

Roaring '20s sets stage for \$55,000 MMHF fundraiser

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The roaring '20s took over Holyoke Saturday, Feb. 23 as the Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation hosted the third annual Legacy Event.

Approximately \$55,000 was raised at the event. Funds will go toward the hospital's Grow Our Own Physician initiative and equipment for the hospital.

Despite the less-than-pleasant weather that had caused school cancellations in the week, roughly 180 people flocked to the Phillips County Event Center to partake in the event.

Guys in attendance were dressed to the nines in zoot suits and fedoras while the ladies donned their best flapper dresses and feather boas.



Sheena Fix makes rounds with fake cigars and cigarettes in her stylish 1920s garb.

A Model T car was brought in, adding to the '20s atmosphere of the evening.

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“This year I was amazed,” commented Kim Young, who, along with husband Steve, chaired the event. “There were more people dressed up than ever before. They really got into playing the part.”

When patrons showed up, they had to relay the password to the doorman before being permitted in to the party. The act set the mood for the night and highlighted the lengths to which members of the foundation went to ensure another successful Legacy Event.



While sporting the custom swimwear of the '20s, Holyoke Marketplace table attendees, pictured from left, Eric Conklin, Penny Dockins, Melinda Kent, Susan Krueger and Kathleen Hamaker, join Dennis Hamaker, Dolly Smith and Graeme Smith for a photo opportunity at the Legacy Event Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Event Center.

Upon entering, hors d'oeuvres and a full-course meal were prepared by R&B Catering/Allyn Robinson and Kristie's Katering/Bill and Kristie Pelle. Following the dinner were the silent and live auctions. Lloyd Michael handled the auctioneer duties for the night.

Amy Einspahr was named the raffle winner. Einspahr will get to choose from a trip to Chicago's Classic Wrigley Field with rooftop seats and dining experience plus a three-night stay, a trip to New York for a long weekend and three-night stay or a choice of a Fairmont Hotel or Resort stay for four nights at one of the various fantastic vacation destinations.

Ardie Besse, Penny Dockins, Carol Krumm, Dolly Smith and Kayla Kafka kicked off the dance

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portion of the night with their performance of the Charleston dance routine with some assistance from Steve Young.

Music for the night was provided by Joe Hall, Vicki Lynn Peters and Dan Dobson, together known as The Speakeasies.

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