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Greehey gives lesson in charity with latest education donation

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Talk about a commitment to the city.

In its most recent high-dollar donation, the Greehey Family Foundation has contributed \$3 million to Lutheran High School to help fund its expansion.

The school just announced the donation from corporate good guy **Bill Greehey.** Those funds will go for constructing a new building that will include classrooms, a dining area, gymnasium and other athletic facilities.

As a way of honoring the donor, school officials announced a change in the name to Lutheran High School of San Antonio — The Greehey Campus.

Other executives talk about the importance of education; Greehey backs it up.

Back in 2005, he donated \$25 million to St. Mary's University for his alma mater's business school. Then just last year, he donated \$25 million to the UT Health Science Center.

Greehey is the chairman of NuStar Energy and the former CEO of Valero Energy.

Remembering

Until his death earlier this year, **Harry Rufus Geron** was a noted outdoorsman in Alaska with San Antonio roots.

His local roots come from Jefferson High School and a stint with architecture legend **O'Neill Ford**.

Geron was a World War II aviator who attended architecture school at UT-Austin after his service. Later, after another stint in the armed services, he relocated to Alaska.

There, he practiced architecture and became known as an avid outdoorsman.

He died in February, and now much of his sporting equipment is up for auction. It's a big assortment of high-end fly-fishing equipment, knives, firearms, cameras, leather and woodworking equipment, and guitars.

The auction takes place online. Go towww.texasbid.com to check out the various items. Bidding began a few days ago and will continue until Aug. 28.

Live auction

Now we move from the deliberate pace of fly-fishing to some serious speed.

We're talking about speed from a Maserati.

This afternoon, the local Boys and Girls Club is holding a news conference to announce a drawing that's going to be a part of the club's annual casino night fundraiser.

Top prize: a 2002 Maserati Spyder. The car is a donation from **George and Kym Rapier**. He's a physician and the chairman and CEO of WellMed.

If you want to get in on the drawing or the casino night, call the club at (210) 436-0686.

Coming soon

Later this week, a big announcement concerning the arts is coming.

The details will come out soon enough, but watch your paper. Really, it's a good one.

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