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Hall of Fame 2016  
Dave Cameron

I was asked to speak about someone I have known for a long time and someone I am very fond of. This inductee dates back to the meeting we had at the Moose Lodge in 1994 attempting to start the chorus. He looked around and saw faces that had vanished for 25 or more years, listened to what was planned and immediately became a full member. This certainly was an excellent decision for both he and DCAT.

He's pretty old: we both went to the same High School Western Technical and Commercial School 60 years ago. Wow that kind of makes me a bit old too. We were both members of Western Trumpet Band and trained by the same person Don MacIntyre. Seems a little strange he was a trumpeter and I was a snare drummer. Don was an amazing individual he was a champion rudimental snare drummer, a champion pipe snare drummer, a champion trumpet player, a champion bag piper and he personally trained all new members and taught us to read music. He also arranged the music and the marching and manoeuvring drill. We played a lot of Scottish numbers and all the trumpeters were required to have significant tonguing skills. These skills stood out when moving to other junior and senior drum corps. The band activity at the school ended in 1958 and he wishing to continue in drum corps joined the Midtowners Drum Corps sponsored by the Lions Club and I with Leaside Lions Drum Corps. The Lions Club liaison person was Bill Craig who worked for Wisers Distilleries which turned out to be a very appropriate business relationship with many of the drum corps in the area which numbered between 10-15 corps. After aging out from junior drum corps Dave joined Canada's Marching

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Ambassadors. I remember those days as new members were interviewed and auditioned in front of the Kangaroo Court before being accepted into the corps; a very stressful experience.

Dave married elegant Ellie who was guard captain for Leaside Lions Majorettes 51 years ago and decided to discontinue the playing part of drum corps and joined the Jaycees. He signed on with an electrical drafting firm and grew with the business and was their representative for client Canadian Tire. As you know Dave started his own business and with his strong relationship and work ethic with Canadian Tire they wanted to continue with Dave doing their work and an agreement was reached. As Canadian Tire grew in Western Canada Dave was a high flyer, away a lot and acquired massive air points. He said to me one day that he could fly around the world on his points but he just could not afford to land. Dave was also a member of Canadian GAS Ensemble which was directed by Rick Dixon and 15 years with Toronto Signals Band.

Dave has served DCAT very well in his 22 years with us. He via his company sponsored our Christmas Concerts at Thornhill Country Club for 6 years. He has been on the Property Committee for 10 years setting up equipment and chairs for our rehearsals and performances. The past couple of years he has been inventorying our storage room and the many bins of items we have. He has sold many items we no longer required and of course disposed many items as well. He has served on Nominating Committees and 2 years as Vice-President. In 2016 he chaired the Housing Committee who ventured out to find new quarters for DCAT

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given the situation with Estonian House. They contacted 31 facilities narrowing down the search to 3 locations. Here we are today at ATS. As the search was going on Dave said to me; years ago we rehearsed at Communicorp, Don Gill's business, maybe we need to explore that scenario again and "voila". It is this kind of thinking outside the box that moves our organization forward.

It is my honour and pleasure in announcing to you that Dave Cameron is now a member of the DCAT Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

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