



# The DCAT Purrr-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.

## Happy Holidays

Greetings from the province of Toronto? Ya right, about as much chance as an earth quake. Did you feel the earth move, did ya, did ya?

Y2K is very near. I've got my bottled water, canned food, candles, flashlight and extra batteries, beer and wine. I've emptied out my bank account, bought tons of cellular phone time. At midnight, December 31, I will not be on an elevator, in an airplane or using my computer. Not that I think anything is going to happen.

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### **The Fifth Annual DCAT Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, November 28, Thornhill Golf and Country Club**

What a wonderful event it was and a great way to kick off the holiday season. The chorus performed exceptionally well under the inspired direction of Ted Key. This was a good opportunity to try out some of our new music. Our performance was rewarded with a rousing standing ovation. There was a special visit from Santa Claus and Mrs Claus (*Jim & Edna Allen*) with toys for the excited children. What a nice addition this was, it really rounds out the day.

Many thanks to Dave & Ellie Cameron for sponsoring this excellent Christmas event.



## **DCAT Annual General Meeting and Election**

The DCAT Annual General Meeting and Election was held on Wednesday, October 22, 1999 at the DCAT rehearsal hall. The meeting was chaired by Orton Beaumont (President). Marg Gill (Secretary) read the minutes of the 1998 AGM. Paul Kelly (Treasurer) reported on our financial status. He also thanked Tony Casciato for his assistance and Gord Irvine for handling the finances of the canteen.

The results of the election are as follows:

### **Your 1999/2000 DCAT Executive**



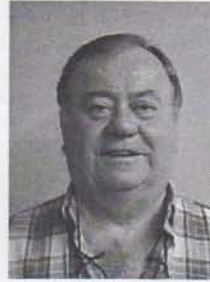
Orton Beaumont  
**President**



Don Gill  
**Vice-president**



Paul Kelly  
**Treasurer**



John Fox  
**Business Manager**



Laura Moffatt  
**Secretary**



Dave Cook  
**Publicity**

After serving as Secretary of DCAT since 1994, when DCAT was formed, Marg Gill decided not to run again and to turn the pen over to someone else. The DCAT Executive would like to thank Marg for her contribution as Secretary of the Executive Committee and for her participation on the GAS 99 committee.

- thanks Marg.

### **President's Remarks General Meeting • October 27, 1999**

I would just like to take a few minutes and summarize our 1998 - 1999 fiscal year.

Firstly, we are now a voting member of the Great Alliance of Seniors Board of Governors by hosting and delivering an absolutely outstanding presentation of GAS 99 (thank you to everyone). Our finances continue to be in an excellent position through good management by the executive and the controls and records of Paul Kelly and Tony Casciato. With the controls and the fund raising and pay events DCAT has been able to share some of the costs of the uniforms and accessories with you and as previously announced we are able to assist with some of the expenses of GAS 2000. Our Web Site continues to be kept current with new information being added - thanks to Dave Cook, look at it when you have a chance you will be surprised.

We have been busy with 17 events during the year, thanks to our Business Manager, John Fox, our Social Committee and you the members who have organized events for us. We have had fewer pay jobs this year. We worked some good leads but they did not materialize. I will cover what we did do.

- **October** - Halloween Party
- **November** - Thornhill Country Club Christmas Party
- **February** - Euchre Party, Parkinson Birthday Party, Rogers Cable TV
- **May** - GAS 99'
- **June** - Shrine Banquet, Ajax Parade, Gill's BBQ
- **July** - One Senior Citizen Retirement Homes, Orillia Legion, Fox's BBQ, Rik Robinson BBQ
- **August** - Watson's BBQ, Jennings Pool Party, Roy Thompson Hall Seniors Jubilee

Let us just take a minute to thank each other. We have such a powerful family like organization.

Throughout the year many people have assisted the organization in donating funds from their own personal funds, donations from members companies and associates, personal fund raising projects, providing snacks for our rehearsals, donating funds anonymously, looking after the canteen and draws, cleaning our hall and moving our equipment around. Also this year our associate members helped us in volunteering to carry the flags and carrying out some significant duties at GAS 99. We truly have something unique.

We have been lucky so far but the inevitable caught up with us this year with the passing of Bernie Thomspson and Reta Morrison - they will be missed.

In closing I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their hard work and support, our Musical Directors' for the wonderful scores we sing and their efforts to get us prepared for our performances and certainly all of you who volunteer your time and skills to make this the wonderful, friendly and growing organization that we share together. I extend also a hearty welcome to the newly elected Executive Committee members.

Thank you,  
**Orton C. Beaumont**  
**DCAT President**

**The Promenade Mall, November 27** - *Serenading the Christmas shoppers.* Arriving at the mall early, we got the opportunity to hear the Toronto Choral Society who performed before us. Some of them stayed after their performance to listen to us. Our group was to large for the risers so we performed on the floor of the mall (*careful don't block Santa*). It was a tough place to perform, Tony and I were standing behind a large potted plant (*maybe that's a good thing*). We got this gig through the ad we placed in "The Whole Note" newspaper. It pays to advertise.

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**The DCAT Halloween Dance** was held on Saturday, October 30. If you weren't there you missed a great party. (Photos on back page) D.J. Dave did a fine job keeping everybody jumpin' and jivin'. The costumes were great. Funny, silly, outrageous and sexy, and that was just Teresa. She won the prize for the funniest but was very disappointed; she was going for sexiest. The "young 'uns" did their group theme. This year they came as characters from OZ (*not the T.V. prison series*). They even had a yellow brick road leading to their table. They always do a great job. Jim and Edna Allen won best couple costumes with their period attire. The buffet was amazing as always.

Another great job by our Social Committee.

So, you think Halloween is over for another year. You go to rehearsal and in flies this big black crow carrying a voluptuous woman dancing with a skeleton (*you had to be there*). There's never a dull moment when Teresa is around.

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**Announcements**

If you have visited the Web Site lately you would have noticed that it is under construction. It is undergoing massive changes to better identify what a unique group we are. It will be back up very soon. (It will be found at the same URL - [interlog.com/~dcat](http://interlog.com/~dcat))

**Wednesday, December 15th** rehearsal is the last before Christmas and is therefore a social.

**Retirement Notices:** **Gord Irvine** retires from Globe Envelope. He now plans to dedicate himself fully to being DCAT's Beermeister and backup bass percussionist.

**Diane Yaneff** retires after a brilliant career with The Law Society of Upper Canada.

**Wyatt & Tara** are expecting a baby, everybody is thrilled.

# Halloween Dance



*Best Costume*



*The Odd Couple*



*Funniest*



*Shagadelic baby*



*The upstairs maid shows her stuff*



*Somewhere over the Rainbow*



*The Wild Bunch*



*Why is everybody looking at me?*



*The Social Committee/Decorating Group*

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Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season  
Dave Cook & Karen Kerr