: \$60,000
- » We are Family: \$180,000
- » The Mythical World of Bail (And Dragons): \$160,000
- » Near Hollywood...and Vines: \$170,000
- » A Truly Grand Way to Travel: \$260,000
- » A Race through the Heart of Tuscany: \$210,000
- » Guess Who’s Coming to (and Cooking) Dinner: \$400,000
- » Promise’s Perfect Ten: \$70,000
- » A Francophile’s Delight: \$180,000
- » Living the Wildlife: \$140,000
- » The Ultimate “First Dawn”: \$750,000
- » Coasting, Castles, Wine and Art: \$60,000
- » A Slice of Heaven and Earth: \$140,000
- » Beaute Calls: \$170,000
- » The Road to El Dorado: \$170,000
- » Well-Red in Napa and New Zealand: \$220,000
- » Curtain Calls, Cameras & Carats, Oh My! \$240,000
- » Hallelujah: \$90,000
- » Do You See What I See: \$90,000
- » To Infinity, and Beyond! \$180,000
- » Survival of the Biddest: \$200,000
- » Pilgrimage to Burgundy: \$35,000
- » Rocking at Bottleneck: \$240,000
- » Here be Legendary: \$100,000
- » Not Fantasy, Actual Football: \$110,000
- » Shoulders Above the Rest: \$160,000
- » Gossip & Intrigue, Pals & Canals: \$110,000
- » Ay Carumba! \$350,000
- » Cinderella Met the Right Fella: \$120,000
- » A Taste of Tuscany, a Nibble of New York: \$80,000
- » An Asian Adventure by Airplane & Aman: \$320,000
- » Five Decades of Napa Valley Legends: \$440,000 (2 winners at \$220,000 each)
- » No Tommy, but Plenty of Bahamas \$150,000
- » Stylin’ Your Way Through New York Fashion Week: \$150,000
- » Hooked on Classics: \$160,000
- » A Town and Country Weekend: \$90,000
- » Whisky and Go Go: \$90,000
- » Just Tees, No Taters: \$100,000
- » Good Books and Great Wines: \$70,000
- » It’s Perfectly Polite to Barge In: \$110,000
- » Coming Soon to a Cellar Near You: The Judgment of Paris II: \$120,000
- » L’Avventura Ferrari: \$650,000
- » Honoring Heritage: Land and Legacy: \$110,000
- » Fine Wine, Fine Art, and Rustic Seclusion in the Northwest: \$100,000
- » Kissed by the Mistral: \$90,000
- » A Toast from Coast to Coast: \$190,000
- » Mucho Mas Machu Picchu: \$160,000
- » The Bear went over the Shafer Hillside: \$140,000
- » Viva la Diva! \$160,000
- » A Strong Foundation, an NCEF Early Learning Initiative: \$80,000
- » Let’s Get Rocked: \$80,000
- » The Luck of the Irish: \$220,000
- » A Tale of Two Cities: \$220,000
- » Ornellaia in Abundance: \$110,000
- » Globe-trotting via Floating Palace: \$160,000
- » Spanish Renaissance: \$100,000
- » You’re Always an Angel Here: \$50,000