



Apsley Veterinary Fundraising Dance

Dance Photos and Report by Jim O'Shea

On Saturday, April 6th, I attended the 10th anniversary of Apsley Veterinary Services and Fundraising Dance. When I arrived, the staff immediately went into fundraising mode selling me a sheet of draw prize tickets. My number was 6862, which won me a wonderfully well-crafted wooden cheese tray and accessories. Throughout the evening the audience was entertained by one of Apsley's favourite bands, Montana Sky. Many of my photos focused on the band and those enthusiastically dancing to a wide variety of music. The evening was a fundraiser and the audience was ready to dance.

My main task during the evening was to record the evening by finding good photo opportunities. Photos taken on the dance floor are especially challenging, as there is continuous movement and, when an excellent photo opportunity occurs, there is a fraction of a second to take the shot. Patience and luck is extremely important. One photo opportunity occurred when a large group of about thirty individuals arrived from Paudash Lake and sat to left of the band. How to photograph the group and include the band in the photo? I took the shot

by adjusting the flash output and ISO settings, and finished in Photoshop.

Capturing good shots while roaming the floor presented many interesting challenges, especially with lighting and movement. Generally, I increased flash output and adjusted my camera's ISO level to obtain publishable results of dancing pairs and the larger group. One of my favourite photos during the evening was the one taken of Mayor Carolyn Amyotte, who won the 50/50 draw prize. Included in the photo was Apsley's veterinarian, Dr. Kim Facey.

Although I did not inquire about the fundraising success, I would expect that the continuous flow of people through the door, a packed dance floor, the refreshments sold, and a great variety of draw prizes on display, guaranteed that North Kawartha's stray birds and animals will continue to receive great care at Apsley Veterinary Services, via the Gwen Scott Fund.

