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Summit Club aims to fund more organizations with Saloon Night

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The Flower Mound Summit Club is about to bring out its big guns.

The club is set to host Saloon Night at 6 p.m. Saturday at Circle R Ranch in what members hope will be a springboard to future membership, as well as more funding of youth programs in the area.

“We want to expand the means that we’re able to support the organizations in Flower Mound,” said Paul Stone, a longtime member of the Summit Club. “In the past, we’ve relied on a small amount of dues that we collect, or selling glow ropes at the Independence Day events. But we wanted to take it a step further and create a signature event.”

The Summit Club, the oldest service organization in Flower Mound, supports two local Cub Scout packs, two Boy Scout troops and a local youth baseball team. It has been a fixture at Independence Day and Veterans Day events as members cook hot dogs for residents who attend. Members also serve coffee during the Easter Sunrise Service on The Flower Mound.

One example of that is recognizing fifth- and eighth-grade students with academic achievement awards, based on the selection from their teachers.

“They’ve liked it, and we’ve done that with modest funding,” Stone said.

Stone said more funding could enable the Summit Club to work with other local youth organizations, such as the Lewisville Education Foundation.

“The Summit Club is known for cooking hot dogs at special events and co-sponsoring the Easter Sunrise Service,” Stone said. “But we’re also looking for a manner to expand membership. We want to find members who want to do something for kids. We have 40 active members, and we have had

up to 75 members on our list. Hopefully through an event like this, we can attract even more members, such as a dad of a Boy Scout.”

Saloon Night, which is in its first year, will feature a Texas barbecue buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., a casino open at 7 p.m. and prizes at 10:30 p.m. Other activities include a premium cash bar, a Vegas Style Casino and card games, \$1,000 in play chips, a Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament, DJ music and entertainment silent auctions and more.

Cost is \$75 per person or \$140 per couple.

The Summit Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Salerno’s.

Go to <http://summitclub.org> for information.