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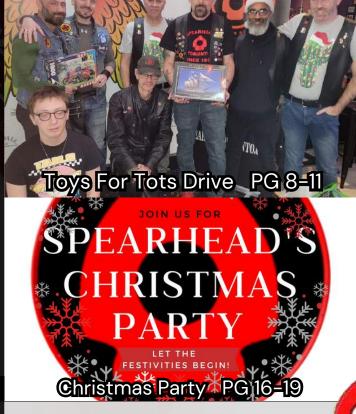
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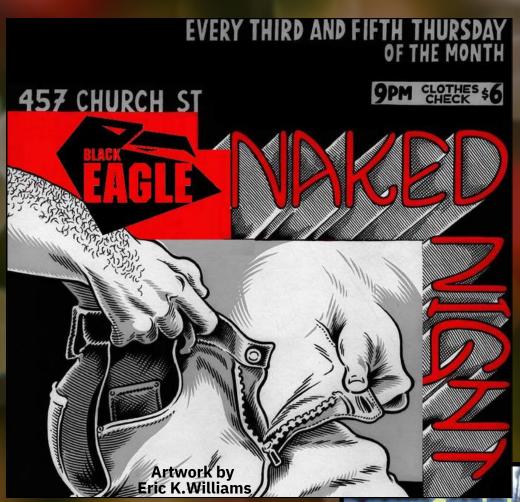
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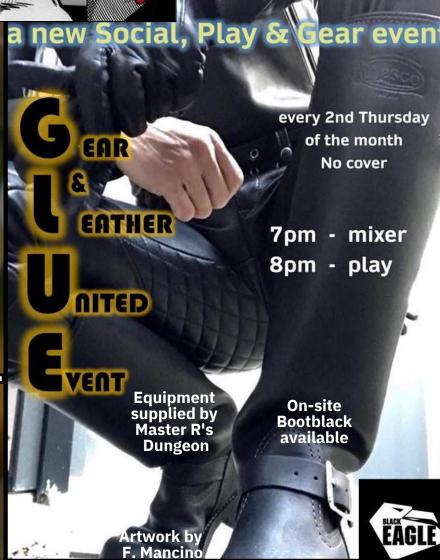
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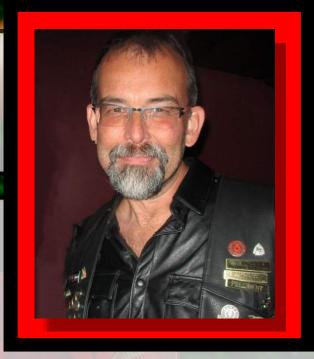


### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

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## KILTED KNOWLEDGE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

First of all, I'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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1pm

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12pm noon

12pm-1pm

In late November we did our annual Toys-For-Tots for the Teresa Group and what a fantastic weekend we had collecting much needed toys for the kids and over \$4000 was collected in cash. That went to make sure that families received a holiday hamper. A huge Thank you to Pegasus, Woody's and Flash for allowing us into their space to do this. Also Thank you goes out to James Q., BEKK, and PALS for helping collect toys and cash. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Christmas get-together on December 9 at The Well. 25 people came out for this and everyone had a fun time. We also welcomed a new member Arthur Hall. Please say hello to him if you see him out and about.

Stay safe and I will see you in the New Year. Here are some of the tentative upcoming meeting times and locations for the New Year:

**Executive Meeting Constitution Committee Executive Meeting Open General Meeting Executive Meeting Anniversary Dinner Easter Food Drives** 

**January 13th** The Well **January 20th** The Well February 10th The 519 **February 10th** The 519 March 9th **TBD** Location to be decided March 16th March 23-24 Locations to be decided

In Brotherhood

**Robert Jeyes, President** SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC



# CHAINED LINKS INTERIM VICEPRESIDENT S MESSAGE

Greetings to you all,
As the Board is still in transition, I
have been given the opportunity to
communicate with you once more.

As the year comes to a close, I look back at what the group and greater community has accomplished. Three successful fund raising events and the creation of a new event hosted by one of our sponsors. Gear Leather United Events (GLUE) was created to be a monthly gathering for any type of gear and I was part of the group that helped to launch this event.

In the coming year, I look forward to all the events that the community will hold and all the events that our new Directors will be creating in 2024.

Wishing you all the very best for 2024.

Charles Macphee
Interim Vice President
Director of Public Relations
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

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Pegasus On Church -November 25 and November 26, 2023 Photos by Ross S



Left: Kris J, Aharon T, Connor M, Charles M, John T, Robert J, Ross S and Scott L

# SPEARHEAD'S OYS FOR TOTS

Flash On Church - November 26, 2023

Right: Members Ron G, Joe P, Ross S, Rob J, Randy B with guest Morgan J



Woody's On Church - November 26, 2023 Photos by Ross S and Randy B.



THE PARTY



Above: Members Robert S, Gustavo M and Xavier T

# SPEARHEAD'S OYS FOR TOTS



Left: Members Robert S, Ross S, Gustavo M, and Xavier T

# SPEARHEAD'S TOYS FOR TOTS

# CHEQUE PRESENTED TO THE TERESA GROUP



Treasurer Ron Gullis and President Robert Jeyes with the Executive Director Rajesh Pisharody of The Teresa Group at The Well during SPEARHEAD's Executive Meeting on Dec 2, 2023

Photo by Ross S

### G.L.U.E. - GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENTS

(Special Edition in Support of SPEARHEAD'S Toys-For-Tots)

Photos by Ross S. and Randy B.



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 funds for the Toys-For-Tots Drive. Also thank you to Bootblack Bonito, Master R, Charles M and The Black Eagle for their contributions at this event.



Members at G.L.U.E.

In addition to Kris J. and Aharon T. pictured above,

left: Randy B, Charles M, Derek J and Ross S.

### BROTHERHOOD AWARD RECOMMENDATION

(Julio a.k.a. Bonito Bootblack)



Bonito Bootblack (Julio) has been very active in the leather and kink community. Bonito has been tirelessly servicing the boots and leather of patrons at various events including GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENTS (G.L.U.E.) at the Black Eagle; LEATHER LIVES at COCK Bar; ROUGH HOUSE at Spa Excess and Club 120; RAUNCH at COCK Bar; STEELTOWN LEATHER AND GEAR (SLAG) at The Well Hamilton; SPEARHEAD's 50th ANNIVERSARY MEET & GREET at Woody's; SPEARHEAD's 50th ANNIVERSARY BINGO at Pegasus; HOME TURF at The Black Eagle and much more.

With many satisfied patrons and thousand of dollars raised, ALL of the money from these events have been generously donated, by Bonito, to save lives through the charity Rainbow Railroad.

Please consider nominating Bonito (Julio) for this prestigious award.



Left:
Bonito Bootblack
(Julio) working
magic on the
boots and
leather of
Member Craig G.



# MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

As of the last week of December, we have 49 Full Members, 8 In-Active Members and 12 Affiliate Members. We are slowly getting up there.

By the time you read this most of the holidays will be over. Hope you all had a great time. I was in bed for 7 days recovering from the flu. It was also a bad time for a lot of us loosing loved ones and family. Here's to a better 2024.

I want to personally thank Ron and Charles for the wonderful work they have done for me.

Early in the new year we will be turning our attention to Membership Renewals. Look for them in your email inbox and return them early with your membership dues. 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.

Stay in good health and play safe.

Joseph Poirier Membership Director SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

### NEW FULL MEMBER

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



### **BACKPATCH PRESENTATION**



Treasurer Ron G, President Rob J and Elected Member of Membership Robert S present New Full Member Arthur H with a backpatch at the Well during the **Executive Board Meeting** on Dec 9, 2023.

Photo by Ross S



### SINCEREST CONDOLLENCES LUCA GASOLINE QUEEN (MSLT 2015)

Spearhead was shocked to hear about the passing of Ms. Leather Toronto (MsLT) 2015 Luca Gasoline queen.

Luca was a ground-breaking individual. She was the first transwoman to win the title of MsLT and the first transwoman to ever compete on the international stage at International Ms Leather. A true leader in raising trans awareness in the leather and kink community.

When members of Spearhead first met her, she was full of energy and always ready to lend a helping hand. She became a true friend to the club by helping us with our fundraising endeavors.

Spearhead sends our sincere condolences to her family, friends and anyone that knew her. She will be missed. RIP

Written by
President Rob J. and
Member-At-Large Ross S.
Photos by Ross S & John T.



The Well Toronto – December 9, 2023 Photos by Ross S.





The Well Toronto shows it's hospitality.

# SPEARHEAD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY





The Well Toronto December 9, 2023 Photos by Ross S



Left: Members
Aharon T,
Derek J, Kris J,
John T and
Scott L

# SPEARHEAD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Right: Members Randy B, Ron G, Rob J, Charles M and Arthur H



The Well Toronto December 9, 2023 Photos by Ross S



Left: Guest with Members Robert J, Tim H, Robert S, and Kevin L.

# SPEARHEAD'S CHRISTMAS PARI

Right: Guest with Members James G and Craig G



The Well Toronto - December 9, 2023 Photos by Ross S.



Above: Member Kevin L, Guest Morgan J and Member Robert J



Above: Members John T, Ross S and Scott L

## SPEARHEAD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Left: Members Ross S, Xavier T, Gustavo M, Michael H and Connor M

### CHRISTMAS RIDDLES

Q: What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs?

A: Anything you want... He can't hear you.

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Q: What athlete is warmest in winter?

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A: A long jumper!

Q: Why did the turkey join the band?

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A: Because it had the drumsticks!

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Q: What do you get if you cross a bell with a skunk?

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A: Jingle Smells!

Q: What do you call a broke santa?

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A: It's Saint-NICKEL-LESS

Christmas One Liner:

I was looking out of the window this morning and said to my wife "It looks like rain dear."

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Q: Why does Santa go down the chimney on Christmas Eve?

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A: Because it 'soots' him!

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Christmas One Liner:

Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.

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Q: What song do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

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A: Freeze a jolly good fellow!

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Christmas One Liner:

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Two snowmen in a field, one turned to the other and said "I don't know about you but I can smell carrots."!

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## SPEARHEAD LEATHER/DENIM SOCIAL CLUB (TORONTO) INC.

**December 15, 2023** 

**Dear SPEARHEAD Member:** 

Re: SPEARHEAD Brotherhood Award 2024

The Board of Directors invites your participation in the determination of the Spearhead Brotherhood Award for the year 2024. 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 54th Anniversary Dinner March 16, 2024.



#### 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 1st, 2024 @ 11:59 p.m.
All Nomination Forms must be received by January 19th, 2024. @ 11:59 p.m.

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

Voting will take place electronicaly

February 12th 2024 @ 11:59 p.m. until February 29th, 2024 @ 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 54th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday March 16, 2024.

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#### **SPEARHEAD BROTHERHOOD AWARD - 2024**

#### **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 GERNON(post humous)	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	(not awarded)	
2017	BRUCE SLATER	Member
2018	JOHN THOMPSON	Member
2019	MIKE HART	Member
2020	TOM PEARCE	Member
2021	(not awarded)	
2022	(not awarded)	
2023	(not awarded)	
Past recipients are not eligible to be nominated		

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#### THE SPEARHEAD BROTHERHOOD AWARD 2024 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 ourAffiliation 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.

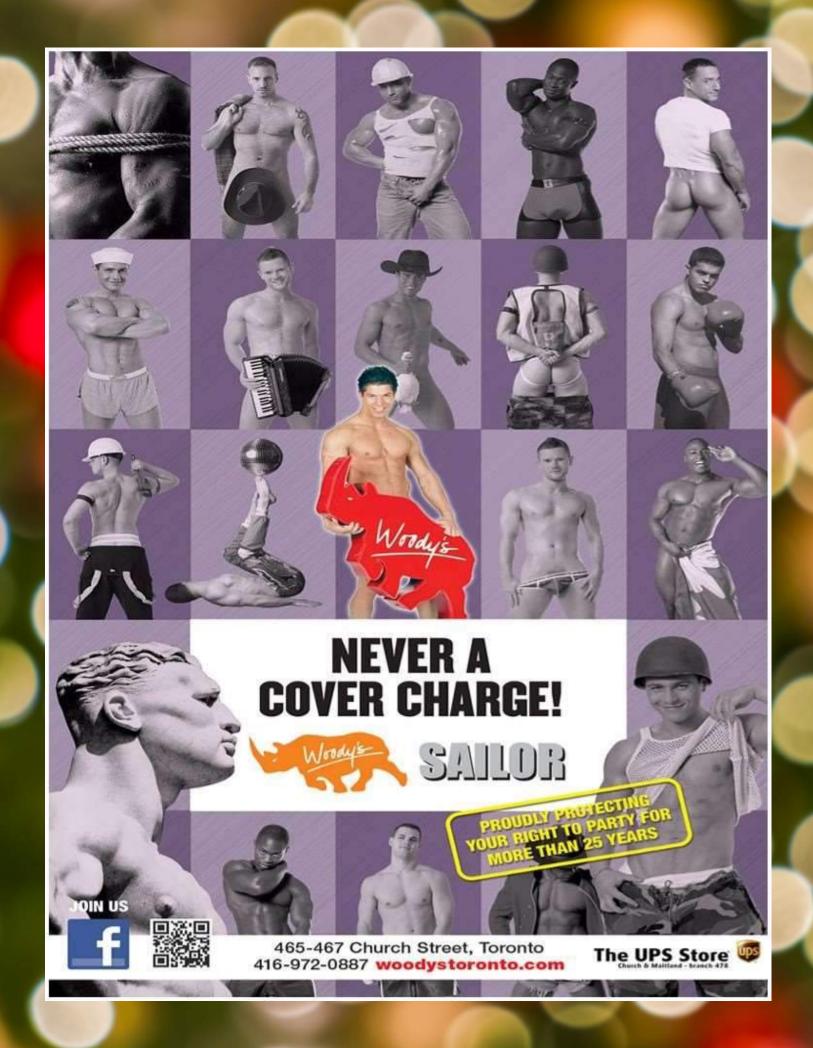
This year we will also be nominating a Charity of Choice for 2024 - 2025 year.

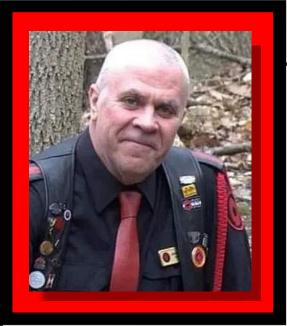
Past Charities have included: PWA - The Teresa Group - Rainbow Railroad 
Red Door Shelter - WoodGreen - Guide Dogs of Canada - Progress Place - etc.

Please give serious thought to who you feel would qualify for this prestigious award.

Who would most benefit as our Charity of Choice

The Board of Directors 2024 - Spearhead LDSC, Toronto





John Thompson, Archivist SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

### SUPER BAT SIGNALS:

ARCHIVISTS MESSAGE



Scott Leroux, Archivist SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

#### Archives

Thanks goes out to Kevin R., Joe P., and Ross S. for rounding up some of the much needed magazines that we need for our collection. Together they were able to convince members to part with their copies and drive to them to collect them, which gave us another 17 toward our goal of procuring all (give or take) 314 issues. This will be our final shout out for copies of the Magazine. So, if you know anyone that may have what we are looking for ..... Please ask them on our behalf. 288 and counting.



### Missing Paper Copies:

#'s 92, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 105, 106, 107, 113, 115, 118 and 119.

1990 - Dec, Feb, April, July and October

2005 - Volume 35 - Issue # 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

2008 - Volume 38 - Issue # 6

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2010 - Volume 40 - Issue # 6

2011 - Volume 41 - Issue # 6

2013 - Volume 43 - Issue # 3 and # 4

Q17 - Volume 47 - Issue #6

### ARCHIVES ON DISPLAY





Archivists Scott L and John T display some of the Archives and The Brotherhood Award at The Well during SPEARHEAD's Christmas Party on December 9, 2023.

Photo by Ross S

Scott and myself will start doing a different mini archival display at all the OGM's and the AGM's moving forward, so if you would like to see what Archives is up to come out to the meetings and bring your questions about the History of Spearhead.



# ARCHIVE DONATION TO THE CITY OF TORONTO



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 25, 2023

To: Spearhead Leather/Denim Social Club (Toronto) Inc.

473 Church Street

Suite 231 Toronto, ON M4Y 2C5

From: Michele Dale

Supervisor, Collection Management and Standards

Reference: Deed of Gift -

Between: City of Toronto and Spearhead Leather/Denim Social Club (Toronto)

Inc.

Enclosed please find one fully executed original of the above-noted agreement, dated October 25,

2023.

Thank you,

Michele Dale

Enclosure

Dear John,

I want to thank you and Scott for the amazing job organization you undertook. You have made our processing job so much lasier!

Please also express our appreciation and gratifule to the members of the Spearhead Club. The records of the Club are an important and most welcome addition to our holdings. Thank you for supporting our municipal heritage with your traction.

With my best wishes, Michele Dale

on the next page.

Uctober 25, 2023

#### **DEED OF GIFT**

This Deed of Gift is made as of the 25th day of October, 2023 B E T W E E N:

#### SPEARHEAD LEATHER/DENIM SOCIAL CLUB (TORONTO) INC.

(the "Donor")

- and -

#### City of Toronto

(the "City")

WHEREAS the Donor is the owner of certain records which are described in Schedule A attached to this Deed of Gift (the "Records") and desires to give said Records to the City;

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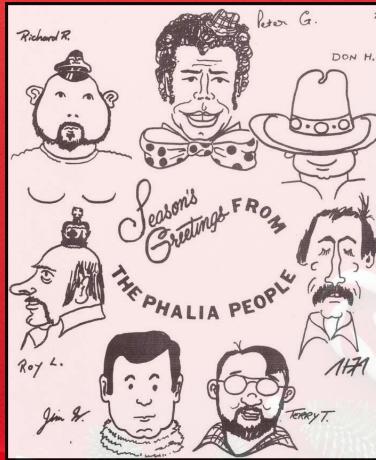




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## j.j.'s preamble

As this is the last time, I will be doing this column, well, at least for the moment, I think, it's a good time to think back, on the progress of PHALIA, from a 3 page newsletter, printed hastily, and not too well by kind favour of many Companies, quite unknown to themselves! - to the sophi-

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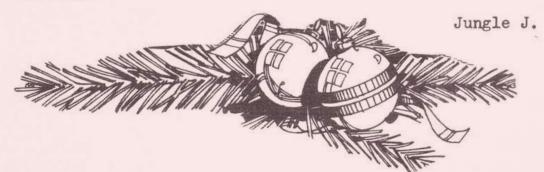
### FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Reprint of Phalia's Santa Issue 1977 Continued

We have never claimed perfection, but have jealously guarded our rights to decent copy, and respected journalism....this is after all, the most you can do...and in so doing, fulfil the expectations of the membership.

Think well my friends, to your next Board of Directors - we are at the eighth hurdle - don't let the 'seven year itch' confuse your judgement, but rather choose strong, reliable members, who will not only 'do the job' but will be a credit to the Affiliation, and ultimately to yourself.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all those who have helped with PHALIA, over the years - too many to thank personally...a very Merry Christmas, and a bright and prosperous New Year to all of you - a year of new faces, bright ideas and thoughts, and more forward thinking!



## LETS CELEBRATE .....

SPEARHEAD'S EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

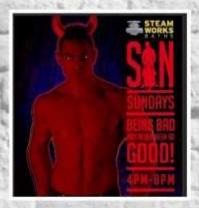
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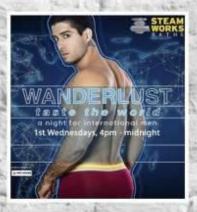
Your Operations Committee will announce details shortly!



### Join us for these monthly events



































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# UNIFORMED INFORMATION MESSAGE FROM THE RECORDING SECRETARY

At this time of year, we all come together to greet each other and say hello with a coffee or a lunch. How many popular Christmas songs express those feelings over the years? Christmas is also a time to reflect on the past and look forward to a wonderful new year.

2023 SPEARHEAD has had several events; Anniversary Dinner, Meet & Greets, Daddy Next Door (In Support of SPEARHEAD Fundraisers) and Christmas Party. Our Food and Toys-For-Tots Drives have been successful in the aid of those that need it the most. If you look at the photos in our Phalias you can see all of them.

John and Scott have done a great job looking after our archives and no small job to say the least. Randy, our new Publications Director has spent countless hours formulating our Phalia, A special word of thanks to Ron Gullis who looks after our finance records. We also do not want to forget Rob, Joe, Charles and the Constitution Committee (Aharon, Connor, Kris) for all their hard work as well.

I often wonder if our membership really understands what it takes to run an organization like ours. I hope people appreciate the hard work these individuals have done. I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas Holiday season and all the best in the new year. Here are some of the tentative times and locations of upcoming meetings for the New Year:

Executive Meeting
Constitution Committee
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Open General Meeting
Executive Meeting
Anniversary Dinner
Easter Food Drives

Ross Stretton, Secretary SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

January 13th
January 20th
February 10th
February 10th
March 9th
March 16th
March 23-24

The Well 1pm
The Well 12pm noon
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# TURKEY VEGETABLE CHOWDER RECIPE PROVIDED BY SECRETARY ROSS STRETTON

#### **RECIPE INGREDIENTS:**

1 turkey carcass 10 cups cold water 1 tablespoon salt 1 whole onion, peeled & stuck with 5 cloves 1/2 cup celery leaves 1 bay leaf 6 slices bacon, chopped 2 carrots, peeled and sliced 2 onions, finely chopped 2 stalks celery, chopped 2 medium-size potatoes, peeled & cut into small cubes 1 can (16 oz) whole tomatoes, with juice 1 package (10 oz) frozen baby lima beans 1 package (10 oz) frozen corn 2 cups cooked turkey, chopped into bite-sized pieces 1 cup (1/2 pint) whipping cream 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper Freshly ground pepper to taste Chopped parsley for garnish



#### **RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:**

To make turkey stock, place the carcass on a cutting board and cut into pieces. Place the pieces in a soup pot with the water, salt, onion, celery leaves and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, lower the heat and simmer, covered, for 2 hours. Strain and set aside. Cook the bacon in a medium pan until crisp. Remove and drain.

Bring the stock to a boil and add the bacon, carrots, onions, celery and potatoes. Simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are tender. Chop the tomatoes and add them with their juices, along with the lima beans, corn, and turkey, to the soup. Cook until heated through. Stir in the cream, cayenne and black pepper to taste. Serve in soup bowls garnished with the chopped parsley.

The soup may be refrigerated for a couple of days or frozen. Serves 6.

Enjoy this recipe.
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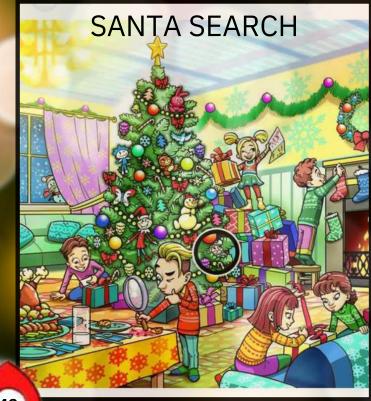




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Good Day Phalia Readers,

Thank you to everyone that submitted articles or photos for this special edition of Phalia. The deadline for the next issue will be February 3, 2024.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe holiday season. If possible, take this time to spend it with the ones that are closest to you.

Reach out to those that are not closest to you to let them know you are thinking about them.

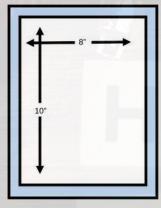
In a world of many conflicts and economic uncertainty we should do our best to help those out that need it. You never know if the last interaction that you have with someone maybe the last opportunity to see them.

Wishing you all health and prosperity in the New Year! All the best!

Randy Boyd
Director of Publications
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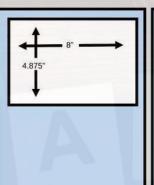
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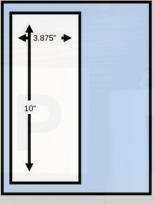


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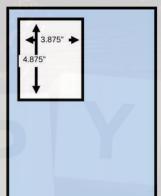
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