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PV resident donates 50 artifacts for charity auction

Paradise Valley resident Bill Ridenour, a longtime supporter of the Phoenix Friends of the Arizona Cancer Center, recently donated more than 50 artifacts for the organization's "An Evening with the Friends" gala and auction Saturday, March 27, at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa, 5350 E. Marriott Drive.

The items Mr. Ridenour donated range from kachinas to ancient Indian war clubs. "We are always thrilled to receive Bill's most generous and most interesting artifacts," said Auction Chairman and Paradise Valley resident Linda Whitney. "His collection adds another dimension to our auction."

The gala is the 24th annual fundraiser held by the Phoenix Friends of the Arizona Cancer Center to benefit cancer research in Arizona. The event includes a silent auction, "big board" bidding, a raffle and a wine toss. The Friends will be implementing a state of the art electronic bidding system at the event, one of the first to be used in the Valley.

The gala supports cancer research for the Arizona Cancer Center at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson.

The Arizona Cancer Center is one of 40 comprehensive cancer centers throughout the United States that has been recognized by the National Cancer Institute for excellence in education, research and treatment.

The Phoenix Friends have raised more than \$5 million to support the Arizona Cancer Center's research and treatment programs.

Tickets cost \$250 each or \$2500 for a table of 10. Other sponsor packages are available. Raffle tickets for a chance to win a week in Paris are \$25 each or six for \$100. For Call 480-947-4303 or visit www.phoenixfriends.org.