









## THE LIVE AUCTION

Let the fun raising begin! Heads or Tails? Yes, and more than half of the players are sitting down after the first call of heads. But soon the action is whittled down to just two contestants. And the winner wins. The live auction is in full swing. **John Blount** is on the stage supporting the auctioneer. And this auctioneer is very, very good! She is coaxing; she is begging; she is bringing forth bids quickly. It really is a thrill to watch. She is dressed like a circus performer and plays her role to perfection. Spotters are spotting. Bidder numbers are up in the air. This is really good. Bidder numbers are being called out as the vacation packages are sold to eager buyers. Your scribe has not seen final numbers but supposes that this must have met club expectations.

Here are just some of the auction items:

- (1) **Mario Ramos'** Mexican feast, BBQ plus traditional Mexican food all the time enjoyed with your friends (up to 8) plus being enjoyed while being entertained by **Mario** and his Mariachis.
- (2) **Guv Bob** and wife **Peg** forked over 4K big ones for a trip to Costa Rica
- (3) **Ray Lent** forked over 2K big ones for a Cowboy BBQ
- (4) **John Blount** and wife **Pattie** bid \$1700 for one of chief **Pierre's** cooking classes and won
- (5) **Jack** and **Ruthie Dunlap** together with their family parted with \$4250 for a 7 night stay in a 4 bedroom Kauai condo for only \$4250

The auction being concluded **Rick Wilson** introduced the musical ensemble "Marshall Law". The music filled the Hall. Nearly everyone was on the floor shakin' and dancin'. It was a party!

And an efficient well organized team in a side room were busy accounting, banking, and taking money and taking credit cards. The line to pay was not too long. So well done all you bankers.

And your scribe for one went home a very happy celebrant. Can we do this again please?

Hats off to **Aleia**, to **Jan**, to **Pauline Pellini**, to **Cindy Carter**, to **Rick Wilson**, to **Tom Boag** and to all that made it happen!



