

## Year of the “Rat Pack” A Big Hit!

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They say what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas – but we are happy to share a few details from 2008’s fabulous Rat Pack Adventure. One of the highest attended HSMIAI chapter events in history ---this year’s Chinese Auction was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Fiesta Resort & Conference Center. “Rat Rods”, parked at the entrance, greeted guests as they arrived for a casino night extraordinaire.

Colorful entertainment headlined the event all under the watchful eyes of Dean, Sammy, Frank, and Peter. An over-the-top set up with larger than life rat packers, black and white feather boa palm trees and giant martini glasses adorned the room, courtesy of our Headliner Sponsors, Sacco & Associates and Pacific Event Productions. The Fiesta Resort’s culinary staff outdid themselves with a signature salmon and filet dual entrée, finished with a decadent chocolate trio dessert. Once again, we were thrilled to welcome back Bill Morton as our auctioneer and Dave Rosenbaum, CHME, and Ray Grace as our emcees and Alma Pink as our Vanna. New to the “pack” for this year were Clark Rowley as emcee and Jackie Saturno as our second Vanna.

Several thousand dollars were raised to support the Children’s Angel Foundation and various chapter activities. We are very grateful to a wonderful committee and our generous sponsors and look forward to the Year of the Ox in June 2009.

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