Dear Alumni,

For the past 12 years, the E.D. White Card Draft has been a major event for both the Thibodaux and E.D. White communities. Much of its success is because of sponsors such as yourself. To hopefully build upon its past success, we feel now is the time to reconfigure some of the particulars of the event.

One of the major changes we are making is that the auction will be conducted entirely online. Bidders will now be able to use their smartphones to place bids. Extra iPads will also be made available at the event, for those in need of assistance. Pre-registration and checkout will now be done online, in hopes of expediting both processes. Auction items will be able to be viewed as early as September, on a special Card Draft homepage; and additional items will be added to this viewing page, as they are collected. As of this letter, approximately 40 items have been collected, including a Disney World Trip for Four, Axis Hunting Trip, Guided Duck Hunting Trip, a Five-Night Membership at Riverview Camp for Girls, Grand Isle Fishing Trip and a Five-Night Vacation Get-Away to Destin!

Having the online auction will also allow for additional sponsorship opportunities. The auction home page will contain a scrolling advertisement banner across the top, where up to 10 perspective sponsors can receive approximately eight months of continued advertisements. The bottom of the viewing page will also contain space for sponsors to advertise.

Another new feature of the 2018 Card Draft will be an open category cook-off. Teams can enter free of charge, and will receive 10 complimentary tickets to the event, simply for choosing to participate. The food entered in the cook-off will be served during the event.

We hope these changes will allow for the Card Draft to continue to serve as the one of the premier events in the area, and to better ensure that its patrons and sponsors may enjoy the wonderful food and fellowship that the event provides.

For more information on the upcoming Card Draft, please feel free to contact us, at the phone numbers listed below.

We thank you for your time, and hope to see you on April 20, 2018!

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