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# **KILTED KNOWLEDGE:** **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**Hello Everyone. Here we are heading into the holiday season and cold weather and we have been busy with events.**

**Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a great success, with a good turnout of volunteers who helped at Pegasus, Woody's and Flash. Also a huge Thank you to Affiliate Member Tania who**

**drove 4 hours to surprise us with a huge donation of food plus a monetary donation. Thank you to all the volunteers who participated, it was great seeing so many of you.**

**We have 1 member return to the board for 2024. Thank you to those members leaving the board on Dec 2, enjoy the time off. Welcome back Randy B. as Publications Director.**

**Thank you to all the members who came out to Daddy Next Door on Nov 11, we raised \$750. For those who missed it, they will be back Jan 13 and Spearhead will be running the raffle again to raise money.**

**Our fellow club Ottawa Knights held the 1st Canadian Bootblack Rally and myself and Conrad G. represented the event and were joined by affiliate member Bo. There was the opening dinner attended by about 15 people, with a number of discussions held the next day. I was asked to do a discussion on running for a title, what to do and not to do that lasted for over an hour. As everything was crammed into 1 day, the bar night was not well attended as people were too tired to attend.**

**Toys-For-Tots on November 25-26, at Pegasus, Woody's and Flash will help make a child happy at Christmas. Also on the 26th TICOT's first investiture, as the reigning monarchs title the members and Country star Drake Jenson's performance.**

**This year our Christmas get together will be on December 9th from 1-4 at The Well. Contact our Treasurer for tickets. The cost for the party will be \$30. Hope to see people out and about. Stay safe.**

**Robert Jeyes  
President  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**



## **CHAINED LINKS: VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**Greetings all,  
I wanted to thank all of you for your support during the past year. The group has seen a growth of members and new leather or denim events created with my help.**

**I hope that the upcoming Toys for Tots is a success and want to thank the volunteers in advance for stepping up and giving of their time to make the event what it is. At a recent Gear Leather United Event we raised \$140.00 that will be going to this fundraising effort.**

**I look forward to seeing how the Club will grow in the coming year.**

**All the very Best,**

**Charles Macphee  
Vice President / Director of Public Relations  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC.**

## **BACKPATCH PRESENTATION**



**Vice President Charles Macphee presents New Full Member Derek Jensen with a backpatch at the Black Eagle Toronto during the G.L.U.E. event on November 9, 2023.**

**Photo by Ross S**





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Pegasus On Church – September 30 and October 1, 2023  
Photos by John T, Ross S and Randy B.



Above: Members John B, Rob J, Tania S, Charles M, Eileen O and SPEARHEAD backpatches

# SPEARHEAD'S THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2023

Below: Members John T, Scott L, Xavier T, Gustavo M, Ross S, Rob J, Randy B



Above: John T & Scott L's van filled with food for PWA Food Programs



Woody's On Church – October 1, 2023  
Photos by John T, Ross S and Randy B.



Above: Members Michael H, Gustavo M, Xavier T, Rockey S, Connor M, John T, Scott L and food collected at Woody's

# SPEARHEAD'S THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2023



Below: Members Michael H, Xavier T, Gustavo M



Above: Members Randy B, John B, Ross, Connor M, Rockey S, Charles M



Flash On Church – October 1, 2023  
Photos by John T, Ross S and Randy B.



Above Right: Member Kevin L calling BINGO with George  
Above Right: Members Ross S and Joe P with Sev

# SPEARHEAD'S THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2023



Above: Members Rob J and Ross S

Below: Members Ron G and Randy B






# SPEARHEAD'S THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE 2023



A special Thank you to Associate Member Tania for a cash donation of \$150 and showing up to Pegasus with \$350 worth of food. A member that goes above and beyond in helping SPEARHEAD with their Thanksgiving Food Drive.







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# IN MEMORY OF HARDY WHITT

(1953-2023)

Written by  
Member-At-Large  
Ross Stretton



We are all saddened to hear of the passing of our dear SPEARHEAD Brother Hardy Whitt on November 18, 2023. He was the loving partner of Mike Childerhose for 15 years. Hardy was a caring man who helped Mike look after the day to day living activities which were a result of Mike's cancer treatments. He was always there to help anyone that needed it.

Hardy was a SPEARHEAD Member for thirteen years. It was always a pleasure to see Hardy and Mike at our past Anniversary Dinners, Christmas Parties and our annual Canada Day Boat Cruises. Hardy could always light up the room with his smile and put a smile on your face too.

Hardy was an active member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 43 in Oshawa and recently made a Life Member. For those that wish to make a donation in memory of Hardy, please contact the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 43, 471 Simcoe St, Oshawa, Ont, L1H 4J7.

There will be a public reception at The Legion in January. No date has been set yet. At this time we wish to extend our deepest condolences to Mike and his family. Forever In Our Hearts.

Ross Stretton  
Member-At-Large  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC



## **DENIM DISCUSSIONS: MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**



Well, Members of Spearhead, we started Spearhead in 1970 and next year will be our 54th Anniversary. It's sometimes hard to believe that we have lasted this long but through thick or thin, we have a core group of members that work hard to continue our legacy that started so long ago. We currently have a total of 46 Active Members, 6 In-Active Members and 12 Affiliate Members.

Next year (2024) I will be celebrating my 45 Anniversary of being a Member, and things have changed quite a bit for me in these 44 years, but Spearhead has always adapted and that contributes to our success as a club. As we approach the end of this calendar year we will be turning our attention to Membership renewals, these will be going out early next year, look for them in your email inbox. If there are any changes to your membership information, please contact me to make sure we have the updated information. Remember if you have any questions about your membership feel free to reach out to me at [membership@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:membership@spearheadtoronto.com).

Don't forget about our Christmas get together on Dec. 9th at The Well. Contact Treasurer Ron Gullis at [treasurer@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:treasurer@spearheadtoronto.com) to reserve your ticket. Wishing all our members the very best for the upcoming Holiday season.

Joseph Poirier, Membership Director  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

## **CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO PWA**



Membership Director Joe Poirier  
with Treasurer Ron Gullis  
presenting cheques to PWA  
for the Thanksgiving Food Drive

Photo by Ron G.



# AWARD PRESENTATION TO SPEARHEAD FROM THE TERESA GROUP



Membership Director  
Joe Poirier with the  
Executive Director  
Rajesh Pisharody of  
The Teresa Group at  
The 519 during  
SPEARHEAD's AGM on  
Nov 4, 2023

Photo by Ross S

Empowering Children  
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Penelope Holeton Champion  
of Hope Award

Photo by: John T.





# NEW FULL MEMBERS

Please welcome our newest Full Members to our SPEARHEAD family. Say hi and introduce yourself the next time you see them out in the community.



**CONRAD GRAY**  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada



**DEREK JENSEN**  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



## UNIFORMED INFORMATION MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Sincerest Condolences – In Memory

We wish to extend our condolences to Ron Gullis on the passing of his sister Dianne and to Mike Morell on the passing of his Mother.

Ross Stretton  
Member-At-Large  
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 Emperor 37 Okimawiw Kevin  
 and HMISM Empress 37 Lily  
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 36, their Upper House and  
 the membership on a  
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Left:  
 Newly crowned  
 Monarchs for Reign 37





## **NOBLE DEEDS:** FEATURED AFFILIATE MEMBER **HMISM EMPEROR 37** **OKIMAWIW KEVIN**

Hello everyone. I was asked by the editor of Phalia to tell you a little bit about myself. First, I have been supporting Spearhead Leather Denim Social Club for around 21 + years.

I was a GDI during the various runs that Spearhead had and was the last Mr. Round-Up, at the last Run. I have supported Paint Your Burgers, helped sell raffle tickets, helped set up and tear down various events, supported Fantasy Ball when the club was producing that fun event. I have seen Spearhead Leather Denim Social Club grow and develop, supported various community-based events, seen how they support not just their own leather siblings but other leather groups and non-leather groups both in Toronto and Internationally.

In recent years I have become an Affiliate Member of Spearhead Leather Denim Social Club. This has not changed the way I have supported and will continue to support the work, philanthropy and fun Spearhead does and will continue to do.

I am also a member of The Imperial Court of Toronto (TICOT) where I have served as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Co-Ball Coordinator, Protocol Minister for the various years/reigns. I have been a TICOT member for around 19 years.

Currently I have decided to take on a more public role with the organization and have run and won the position of Emperor of TICOT for Reign 37. My TICOT personal is The Leather and Kilted Tanzanite, Kihew Emperor, Emperor 37 Okimawiw Kevin Lionheart-Davidson.

TICOT, over 37 years, has raised over a million dollars for various community-based organizations. We have helped support and raised funds for People With Aids Foundation, purchased bikes for Toronto Police Services when they started to move to their policing on bikes program, Rainbow Railroad during their second year in operation to help get people out of countries that are not safe for our 2SLGBTQI+ community. This year we are expanding our support to help raise funds for our 2-Spirited and Trans Community here in Toronto and Trans Support and Indigenous Community in Belleville Ontario.

TICOT was founded in 1986, The Imperial Court of Toronto (TICOT) is the oldest Ontario chapter of the International Court System (ICS). The ICS is the second largest 2SLGBTQAA+ organization in the world, second only to the Metropolitan Community Church, with 72 chapters across Canada, the USA and Mexico.





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**FEATURED AFFILIATE**  
**MEMBER**  
**HMISM EMPEROR 37**  
**OKIMAWIW KEVIN**

TICOT is a registered not-for-profit organization that raises funds for 2SLGBTQAA+ charities through donations at a variety of drag performances and social events. TICOT has donated over \$1 million to the community for projects including food banks, woman's shelters, youth programs and HIV programs.

TICOT's Vision is to be a welcoming, inclusive, and innovative social organization with an emphasis on engaging, inspiring, and uniting the local 2SLGBTQA+ community by emphasizing the fun in fundraising. TICOT's Mission: TICOT exists to enhance the social experience of its members and to have a positive impact on the communities we serve through social and fundraising events.

As Emperor 37 along with my co-partner/figure head of TICOT Empress 37 we look forward to working and supporting the various community organizations within the TICOT Realm.

We are in the process of working with your Vice-President to co-host events. We have had many years of cooperation and supporting each other over the years. However due to pandemic and other reasons we have not been able to do as much as we would have liked together. However, this year we are looking to re-fan those flames and continue with the great work we have been doing over the years.

If you have any questions, concerns or want more information you can contact TICOT Executive at [executive@ticot.ca](mailto:executive@ticot.ca) or if you want to reach out to myself as Emperor 37 at [emperor@ticot.ca](mailto:emperor@ticot.ca). You can also find more information about TICOT at [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) ([www.theimperialcourtoftoronto.com](http://www.theimperialcourtoftoronto.com)). We also have a facebook page where you can find info of our past events and those to come.

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**Compiled by John T. and Scott L.**

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- Operations** - *Aharon Trottier*





## **SUPER BAT SIGNALS: ARCHIVISTS' MESSAGE**



**First off, a Big Thank you goes out to our predecessor Bruce Eves and all the prep work he did to make the transition from a box in our warehouse to the biggest safest box possible. What I mean by that is that his hard work in getting the Board Minutes prepared and ready in 2019 with the City of Toronto Archive, made the delivery and Deed of Gift paperwork portion so easy. From our warehouse to the Archive, the biggest safest box possible . So, Thanks Bruce.**

**It was a beautiful day, and we went off to the City of Toronto Archives to deliver 3 years of sorting and cataloguing the hardcopies of the Phalia magazines, making sure that we had photocopied all the front covers and documented to the best of our ability the complete collection. Photographs by the thousands and other printed materials were wheeled towards the Archives at 255 Spadina Avenue. Toronto, Ontario on a rickety old dolly from the 80's.**

**The Archives are massive, with row after row of fire tight boxes stacked up to the roof, this place with its 60 ft ceilings and never-ending rows, seems to go on forever. It's a pretty impressive place. No better than a fire safe and temperature- controlled facility to store 53 years of Phalias and photos and it certainly is not in the 80's but a state-of-the-art facility.**

**The City of Toronto is now in possession of the 2nd largest collection of Phalias in The World with 242 out of a possible 314 (I say possible as there never was a complete count or correct labelling system, except what we were able to figure out.) The third largest collection has gone to the Leather Archive and Museum in Chicago with 224 issues.**

**One of our newest members, Derek J., has offered to hand deliver a cross section of the Archives to Berlin at the end of November and FedEx will deliver this collection a selection of 44 Phalias and assorted goodies to the IHLIA in Amsterdam.**

**A friend Carolyn K. has offered to take the balance of the archives across the pond to London England, where it will be delivered to Bishopgate Special Collections & Archives with 73 issues of Phalia, various Spearhead memorabilia including World Pride pins, "I am Leather" face masks and 50th Anniversary swag. Thanks goes out to Derek J. and Carolyn K. for volunteering to do this and saving us a lot of international courier fees and insurance.**

**Scott and myself will continue to plug away at the Archives and make sure this fabulous collection is spread around the world in Glorious Spearhead Fashion.**

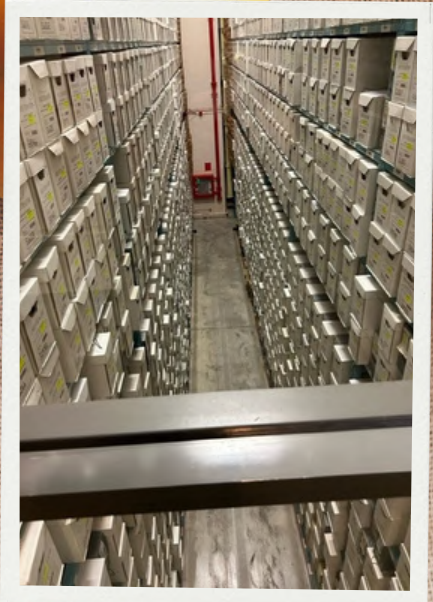
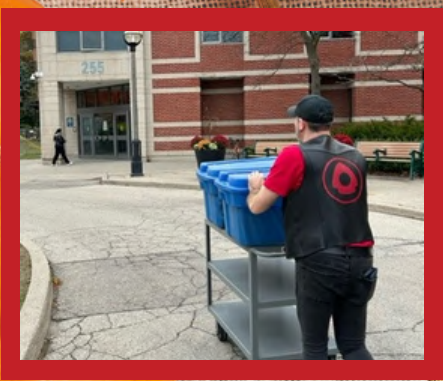
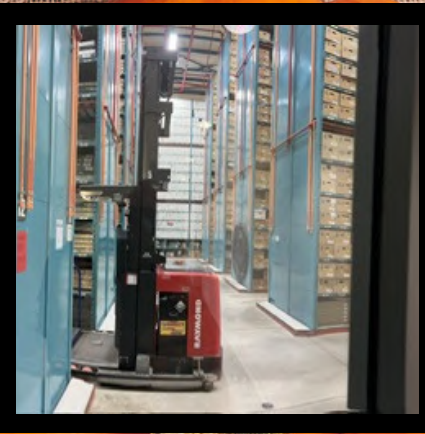
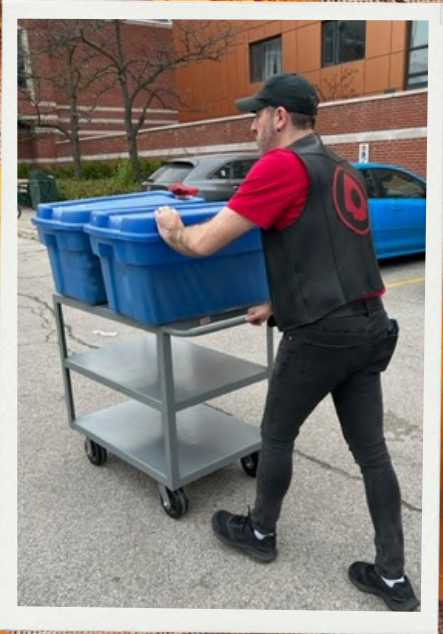
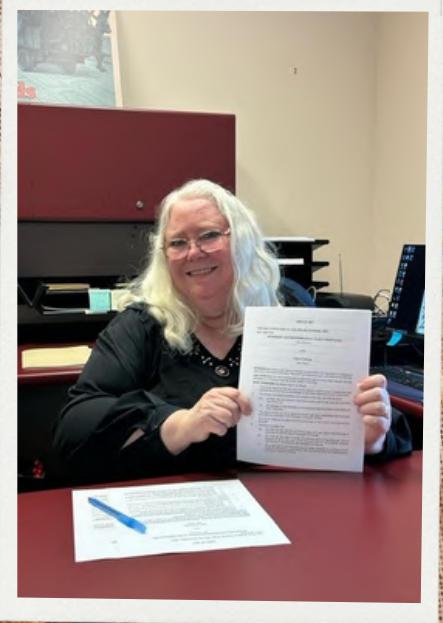
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# From The Archives, Featured Charter Member: Reprint from Phalia Vol 20 Issue 4 (1999)



**Peter Michael Gernon**

Dec. 2, 1934 - June 5, 1999

Peter Gernon passed away on the morning of June 5, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Peter was not just a founding member of our affiliation, he was a formidable driving force behind Spearhead's continued success. Loud and outspoken, he backed up his words with action, serving as Director of Publications from 1971-77, and Vice President & Director of Public Relations from 1984-88 and again in 1993. He also served on many committees. Peter was always willing to assist where he could and was often used as a sounding board and a source for advice by members.

Peter had many friends. It was not just the Spearhead circle, but friends he made through 3M, his Co-operative apartment, and other organizations with which he was affiliated. In fact, well over 250 people gathered at Rosar's Funeral Home on June 11 to pay their respects.

As the City Park Co-operative newsletter reported: "Eulogies were read that were poignant, funny, even slightly caustic, as truly befitted a remembrance of Peter. One quote in particular certainly captured the essence of Peter. "Peter is one of those rare individuals who come barging into your life and life is never quite the same after that."



# From The Archives, Featured Charter Member: Continued from the previous page.

Peter was the primary moving force “to secure City Park and have it maintained as a safe, secure, co-operative home.” There is not one single person living in City Park whose life has not been touched by him, the newsletter stated.

Peter retired a couple of years ago after 34 years at 3M. Those years included time in England and ended as Office Manager of the Sales Branch here in Toronto. 3M’s Ross Jarvis remarked on Peter’s sensitivity and caring for those he worked with. “He knew their families and always asked after them,” Ross said. “The children would surrounded him at the annual company Christmas Party and he called each child by name.”

Representing Spearhead, Keith Campbell called Peter “one of a kind.”

“Everything he did he did with great exuberance. At very rare times he was quiet and appeared to be listening intently...when in actuality he was in another world. This would become evident when he would come out of his trance...and start speaking about something that had no relationship at all to what was being discussed.

“Peter was rarely ever quiet. I recall a Board meeting that was being held at my home several years ago where Peter strongly disagreed with the position some Board Members were taking on a particular issue. The windows were open and his booming voice could be heard for blocks. Due to the sensitivity of the matter...I requested he lower his voice. He got even louder. It was only the threat of having him removed from the meeting that calmed him down.

“Peter could be flamboyant at times. He was often teased about some articles of clothing in his possession and his retort was simply to say ‘anyone can dress like you, I’m different.’”

During his illness, Peter rarely complained. He was determined to beat that horrible disease and made jokes about the side effects of the treatments he had to endure — a sign of a real strength which gained him the respect of all around him.

In his eulogy, City Park’s Marv Lucey announced that the co-operative’s new Community Hall will be dedicated as a memorial to Peter. In addition, the Hall will become the home of Peter’s beloved piano, donated by the family at the suggestion of Jack Mackness, Peter’s executor.

*AK*

*All of us have gained from knowing Peter and all of us will miss him greatly. He is now without pain and at peace in a better place.*

— Keith Campbell, President



# Community Around The Dinner Table

*Leather Eats Dinner Group Events (LEDGE) dinners celebrates its one-year anniversary.*

LEDGE is a monthly dinner event for gay & queer-identifying folks (and allies) that are into leather, gear and kink/BDSM.

The idea for hosting a leather dinner started in the fall of 2022 when four friends met at Sambuca's on Church to enjoy a pleasant meal and to converse about leather culture. After a few hours of engaging discussions, there was a mutual feeling amongst the foursome that "wouldn't it be nice to do this regularly?" They also wondered if other people might appreciate an event like this. So, two of the friends, Aharon Trottier and Michael Tattersall, coordinated to host their first communal dinner at Sambuca's on Church the following month.

The first official LEDGE dinner took place in November 2022, with 14 attendees. Over the next few months, the event took off: 19 attendees joined in December, and 29 ate together at the January dinner. By February, 40 attendees were present, and the group peaked at over 50 attendees in the Spring.

The dress code is promoted as being "casual leather/gear," with restaurant-appropriate rules in effect. This can be as simple as a leather or rubber vest, shirt, pants, or suspenders. If being dressed from head-to-toe in leather is your preference, you are encouraged to do so. There are several BLUF members who attend regularly. All gender expressions are welcome.

The event fosters a sense of community amongst the various queer gear and kinky groups within Toronto. The hosts share that "whether you identify as being part of the Leather culture, or as being Leather-adjacent, or simply just curious... YES, you are welcome to sit at our table. Pull up a chair and chat with the lovely folks who attend. The intention is to have everyone within the community feel welcome."

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# Community Around The Dinner Table

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People who are new and curious about exploring leather, gear or BDSM, find a safe and accessible social venue at these dinners for making new connections. Experienced players in the scene see LEDGE dinners as an opportunity to network with friends and make potential new ones. "Families usually come together around the dinner table. The hope is that LEDGE dinners provides that kind of connection-building opportunities for those seeking a sense of community".

LEDGE dinners are on the first Tuesday of each month, at a restaurant in the Village. The event starts at 6pm and usually finishes around 8:30pm. Many of the attendees then march over to the Black Eagle in gear for the bar's GayStation event. The first Tuesday of each month is GearStation's gear night edition, where folks can socialize and play video games in leather and gear. It's a great venue for LEDGE attendees to continue socializing after dinner, and seeing the Black Eagle full of leather folk is always satisfying. You can find more information about GearStation on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gaystationeagle/>, or on the Black Eagle's website at <http://www.blackeagletoronto.com/>.

LEDGE is hosted by Aharon Trottier, Michael Tattersall, and Kris Joseph. If you would like to reserve your seat for the next event, you can do so on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>. You can also find the event, alongside others, at <https://getbent.events/>.

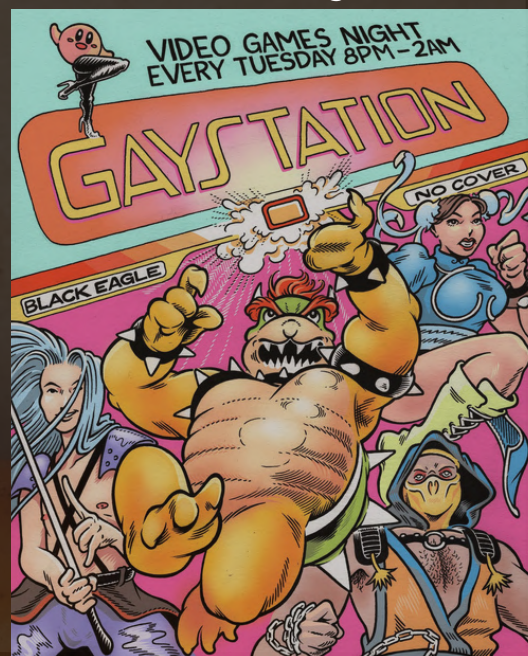
Written by Aharon Trottier and Kris Joseph

# LEDGE

LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS



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





# DADDY NEXT DOOR - Durham Edition Nov 11 at Club 717

HOUSE MUSIC, HOT DADDIES & DADDY CHASERS

# DADDY NEXT DOOR

DADDY DOES DURHAM

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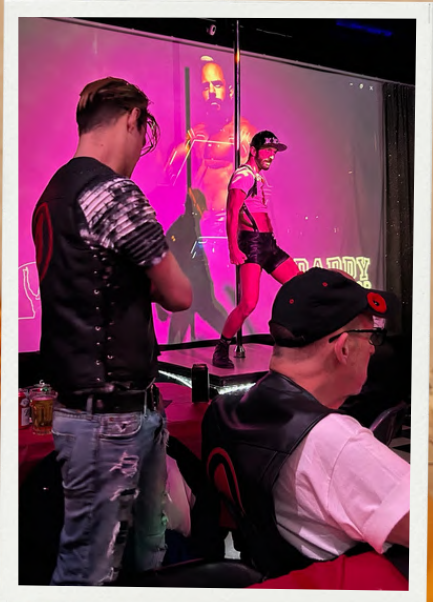
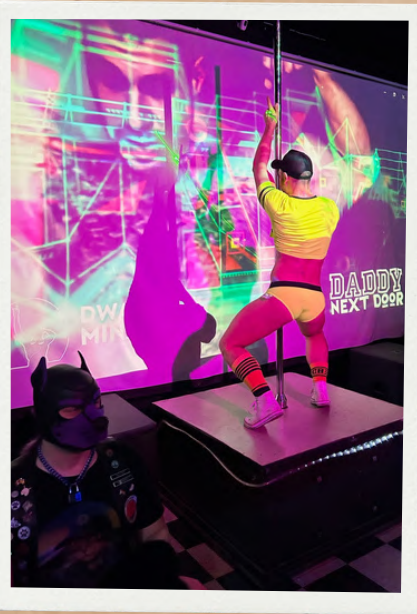
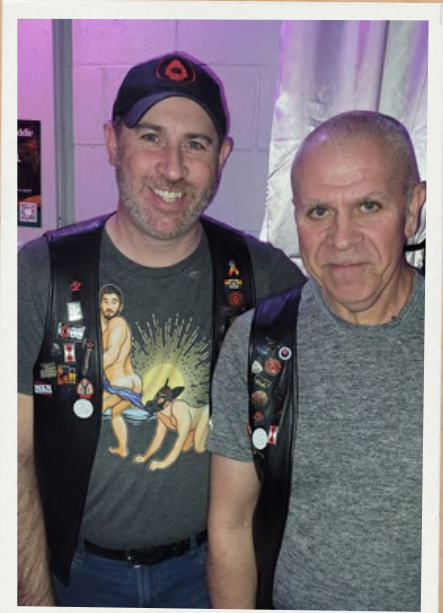
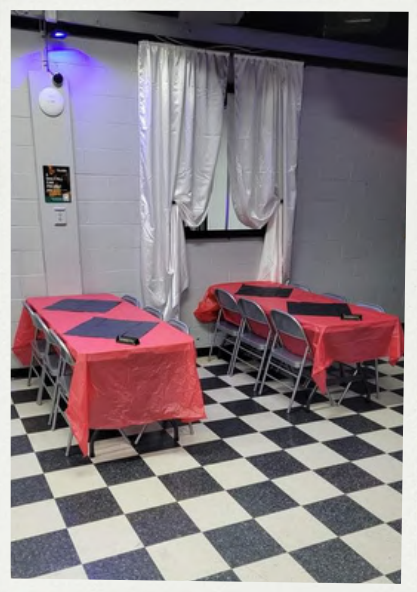
\$10 COVER  
OR \$5 FOR CLUB 717 & SPEARHEAD MEMBERS

Thank you to everybody that came out for Daddy Next Door. You helped raise \$750 for SPEARHEAD's Toy For Tots Drive. Special thanks to Daddy (Dwayne Minard) for keeping everyone dancing and the dancers: Tucker, Houghston Gold and Inked Cody. Last but not least, thanks to SPEARHEAD Members that came out from Toronto on the bus provided by Club 717. The next one at Club 717 in Oshawa will be January 13, 2024.



DADDY NEXT DOOR

PHOTOS BY JOHN T. & ROSS S.





# HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH

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# FALL WORD SCRAMBLE

SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE: 41

## Fall Word Scramble

Unscramble the words and write the letters in the boxes. Use the letters in the shaded boxes to form a new word that answers the riddle.

ULQIT

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LAVEES

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BEESTRMP

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Q. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?



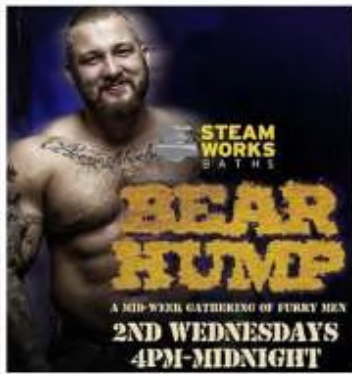
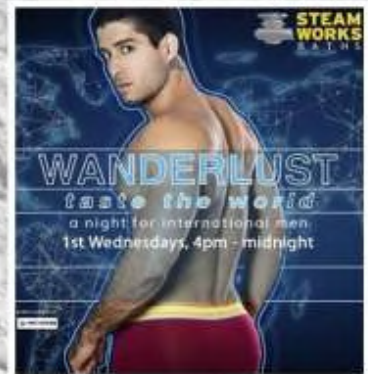
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# STEAM WORKS BATHS

## Join us for these monthly events







# FIRST CANADIAN BOOTBLACK RALLY - OTTAWA Nov 17 - 19

The Canadian Bootblack Rally has been amazingly fun. We had 19 people at the welcome dinner at the Royal Oak and 14 people at the actual workshops at KIND.

We had prizes from Stroked Ego and The Alternative.

Winners of the prizes were Pup G of Spearhead, Cameron of Toronto, Mike L. of the Ottawa Knights and Bo H. of Phoenix Montreal. Congratulations to everyone!

We had mugs, tshirts, pens and bracelets for attendees.

Thank you to Kevin Sparkie Perdue for supporting this event and Jean-Francois Plamondon of the Ottawa Knights for organizing it, Tania Sickman of the Ottawa Knights for being the project manager of the event and everyone for attending.

Tania Sickman  
Quartermaster  
For the Ottawa Knights





FIRST CANADIAN BOOTBLACK RALLY



WELCOME



DINNER

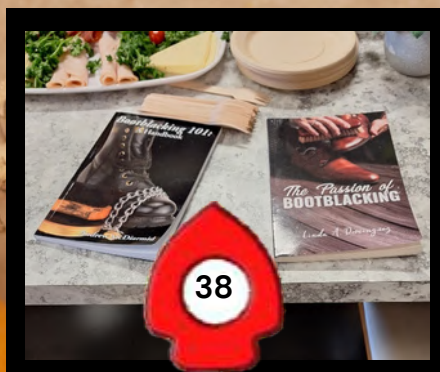
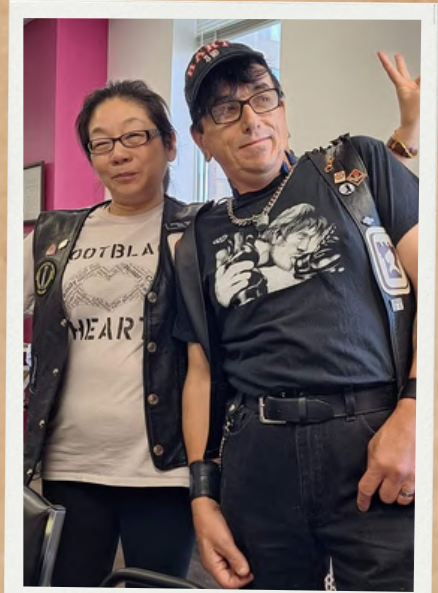
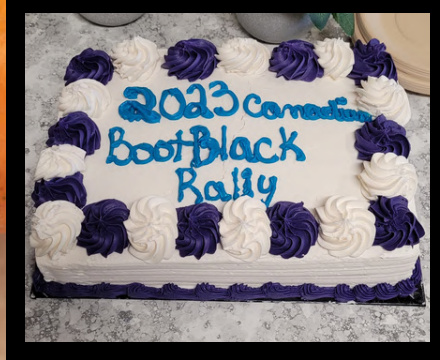


PHOTOS BY TANIA AND ROB J.





FIRST CANADIAN BOOTBLACK RALLY



WORKSHOPS



SHINE OFF



PANELS





# **PUMPKIN PIE RECIPE**

## **BY SECRETARY**

### **ROSS STRETTON**

#### **PUMPKIN PIE RECIPE INGREDIENTS:**

2 cans of 540mL E.D. Smith  
Spiced Pumpkin Pie Filling

2 Deep Dish Pie Shells

4 Eggs

¼ cup Cream or Carnation  
Evaporated Milk

Maple Syrup

Pumpkin Pie Spice  
(Optional)

8oz package of Cream  
Cheese

Whip Cream



#### **PUMPKIN PIE RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:**

Preheat the oven to 350F degrees.

Bake the 2 deep dish pie shells for a few minutes to get the moisture out of them.

In a large bowl mix the following:

2 cans E.D. Smith Pumpkin Pie Filling  
add 4 eggs

add ¼ cup of Cream or Carnation  
Evaporated Milk (NOT Milk).

add some Maple Syrup but not too  
much.

You may wish to add just a bit of  
pumpkin pie spice but not too  
much.

Add an 8oz package of Cream  
Cheese – really soft first. BUT blend  
all this well.

Pour into the 2 shells and carefully  
place on your mid level oven rack  
and bake for approximately an hour.

Keep an eye on these pies and when  
your knife comes out clean, you  
know they are done. COOL first  
before placing them in the fridge.

Serve cold and with Whip Cream.

I have used this pie recipe for years  
with great success. Enjoy this  
recipe.

Ross  
Secretary  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC



# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023

**Tue Dec 05 LEDGE (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**

- Every first Tuesday of the month
- Cherie Bistro, 538 Church St., [www.thecheriebistro.com](http://www.thecheriebistro.com)
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>

**Tue Dec 05 GAYSTATION (GEARSTATION GEAR NIGHT EDITION)- 9PM**

- Every First Tuesday of the month
- The Black Eagle, 457 Church St, [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)

**Sat Dec 09 SPEARHEAD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - 1PM-4PM**

- The Well Toronto - 487 Church Street - Toronto
- RSVP at [treasurer@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:treasurer@spearheadtoronto.com)

**Sun Dec 10 TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM**

- Flash on Church - 463 Church Street - Toronto
- [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for more information

**Thurs Dec 14 G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENTS) - 7PM**

- Every second Thursday of the month
- The Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)

**Sun Dec 17 FELIZ NAVI DADDY - 7PM-10PM**

- Flash on Church - 463 Church Street - Toronto
- [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for more information

**Sun Dec 31 TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:00PM-3PM**

- The Well - Toronto
- [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for more information

## JANUARY 2024

**Tue Jan 02 LEDGE (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**

- Every first Tuesday of the month
- Location: The Blake House, [www.theblakehouse.ca](http://www.theblakehouse.ca)
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>

**Tue Jan 02 GAYSTATION (GEARSTATION GEAR NIGHT EDITION)- 9PM**

- Every First Tuesday of the month
- The Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)

**Thurs Jan 11 G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENTS) - 7PM**

- Every second Thursday of the month
- The Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blaceagletoronto.com](http://www.blaceagletoronto.com)

**Sat Jan 13 DADDY NEXT DOOR - DURHAM EDITION**

- Club 717, Oshawa
- [www.spearheadtoronto.com/events.html](http://www.spearheadtoronto.com/events.html)

**Sun Jan 14 TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM**

- Flash on Church - 463 Church Street - Toronto
- [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for more information

**Sun Jan 28 TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:00PM-3PM**

- The Well - Toronto
- [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for more information



# OTHER OUT-OF-TOWN LEATHER CLUB HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

## Fall Word Scramble

SOLUTION

- ULQIT      Q U I L T
- LAVEES    L E A V E S
- BEEESTRMP   S E P T E M B E R
- SVRTAEH    H A R V E S T
- TECTHUNS   C H E S T N U T
- AUMUTN    A U T U M N
- ATOLFLOB   F O O T B A L L

Q. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

S Q U A S H

## HALLOWEEN WORDSEARCH

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## **THE FINAL WORD: PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

**Good Day Phalia Readers,**

**Thank you to all those who have voted in the 2023 Elections. I am excited to be the Publications Director for the upcoming year.**

**I am looking for two or three Members to join the Elected Member of Publications Connor and myself on the Publications Committee. We would need your assistance with taking photos of various events and/or finding interesting relevant content for Phalia. Please let me know, if this would be of interest to you, at [publications@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:publications@spearheadtoronto.com).**

**Ideally I would also like to see profiles of Featured Members (both Full and Affiliate) in each issue of Phalia. If any Member would like to be a Featured Member in Phalia please reach out to myself at [publications@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:publications@spearheadtoronto.com). As always, any photos or articles that you might have would be greatly appreciated.**

**As noted previously, since I have accepted the role as Director of Publications, the position of SPEARHEAD's Webmaster is VACANT. If you are interested in the position please contact President Robert Jeyes at [president@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:president@spearheadtoronto.com).**

**The following issue (Jan-Feb 2024) which is the first issue of 2024 will focus on Toys For Tots and the Christmas Party. If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know.**

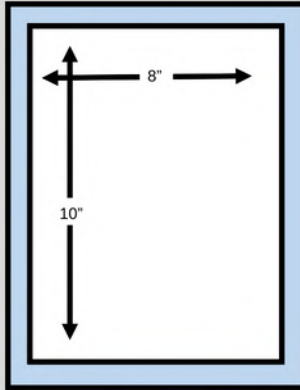
**Thank you to everyone that contributed to this issue of Phalia. It would not be possible without your hard work. Your contributions and continued support are greatly appreciated. Best regards,**

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



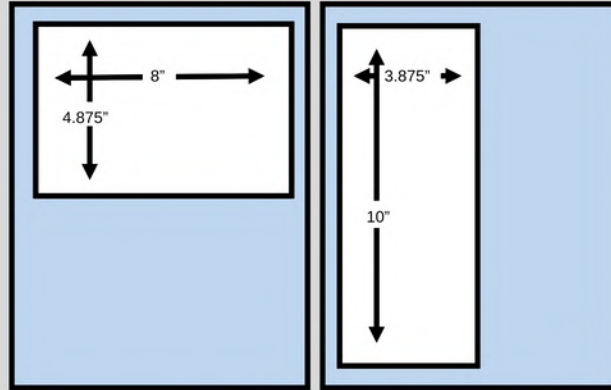
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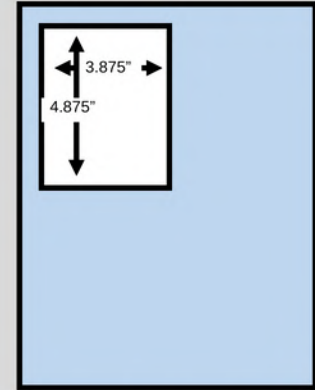
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