

## DONATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The first of 2 or 3 articles regarding donations was printed in the Fall issue of "Iris". It was edited for space, but the article expressed the information about opportunities for donating to AIS Silent Auction, Library, and local regions and affiliates when people are downsizing their iris "collections".

The second article, which should appear in the Winter issue of "Iris", will deal with the corporate & private partnerships available for AIS affiliates, regions and the parent organization. (Non-profit partnerships). Brent & Becky's Bulbs and H&R Block are two such examples. We are currently enrolled in the H&R Block program, and as soon as I get the updated flyer I will send it to the website and Kathleen for inclusion in the Winter issue. We have the same "coupon code" number as in previous years. (One 'new client' from each of our affiliates has the potential of bringing in \$3400 for AIS.) Kroger and Safeway grocery chains have a program that, once enrolled, pays the non-profit every quarter depending on how much people spend – all they need to do is to register. I am hoping to see if other national chains have similar programs in the mid-west and east.

The third article will involve grants, such as the Google grant Bob Pries was offered. I am not a grant person, but I know that many organizations have money available for non-profits. It will entail some research to see if it is possible for our affiliates, regions and AIS to receive some of these grants.

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