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A LOOK AT SPEARHEAD'S NEWEST ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

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 In Support of:  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2024  
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**SPEARHEAD**  
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 \$25/Ticket  
**Sexy Santa Potluck Party**  
 Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2024  
 1pm - 5pm  
 44 Charles Street West

**See you all in 2025!  
 Happy Holidays**

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Thank you. Director of Publications.

## Cover Art

This month, i chose to highlight a brand new board with many new faces. These individuals that we have elected have pledged to work as a team, The photo depicts them holding hands in a heart to symbolize their commitment and the love they have for Spearhead L.D.S.C. and for our community.

Randy Boyd our President, Arthur Morgan Vice-President, Connor Macleod Treasurer, Kris Joseph Membership. Aahron Trottier had not accepted the board position at the time of the photo, but also shares this commitment as our Secretary.

## Corrections & Retractions

# None to report

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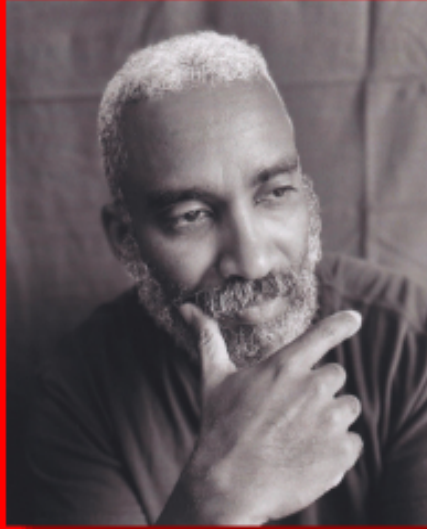
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## **RANDY BOYD:** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good day Phalia readers! Our condolences to Mano and the Hart family on the passing of Mike Hart. A touching Service of Worship was held on Nov 10th at Metropolitan United Church. SPEARHEAD Members, along with family and friends were in attendance to celebrate his joyful life.

Please keep Joe Poirier in your thoughts as he is recovering in Michael Garron Hospital. Joe is able to receive visitors now. If you plan to visit, please be mindful of hospital protocols and call ahead to make your visit as smooth as possible for Joe.

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Board of Directors and Committee Members. I would like to thank the outgoing Board and Committee Members for their year of service. Thank you to the Nominations and Elections Chairs, Connor MacLeod and Kris Joseph, for running a successful election process. At the end of our Election process there was a vacancy on the Board of Directors for the Secretary position. We thank Connor M who had graciously accepted to fill in for this role until a replacement was found. Aharon Trottier has reconsidered this position and will join us as the Interim Secretary until the position can be ratified at the next OGM on February 22, 2025 at the 519, Room 304.

Congratulations to Gustavo Daniel Masis, Arthur Morgan and their team on this year's Toys For Tots Drive. Thank you to Flash, Pegasus and Woody's for their support on Nov 23 & Nov 24. Thank you everyone that donated to this initiative. Much appreciation to our volunteer team including: Aharon, Connor, Kris, Ross, Xavier, Charles, Joe, Ron, Michael H. and Kevin. Special thanks to James Quigley who donated his tips from his Live Music Show on Sat Nov 23. Special Thanks to the Men's Room for donating prizes for the raffle. Thank you to Xavier and Charles for calling Bingo at Flash. Thank you to Xavier for designing the posters and Ross for your help in distributing them. A total of \$1000 and a vehicle full of toys were collected for the Teresa Group. Thank you to VP Arthur and Robb Walker of the Teresa Group for coordinating the pickup of the toys.

Much appreciation to team who organized the Sexy Santa Potluck Party: Arthur, Bernard, Gustavo and Xavier. We appreciate the work that you invested in coordinating this event. Attendees were treated to amazing potluck dishes provided by SPEARHEAD Members and guests. Special performances by Toke-ita Bonita and Sexy Santa Houghston Gold kept us well entertained. Thank you Bernard for allowing us to use this venue for this event.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Orthodox Christmas, or not at all; I hope you spend some time with the ones you love. May your New Year's celebrations and Boxing Day activities be safe ones too.

All the best to you in 2025!

Randy Boyd,  
President  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC



## Letter from Vice President

Greetings, Spearhead Members,

I'm thrilled to report that our Christmas Party was a resounding success! It was wonderful to see so many of you come together to share great food, warm camaraderie, and holiday cheer. A special thank you to Bernard for graciously allowing us to host the event in his building—your generosity helped make this gathering truly memorable.

I'd also like to extend my gratitude to everyone who contributed to the planning and organization; your efforts did not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.

In other news, I'm excited to share that negotiations are progressing well with The Eagle as we work on establishing a regularly recurring event for Spearhead. This initiative promises to provide more opportunities for our members to connect and celebrate. Stay tuned for updates as we finalize the details!

As always, I'm here to hear your thoughts and ideas. Let's keep the momentum going as we move into the new year!

In brotherhood and solidarity,  
Arthur Morgan  
Vice President, Spearhead Toronto



Aharon T., Kris J., Charles M, Ross S  
Connor M, Randy B, Gustavo M, Xavier T.



@Pegasus



Joe. P & Ross S chumming it  
up during Bingo @Flash

# TOYS 4 TOTS



In Support of:



November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2024



**PEGASUS ON CHURCH**  
599B Church St.  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
1pm - 5pm

**Flash**  
467 Church St.  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
3pm - 6pm

**Flash**  
463 Church St.  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
3pm - 6pm

Please donate any unopened children's toy  
and/or make a cash donation.



Ron. G & Ross S. sharing a festive  
embrace @Flash





O-69! Bngo with Xavier T. our Person of Spearhead 2024 @ Flash



Mchael H & Tokeita Bonita Blake @ Woodies

**TOYS 4 TOTS**

In Support of: The Teresa Group

November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

**BINGO**

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| PEGASUS ON CHURCH<br>599B Church St.<br>Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup><br>1pm - 5pm | Flash<br>467 Church St.<br>Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>3pm - 6pm | PEGASUS ON CHURCH<br>463 Church St.<br>Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>3pm - 6pm |
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Please donate any unopened children's toy and/or make a cash donation.



James Quigley raising money & toys @ Flash for Toys-4-Tots.



SPEARHEAD volunteer group photo @ Wbodys/Sailor



Michael H, Randy B, Robin  
Tokeita B, Connor M, Arthur M,  
Xavier T.



All the toys collected for Toys-4-Tots

**TOYS 4 TOTS**

**SPEARHEAD**  
VOLUNTEER GROUP

In Support of: **Teresa Group**

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Xavier T.

Michael H

Arthur M

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5600 Church St  
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3pm - 6pm

457 Church St  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>  
3pm - 6pm

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## Letter from Membership

I hope you are all having a quiet few days before the Christmas holiday and New Year's Eve. This has been a difficult year, in many ways, but our members have continued to reach out and support the community just as they always have. Following this fall's Toys for Tots drive, The Teresa Group has recently finished distributing toys and Christmas hampers to children and youth across the region. This effort has been supported by your Giving, and by the work of volunteer members who helped collect donations at Woody's, Flash, and Pegasus.

As I adapt to my new role as your Director of Membership, I want to thank Joe Poirier and Ron Gullis for their help with transition of everything from the members list to the merchandise inventory. My thoughts are especially with Joe right now as he recovers from his recent illness, and I look forward to getting back to the pre-Bingo phone calls I've been relying on for his advice and guidance.

Early in the New Year, and as part of preparation for membership renewals in the Spring, you'll be seeing an updated application/renewal form that includes some more specific questions about what information you may want included on our shared members list. Along with updated application forms, I hope to have web-based versions of our forms available on the Spearhead website to make the renewal and application process a little easier for everyone.

Finally: we have a newly-arrived but limited selection of Spearhead baseball caps available for \$20 each, along with our usual supply of pins and other items. If you'd like to get your paws on one of these slick hats, drop me a line at [membership@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:membership@spearheadtoronto.com).

Director of Membership  
Kris Joseph / Captain Spandex / Pup Krypto

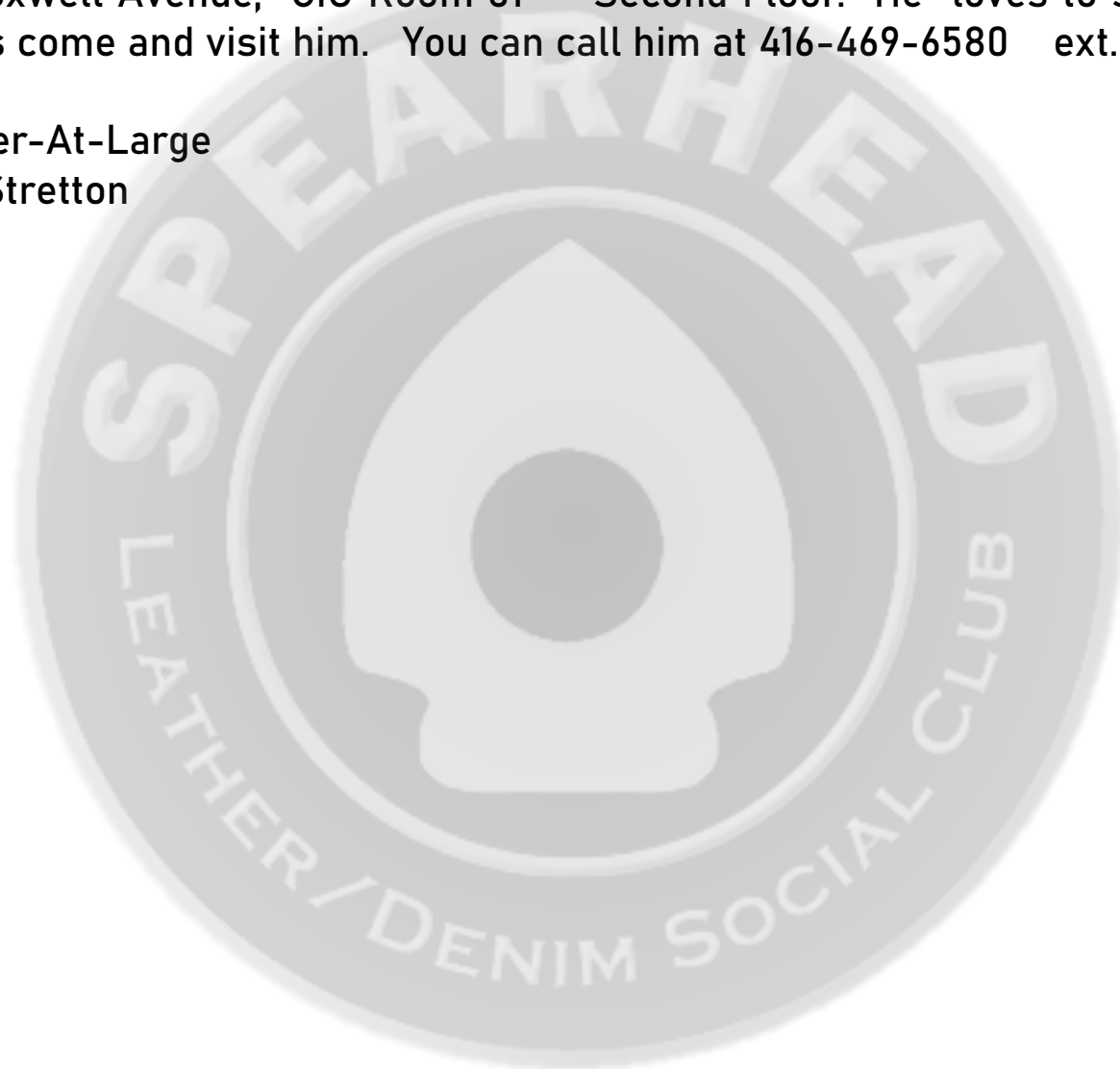


## Letter from Member-At-Large

We are all sad that Michael B. Hart passed away in November. Some of us did visit with him prior to his passing. A Service of Worship in Thanksgiving was held on Sunday, November 10th at Metropolitan United Church in downtown Toronto. Mike sang in the choir for many years there and the musical tributes were impressive. He will be sadly missed in our Spearhead membership.

Joe Poirier is recovering from a heart attack at Michael Garron Hospital 825 Coxwell Avenue, CIU Room 31 Second Floor. He loves to see his friends come and visit him. You can call him at 416-469-6580 ext. 4003.

Member-At-Large  
Ross Stretton



## Membership Committee Recruitment

One of the most important Spearhead committees is the Membership Committee, which is responsible for processing new member applications, interviewing candidates, and voting on their acceptance to the Spearhead community. As of now, the committee consists of newly-elected Director of Membership, Kris Joseph, and one of our longest-serving members, Joe Poirier.

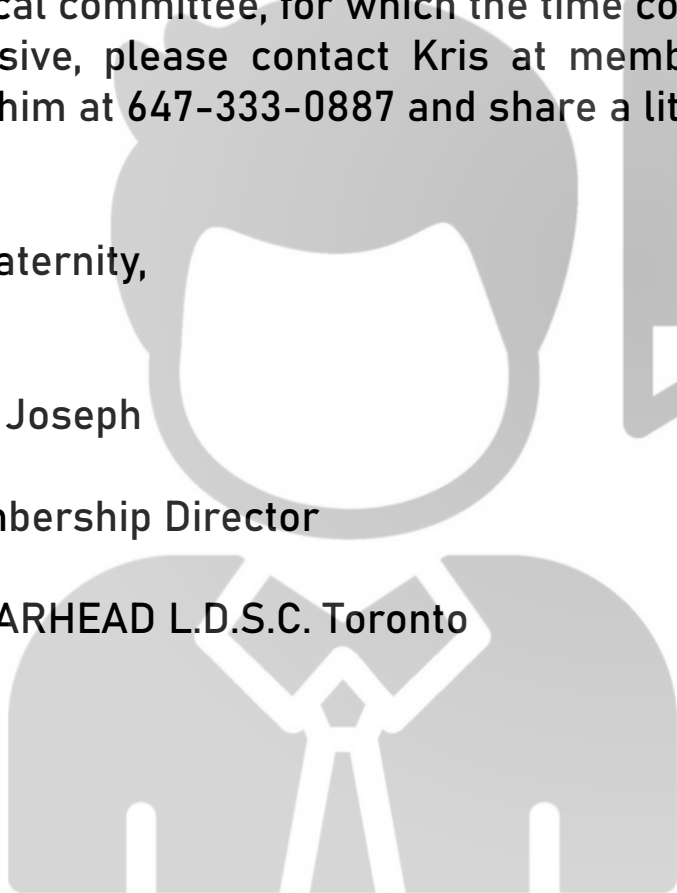
We need a third person on the committee to help adjudicate applications over the next year, and to ensure we have a tie-breaking vote in cases where views may differ. If you are interested in adding your voice to this critical committee, for which the time commitment is light but the impact is massive, please contact Kris at [membership@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:membership@spearheadtoronto.com) or call him at 647-333-0887 and share a little of why you're interested.

In fraternity,

Kris Joseph

Membership Director

SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C. Toronto



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EVERY 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
6PM-9PM

## Brotherhood Award 2025

The Board of Directors invites your participation in the determination of the Spearhead Brotherhood Award for the year 2025. This annual honour is presented to an individual, Member or non-member, who has significantly supported our affiliation to and for the LGBTQ2S+ community at large in the past year. Our founding President, Allan MacGowan, originally created the commemorative belt in 1970. This year's recipient will be announced at Spearhead's 55th Anniversary Dinner March 15, 2025.



# BROTHERHOOD AWARD NOMINATIONS

## Rules of Procedure

All Members and non-members are eligible to receive this award.  
Only Members in good standings will be eligible to nominate.

The official Nomination Form will be sent via email January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 11:59 p.m.  
All Nomination Forms must be received by January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. @ 11:59 p.m.

The 3 individuals with the most nominations will be put forward to the membership for voting.

***Voting will take place electronically***

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 @ 11:59 p.m. until February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 11:59 p.m.  
The individual from these three finalists who receives the most votes, via email ballot only, will be presented the Brotherhood Award at Spearhead's 55th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday March 15, 2025.

473 Church Street, Suite 231, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y2C5



## Brotherhood Award 2025




### PAST RECIPIENTS

|      |  |               |
|------|--|---------------|
| 1990 | RON ARROWSMITH                               | NON-MEMBER    |
| 1991 | GLEN ROCKETT                                 | NON-MEMBER    |
| 1992 | DALTON FIELD                                 | MEMBER        |
| 1993 | JAMES STEPHENSON                             | NON-MEMBER    |
| 1994 | TERRY THOMPSON                               | MEMBER        |
| 1995 | ERNIE WESLEY                                 | MEMBER        |
| 1996 | ARTHUR BARR                                  | MEMBER        |
| 1997 | WAYNE CONROY                                 | MEMBER        |
| 1998 | PETER LOEWEN                                 | MEMBER        |
| 1999 | ROBERT ROCHON                                | MEMBER        |
| 2000 | PETER MICHAEL GERONON ( <i>post humous</i> ) | MEMBER        |
| 2001 | JACK MACKNESS                                | MEMBER        |
| 2002 | JOHN BRODHAGEN                               | MEMBER        |
| 2003 | DOUG EMBURY                                  | MEMBER        |
| 2004 | MICHAEL MORRELL                              | MEMBER        |
| 2005 | RALPH HARTLEY                                | MEMBER        |
| 2006 | BURGER                                       | NON-MEMBER    |
| 2007 | JOE POIRIER                                  | MEMBER        |
| 2008 | FRANK MANCINO                                | MEMBER        |
| 2009 | JIM SHUPARSKI                                | MEMBER        |
| 2010 | KEVIN ROMAIN                                 | MEMBER        |
| 2011 | DWAYNE BRYK                                  | MEMBER        |
| 2012 | ROBERT JEYES                                 | MEMBER        |
| 2013 | RANDY BOYD                                   | MEMBER        |
| 2014 | RON GULLIS / JACK PEARCE                     | MEMBER/MEMBER |
| 2015 | ROSS STRETTON / TONY WOJNOWSKI               | MEMBER/MEMBER |
| 2016 | <i>(not awarded)</i>                         | -----         |
| 2017 | BRUCE SLATER                                 | MEMBER        |
| 2018 | JOHN THOMPSON                                | MEMBER        |
| 2019 | MIKE HART                                    | MEMBER        |
| 2020 | TOM PEARCE                                   | MEMBER        |
| 2021 | <i>(not awarded)</i>                         | -----         |
| 2022 | <i>(not awarded)</i>                         | -----         |
| 2023 | <i>(not awarded)</i>                         | -----         |
| 2024 | SCOTT LEROUX                                 | MEMBER        |

**past recipients are not eligible to be nominated**

## Brotherhood Award 2025

THE SPEARHEAD BROTHERHOOD AWARD 2025 Nominees should:

-  Display a positive social spirit and encourage friendships with like interests in the Leather/Denim community.
-  Set an example and promote others to give significant support to activities within our Affiliation and to the LGBTQ2S+ community at large.
-  Be someone with a positive personality and character that we should be proud to associate with, under any circumstance.

## BROTHERHOOD AWARD NOMINATIONS

This year we will also be nominating a Charity of Choice for the 2025 - 2026 year.

Past Charities have included:

- PWA - The Teresa Group - Rainbow Railroad - Red Door Shelter -
- WoodGreen - Guide Dogs of Canada - Progress Place -

Please give serious thought to:

Who you feel would qualify for this prestigious award?  
Who would most benefit as our Charity of Choice?

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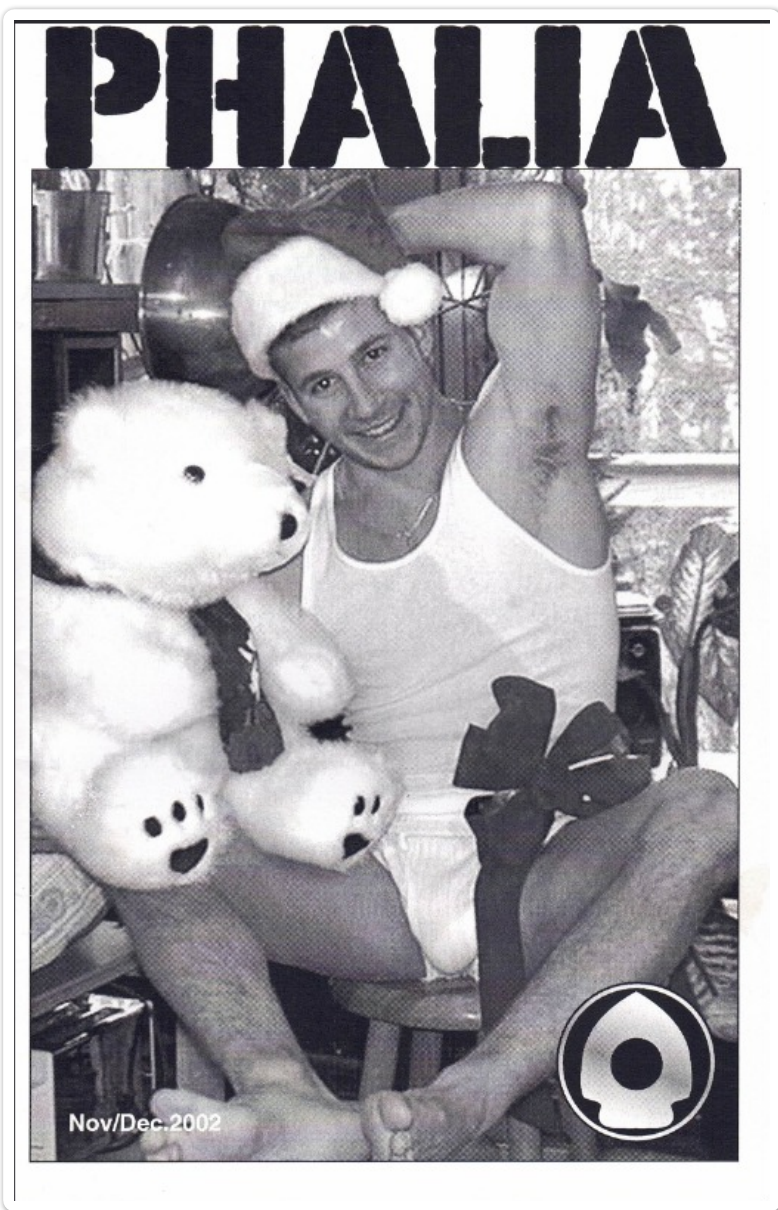
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# ARCHIVED ARTICLE

A TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY by Terry T. President Spearhead 1991 - 1993

Because it's the Christmas season, I decided to write something different for this issue. It was the HAC "Bring a Toy for a Kid" party that made up my mind for me. I think we all had a great time selecting a toy, bringing it to CHAT Hall and seeing what a great collection we'd acquired. I even overheard several people say that they wished they had known about the toy bit, because they would have liked to bring one too. Guess they were CHAT Saturday regulars who hadn't seen the posters.

As great as we felt at collecting that huge mound of toys, none of us will 'be able to experience the pleasure of seeing a kid open a package without a particular "admission price" in it. We will not see his or her eyes, nor will we probably ever know who it was who got our gift. Of course, it's the pleasure of giving that really matters in this case.

I was once in the position of distributing similar gifts- I've never told this story before.... Perhaps I should have, it would have helped the guys that collected the toys to really know the pleasure they brought to some kids. So, instead of my usual fantasy, I'd like to relate the story to you.

Many years ago, 1954 to be honest, I was a young Minister in charge of a mission in the Winnipeg slums. My organization was the Salvation Army and as such received a lot of assistance from many community service clubs and groups. At Christmas time, people would contact us and tell us about families who needed help.... Perhaps it was themselves, perhaps a neighbor or relative. Each case was investigated to make sure that that family did indeed require help. (You'd be surprised at the number of people who tried to con us). It meant a visit to the home, and it didn't take long to size up the situation. In a two-day period that Christmas I investigated about 150 homes and in my area they all needed help -- frequently more help than they were asking for.

Such was the case when I went to visit the Andersons (name changed of course). Someone had told me about this family and had said that they would not ask for help themselves.

They lived on the top floor of a four-story factory building in a two-room unit that had at one time served as an office. The young couple had five children: a baby, twin boys aged four, a girl about six, and another boy about seven. The large main room contained a table and four chairs, two old arm-chairs, a set of bunk beds. The smaller room had only a double bed. No radio or TV. No carpet. No change of linen.

The husband had been ill for some time and had lost his job in the Maritimes. When he'd recovered, they had travelled to Winnipeg hoping that their luck would change. He now had a job, but the going was rough. There would be no Christmas, Mrs. Anderson told me, but she was sure they would manage.

## ARCHIVED ARTICLE (cont.)

I took another look around and then I asked her to let me help. At first she refused until I asked her to look at it not as charity but rather as a loan.

"I know that soon you'll be on your feet. Someday, when you are able, you can repay if you like. It isn't necessary, but if you want to look at it in that light, you can."

She agreed, and I gave her a list of things I wanted her to pick up from the Salvation Army's shop downtown: another set of bunk beds, a crib, a chesterfield, a new double mattress and some linens. Then I called the Officer in charge at the shop to say Mrs. Anderson was coming in to let her select the items I'd listed and arrange for quick delivery.

I had also given her a food voucher which I knew would help buy a few extra treats for the Christmas table. But it didn't seem enough to me. The General Foods people had held a Christmas Cooking Demonstration at a Winnipeg department store and called to ask if I could use the products of these sessions. This included fantastic, glazed hams, Christmas cookies and such that my people probably only saw in used magazines. And the Kiwanis collected toys from all over the city and asked if I could use some of them. Many of the toys were second hand and had been repaired and repainted by Kiwanis members.

So, armed with a hamper of food and a small selection of toys for the kids, I went back to see Mrs. Anderson. It was Christmas Eve day. Mr. Anderson was working, but the kids were all home. I wish you could have seen their eyes. Yes, they already had the new furniture -- such as it was -- and it alone had made all the difference in the world. But the sight of the toys...it was too much for the mother and she started to cry.

Several weeks later -- it could have been a couple of months, because it was a sunny day, and I don't remember snow - I was walking down Logan Avenue and spotted Mrs. Anderson coming toward me. She was pushing a baby buggy and the twins were

beside her. As they came close, the twins suddenly recognized me.

"Look, Mommy," said one of them, "it's our Santa Claus!!!" I managed to hold back my tears until after they had gone.

And I wish now I'd told the Kiwanis. Those guys never knew what their efforts meant.



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November 29, 2024

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FROM: Sarah Carson  
Supervisor, Collections Management and Standards  
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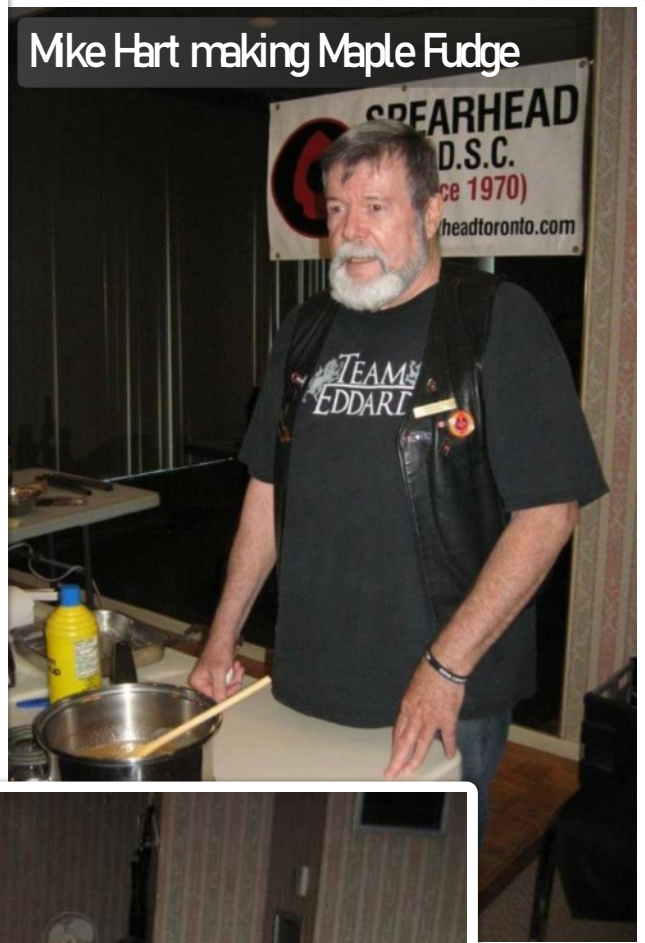
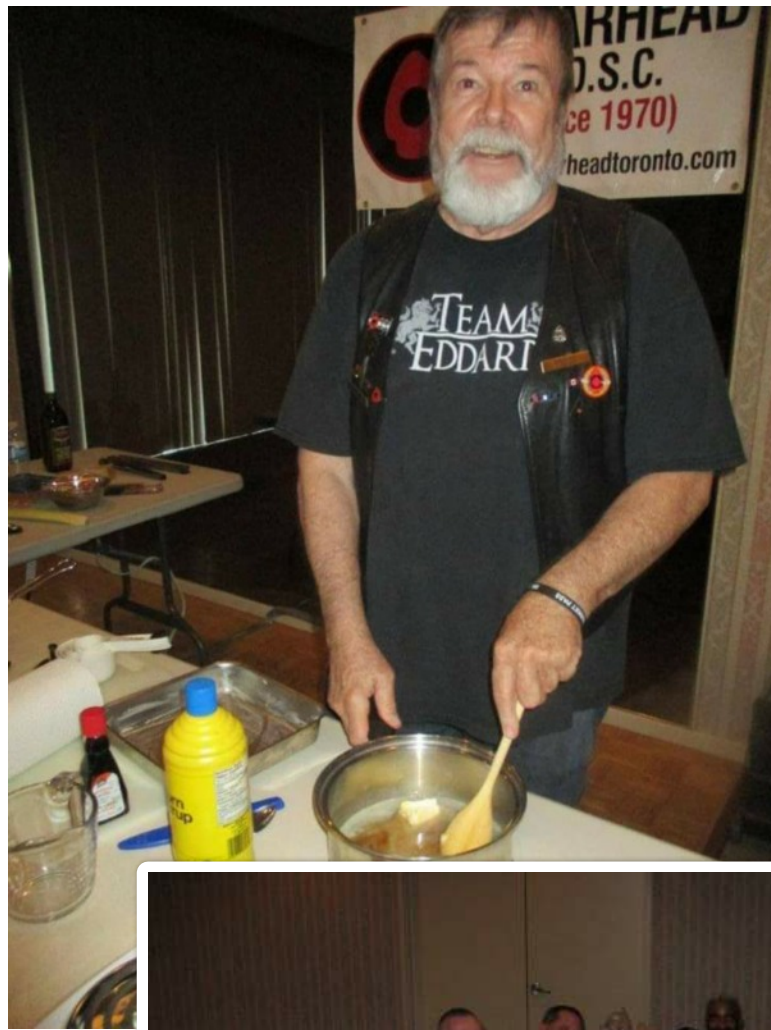
RE: Second donation of Spearhead records

I am writing to sincerely thank Spearhead for a second donation of records documenting the history of your organization. The Spearhead fonds is an important collection that not only contributes to our understanding and knowledge of Toronto's leather/denim scene but also brings wider awareness to the history of the oldest continuously operating gay organization in Canada. We're so pleased you chose to donate your collection to us so that it can be preserved and made freely accessible to researchers for posterity.

We encourage members to connect with us if they have any questions about materials already processed and searchable in our online database or materials from your most recent donation that will become publicly available in 2025.

Best regards,  
Sarah Carson  
Supervisor, Collections Management and Standards  
City of Toronto Archives

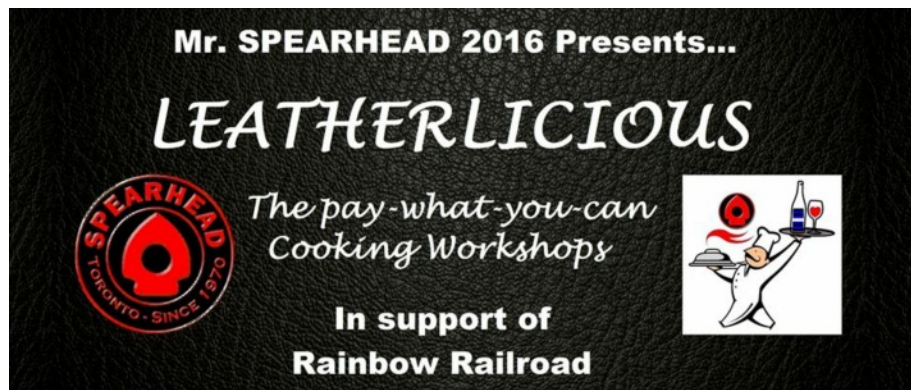
# In Memorium of Mike Hart





# In Memorium of our Brother Mike Hart

Mike Hart's willingness to help the community for a great cause and his love of sweets. During his Celebration of Life we heard about how much he loved desserts. Mike's Celebration of Life was followed by a reception featuring some of his favorite sweets. In addition to helping SPEARHEAD's fundraising efforts, Mike provided fudge to TICOT for their "Oh Fudge" event in memory of Candice Kelly.



LEATHERLICIOUS! A series of afternoon cooking workshops which will feature guests, from the community, who will instruct on a dish of their choice (dessert, entree, appetizer, salad etc). Randy, Mr. Spearhead 2016 has chosen to support Rainbow Railroad as his Charity of Choice for his title year. All of the money raised at these workshops will benefit this charity. The Party Room kitchen facilities at 117 Gerrard Street East will be the location of the "pay-what-you-can" class. At the end of the workshop the class can sample what they have just learned.

## My Grandmother's Maple Cream Fudge submitted by Mike Hart

### Ingredients:

1 c brilliant yellow brown sugar  
 1 c white granulated sugar  
 ½ c whole milk  
 ¼ corn syrup  
 1 Tbs salted butter  
 1 tsp real vanilla extract

Mix ingredients in a heavy 3 qt sauce pan & slowly bring to a boil over med low heat... Stirring constantly till sugar has dissolved .

Then increase heat to medium & let the fudge cook to the soft ball stage or using a candy thermometer 235F or 118C . Soft ball test: drop a small amount into chilled water, it forms a small flexible ball.

Let fudge cool for at least 10 to 15 minutes then add vanilla.

Begin beating fudge till it starts to thicken , then quickly pour into a 9X9 buttered pan. Use a hot knife(run knife under hot water tap) to cut into pieces before fudge cools.



ENJOY!

# In Memoriam of our Brother Mike Hart

After Mike Hart passed away, I asked Mike Hart's Partner, Mano to share a letter with Spearhead about Mike and his time in Spearhead and Outside Spearhead. Mano sent me this beautiful letter to share with all of our readers.

In Memoriam of my beloved Daddy Mike Mike and I shared 15 wonderful years together, filled with an unshakable bond, fiery passion, and deep love and support. His presence in my life was a constant source of joy and strength. He was the kindest and most generous person I have ever known. I am deeply honoured to have been called his partner—his Boy—and I cannot even express how much I miss him. So many tears are streaming down my face as I try to write this ...

The pain of his absence is overwhelming, and I struggle with the realization that I can no longer hold him, hug him, or kiss him. Our apartment feels so eerie and empty without him, especially when I catch myself waiting for him to make me coffee in the morning—a simple act of affection he loved doing for me. I miss hearing the beeps of his scooter in the hallway—a sound that had become unmistakably linked to him in the last couple of years as his walking abilities deteriorated. His infectious, full-hearted

laugh echoes in my mind as I reminisce about the days when we would watch our favourite shows together or visit our favourite restaurants. The void in my soul left by his passing feels immense and overpowering, but I know he would want me to be strong and cherish all the amazing times we spent together.

Mike's incredible career in education as a retired music teacher left a lasting impact on many students. He inspired a love of music in countless young minds and was known for his patience, creativity, and passion. Mike's musical expertise extended to his role as the head carillonneur for the University of Toronto, mastering the unique and challenging carillon instrument. His performances were a testament to his skill and dedication, bringing joy to all who heard him play.

Michael was a devoted member of the Metropolitan United Church in Toronto, where he sang in the church choir. His voice was so deep and manly—a beautiful addition to the choir! He would never miss Sunday

# In Memorium of our Brother Mike Hart



service; when he could not attend in person, he would watch it online and sing along with the choir.

He was also a very active and involved member of Spearhead Toronto, a 2SLGBTQIA+ leather denim social club, the longest continuously running organization of its kind. Together with his best friend Tommy Pearce, Mike served as a co-Director of Membership, where their dedication and love for their Spearhead brothers and sisters were evident in their tireless efforts to support and grow the community. He participated in a variety of events, always bringing his warmth and enthusiasm.

Michael was also a recipient of the Spearhead Brotherhood Award, which further reflected his commitment to the community and the deep bonds he formed with Spearhead members.

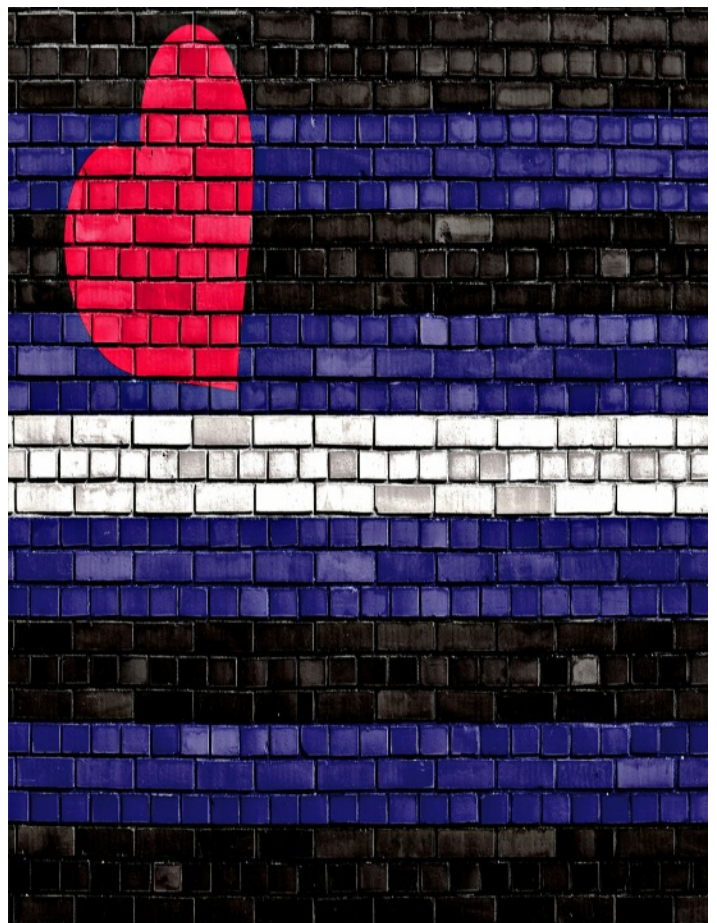
Our travels together across the USA, Canada, and Europe created countless cherished memories.

We explored new places, experienced different cultures, and shared many adventures. Our time at his family cottage in Barry's Bay was particularly special, a

place where we could relax, enjoy nature, and create lasting memories. Mike's love for adventure and exploration was a testament to his vibrant spirit and zest for life.

Daddy Mike's legacy of kindness, generosity, and love will forever be remembered by all who knew him. He touched the lives of many with his gentle spirit and unwavering support. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him, and he will be deeply missed.

To my wonderful, kind, amazing Daddy Mike—LOVE YOU always and forever.  
Your Boy, Mano.



A man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a red Santa hat with white fur trim and a white tank top, is seated at a white keyboard piano. He is holding a red sack over his shoulder with his left hand and has his right hand on the piano keys. The background is dark blue with white snowflake graphics and green holly leaves with red berries at the top left. The text is in yellow and white.

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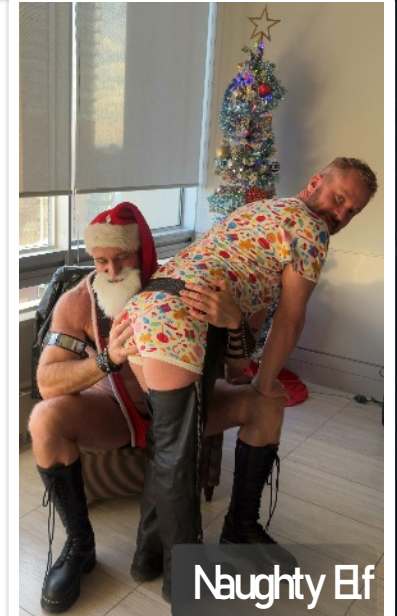
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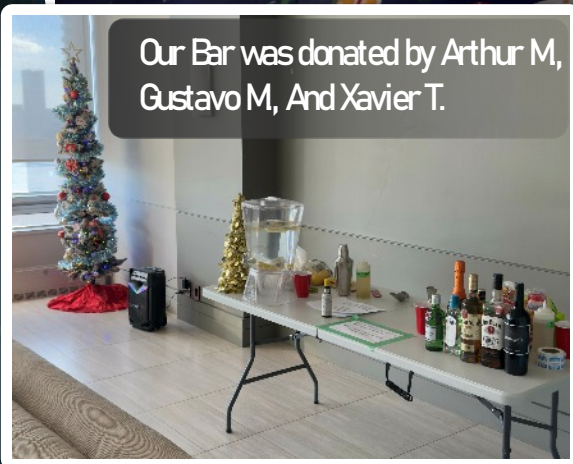


Naughty Elf

LOTS OF FOOD! Thanks to Kris J., Robin, Ross S., Ron G., Arthur M., Michael H, And Xavier T. whom made a whole turkey!



Our Bar was donated by Arthur M, Gustavo M, And Xavier T.



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# LEATHERLICIOUS

## 🌶️🍷 Sweet & Spicy Bacon Jam 🍷🌶️

Got questions? 🤔 Here's how to make this delicious, savory jam perfect for any occasion!

Ingredients:

- 1 pound thick-cut bacon, diced 🍷
- 1 large yellow onion, finely diced (about 1 ½ cups) 🍅
- 3 medium jalapeño peppers, seeded and diced (about 1 cup) 🌶️
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced 🧄
- ½ cup light brown sugar, packed 🍯
- ⅓ cup apple cider vinegar 🍏
- ¼ cup maple syrup 🍁
- 1 teaspoon chili powder 🌶️

Instructions:

- 1 **Cook Bacon:** In a medium skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy. Place bacon on a paper towel-lined plate to drain. 🍷🕒
  - 2 **Prepare Pan:** Leave about ¼ cup of bacon grease in the pan, carefully removing the rest. 🍷
  - 3 **Caramelize Onions & Peppers:** Add diced onion and jalapeños to the pan. Reduce heat to medium-low. Cook until onions are caramelized (15-20 minutes), stirring often. 🍅🌶️
  - 4 **Add Remaining Ingredients:** Mix in garlic, brown sugar, apple cider vinegar, maple syrup, chili powder, and cooked bacon. Simmer for 7-10 minutes, or until thickened to a jam-like consistency. 🍯🕒
  - 5 **Serve:** Enjoy warm or cold. If refrigerated, warm slightly before serving. 🍷❄️
- Note: Perfect as a topping for burgers, sandwiches, or just spread on toast! 🌟



**JALAPENO BACON JAM RECIPE**



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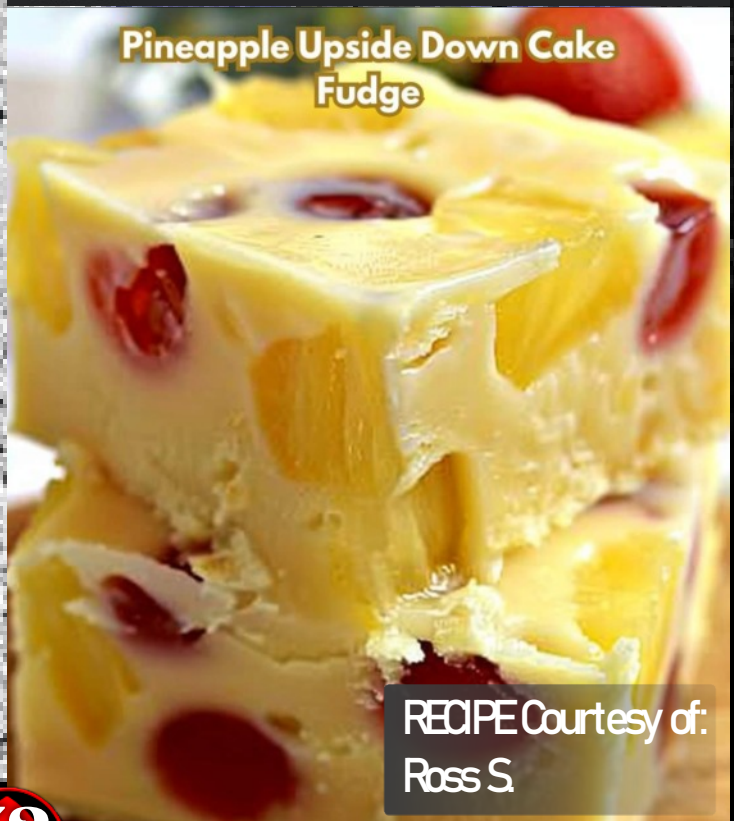
This Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fudge combines the tropical flavors of pineapple with the sweetness of a classic cake, all in a creamy fudge form! It's a fun twist on the traditional dessert and perfect for any occasion.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups white chocolate chips
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- ¼ cup butter (unsalted)
- ½ cup pineapple juice (from canned pineapple)
- ¼ cup crushed pineapple, drained
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ cup maraschino cherries, chopped
- ¼ cup brown sugar (light or dark)
- ¼ cup chopped pecans (optional, for garnish)

Instructions:

- Prepare the Pan:** Line an 8x8-inch baking dish with parchment paper or lightly grease it to prevent sticking.
- Melt the Fudge Base:** In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt the white chocolate chips, sweetened condensed milk, and butter. Stir frequently until smooth and creamy.
- Add the Pineapple Flavors:** Stir in the pineapple juice, crushed pineapple, vanilla extract, salt, and brown sugar. Continue stirring until the mixture is smooth and well-combined.
- Add the Cherries:** Gently fold in the chopped maraschino cherries, distributing them evenly throughout the fudge mixture.
- Set the Fudge:** Pour the fudge mixture into the prepared baking dish, spreading it out evenly. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top (optional) for added crunch and decoration.
- Chill the Fudge:** Refrigerate the fudge for at least 2 hours or until it is firm and set.
- Cut and Serve:** Once the fudge has set, remove it from the pan using the parchment paper and cut it into small squares.



**Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fudge**

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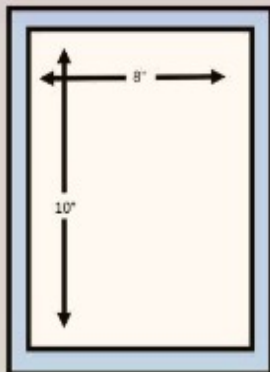


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| Fri DEC 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | 9pm - Bad Dog - Black Eagle          |
| Fri JAN 2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | 9pm - Kink101 - Black Eagle          |
| Sat JAN 4 <sup>h</sup>                      | 7pm - Pups & Pals Social - Pegasus   |
| Tue JAN 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | 6pm - LEDGE (Leather Dinner)         |
| Tue JAN 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | 8pm - Gaystation - Black Eagle       |
| Thu JAN 9 <sup>h</sup>                      | 7pm - G.L.U.E. Black Eagle           |
| Fri JAN 10 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> | Mid-Atlantic Leather - Washington DC |
| Sat JAN 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | 1pm - Rough House - Spa XS           |
| Wed JAN 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | 8pm - LOCK - Black Eagle             |
| Thu JAN 23 <sup>rd</sup>                    | 9pm - Bad Dog - Black Eagle          |
| Sat JAN 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | 6pm - BLUF - Black Eagle             |
| Sat FEB 1 <sup>st</sup>                     | 7pm - Pups & Pals Social - Pegasus   |
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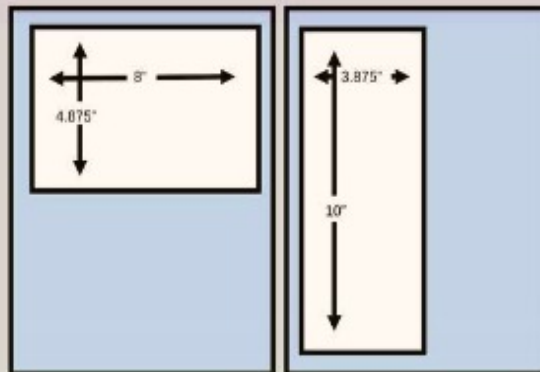
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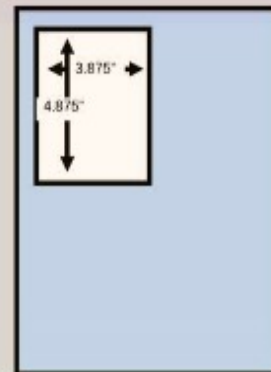
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