

DCAT Hall of Fame 2014

Induction of Dolly Fox

by Barb Jennings

It gives me great pleasure to announce this year's DCAT Hall of Fame Inductee, Dolly Fox. Dolly and John were strong supporters of drum corps over the years. They met while attending Western Tech High School and have been married for 50 years, this year. Dolly is the proud mother of son, Adam, and daughter, April, son-in-law, Ted, and their pride and joy, granddaughter, Trista.

Dolly has been a member of DCAT since its beginning in 1994 and sings in the Alto section. She has contributed greatly to DCAT, serving on the Social Committee for 6 years, Publicity Committee for 2 years, and was on the GAS Committees in 1999 and 2008, Secretary for "Love of Music" for 8 years, on the 20th Gala Committee, and is currently Secretary for the DCAT Executive Committee. Dolly is also our proof reading expert and as well, has been producing the weekly rehearsal summary for 5 years. Last but not least, she is our unofficial photographer, capturing many great memories.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to present on your behalf, this year's DCAT Hall of Fame Inductee, Dolly Fox. Well done, Dolly!

Dolly's response:

Wow, it looks like Ladies Night for DCAT!! Thank you, Barbara, for your very kind words! And to the members and associates for bestowing the honour of being an Inductee into the DCAT Hall of Fame.

Going back a **lot of years** to high school, I was singing in the choir at Western Tech as well as a small, select group called 'The Westernettes' and down in the orchestra pit was my future 'Romeo', John Fox, on the trumpet. As time went on, John joined the Western Trumpet Band and all the girls went wild whenever the band played and, of course, I was one of those girls. Then John went on to play in Second Signals and Ambassadors. I loved drum corps then and still do now. And there are my roots to DCAT which I joined with John, 20 years ago!

Not a week went by when we didn't need our "DCAT fix" – even through snowstorms in Orillia, then Newmarket. John and I hosted 5 Orillia BBQs and concerts, helped with the Social Committee for dances and parties as well as assisting when DCAT held both GAS weekends.

I was Secretary for all the "Love of Music" Committees, and even stepped well out of my own comfort zone to play the comic for "Johnny Souffle". I served on the Committee for the DCAT 20th Gala, have sent out the weekly Rehearsal Summaries for 5 years, and after 3 years still enjoy being the DCAT Secretary. Recently, I signed on for Secretary of the Committee to organize the Senior Community Grants free concert, coming up on January 28th.

It has been quite a year for the Foxes – starting with John's 75th birthday party, then the DCAT 20th Gala, and in October, we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary – lots of milestones – and now, with the Hall of Fame honour, I am truly overwhelmed!!

I will continue to be diligent in any DCAT position, strive to be a dedicated singer and member, and **importantly**, remember to have FUN along the way.

I thank you all for this very special recognition.