

2019 Raffle Winners

John Carroll & Sue Merrow of Peaks Island, Maine at *Restaurante Arzak* in San Sebastian, Spain

Although we had to delay our trip for a full year, the extended anticipation made it even sweeter. On September 13, we flew to Bordeaux, France, and made the short drive to San Sebastian, Spain--or Donostia as it's known to the Basque. We had a fun, three-day stay in San Sebastian, topped off by an extraordinary dinner at [Restaurante Arzak](#), one of the city's three restaurants rated 3-stars by Michelin. The restaurant, which is a leader in New Basque cuisine, is now run by Elena Arzak, a daughter of the founder.



a Special Dessert

Elena joined us for a photo at the end of the meal. She and her staff were humbled and entirely grateful when we told her that we had chosen to visit her restaurant from among any restaurant in the world.



Please relay our profoundest gratitude to the members of your congregation. We were happy to contribute to your annual fundraiser with no expectation other than to do a good deed. Even so, without question, the prospect of such a fun prize captured our imaginations in a way few other possibilities could. **Winning the trip was a wonderful reward, and it made our recent trip to Spain and France even more memorable.** We are excited to support this year's fundraiser in the (selfish) hope for another win, but we know it is a special opportunity for anyone who participates.