

'Las Vegas Night' wows socials who partied high in the sky for a good cause

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Christy Hylan was thrilled when she got the "Ireland Adventure" for \$7,000 during the live auction at Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center "Las Vegas Night."

But, then oil man David Wyatt paid \$10,000 for a private jet for one day for six "right here in northwest Louisiana" donated by Fred Phillips, Jeffrey and Sandi Kallenberg.

Over 300 signed up to attend the fundraiser high in the sky at the Petroleum Club. And, although DAC Board President and Las Vegas Night Chairman Fred Phillips who was injured in an explosion is back home after undergoing treatment in Colorado, he did not attend the fundraiser. "Because there was a risk of infection," said his son Christopher Phillips.

Christopher also read a letter from his dad to the crowd, which, in part said, "Bid it up."

"He is doing fantastic," add Christopher after he read Phillips' celebratory letter about Las Vegas Night and DAC.

Other members of Fred's family who had worked on "Las Vegas Night" were mixing and mingling at the spectacular event: son, Collin Phillips; sister Sandi Kallenberg and husband Jeffrey, and their children, Gregory and Heidi Kallenberg and Kimberly Schlosser, of Aspen, Colo.



DAC Live Auction Auctioneer David Goodman, of Chicago, attempts to persuade a live auction bidder to go higher for yellow Squire Bullet electric guitar by Fender. It was signed by Rolling Stones. High bid? \$7,500.

The evening was made festive and fun with professional dealers at the craps, roulette and blackjack tables, with great food, live and silent auctions.



And a grand live auction was presided over by the legendary auctioneer David Goodman.

Others mixing and mingling: Caddo Commissioner Lynn Cawthorne and Kesha Simmons, Caddo Commissioner Mario Chavez, Alena Harris, Angela Lee, Joh Okulski, Cheyenne Bryant, Stephen Vekovius, David Ryan, Parker and Christina Maxwell, Alisa Tasby, Jodi Penn Reeves,, Dr. Mike Acuria and Courtney Batts.