The stunning $8,000 3-carat red ruby ring to be raffled off is not the only gem being offered to attendees of the Oral Health America (OHA) Gala on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

This year’s auction features a sparkling array of tempting treats, including:

- two tickets to see the Oprah Winfrey Show (includes plane tickets and three-night stay in the Hyatt Regency Chicago),
- two tickets in the faculty section of a Florida Gators game with a gourmet breakfast prepared by OHA Board Member Dr. Frank Catalanotto,
- dinner with Henry Seelie CEO Stan Bergman and his wife Marion at the Grand Tier Restaurant in New York, followed by a performance at the Metropolitan Opera or the American Ballet Theater,
- a stay at The Allison Inn & Spa in Oregon wine country donated by A-dec.

Sure to be a popular item, The Allison Inn & Spa is the first full-service resort in Oregon Wine Country. It is surrounded by rolling hillsides, working vineyards and farms, yet is only 45 minutes from Portland.

Each room has a gas fireplace, original artwork showcasing Oregon artists, spa-like bathrooms with soaking tub, custom-crafted furnishings, bay window seats and views from a terrace or balcony.

JORY, the resort’s restaurant, pays tribute to Oregon’s agricultural bounty, worldwide acclaimed wines, microbrews, handcrafted distilled spirits and designer cocktails.

The lavish spa offers 12 treatment rooms, co-ed lounge with outdoor patio, a fitness studio, swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

This year’s silent auction will also feature a way to support local communities. Oral Health America’s Smiles Across America® program will be in 15 states by the end of 2010.

Attendees will be able to contribute to programs in communities throughout the country.

The 10 highest bidders will qualify for unique frameable “dental” drawings created by Chinese children and contributed by DNTLworks Equipment Corporation.

The gala also has a dazzling new location: Chicago’s historic Union Station. The site is considered to be one of the greatest indoor spaces in the United States.

The black-tie optional evening features dinner and dancing in addition to the auction. Tickets are $300 after Feb. 1, if still available. A table for 10 can be purchased for $2,750 after Feb. 1, if still available.

Reservations can be made by visiting www.oralhealthamerica.org, by calling (312) 836-9900, or by e-mailing joe@oralhealthamerica.org.

Oral Health America is the nation’s leading independent non-profit organization dedicated to connecting communities with resources to increase access to care, education and advocacy for all Americans, especially those most vulnerable.

Find out more at www.oralhealthamerica.org.