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JACQUES SCOTT WINE AUCTION RAISES MORE THAN \$20,000 FOR THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

*Dinner at 7 Prime Cuts & Sunsets to Benefit Eldemire House in Cayman Brac
a Highlight of Cayman Cookout 2020*

GRAND CAYMAN (27 January 2010) – Cayman Cookout, the region’s leading epicurean event, benefited not only connoisseurs of great food and wine but also people devoted to the preservation of Cayman’s natural environment and places of historic interest. One of the weekend’s marquee events, The National Trust Dinner and Wine Auction sponsored by Jacques Scott and held at 7 Prime Cuts & Sunsets at The Ritz-Carlton, raised more than \$20,000. The funds are earmarked for the restoration of Eldemire House on Cayman Brac.

“On behalf of the team at The National Trust, I would like to thank everyone who made this event possible”, said Frank Balderamos, General Manager of The National Trust for the Cayman Islands. “Without Jacques Scott Group Ltd. , The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and Certified Angus Beef as sponsors and the attendees of the evening, The National Trust could not have raised this money for the restoration of the Eldemire House.”

During the famous hurricane of 1932, the Eldemire House, though battered and pushed off its foundation, remained intact, protecting the 32 people sheltered there. Donated in 2005 to the National Trust for the Cayman Islands, the historic home was in the process of being restored when Hurricane Paloma struck Cayman Brac in November 2008.

At the event auctioneer Mr. Robert Sleight, Vice President of Wine at Sotheby’s in New York, regaled the crowd with his knowledge and managed spirited bidding wars for the top grossing items. The 29 live auction lots included two passes for the Food & Wine Classic in Aspen, CO in June 2010 and rare selections from Cayman Cookout partners Schloss Johannisberg, Grigich Hills and Maison Joseph Drouhin.

“The immense success of this auction must be attributed to the team at Jacques Scott who curated an auction list that has never been matched in depth, rarity and excitement in the Cayman Islands,” said Guntram Merl, Director of Food & Beverage at The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman. “Peter and Paula Dutton and Lee Royle really set the benchmark for future Cayman Cookout wine events.”

The auction drew more than oenophiles and Caymanians passionate about preserving their historic treasures. Guests also included Tony Bielaczyc, Garden Editor of Martha Stewart Living magazine and Gail Simmons, Special Projects Editor at Food & Wine Magazine and permanent judge on Bravo’s popular Top Chef program.

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Editors Note: Photo left to right: Lee Royle, Wine Sales at Jacques Scott Group Ltd., Diane Yost, Director of Sales & Marketing at The Ritz-Carlton, Erika Walton, Marketing and Development Manager and Frank Balderamos, General Manager for the National Trust of the Cayman Islands, Roger Ponce, Executive Assistant Manager at The Ritz-Carlton and Peter Dutton, Managing Director Jacques Scott Group Ltd.