Enthusiasm begins anew as the Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation (MMHF) Legacy Event committee announces “Roaring ’20s” as the theme for the Feb. 23, 2013 third annual event.

Building on the success of the 2011 Mardi Gras theme and last February’s Western Splendor event, the committee anticipates another fun evening of support for the local hospital.

The Legacy Event in February has become the MMHF Foundation’s major fundraiser of the year. Instead of hosting multiple smaller events, the Foundation has rolled all into one evening of food, fun and good times.

Last year’s event was highly successful, raising close to $50,000. A majority of the funds went to the hospital’s Grow Our Own Physician initiative, while some also was contributed for the telemetry monitoring equipment for the hospital prep and recovery room, the scholarship fund and endowment fund.

The equipment allows monitoring of patients and their vital signs before and after surgery or other outpatient procedures and any time the patient is exposed to anesthesia.

Funds from the 2013 event, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Phillips County Event Center, will go toward the Grow Our Own Physician initiative and equipment for the hospital.

All funds raised by the Foundation are for the benefit of Melissa Memorial Hospital.

Each year, more and more people dress the part of the Legacy Event designated theme, adding to the evening’s fun.

Co-chairs Steve and Kim Young encourage attendees to dress the Roaring ’20s theme. They look forward to seeing gangsters, flappers and other imaginative costume roles from the 1920s.

Costumes don’t have to be expensive, but will add a flair to the evening. Those who don’t care to dress in costume should don their formal attire and join the festivities.

After a social, dinner will be served, followed by a live auction and dancing.

Holyoke’s Joe Hall will be joined by Vicki Lynn Peters and Dan Dobson, both of Ogallala, Neb., to provide dance music.

A raffle for a trip for two, from three destination choices, was such a success for last year’s Legacy Event, that organizers are planning a similar raffle again this year.

One lucky person and their guest will win a trip, including airfare.

This year’s three trip choices include: Chicago’s Classic Wrigley Field rooftop seats and dining experience, with three-night stay; New York amazing long weekend with three-night stay; or Choose your Fairmont Hotel or Resort for four-night junior suite stay with some fantastic destination options.

As folks arrive at the Legacy Event next February, a photographer will be on hand to snap photos for those wanting to remember their Roaring ’20s night.

Success of the annual Legacy Event keeps building, and organizers hope for a great Roaring ’20s turnout. Tables of eight are for sale, and the Foundation is limiting it to 35 tables. Last year’s turnout filled 30 tables.

Anyone wishing to assist with the Legacy Event or to purchase tickets can contact Steve and Kim Young at 520-4876, Jessica Johnson at 854-5341 or any committee member: Gary Krumm, Ardie Besse, Kayla Kafka, Linda Alberts, Cherrie Brown, Brenda Brandt or John Ayoub.

Legacy of Thanks Sunday

The annual MMHF Legacy of Thanks celebration will be held this Sunday, Nov. 18 at MMH. The annual event is held in honor and appreciation of the donors and volunteers whom the Foundation is grateful for.

The celebration will begin at 12:30 p.m. at MMH with a light lunch, followed by speeches, awards and scholarship winners.

The names for the two events—Legacy of Thanks in November and Legacy Event in February—follow the MMH Foundation’s motto of “Growing a Legacy.”

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