



# The DCAT Purr-spective

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DCAT is an organization dedicated to the preservation and joy of Drum & Bugle Corps camaraderie, bringing together past members, relatives, friends and associates in a social environment for the purpose of companionship and musical activities.

**New Uniforms** - A design for a new uniform was presented to the chorus and was unanimously approved. The uniform is a work in progress. The basics are, black trousers or skirts, a black satin shirt, a white opera scarf with red on the back and white gloves. *Very Classy!* Eventually a number of mix and match pieces will be added to provide different looks. Chorus members are asked to contribute \$50 towards the cost of their uniform. *It is a new look to go with our new sound.* The uniforms will be ready before we go to GAS in New York.

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## **Thornhill Golf & Country Club - Wednesday, April 22nd**

We are performing at the Annual Business Women's Banquet. ***Be there for 7:00 p.m.*** with your uniform and necessary equipment. We have a hall in the club in which to rehearse before and after our performance. This will be an excellent tune-up for GAS '98.

## **G.A.S. '98 Reunion - New York May 1st, 2nd & 3rd...**

It's hard to believe that GAS '98 is only a couple of weeks away. The chorus is ready! Ted Key gave us a real challenge with this year's show. The chorus members responded with enthusiasm and a lot of hard work. Some people are doing things they never thought they would be doing. With the musical improvement the chorus has made and the addition of a few "toys" and visual effects, the chorus has moved to a new level. ***We will entertain! We will have fun!***

Thank you again to the people who contribute to the splendid buffet that helps us get through our Sunday rehearsals.

We are all set to go... we have a hotel, we have a swimming pool, we have a hospitality suite, we have an audience... we are happy campers! (oh! I forgot shopping) Thanks to John Fox (GAS '98 coordinator) for making sure that we have all our favourite things.

It will be a non-smoking bus. (*don't be a smart ass, you know what I mean!*) Euchre will be allowed, the main event will be Ted Key and his unfortunate partner vs. the ladies (all of 'um).

***Be good down there, or you will find yourself in the "Sober Reflections" column in the following newsletter!***

## **SCHEDULE FOR GAS '98**

**Thursday, April 30th** - Bus leaves Communicorp at 6:00 am • Bus stops at Applewood 6:30 - 6:45 am • Fort Erie duty free shop at 8:00 am • Lunch stop 12:00 - 1:00 pm • Arrival at Saddlebrook, NJ at 5:00 pm • Dinner at 8:00 pm.

**Friday, May 1st** - Breakfast at 8:00 am • Bus leaves for Schuetzen Park at 9:30 am • Rehearsal at Schuetzen Park at 10:00 am • Bus leaves for South Street Seaport Show at 11:15 am • Performance from 12:00 - 1:00 pm • Bus returns to Palace Hotel at 1:00 pm • Free time • Group Dinner at Palace Hotel 5:00 - 6:30 pm • Dress for Friday night show at 6:30 pm • Bus leaves for Friday Night Party at 7:30 pm • Bus returns to the hotel at 12:00 midnight.

**Saturday, May 2nd** - Breakfast at 7:00 am • Bus leaves for parade at 8:00 am • Parade at 9:00 am • Individuals start at 10:00 am (or city tour or whatever) • Dress for banquet at 5:00 pm • Bus leaves at 6:30 pm • Bus returns from the banquet at 12:00 midnight.

**Sunday, May 3rd** - Bus loads up at 7:30 am • Bus leaves for breakfast at 8:00 am • Bus leaves for home at 9:30 am and arrives in Toronto approximately 8:00 pm

*The GAS Reunions are about as much fun as you can have standing up!*



## **Upcoming Events!**

### **May 10th (Sunday) - Chorus Recording Session**

Trevor Yuile will be recording the chorus again this year. Plan to be at the rehearsal hall at 11 am. unless otherwise advised! It is imperative that we have a good turn out for this session.

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### **May 23rd (Weekend) - C.A.D.R.E. Drum Club Gathering in Ottawa**

The Ottawa group is hosting the spring get-together of Heritage Hands. There will be groups going from Toronto and Hamilton and a number of other guests. It should be a fun weekend if you are a lover of things percussive. For more information call Paul Kelly (905) 472-0854.

**May 30th (Saturday) - GARAGE SALE**

Ann White is the coordinator. You will be notified when you can start bringing your donated articles. Ann will need help sorting and pricing on Friday night and on Saturday for setting up and looking after the tables.

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**June 1st (Monday) - Port Credit Yacht Club**

Concert at the Shriners Barbeque. Details to follow.

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**June 8th (Monday) - Catholic Women's League Banquet**

Concert in the main ballroom of the International Plaza Hotel (the old Skyline Hotel). This will be good exposure for the chorus as there will be a large number of people attending.

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**ANDOVER NY Parade and Concert - Saturday, July 4th**

We will be leaving on Friday evening. The chorus will be put up dormitory style and given breakfast. We are trying to get a consensus on whether we car pool or rent a bus, come home Saturday night or Sunday. This will be resolved shortly and you will be informed.

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**ORILLIA '98 - Saturday, July 11th**

John and Dolly Fox are organizing and hosting DCAT's annual trek north. The chorus will do two concerts; one at the Legion and another at a seniors' home. After the concerts, it's back to the Foxes for a barbeque. Details to come from Dolly.



**JIM PINETTE.... Princemen**

*We are saddened at the passing of another Princemen Alumni member, Jim Pinette. Jim was the president of The Great Alliance of Seniors (G.A.S.) and one of the corner stones of the Princemen Alumni.*

*Jim was a good friend to DCAT, we will miss him.*

*Jim Pinette was, one of the  
"STOUT HEARTED MEN"*

That's it for this month. Cheers! Dave Cook (416) 757-2043