

# “Planning The Wedding Of A Lifetime”

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## 10 Ways to Save Money on Your Reception

1. Reserve your banquet hall early so they put a cap on the price per person.
2. Instead of a traditional banquet hall, consider a community center or church hall for your reception.
3. Get married in the morning, on a Friday or Sunday and/or in the winter months. You will save a considerable amount of money.
4. Have a cash bar instead of an open bar.
5. Instead of dinner, have a cocktail or dessert reception.
6. Keep the guest list small. The less mouths you have to feed, the cheaper it is.
7. Buy your own alcohol, if you are allowed.
8. Limit hor d'oeuvres. Consider three or four food stations, instead of eight or nine butler-passed hor d'oeuvres.
9. Don't drive up catering costs by having seafood and beef tenderloin entrées. If you must have these selections, serve them for an appetizer.

Ask your reception site about guaranteed numbers. You might still have to pay for 150 guests even though 120 showed up.

Congratulations on your engagement! Sound Sensations Entertainment would like to congratulate you and your fiancé as you plan the biggest day of your life! This newsletter is designed to help you in planning the biggest day of your life. In addition, this newsletter is a forum to communicate with our current and future clients. Again, Best Wishes as you plan the big day!

### What Is Love?

Definitions of **love** on the Web:

a strong positive emotion of regard and affection; "his love for his work"; "children need a lot of love"

any object of warm affection or devotion; "the theater was her first love" or "he has a passion for cock fighting";

beloved: a beloved person; used as terms of endearment



have a great affection or liking for; "I love French food"; "She loves her boss and works hard for him"

get pleasure from; "I love cooking"

a score of zero in tennis or squash; "it was 40 love"



### Duties Of The Maid Of Honor

We often get asked about the duties of the maid of honor. Here are some of the traditional duties of Maid of Honor.

Being chosen as a maid of honor is a great privilege, but it also requires a large number of responsibilities in the wedding planning process. The maid of honor will likely be spending a great deal of time with the best man, since their duties are often the same and require them to work hand-in-hand in order for the wedding to be a success. Once you have dealt with the excitement of being part of the wedding party and of wearing a great dress, it's time to start planning immediately. Here is a list of common duties the maid of honor must fulfill:

1. It is the maid of honor's responsibility to shop with the bride and attend all dress fittings. The maid of honor may want to help the bridesmaids shop for their dresses as well.
2. The maid of honor will be required to help with wedding invitations, wedding favors, flower arrangements, centerpieces or anything else at the bride's request.
3. A large part of the maid of honor's duties requires her to throw the bridal shower and bachelorette parties. The maid of honor will be responsible for planning and hosting all of these parties. If the couple decides they want a stag and doe (as opposed to bachelor and bachelorette parties) the maid of honor and best man will work together to plan and host the event.
4. It's the maid of honor's duty to record the names of the guests at the bridal party as well as their gifts. It is also her job to send out thank you cards to all guests.
5. During the wedding ceremony, it's the maid of honor's responsibility to hold onto the groom's ring (the best man is required to hold onto the bride's ring).
6. It's the maid of honor's responsibility (as well as the best man's) to sign the wedding license as a witness.
7. Finally, it is tradition for the maid of honor and best man to dance together at the reception.

### Trivia Challenge!



Do you know the answer to this months trivia question? If you have the answer, call our office at (920) 420-5929, or email us

### Fall Is Here, And So Are The Bridal Shows...



The seasons are changing, and the weather is getting cooler, and with that so the wedding season winds down. Fall and Winter are fantastic times to check out a bridal show or two. There are a ton of upcoming Bridal Shows in Wisconsin that have many wedding vendors, and planning ideas. Please visit our website for an updated 2005-2006 listing of upcoming Wisconsin Bridal Shows that we recommend attending. <http://www.soundsensationsent.com> and click on the bridal show link, you may also call our office, and we would be happy to mail you an updated list, (920) 420-5929.



### Personalized CD Music Favors

Are you looking for the perfect wedding favor to give to the guests at your reception? Sound Sensations Entertainment offers the perfect gift that will be kept for years to come. Give your guests a personalized CD, we will customize the slim line jewel case with your names, wedding date, and photo. In addition, we can include up to 15 of your favorite songs, we can have them complete and ready for you in less than 4 weeks. Sure, you could do it yourself, but it will take you a long time to duplicate and produce enough CD for all of your guests. You can choose the design, songs, and layout of the CD. Give us a call for details, (920) 420-5929, or email us at [dj@soundsensationsent.com](mailto:dj@soundsensationsent.com).

### Do You Need A Holiday Gift Idea??



The Holidays will be here before you know it, are you in need of that gift for someone who already has everything? Why not give them a VideoPhoto Montage on DVD. We can take as many pictures as you would like and bring them to life in a custom photo montage slide show on DVD. We have several examples in our office for you preview. We can have them completed in time for the holidays. Save \$50 on your holiday montage when you mention this newsletter, email us today for a consultation [dj@soundsensationsent.com](mailto:dj@soundsensationsent.com).

### WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE WEDDING FAVORS AND WHY?



At most weddings, the bride and groom will offer some type of small memento as a note of appreciation to family and

at [dj@soundsensationsent.com](mailto:dj@soundsensationsent.com), and tell us your answer. If your right, you could receive dinner for 2 at an area restaurant. Email us today, and let us know the answer. Here is the question:

### **Rave Reviews!**

Our Clients are the best! Thanks for the words of encouragement. "We know we made the right decision with Sound Sensations Entertainment. Thank you for everything you did to make our day extra special. Everything from our first meeting to the wedding was very professional and courteous to our needs. We will and have recommended you and your staff and wish you the best of luck in the future. I know we would of paid more if we needed to especially with the DVD montage. Thanks again Ed and have a great summer!"

**-Kevin and Cheryl Kadera, April 16, 2005**

### **Have You Booked Your Entertainment Yet?**

2006 dates are filling up quickly. We would love to set up a personal complimentary consultation with you. Please visit our website for date availability at [www.soundsensationsent.com](http://www.soundsensationsent.com), or send us an email at [dj@soundsensationsent.com](mailto:dj@soundsensationsent.com). When you mention this newsletter, you can save \$50 on any entertainment package available. Give us a call today!

### **New Clients We Would Like To Welcome to Our Family!**

Thanks for using our entertainment services, we look forward to helping to make your event memorable, fun, and successful!

Cindy Charles  
Angela Nelson  
Jake Curtis  
Jessica Schmitt  
Scott Anderson  
Pamela Behnke  
Ann Macuk  
Stephanie Poree

*Thanks  
Aplenty!*

Kim Hansen  
Ashley Andersen

**A TIME TO SAY,  
"Thanks!"** **Thanks for  
The Referrals!**

Believe it or not, 90% of our business comes from word of mouth referrals, which means we count on clients like you to promote our business. If you know someone who is planning

friends, more commonly known as wedding favors. As you will discover in this article, the type of favors are widely varied but there are some that are considered better choices than others. Remember, wedding favors do not have to be expensive. In fact, this type of gift can be something homemade. If you want to go all out, that is certainly fine, but it is also not necessary. The focus of the wedding favor is to let people know you are grateful for their assistance with your wedding and/or reception or that you are just honored they showed up. To help you get started, we have provided you with the top five wedding favors.

**Food :** One of the most popular types of wedding favor is food, simply because most people love to eat. A wonderful option that is easy and inexpensive to make would be to purchase small black favor boxes and then line them with white tissue paper. Place Oreo cookies or dark chocolate covered peanuts inside and then tie the box off with white and red ribbon. Watch everyone enjoy the beautiful box but even more, the delicious goodies inside. This is a very nice choice for both informal and formal weddings.

**Flower Plant:** The second of the top five wedding favors is a fresh plant or flower seeds. With this, you can get as creative as you want. A couple of ideas that work very nice is placing a miniature plant or cacti in a small terra cotta planter. To make this more personalized, the women (and men) in the wedding party could get together for lunch to embellish the pots with ribbon, craft paint, lace, and so on. You could also choose a simple glass container, add three different seed packages, and punch a hole through the upper corner of all three to tie together with ribbon. These are appreciated because once planted, they are a constant reminder of your cherished event.

**Fragrant Soap:** For the third of the top five wedding favors, you might also consider fragrant soap or votive candles. For soap, this is a lovely wedding favor to place in hotel rooms of out-of-town guests. You can purchase all of the supplies at local hobby or craft stores and then purchase your fragrant of choice such as lemon grass, watermelon, sandalwood, white ginger, etc. If you prefer, you can purchase pre-made soap or buy glycerin and molds to make your own. As an extra romantic touch, look at mold designs such as wedding bells, hearts, bubble designs.

**Candles:** Now for the fourth of the top five wedding favors, you can never go wrong with votive candles, enjoyed by both men and women. This type of wedding favor can again be purchased through a hobby or craft store or on the Internet. If you prefer, you can create your own candles, which involves melting wax, adding color and fragrance, and then pouring into approved glass jars. Choose several coordinating colors if you like and for the simple yet elegant glass jars, add decorative touches such as flowers, ribbon, or trinkets

an event, wedding, holiday event, party or any other type of event, refer them to us, we will give them a discount off our services, and send you a gift for referring. Thanks! If you recently sent some business our way, and haven't received anything, please email us promptly, so we can get it taken care of.

Thanks again!

attached with hot glue.

**Pewter:** Finally, the last of the five top wedding favors would be pewter or silver. You will find many wonderful choices such as picture frames, paperweights, and bottle openers. With this type of gift, you will probably pay a little more but this is a nice gift for a more formal wedding, affluent group list, or members of the bridal party. Remember, you can choose from hundreds of wedding favors to include miniature bottles of wine, stationary with last name and wedding date, golf balls and tees for the sports enthusiasts, and the list goes on and on. Whether you go with bubbles to be blown as you and your new spouse leave the church to creative miniature baskets filled with candles, candy or Jordon's almonds and everything in between, the key is to choose wedding favors that coordinate with your wedding but that are also special for your type of guest list.

Dion Semeniuk has been married for over 5 years now and has been providing ideas with his wife's help for other peoples weddings. To learn more about other wedding favor ideas, visit <http://www.wedding-favor-directory.com>