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Casino Night fundraiser to help foundation continue its mission

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AVON-BY-THE-SEA — An evening of fun and games will also be one to help continue the programs and initiatives offered by the Avon Education Foundation.

The foundation will host its Casino Night fundraiser this Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Spring Lake Manor.

The evening will include a buffet dinner, hour-long open bar, raffle prizes, a silent auction, a 50/50 and several casino games. Live entertainment will be provided by the Justin Lee Trio.

Tickets to the event cost \$75 each for the general public and \$50 for educators and can be purchased in advance at Jack Green Realty and Bungalow Road, both located on Main Street in Avon. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting www.avonbytheseafoundation.org or by calling 732-925-4974.

In addition to trying their hand at nine different gaming tables, guests will also be able to win an array of prizes ranging from an iPad and acoustic guitar to a week-long trip to Siesta Key, Fla.

Tess Nielsen, Avon Education Foundation president, said the fundraiser will be a “great way to bring the community together.”

The event will be the foundation’s “premiere fundraiser” for 2013, she said.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward continuing the foundation’s already successful initiatives, as well as fund new ones.

In the last year, the foundation has donated a \$2,000 mini grant to a teacher at Avon Elementary School, sponsored an after-school music program and hosted a computer seminar for adults in the community.

The foundation is also looking to expand its adult education programs for those in the community, according to Ms. Nielsen.

To learn more about the Avon-by-the-Sea Education Foundation or to donate, visit its website at www.avonbytheseafoundation.org.

For any questions about the foundation, email info@avonbytheseafoundation.org.

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Avon Education Foundation members Flavia Loughlin [from left], Tess Nielsen, Peggy Bonanno and Michele Gioia have been preparing for the foundation’s Casino Night fundraiser for weeks. *Photo by AMANDA STONE, STAR NEWS GROUP*

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