



Egon Madsen was the "youngest" dancer at Jake's Disco on the weekend for the 29-hour dance-a-thon raising money for a fetal heart monitor for Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Ten people finished the marathon still on their feet, and a number of prizes were awarded to the winners, courtesy of the local merchants.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Ten went the distance

Tally is \$3,000 in dance-a-thon

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Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital is well on the way toward purchasing a fetal heart monitor, thanks to the \$3,000 plus raised last weekend during the 29-hour dance marathon organized by Jake's Disco and Michael Boynton Studios.

Of the 14 people who started the marathon Friday night, ten managed to go the distance, Jake's owner Ken Hofrichter said. The pledges given to the dancers account for almost \$2,500 of the total raised. The remainder of the money came from the door and from the donation of staff salaries and tips, Mr. Hofrichter said.

Andrea Milne, John Farrugia, Jen Milne, Steve Smith, Sherrie Chisholm, Nancy Werry, Brenda Lawson and Mike Bailey managed to complete the 29 hours of dancing. Mr. Hofrichter said he wanted to give special thanks to Egon Madsen, who danced for 24 hours and was still ready to keep going, but

his wife got tired watching him.

Many of the local merchants gave either donations or supplied gift certificates and prizes. Donors of prizes included the Cellar, Bracken's, Fletcher's Shoes, Royal Trust, McDonald's, Mama Rosa Pizzeria, Ego Fashions, Kentner's, Georgetown Collision Service, Shoppy's, Georgetown Home Hardware and Harvey's Firestone Centre.

Firms who made financial donations include Leffia Farms, the Exchange Tavern, the McClure-Jones Funeral Home, Ramrock Electric, Park Lincoln, Silvers, Red-D-Mix, West Insurance, Pope Sterrett, the Royal Bank, McKenzie Build-all, Georgetown Chrysler, Georgetown Toyota, Ware's Service Centre, and Yong's Restaurant.

MORE DONATIONS
Jake's will be accepting donations towards the heart monitor until Saturday, so anyone wishing to make a

donation can still do so, Mr. Hofrichter said.

Mr. Hofrichter expressed his appreciation to his staff and to his three disc jockeys, Brian Wall, Ted Uren and Duane Lowe, who worked in the marathon. Staff members Charlene Morgan, Beverly Hagen, Connie Karlsson, Jon Lawton, Rebecca Hemmings, Ian Garden and Dean Othen volunteered their services free of charge during the marathon.

Hospital administrator Fred Morris said a fetal heart monitor costs about \$8,000, and the hospital has collected \$3,500 towards the monitor through other donations.

Students at Georgetown District High School collected about \$2,000 last year for this purpose. With the money collected from the dance-a-thon, the total raised so far will be more than \$6,500, Mr. Morris said.

"I'm really surprised and pleased at the way people responded to this," Mr. Morris said. "But of course, this is a first-class town."



Not all the dancing was this fancy at Jake's Disco on the weekend during the 29-hour dance-a-thon to raise money for a fetal heart monitor. The dance-a-thon was organized by Jake's and by Michael Boynton Studios, with prizes and other contributions made by local merchants. Here, Michael Bailey, one of the contestants in the marathon, shows Kristen Milne some of the fancier disco steps.

(Herald photo by Lori Taylor)

Business Award dinner

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first annual "Business Award of the Year" dinner meeting Wednesday, February 6, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. The reception is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner following at 7:30 p.m. Accommodations are limited and will be reserved for members and their guests until this Saturday, after which tickets will be available for the general public. Cost of the dinner is \$13 per person.

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