

DCAT Hall of Fame 2014

Induction of Edna Kingsley

by Ellie Cameron

Perspective! We all have our own.

What a compliment to present on our 20 years of the Joy of Music and Song for DCAT.

Some members have served on many executives, as President, Secretary, Treasurer, committees and helpers.

There was never a moment when we didn't get involved when asked. "I'm just a girl that can't say no". My friend June told me that many years ago! There is also another.

Every organization has doer's and takers. Doer's do great things by being involved to the best they are capable of. For the good of the organization. Takers enjoy the moments and share the camaraderie. If you haven't been a doer, shame on you.

Looking at the names on the Plaque, they have been recognized for their commitment, time and dedication. Many are not. They have made a great contribution to DCAT. Some are gone but not forgotten.

Our honouree this evening has never questioned the executive decisions, verbally opposed what was demanded, dress, uniform, venue, never thought that we couldn't perform, never thought that Lord of the Dance was beyond her when June & I thought we we're falling off the stage, look at our faces, petrified. Roy Thomson Hall, Up on the Mountain! She carried on.

Always with a smile of greeting! A true performer, dressed in nightgowns, glowing gowns, boobs hung low, grumpy, sexy and sometimes outrageous. Assisting with learning in Sections and knowledge of music.

She is the person who helps set up, 50/50, collects dues, water sales, GAS dues and now again Social Director. Her family is her life and she is life to her family, She epitomizes what makes DCAT work.

I would like to introduce our new Hall of Fame member. Edna Hills Kingsley.

Edna's response:

Yesterday was a day I will not forget. I started the day by picking up fruit and veggie trays for DCAT Christmas party. I left here early and picked Lois up to get to the Estonian House to set up for our annual Christmas Party. The first thing on the agenda was setting up tables for toy drive and silent auction. That done we, the Social Committee and downstairs and had supper. After supper people started to arrive and 50/50 tickets were sold, toys for Toy Mountain, silent auction items and door prizes appeared.

I would at this time wish to thank the social committee for their hard work (Ellie, Dianne, Joan, Shirley Hay, Shirley Lucas, Claire, Lois and

Dave. The program for the evening started with the Hall of Fame informing all of us of the inductees.

I received the surprise of my life when the first Inductee for the Hall of Fame was named by Ellie Cameron and it was me. That was a great speech Ellie. Thank you. I didn't know what to say. It was an honour to receive this award. It was a great 18 years in DCAT serving in various capacities of which I enjoyed all of them. Also learning and performing lots of music. Also the many friends I have made over this length of time and the many concerts, bus trips and parties. Thanks to all who voted for me.

Also congratulations to Dolly Fox and Linda Carscadden for their inductions into the Hall of Fame.