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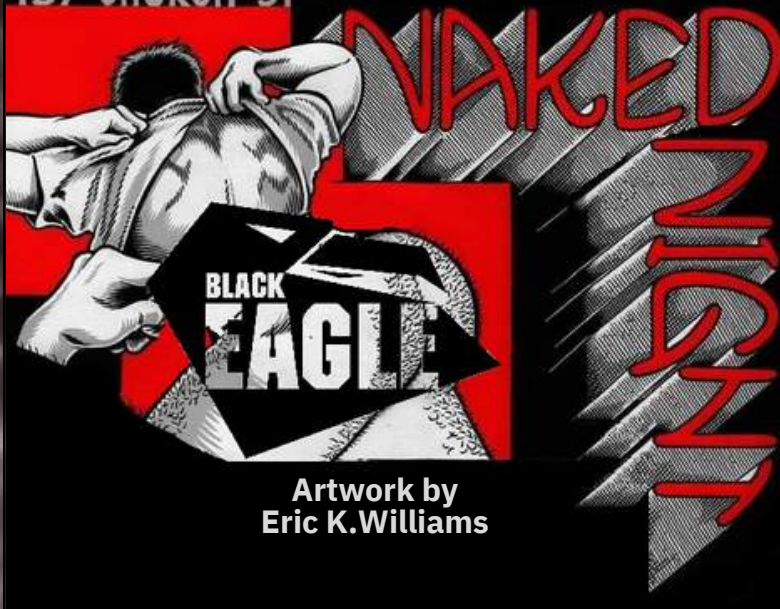
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KILTED KNOWLEDGE: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is well. We are now into April and have finished our Anniversary Dinner and Food Drive.

I would like to thank my Vice-President for putting on an amazing dinner at Cherie Bistro. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations to all the Service Award Members and to everyone who received Appreciation Awards. Thank you to John and Scott for starting the Trailblazer Award. It was very appropriate that Russell Alldread, A.K.A. Michelle Dubarry was the first winner. The annual President's Award was awarded to Woody's for all their community work.

The next weekend was our Easter Food Drive. Thank you to everyone who volunteered that weekend. It was very much appreciated by myself and our Vice-President who did a great job putting it together.

Please mark on your calendars Saturday June 1st for a special membership meeting to go over the proposed changes to Constitution/Bylaws. The entire committee has worked very hard in putting it together. The membership will be emailed the proposed document soon. Remember our OGM on May 4th at the 519.

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**In Brotherhood
Robert Jeyes
President
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HOLA SERVED **VICE-PRESIDENT'S** **MESSAGE**

Greetings, Spearhead Fam!
What an incredible journey it has been! As we gather to reminisce about our recent anniversary dinner, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the wonderful memories we've created together. From the delightful culinary delights to the heartwarming camaraderie, our anniversary celebration was truly a night to remember.

First and foremost, let's give a round of applause to all the deserving recipients of our prestigious awards. Among them, let's shine a spotlight on our Brotherhood Award Winner, the remarkable Scott Leroux. Your dedication and commitment to our community are truly inspiring.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the creative minds and diligent efforts of our incredible team. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Randy B. for designing our stunning awards, Xavier T. for crafting our eye-catching posters and menu cards, Ron G. for overseeing the production of our awards, and John T. for managing the Brotherhood award and Charity Choice voting process. Your contributions are invaluable, and we are immensely grateful for your hard work.

But let's not forget the true spirit of our community – giving back. Our recent food drive was a resounding success, thanks to the generosity and support of each and every one of you. Together, we raised approximately \$2700 and collected about 500 pounds of food, making a meaningful impact on those in need. Your dedication to serving others is truly commendable, and I couldn't be prouder of our collective efforts.

However, as we reflect on our achievements, it's important to acknowledge the need for fresh perspectives and new faces to join our cause. While I am incredibly grateful for the dedication of our long-time supporters, I also urge our community to embrace diversity and inclusivity by welcoming new voices and ideas. Together, let's ensure that our future fundraisers continue to thrive and evolve.

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce the formation of our 55th anniversary committee. If you share our passion for making a difference and want to be a part of something truly special, I invite you to reach out to me and join our committee. Together, let's write the next chapter of our remarkable journey and continue to make a positive impact on the world around us.

With warm regards,
Daniel Gustavo Garcia Masis (He/Him)
Vice-President
Spearhead L.D.S.C Toronto

54TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CHERIE BISTRO MARCH 16, 2024

Photo Right:
Members
Connor, Robert,
Brian, Eileen
and Charles



Photo Left:
Members Tom and Derek



Photo Right:
Guests K.K.,
Master Robert,
Mathew and E.C.M.C.
VP and Road Captain
Chaz



54TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CHERIE BISTRO MARCH 16, 2024



Photo Above:
Members Bruce and Randy

Photo Below:
Members Daniel and Scott



Photo Below:
Members John and Xavier



Photo Above:
Members Ross, Mike
and guest Mano



54TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CHERIE BISTRO MARCH 16, 2024

Photo Right:
Ottawa Knights
President Tania,
Joseph, Robert,
TICOT Emperor 27
Okimawiw Kevin,
TICOT Queen Mum
Christine



Photo Left:
Members Xavier and Arthur



Photo Right:
Members Ron,
Robert and
Michael H.





BROTHERHOOD AWARD AND CHARITY OF CHOICE ELECTION RESULTS

John Thompson
Nomination & Election Chair

The results for the Elections for the Brotherhood Award and Charity of Choice were presented at SPEARHEAD's 54th Anniversary Dinner on March 16, 2024. Please find the Election Results as scrutinized by Treasurer Ron Gullis.



2024 CHARITIES OF CHOICE NOMINEES:
PWA Essential Food Market
Rainbow Railroad
The Teresa Group

The winner is:

PWA ESSENTIAL FOOD MARKET





EST. 1970

Presented to:

**Club 717
Flash
P.A.L.S.
Pegasus
The Well
Woody's**

**Morgan James
Toronto Kennel Klub
Scott Leroux
James Quigley
Tania Sickman
John Thompson**

For continuous contributions and support of SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C, our Membership and community.

With sincere thanks from the 2024 Board of Directors:

**President-Robert Jeyes * Vice President-Daniel G. Garcia Masis *
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Membership-Joe Poirier * Operations-Xavier Thrace *
Publications-Randy Boyd**

2024 APPRECIATION AWARD



SPEARHEAD

LEATHER/DENIM SOCIAL CLUB

Presented to:



Club 717



Pegasus



The Well



Photos by Robert J. & Xavier T.



Presented to:



T.K.K. / P.A.L.S



Scott L / John T



Tania S

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Presented to:



Morgan James



James Quigley



Flash



Woody's

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2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Presented to:



WOODY'S AND SAILOR



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Presented to:
**RUSSELL
ALLDREAD
A.K.A. MICHELLE
DUBARRY**



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SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

EST. 1970



Photo Left:
Members Joe P, Michael H,
Charles, Rockey,
Connor, Randy, Xavier,
Daniel and Robert J



Photo Right:
Donations that were
picked up by PWA from
the Easter Food Drive

MARCH 23rd & 24th, 2024



Photo Left:
Members
Robert J. and Daniel



Photo Below:
Members
Connor and Ross



Photos by Randy, Ross and Xavier
In participation with TICOT & Grupo Hola



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EASTER FOOD DRIVE

EST. 1970

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Photo Left:
Members
Xavier, Scott,
John and Michael H.



Photo Below:
Members
Charles And Rockey





SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

EST. 1970



Photo Left:
Members
Xavier and Joseph



Photo Right:
Members
Xavier, Daniel, Randy,
Robert J, Rockey,
Connor and Charles



In participation with TICOT & Grupo Hola

Photos by David K, Ross and Xavier



SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

EST. 1970



Photo Left:
Member Daniel and
guest TICOT
Queen Mum Christine



Photo Right:
Donations that were
collected at Woody's for
the Easter Food Drive

MARCH 23rd & 24th, 2024



Photo Left:
Members Connor
and Randy



Photo Right:
Members Joe P, Michael H,
Charles, Rockey,
Connor, Randy, Xavier,
Daniel and Robert J



Photos by Ross and Xavier

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DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SPEARHEAD'S EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Photo Right:
Thank you to James Q
for donating his tips
from the Rocky Horror
Piano Show. \$250 was
raised at this event at
Flash on March 23 for
the Easter Food Drive.



Photo Right:
Toronto Kennel Klub
with President Rob J.
and VP Daniel.



Thank you to The
Toronto Kennel Klub
for their donation of
coat check money
from their Pup Romp
event on March 16.
\$152 was raised and
food donations were
accepted for the
Easter Food Drive.

G.L.U.E. (GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT)

One Year Anniversary

Photo by Ross S.



Congratulations to G.L.U.E. on their one year anniversary! Here's to many more and steady growth! SPEARHEAD Thanks the organizers of G.L.U.E. James Q, Kris J and Aharon T (pictured above) for assisting us to raise much needed donations for the Easter Food Drive. \$145 was donated from this event.



PUPS & P.A.L.S. SOCIAL

Organized by Pups
Anthros Littles Society to
support the Easter Food
Drive at Buddies In Bad
Times on March 1, 2024.

Photo by Robert J.

2024 CHARITY OF CHOICE

PWA ESSENTIALS FOOD MARKET



The Essentials Market at the People With AIDS Foundation is unlike any other food bank in Toronto. We allow clients to select the food they want and need, rather than making those decisions for them. All of the food in the Essentials Market is nutritionally dense, because good nutrition is essential for maintaining good health, especially when you're HIV positive.



DENIM DISCUSSIONS: MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

**Happy 54th Anniversary
SPEARHEAD. I don't know where
the years have gone, while
reminiscing about my past with
SPEARHEAD.**

I was living in Europe when the Club was started. A few years later, I met a few Members of SPEARHEAD and was introduced to Paint your Burger. Boy oh boy, was it different than it is now. In those days it was held in someone's backyard. For just \$5.00 you could have all the hamburgers you can eat and all the beer you could drink. Condiments, like ketchup and mustard etc., were applied to your burger using paint brushes and hence the name Paint your Burger. Those were the days.

Then someone told me about the Round-Up. So one year I decided to go and it was the best weekend of camaraderie. I had met a chap called Hank H and he became a good friend so I decided to hang around for a while. I kept going to bar nights, Paint your Burger and other events. I use to supply the Club with all fresh produce for these events and I was known as Dominion Joe. Well then they asked me to become a member and I've been here for 45 years and still having a great time.

Hope you all had a great time at the Dinner. The food was great. Membership Renewals are still coming in. So I'll have a final tally at the next OGM. Let's see more Members come out to the meeting. Remember if you have any questions about your membership feel free to reach out to me at membership@spearheadtoronto.com.

**Joseph Poirier
Membership Director
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto**

YEARS OF SERVICE CHERIE BISTRO MARCH 16, 2024



OF SERVICE

- 45 YEARS *Joseph Poirier*
- 30 YEARS *Bruce Slater*
- 30 YEARS *Tony Wojnowski*
- 25 YEARS *Ron Gullis*
- 25 YEARS *Brian Morrison*
- 20 YEARS *Robert Jeyes*
- 10 YEARS *Ed Foley*

SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C.



A blue ink signature of the President, appearing to be "Bruce Slater".

PRESIDENT

A blue ink signature of the Membership Director, appearing to be "Joseph Poirier".

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

MARCH 2024

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS CHERIE BISTRO MARCH 16, 2024

Photo Right:
20 yr Member
Rob J with
Membership
Director Joseph P.



Photo Left:
Membership Director
Joseph P.
with 25 yr Member Ron G.



Photo Right:
President Robert J,
25 yr Member Brian M
and Membership
Director Joseph P.





SNUGGLE SHOP: MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Howdy/Woof,

**This is my first month as
Director of Operations.**

Even still, I'm happy to announce our first Meat & Greet has been set up for April 27 @ Pegasus on Church for 1pm-4pm. I look forward to seeing some familiar faces, and meet a few new ones. There will be FREE pizza and a Raffle (\$) for some amazing prizes, which include a lit pool Cue, made from Canadian maple and the hilt is black leather with the spearhead colours, and a table top pool set.

I will have an event set up each month, so we can all have some fun, meet new and interesting people and I can make the role of Director of Operations mean something again.

**Xavier Thrace #45
He/Him
Director of Operations
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto**

SPEARHEAD Meat & Greet

Saturday April 27th 2024

1 pm - 4 pm

Pool
Pizza
& Raffle

PIZZA & BILLIARDS
EDITION



**PEGASUS
ON CHURCH**
489B Church Street

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Poster by Xavier T.



55th Anniversary Pin Design Contest

10 years ago, a contest was created and we asked our Members to create a pin for World Pride in 2014, and the membership delivered! We received many wonderful submissions, however one beautiful design prevailed and has since been one of our most popular pins.



Now, a decade later in 2024, the Contest has returned! We are once again asking our Members to create an anniversary pin to celebrate 55 years of Spearhead L.D.S.C., that embodies friendship, community, goodwill and evolving spirit.

Winner will receive (1) Anniversary Dinner Ticket + Pin

Submission Deadline is July 31st 2024

Winner will be announced in August Phalia

Submit entries to vicepresident@spearheadtoronto.com



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WORLD PRIDE PIN CONTEST SUBMISSIONS

Dear Spearhead Members,

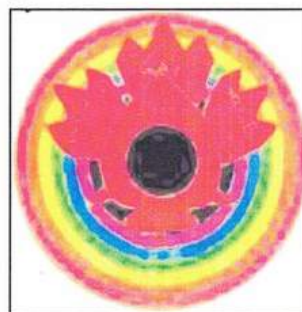
Here are the choices for the Spearhead World Pride Pin Design Contest;



1) Pin - Silver Lettering



2) Pin - Gold Lettering



3) Maple Leaf Pin



4) Spearhead Symbol



5) Square Pin



6) Round Pin



7) Cut-Out Pin



8) 2 Sided Medallion

If you haven't voted yet, please choose one of the proposals and email/contact me with your selection indicating the design number and design name.

Your selection is due by the next **OGM on Sunday May 4, 2014.**

Best regards,

Randy Boyd, President.
 Spearhead LDSC Inc, Toronto - Since 1970
 43 Years of Leather and Brotherhood



**John Thompson, Archivist
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**

SUPER BAT SIGNALS:

FROM THE ARCHIVES



**Scott Leroux, Archivist
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**

**FROM THE
BACK ROW
(Written by
Terry T)**

**Reprint
of Phalia
Issue 46, 1979**

**Provided by
John T and
Scott L**

It comes as a surprise to many new members that their freshly sewn-on colours do not give them access to 100 new friends. It would seem at times that it is easier to make friends with an out-of-town member when you're away from Toronto on a trip than it is with all the sixty or seventy in-town members. Why?

The comraderie of the club scene is frequently touted as one of the major benefits of "belonging." In a small group it is easier to see your fellow members as brothers, comrades, friends. But in a larger organization, friendship does not necessarily accompany acceptance as a member. No one could be expected to necessarily 'like' all one hundred or so members, let alone develop a close friendship with 'em all.

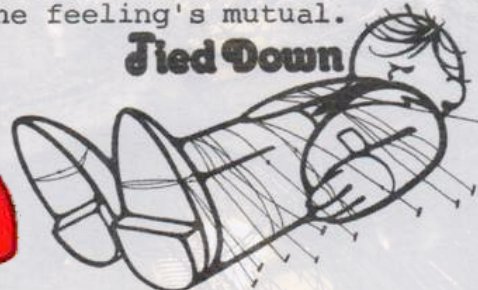
At the same time, those of us who have been on the scene for a number of years have a responsibility to welcome newcomers. In this, we frequently fall down. How many times have you heard - or perhaps said - "He wouldn't have gotten in if I'd had anything to do with it!"

Keep in mind that sixteen of your peers did have something to do with it. While not all sixteen might agree on the prospective member, the majority must before he is accepted.

I certainly don't consider every Spearhead member a close friend, nor do I necessarily 'like' every member. But somewhere along the line each of us was evaluated as to suitability for membership by five members in good standing, the Membership Committee, and finally the Board. I must respect their judgement.

We are, in a sense, a family. And I must confess that there are some members of my real family that I don't even like. Then again, I guess the feeling's mutual.

Tied Down



FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Reprint of Phalia 1998 Mar/Apr

Provided by Scott L and John T

The Price of Brotherhood

by Bruce R. Slater Treasurer (1997/1998) (*From MAR/APR 1998 Phalia Issue.

The Main Question

Just what does Brotherhood cost? It seems that there are members who are wondering just where does my renewal fee go? And what am I getting out of it for myself?

Privileges

First of all, let's compare our annual fee to annual fees of Auto Clubs, Shopping Clubs, Credit Cards etc. What does one get from these particular 'Memberships'? One thing is the security of belonging to something that one may need to use at some time. The second thing is the privilege of using the club's services. In most cases, the fee far exceeds what the member is going to derive from the club unless they partake of the services.

If you are looking for a dollar value for the membership fee, check the discounts that members derive from our events.

The main event (and most costly) is the Run. This year, members have the option of paying their Run fee in advance (starting at \$165) and saving up to \$35 on the total if paid before April 30th. A non-member's advance booking starts at \$200, maximum \$225. The annual Spearhead Christmas party usually costs approximately \$1000 to run but it is free to members (based on that price, the cost per member is approximately \$15 each). The Board has tried to put a larger spread on the prices for events between members and non-members so that the members are getting a better value for their membership dollar.

Reality Costs

Due to the wicked ways of the real world, Spearhead has had to take out insurance. This costs about \$2900 per year, which represents approximately 60% or \$42 of every renewal (based on 70 renewals). We have insurance for the very same reason that you buy car insurance...to make sure our butts are covered if an accident should occur at any of our events. We are billed just after renewal time, thus the bank account looks really good for only a couple of weeks. Speaking of the bank account, it of course fluctuates a few times a year-during renewal time, the Anniversary dinner and the Run. After insurance, the balance of the renewal fee is used for administration and paying for event expenses up front (bar nights, deposit on the Run site, rental of helium tanks for balloons, etc.) As for administration, we have to buy stationary, postage, ink cartridges for printers, as well as pay for the maintenance of our bank account.

A Much Bigger Question

Now, why do we pay to belong to such a club?... And we work at all of the events too? Some may think we're crazy but we know better. We do it to belong to a brotherhood of

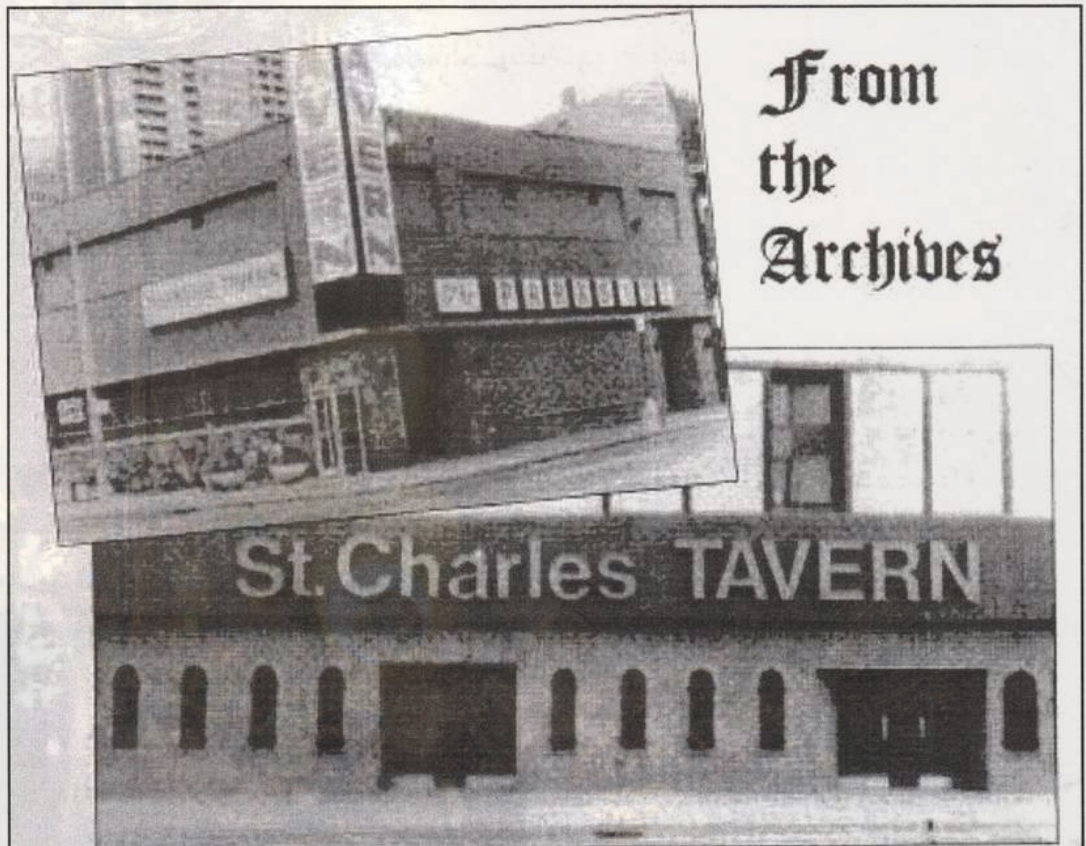
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team workers, to belong to an organization that we're proud of. In effect, we've created our own family. We have our camaraderie as well as our rivalries...just like most families. Spearhead, as a whole, has gained the respect of the community and we all enjoy the security that we share.

A very brief synopsis

The renewal fee is divided by administration costs; insurance \$60%, upfront event expenses for 40%. It is up to the individual member to take advantage of the discounts given at each event if they are looking for the dollar value of their membership. In actuality, Spearhead needs the renewal fee as well as the profits from bar nights to exist.

(** Director of Publications' note....There are other/additional expenses that Spearhead covers including storage locker fees, post box rental, printing costs, community appreciation awards, continued trademark registration, and don't forget, website administration costs (an expense I'm not sure we were thinking too much about in March/April of 1998). In an attempt to contain printing, stationary and postage expenses, many Spearhead communications (including Phalia) are now distributed electronically.)



These photos should cheer the hearts of oldtimers. The Parkside, on Yonge Street (opposite where TRAX was), was a popular meeting spot after work for Spearhead members. A block and a half south was the St. Charles. The back alley route between the two was a trip in itself. The photos were taken in the mid 70s by Bruce Peto.



FROM THE ARCHIVES:
Reprint of Phalia Issue 68, 1983
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Times: Are They A-Changing?

I think I'm right in saying we all enjoy being associated with a winner. I also think I'm right in saying we'd all back a loser if we thought there was half a chance that loser was a "Secretariat" or a "Seattle Slew" in disguise.

In the thirteen years that Spearhead has been around, the members have worked hard to ensure that everything we did was top quality entertainment — not only for ourselves because we were too busy working — but for those of our community who supported us.

Well, our community has changed. And we had better be prepared to change with it or we won't be around to see fifteen years. The mystery that once surround this affiliation — the "leather-denim mystique" has gone. We can still wear leather and denim but I don't think the old associations go with it anymore.

Our own community and the straight community as well has become far more aware of what is going on around them. The "illusions" have been torn away from certain aspects of our lifestyles. The sooner we change to adapt ourselves to the changes around us the quicker we will ensure the survival of Spearhead.

It serves a purpose to all of us if that purpose be only "belonging" to something. Let's face it! We're a social club — and what we used to do was great. We are still capable of doing great things but we've got to change what we do.

I'm not throwing stones at anyone but the last couple of functions were less than a resounding success. I think our future lies in smaller gatherings — something along the lines of get-togethers that foster mutual respect and mutual appreciation. I don't propose to have a lot of ideas but obviously bigger is not always better. I think we've learned our lesson in the past. But where do we go from here?

BOB McLEOD



LETTER OF THANKS

A huge thanks to you all for depositing Spearhead Toronto archive materials with us here at the UK Leather and Fetish Archive in London. We are truly honored to hold magazines and ephemera detailing the history of your incredible organization and all it has done for the community and beyond since it's formation in 1970. They will be treasured here in perpetuity and available to inform, inspire and educate future generations. Do pop in and visit if any of you ever find yourselves in London.

Stef Dickers
he/him/his
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LETTER OF THANKS

FROM IHLIA LGBTI HERITAGE

Amsterdam, March 15th 2024

Subject: Donation

Dear people from Toronto Spearhead,

IHLIA LGBTI Heritage is delighted to have received several items about and from Spearhead Toronto for our Collection.

Including PHALIA 44 issues (so far we only had one issue).

Plus a booklet Spearhead 50th anniversary and 2 face masks.

We shall add these items to our Collection.

Sincerely yours,

Wilfred van Buuren

Head of Collections



DADDY NEXT DOOR - Durham Edition MARCH 9 at Club 717



**DADDY
NEXT DOOR**
DADDY DOES DURHAM



CLUB • 717

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Thank you to everybody that came out for Daddy Next Door. You helped raise appropriately \$420 for SPEARHEAD. Special thanks to Daddy (Dwayne Minard) for keeping everyone dancing and the dancers: Tucker, Houghston Gold and Inked Cody. The next one at Club 717 in Oshawa will be May 18, 2024.

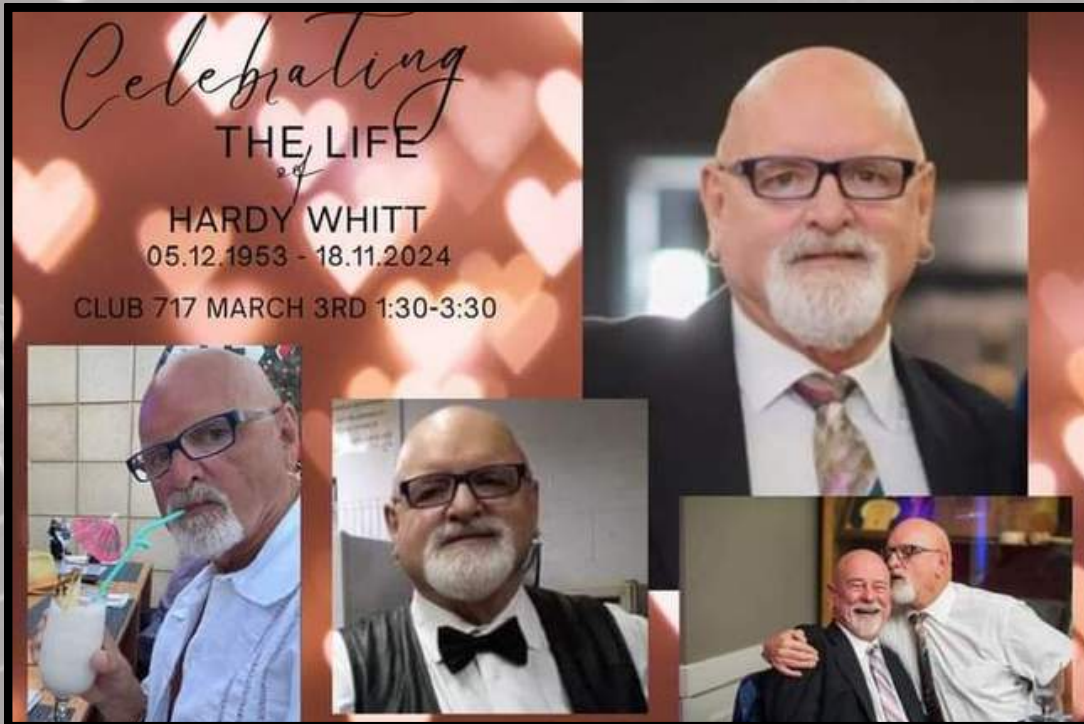


UNIFORMED INFORMATION

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Dear Phalia readers,

A Celebration Of Life for Hardy Whitt, was held at Club 717 in Oshawa, on Sunday March 3.



A Celebration Of Life for Luca, Ms. Leather Toronto 2015, was held at The Black Eagle Toronto, on Sunday February 18.

We are happy to report that Mike C. and John T. are both recovering from surgery. Well wishes were sent to both of them for a speedy recovery. Bruce Lloyd of the Ottawa Knights was sent a get well card for undergoing surgery.

Ross Stretton,
Member-At-Large
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto

The Hardy Whitt Memorial



Euchre

Tournament

Sunday April 21st 3pm

At Club 717, Oshawa

Click on the ad above to RSVP
and order tickets



Memorial Table with Luca's vest, hoods, medallions and articles at The Black Eagle on Feb 18, 2024.

**CELEBRATION
OF LIFE**
LUCA
MS. LEATHER
TORONTO 2015





BUFFED BOOTS

MESSAGE FROM
TANIA SICKMAN,
OTTAWA KNIGHTS
PRESIDENT

Greetings Readers,

Goals for the club this year include:
Increased commitment to bar and social
events, increasing membership, ensuring a
comfortable environment for all, and
increasing our leather education with the
community. While raising funds, food, and
toys for those in need.



LEATHER CRAFTS AND CHATS SCHEDULE

Have a wonderful day

Tania Sickman
President
Ottawa Knights

The OTTAWA KNIGHTS present Leather Crafts and
Chats at WICKED WANDA'S

From 1pm to 4pm

Bring your own supplies
(otherwise attending is free)

May 5 2024
LEATHER CRAFTS
Let's make arm bracers

Jun 2 2024
LEATHER CHAT
NO WORKSHOP ENJOY SUMMER



RUMBLINGS'

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

PROVIDED BY CHAZ A.
EMPIRE CITY MC

Wed 17th Apr, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: we host a social teleconference the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcomed. We discuss ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. Enter with this link: <https://bit.ly/ECMC-Social>

Fri 19th – Sun 21st Apr: EVENT: ShipMates Club of Baltimore 50th Anniversary (see *January 2024's Rumblings for more information*)

Thu 23rd May – Tue 28th May: RIDE: ECMC's 13th Annual Biker Weekend in Pittsburgh with Sight-Seeing/Riding around PA! Thursday we'll meeting Harrisburg. Run application and additional information for this trip, and the week following it will be in next month's newsletter – if you have suggestions about the Ohio section, join our SOCIAL CALLS please.

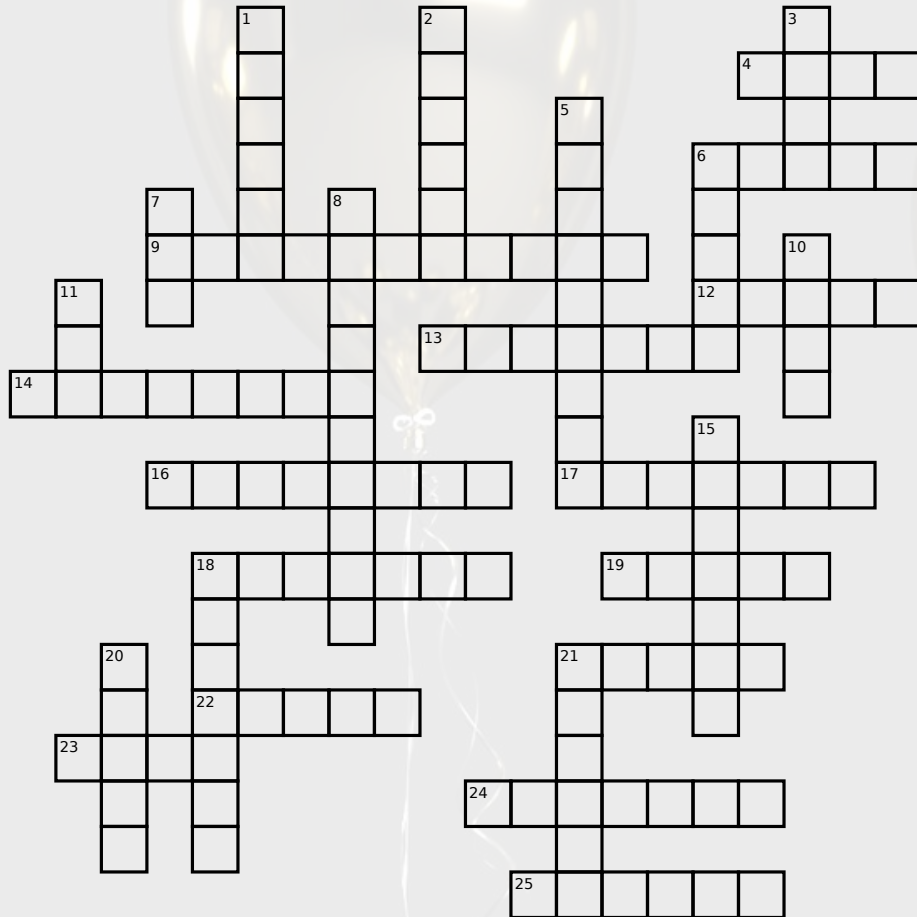
Sat 20th Jul – Sun 28th Jul: RIDE: ECMC's 60th Anniversary Summer Ride. This ride, proposed to go to Maine, will be our SECOND week-long ride for our 60th Anniversary! Yes, we're considering TWO week-long rides in 2024!!!

Fri 11th Oct – Mon 14th Oct: EVENT: Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary Weekend in New York City, NY. Details coming! Join the conversation! Chat with other bikers on our 'Motorcyclists on Signal' group: <https://bit.ly/motonsig>

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! Be sure to bookmark <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> and come along with us on some great rides! Our physical mailing address is: Empire City MC, 10 W 15th St, Suite 609, New York, NY 10011-6821.

For membership information, visit <http://empirecitymc.com/membership.php> to view and download our constitution, bylaws and membership application. We're on social media at <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc> where you can chat with us. Please send articles, photos or letters to the editor at newsletter@EmpireCityMC.org

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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DELUXE CHICKEN CASSEROLE BY SECRETARY ROSS STRETTON

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

**2 cups of elbow macaroni
2 cups of thinly sliced carrots
1 cup of peas
2 cups of chopped white
chicken (you can pre-cook it
ahead of time)
1 large can of Cream of
Mushroom soup
1 cup of Evaporated Milk
(Carnation)
Shredded cheese (optional)
Bread crumbs (optional)**

RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:

Cook macaroni in boiling water for 5-7 minutes until tender but firm. Drain.

Cook carrots in water until tender crisp. Add peas. Cook 2-3 minutes more. Drain. Add chopped chicken. Combine all with the soup and evaporated milk in a bowl. Mix well.

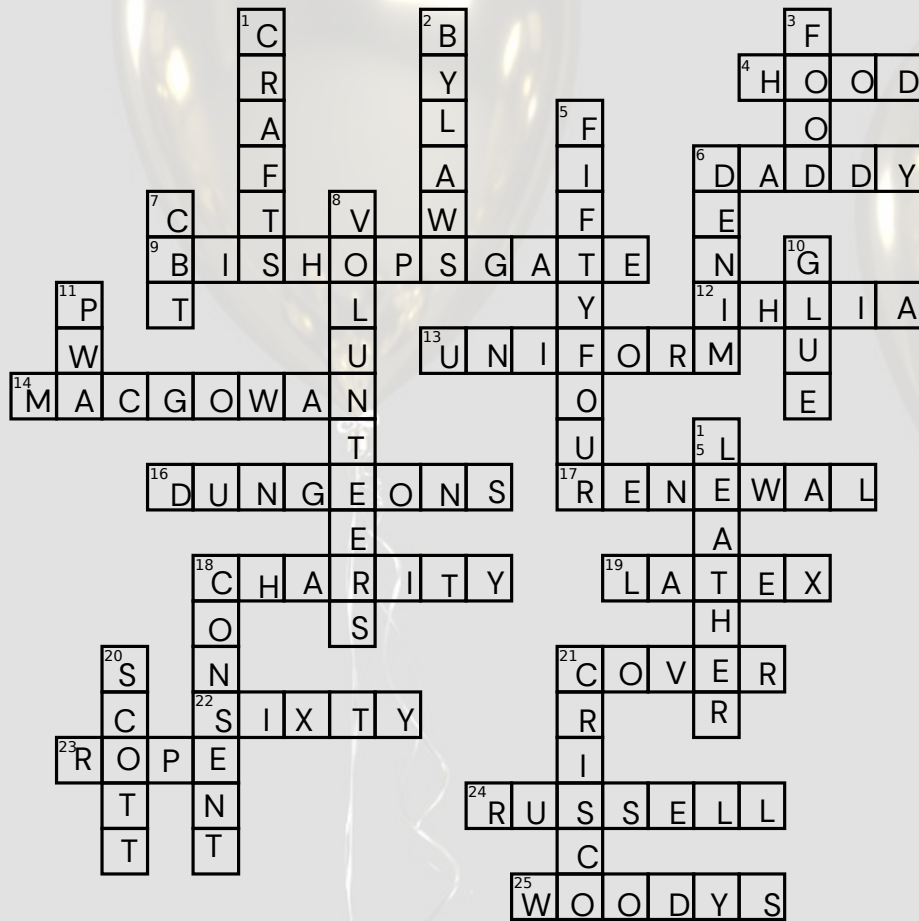
Place macaroni in a pre-greased casserole dish. Pour the mixture over the macaroni.

You can spread shredded cheese over the whole mixture, topped with bread crumbs.

Bake in oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until bubbly.

Enjoy this recipe.

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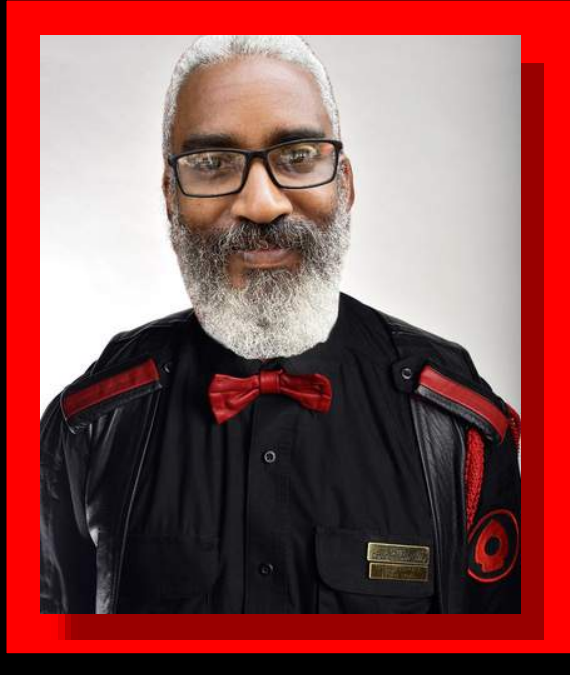
- Sat Apr 20 PUP ROMP - 3PM-7PM**
- 3rd Sat of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Thurs Apr 25 BAD DOG - 9PM**
- 4th Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Fri Apr 26 TICOT BRING ON THE FLOWERS - 9PM-11PM**
- The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., www.ticot.ca for more info
- Sat Apr 27 SPEARHEAD MEAT AND GREET - 1PM-4PM**
- Pegasus On Church, 489B Church Street, www.spearheadtoronto.com
- Sun Apr 28 TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:00PM-3PM**
- The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., www.ticot.ca for more info

MAY 2024

- Sat May 4 OPEN GENERAL MEETING - 1:30PM-5PM**
- The 519, 519 Church Street, www.spearheadtoronto.com
- Sat May 4 B.L.U.F.(BREECHES LEATHER UNIFORM FANCLUB) TORONTO SOCIAL- 6PM-8:30PM**
- 1st Saturday of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., www.blackeagletoronto.com
- Sat May 4 PUPS & P.A.L.S.(PUPS ANTHROS LITTLES SOCIETY) SOCIAL- 7:30PM-10:30PM**
- Buddies In Bad Times, 12 Alexander Street, www.buddiesinbadtimes.com
- Tues May 7 L.E.D.G.E. (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**
- Every first Tuesday of the month, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>
- Thurs May 9 G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT) - 7PM**
- 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [Gear/Leather United Event](#)
- Fri May 10 LEATHER AT THE DISCO - 10PM**
- The Well, 487 Church Street, www.drinkatthewell.com
- Sun May 12 TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM**
- Flash on Church - 463 Church Street, www.ticot.ca for info.
- Sat May 18 DADDY NEXT DOOR - 9PM**
- Club 717, 727 Wilson Rd S. (Oshawa), <https://www.facebook.com/DaddyNxtDoor>
- Sun May 26 TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:00PM-3PM**
- The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., www.ticot.ca for more info

JUNE 2024

- Sat June 1 SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 1PM-4PM (time to be confirmed)**
- Review of the proposed changes to the Constitution, Woody's, 465-467 Church St.
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- Thurs June 13 G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT) - 7PM**
- 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [Gear/Leather United Event](#)
- Fri June 14 LEATHER AT THE DISCO - 10PM**
- The Well, 487 Church Street, www.drinkatthewell.com



THE FINAL WORD: PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy 54th Anniversary SPEARHEAD! The Anniversary Dinner was a fantastic event at Cherie Bistro. The menu was filled with delicious items which made it difficult to decide what to choose. Congratulations to VP Daniel and the team on a successful Dinner. It was great to see members from E.C.M.C, Ottawa Knights and T.I.C.O.T. in attendance.

With the stepdown of Charles M from the Board of Directors, please welcome back Xavier T, to the Board, as the Interim Director of Operations. We wish Charles all the best in his future endeavors.

Congratulations to all of the nominees for this year's Brotherhood Award and Charity of Choice. Scott Leroux and The PWA Essentials Food Market were chosen by the membership and deserve the appreciation for their dedication to our community. Thank you John T for overseeing the process.

Congratulations to all of recipients of Appreciation Awards, Years of Service Awards and this year's President's Award which was awarded to Woody's and the inaugural Trailblazer Award presented to Russell Alldread.

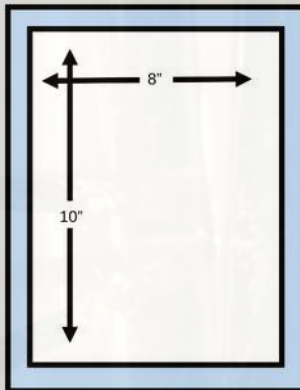
Another successful Easter Food Drive had much support from the community. Thank you to Flash, Pegasus and Woody's for allowing us to hold events at their locations. Thanks to Toronto Kennel Klub, P.A.L.S., G.L.U.E. and James Quigley for holding 'in support of' events for our Food Drive. As always, the success of this event would not be possible without the volunteers and everyone's donations. Thank you. All the proceeds will support our newly chosen charity the PWA Essentials Food Programs.

Thank you to everyone that submitted an item for this edition of Phalia. The deadline for the next issue will be June 8, 2024. Pride 2024 is just around the corner. As always your articles and/or photos are welcome and very much appreciated. Also keep in mind that Nominations for Board of Directors and Executive Committee positions are coming up. So if you are thinking about running for a position, consider entering an article about yourself and your intentions for that position. All the best!

**Randy Boyd
Director of Publications
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**

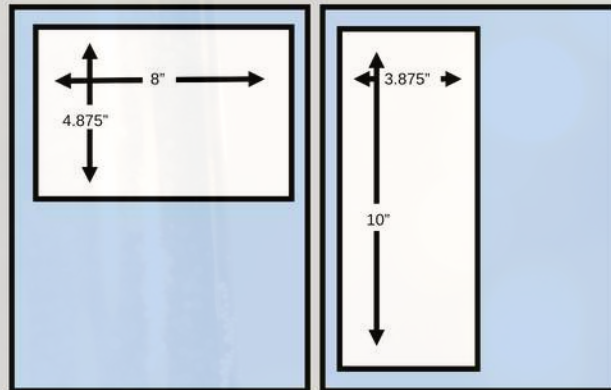
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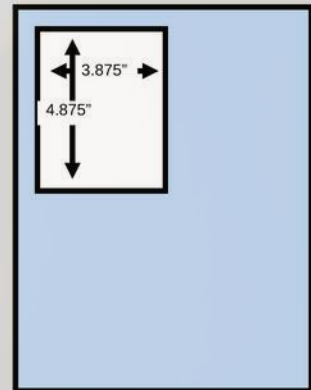
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