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Bags with swag are yours for the bidding

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Picture carrying a black evening bag with rhinestones to your next charity event and being able to brag that it is signed by Julie Andrews.

Yes, that Julie Andrews.

Michelle Griswell of Des Moines carried the purse, owned by charity diva and Old Bags chair Suzie Glazer Burt, to an event honoring her husband, Barry, in New York City. By chance, Griswell sat next to Andrews. She pulled out the purse (in which Burt had stashed a Sharpie) and asked Andrews to sign it.



Suzie Glazer Burt shows off a fancy little bag.

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You can bid on that little black bag at the Old Bags event that benefits the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Tickets are still available for the charity event.

If you're not keen on Andrews, then bid on a hot pink silk beaded evening bag with fireflies, owned, signed and donated by Des Moines native and actress Cloris Leachman. Leachman donated the purse when she visited Des Moines earlier this year.

Burt also got Bernard Shaw, former CNN news anchor, to sign a hot pink Kate Spade purse she was carrying at the National Boys and Girls Club Convention in Boston. It may not be Shaw's style - but it may be yours.

There are dozens more. Rich Willis donated his wife's purses to the cause. Judy died in June and had been on the committee for the event. Maddie Leviitt, Burt's mom and another fundraising guru, offered up an Emilio Pucci purse to the cause. And Debbie Hubbell of Des Moines gave a little black bag with a frog as an embellishment.

New this year is an opportunity to buy a raffle ticket for a five-hour ride with six friends on a ritzy jet with all the amenities and food you would expect. Donated from Marquis Jets, the trip to your destination is worth \$30,000, says Burt.

Tickets are \$300, and only 200 are being sold. As of Thursday, more than half were sold.

Guys don't have to buy something only for their wife or girlfriend. There are some manly items, including golf bags, briefcases and designer ties.

At the live auction, you can bid on a basketball signed by Magic Johnson, which comes with tickets to a Drake University basketball game. Bid on tickets to the Fiesta Bowl.

If you've got a man cave, consider bidding on a Coke machine donated by Atlantic Bottling that has pictures of kids from the Boys and Girls Clubs on it. It comes with a purse made from Coca-Cola bottle tops.

Also up for bids are tickets to the Rachael Ray show or the Ellen DeGeneres Show (you have to provide travel). There's also an extreme makeover, manicure and pedicure and a Louis Vuitton bag. Another wow.

Buy a hand-decorated reusable shopping tote for \$100 and pay for 10 boys and girls to join the club for a

Old Bags

To benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Iowa

WHAT: Cocktails and hors d' oeuvres, silent and live auctions

WHEN: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

WHERE: Des Moines Golf and Country Club, West Des Moines

TICKETS: \$150 each; www.bgcci.org/oldbags.php

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