

## THE BMC AT THE PBS AUCTION

by Ginger Carney

Once again a small but loyal and ambitious group of Badgerland Miata Club members volunteered for the "Great PBS Auction" on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Bill and Carol Johns, Bob and Gina Schulz, Ron Staub, Tom Weismueller, and Ginger Carney spent five hours creating appealing displays of merchandise to present on camera for bidding. They also helped to pull merchandise from the warehouse as well as "strike" the tables and return the items for storage. Marcy and Jim Hotz worked the phone bank, taking bids from excited viewers. Marcy & Jim also became TV stars! Each was asked to be a "table captain" when items were shown on camera. That meant that, as each item was described by the "auctioneer", they held it up for the camera so that the audience could focus on each one individually. It was fun to hear them being introduced to the television audience as representing Badgerland Miata Club. ☺

Tom & MaryLynn Cinealis and Ron & Lin Carlson are long-time volunteers of the Great TV Auction and are part of the Milwaukee PBS Friends Leadership Team, which runs the auction. They give many days, long hours and lots of energy working backstage making sure the fundraiser runs smoothly and efficiently. The only one you usually see on TV is Tom. He is one of the auctioneers, and on Saturday he was the auctioneer for Marcy. Two Badgerland folks together on camera - how fun was that?!?

Following our shift we went to Pizza Man at The Mayfair Collection for dinner. Some ordered pizza and others ordered dishes from the varied menu. The drive home was pretty miserable because the rain was heavy and the roads slick, but that was minor compared to the great day we had together!

BMC members have been volunteering for this event for several years now, and we plan on doing it again next year. So when it is posted on the 2018 events page, think about joining us.

Thank you Bob and Gina and Tom and Ron and Carol and Bill  
and Marcy and Jim!