



The DCAT Purr-spective

DCAT (Drum Corps Alumni Toronto) 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.

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Christmas Party

Our traditional Christmas party was held on December 16, 2015, with the usual Toy Mountain with Christmas gifts for children to be distributed by the Salvation Army, plus a Silent Auction and lottery draws as fundraising to support the Chorus' future activities.

The only difference this time was that the Hall of Fame voting did not produce a clear winner due to the fact that the votes were spread over so many members! Everyone is just so hard-working and devoted to DCAT that it is difficult to pick out just one for the honour. However, someone was chosen for a lifetime award of Honorary Membership, and there was no doubt that the first person given this award should and would be Don Gill!



Here with wife Marg, DCAT President Ort Beaumont and son Wyatt Gill.
Congratulations Don!



Why is everyone wearing a coat? There was no heat in the big hall! We were happy to proceed to the cafeteria after the ceremonies were over:



Thanks to Sandy Hale and Ellie for the Carol Singing to get us into the Christmas spirit and bringing us closer together, and to the organizers making the night a success socially and financially.

Performances

Thanks to Business Manager John Fox and to Ort Beaumont, DCAT has a very busy schedule ahead! Ort applied, successfully, for another Ontario Seniors Community Grant from the Provincial Government in order to enable the Chorus to perform at Senior residences, first of all to entertain the residents, but also to see if we can find new members. In addition, we may also be invited to perform again at these homes, hopefully for a fee that will enable us to keep going. So far, we have met with great success and residents and staff alike are raving about our talent and energy, calling us "thrilling" and our concert "a magical night"! Read more comments on our website.

We have three more of these shows coming up on February 16 (at Villa Colombo Services for Seniors), February 20 (at Southlake Village in Newmarket) and March 8 (at Mackenzie Health, Richmond Hill). In addition we will perform at Delmanor Wynford Retirement Home, Toronto, on February 5 and, of course, at GAS April 29-May 1 and Scarborough Civic Centre on July 10. We will also perform at the Toronto Signals Band 90th Anniversary banquet/dance on September 24th.

In the meantime, the Chorus is working hard not only to maintain our regular repertoire but also to learn and perfect the production of new songs – new to the Chorus, that is – for GAS 2016 in Binghamton, N.Y.. Again this year, there is a theme, but exactly what that is, will remain a secret until we stand before our American friends again! Can't wait!

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