

Fideliters Camelot charity ball no jest

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As we entered the ballroom at the Prairie Lodge in Sun City Huntley, it was quite evident that a great deal of thought went into planning this event.

It was a magical evening at "Camelot" for the 121st annual Fideliter Charity Ball held Nov. 21. The theme, chosen by ball Chair Pat Szpekowski of PmS Advertising Inc., exuded all the charm and magic of King Arthur's Court, where beauty, harmony and goodness prevail. Pat, her husband Dan and the Wizard Merlin welcomed guests who entered through a 12-foot-tall "castle" on their way into the beautifully decorated ballroom.

Red, black and gold tablecloths highlighted the sparkling candles, glittered candy bags and "sword" letter openers creatively placed in the crafted wooden stands adorning the tables.

Before dinner, the award-winning Barrington High School Madrigal Singers entertained to set the mood, including their rendition of "Camelot." Bill Brown of Provena Saint Joseph Hospital and his wife Mickey beamed as their daughter Katie, president of the group, sang to the crowd.

Fideliter Club members had worked tirelessly to make the evening possible and each was given a rose by Pat.

The Fideliter Club of Elgin is one of the area's oldest philanthropic organizations, founded in 1888. The annual ball is the group's only fundraiser. Its mission is to raise funds to benefit the U46 Milk Fund and other local non-profits that assist area women and children.

Among those enjoying the festivities were Scott and Vicky McGrath, Dr. Leon and Sheri Darmon, Barrett and Darlene O'Connor, Mike and Brenda Morrissy, Bill and Julie Lichtenberg, Roger and Donna Burnidge, Dr. Dale and Caren Nickelsen, Donald and Pat Laird, Coral Reinert, Pat and Kathy Hannell, Chuck and Judy Emmert, John and Christine Licht, Gloria Verbic and Linda Gruber and husband Chuck, to name a few. Guests enjoyed the live entertainment provided by The Sophisticats.

For more information about the club, call 847-888-3819.