



Wilson Foundation Hosts

The fifteenth annual Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation Ball took place Saturday evening at the Piqua Country Club. There were 135 guests in attendance.

The theme for this year's charity event was "Ice Castles." Tables were decorated with crystal centerpieces and other iridescent items to depict the ice castle theme. This year's event also featured an ice sculpture designed by Ice Sculptures by Ramon.

"I appreciate each and every one of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend our ball this evening," said Bonnie Faulkner, executive director of the Wilson Memorial Hospital Foundation. "I would also like to thank you for your continued support of Wilson Hospital and specifically, the Wilson Foundation. With your patronage, we are able to continue providing quality healthcare to the community."

Following Faulkner's presentation, Wilson Foundation board chairman, Dan Bensman, was introduced and he shared his comments. "The Wilson Foundation continues to be a "helping hand" to the hospital by channeling funds for specific hospital needs," he said. "The Foundation has focused the majority of its efforts on building the endowment fund. The purpose of this fund is to assist in meeting future capital needs of hospital. Capital improvements are vital to Hospital's survival. If you are not moving forward then you are falling behind and with your support we are able to keep moving forward."

All proceeds from the 2008 Charity Ball will be added to the Foundation's endowment fund to provide future funding to ensure that the hospital continues to maintain the high level of service and technology. Nearly \$358,500 has been raised through the annual ball event, since it was first established in 1994.

Wilson's president and CEO, Tom Boecker, recently celebrated thirty-five years of service at the hospital. In honor of reaching this milestone, guests participated in a celebratory champagne toast.

"It has been my privilege and honor to serve our community for thirty-five years," said Boecker. "Our success is primarily due to the fact that our community wants to maintain a good hospital in Shelby County. We continue to make major facility improvements, technology advancements, and we have welcomed key additions to our medical staff," he added. "Our success is an indication of your continued support of Wilson Hospital and we can't thank you enough."

Following dinner, guests enjoyed entertainment provided by the Kim Kelly Orchestra. They also had the opportunity to participate in a raffle for a variety of prizes. Winners of this year's raffle prizes include: Ken and Mary Beth Monnier--four tickets to "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at the Schuster Center and a \$100 Miami Valley Restaurant Association gift certificate; Dr. Valerie Woodmansee--a white gold and diamond pendant; Bob and Ollie Anthony--one week in a condominium anywhere in the world at a Resort Condominiums International (RCI) affiliate; Bill and Mary Ann McCaskey--eight bottles of wine and Emerson wine cooler; and Dan and Marianne Dunson--a copper glazed beverage tub filled with a selection of wines.

Corporate underwriters for the 2008 event include: Ferguson Construction Company; Emerson Climate Technologies; Sidney Tool & Die; Continental Express; App Architecture; Embarq; Ruese Insurance; Elsass, Wallace, Evans and Schnelle; Peoples Federal Savings and Loan; Blue & Company; Heapy Engineering; and US Bank.

The 2008 Foundation ball committee includes: Linda Campbell, Mary Lou Francis, Rene Gottemoeller, Jana Potts, Rhonda Keister and Vicki Given.

The next Wilson Foundation Charity Ball will take place in the first quarter of 2010. For information about making a donation to the Wilson Hospital, call the Wilson Foundation at (937) 498-5540 or visit www.wilsonhospitalfoundation.com.



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