

# Historic Hemet Theatre

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## HHT GALA BRINGS VEGAS GLITZ

On Saturday December 2nd, the Historic Hemet Theatre hosted its first Foundation Gala to raise funds for the Building Fund. Only about 150 people were on hand for the event, still the atmosphere was festive and the verdict was unanimous that "Vintage Vegas" will be an annual event that will be on everyone's calendar next year along with lots of friends.

Starting the evening was a photo booth where guests could have their picture taken by HHT volunteer Pam Flumerfelt. Prints of the photos were displayed in the lobby at intermission so guests could take home a souvenir photo of the evening.

With the purchase of a sheet of raffle tickets, Chuck Robinson would give guests a spin on the "Prize Wheel" where they would win one of several gifts, including gift cards from local merchants, lottery tickets, hand fans, candy, and a key chain with the event logo. Also included with the sheet of tickets was an entry to the Grand Prize Drawing.

Donna Guenther coordinated the tables of over 30 raffle baskets provided by merchants and supporters. Ruffled items included floral arrangements, art and decor items, gift sets and gift certificates.

Grand prizes included Disney Hopper Tickets, a vacation trip certificate (from VIP Auto), a set of tickets to the Pantages Theater (from Joanne Morello), a set of HHT tickets to next season's concerts and a cash prize of \$1000 (donated by Gary and Paulette Anderson). During the drawing for the set of tickets for HHT concerts, the ticket pulled belonged to Bryan Carrier who manages the box office and books all the entertainment. CEO Susan Carrier joked that he would need to bring her to the shows along with him. Amazingly, when another ticket was pulled for that prize, the ticket belonged to the CEO herself!

The wonderful assortment of hors d'oeuvres and desserts were provided by Harvard Street Bakery, including little dice made from chocolate cake dipped in white chocolate and a lucky horseshoe cookie. The food committee for the event was Sandra Aldridge (chair) along with Irene Wingard, Irene Sanchez, and Sharon Armstrong.

Entertainment for the evening was a "Tribute to The Rat Pack" by THE PACK, straight from Las Vegas. The show was nostalgic and funny, with lots of the music and humor that made Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. so popular back in the 1950's. The set for the show included a large bar (borrowed from the Hemet Public Library), a giant roulette wheel (from Hemet High's Grad Night), and palm trees (from Cagliero Nursery). Lobby and auditorium were filled with casino decor, including giant dice, playing cards and marquee lights. The decorations were the creation of Penny Colgrove and her committee, Jan Kriz, Alphy Norman, Diane Richard, Michele Ryneal, Reggie Maddox, Kathy Robinson, and Mark & Sugar Norman. Other

members of the Gala committee included Barbara Carrington, Joyce Burleson, Debbie Souza, Jeanine Taylor, Connie Delatorre, Joanne Kuehl, Marty Cliff, Jeff Parks, and Lynn Peterson.

If you were not there, you missed a great party -- but Vintage Vegas will be back, so watch for the next HHT Gala and make a point to be there for the fun!!!

Meanwhile, the holiday festivities continue at HHT. On Saturday December 9th, The Hemet Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus presents the annual "Christmas Sing-A-Long." with the Temecula Wine Valley Harmonizers, 4 Cryin Out Loud Barbershop Quartet and choirs from local high schools. Showtime is 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 kids (12 and under) available at the ticket office.

Tickets for Jim Curry's "Rocky Mountain Christmas" on Saturday December 16th are sold out.

Tickets are available for "Rocky Horror New Years Eve" on Sunday December 31st. Join us for the craziest new years eve in town. Event begins at 9:30 pm with an orientation by the HHT Shadow Cast, followed by a 10pm screening of "Rocky Horror Picture Show." Tickets are \$15, including a bag of props (no outside props allowed.)

Visit [www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com](http://www.HistoricHemetTheatre.com) for a full lineup of events or stop by the ticket office Monday thru Friday 11am - 6pm. (951) 658-5950.