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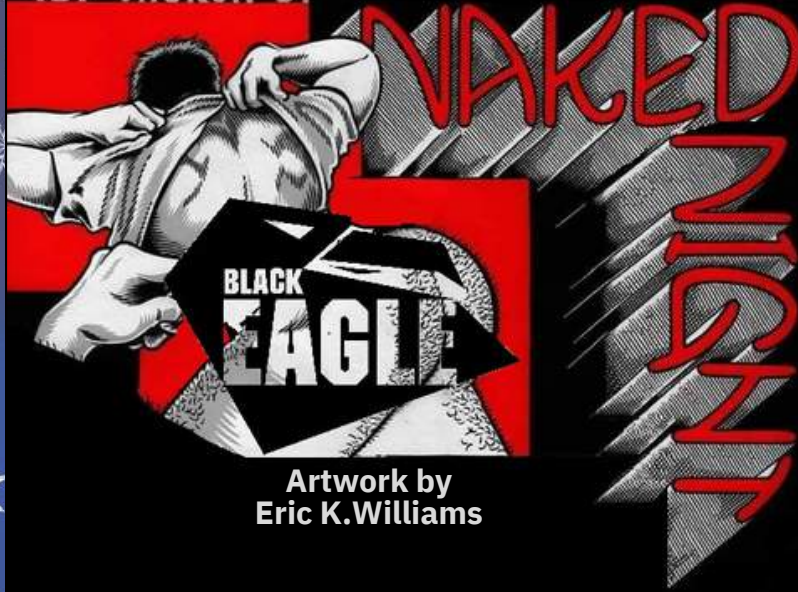
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## **KILTED KNOWLEDGE:** **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Hello Everyone,**

**I hope everyone had a good holiday season. The board has been busy with upcoming events.**

**Our anniversary dinner is fast approaching on March 16th at Cherie Bistro, more info coming from our VP. Also our Easter Food drive is coming up on March 23rd and 24th, we will be at Pegasus on both days and Woody's and Flash on the Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to help out, contact your President if you can help out. There is also a number other events in the planning stages. Stay tuned for updates as they come available.**

**I just got notification that Club 717 will be holding a celebration of life for our fallen brother Hardy Whitt. I will have timing for it at the OGM.**

**As for our constitution and bylaws there is a couple of clarifications that the board requested, when that is done, it will be sent out to membership, before I call a special meeting to go through it. When done we will have an electronic vote sent out to all members to ratify it.**

**Hope to see a lot of you at the OGM on the 10th.**

**In Brotherhood  
Robert Jeyes  
President**

**CERTIFICATE  
OF  
APPRECIATION  
FROM THE  
OTTAWA  
KNIGHTS:**

*November 24, 2023*

*Attention:*

*Robert Jeyes (President of Spearhead)*

*On behalf of the Ottawa Knights, Jean Plamondon and Tania Sickman we would like to thank you for your continued support during our events. Your presentation on competition bootblacking during the bootblack rally was intriguing and well received.*

*We look forward to seeing you and other members of Spearhead at future events.*

*Thank you:*

*Tania Sickman*

*Quartermaster for the Ottawa Knights*

*Project Manager for Canadian Bootblack Rally*

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**Ottawa Knights**

**President**

*Mike Laframboise*

**Ottawa Knights**

**Vice-President**

## **HOLA SERVED VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**Hello Spearhead Fam,  
My name is Daniel, but I am a person with many names, as I also go by Danny, Dan, Gustavo, Gus or Tavo, you can decide whichever you prefer. My pronouns are He/Him. I'll be the new Vice-President for Spearhead L.D.S.C. in 2024.**

**My community background was Mr Hola Platinum Title Holder 2016/2017 for Grupo Hola which represents the Toronto Latin Community. During my time with Grupo Hola I did lipsync performances for the groups fundraising.**

**I also possess many skills, and experiences that will help me through the year better serve the position which include being a Smart Serve Bartender and working for major venues in the city, such as AGO, ROM, RCM, Enercare Center, Queen's Park and many other esteemed venues throughout the GTA. I have covered significant events including, Canada Drag Race, TIFF, ROM After Dark, Grand Cru Wine Festival, National Bank Open (formerly Rogers Cup Tennis Tournament)**

**During 2024, I'm planning to maintain and expand Spearhead's beloved fundraisers(PWA Food Drive, Toys for Tots) but also add some new and exciting events for the group, including a membership drive. I'm looking forward to working along side all of you.**

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



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# BROTHERHOOD AWARD AND CHARITY OF CHOICE NOMINATION RESULTS

By John Thompson  
Nomination & Election Chair

Nominations for the Brotherhood Award went smoothly, and a total of 28 members or 60% of the membership participated by nominating for the award and charities of Choice for the year. We noticed a few abstentions and realized that the software doesn't by fault create a category for that. We will endeavor to include an ABSTAIN button moving forward.

Please find our Nomination Results as scrutinized by Treasurer Ron Gullis for the Brotherhood Award 2024 and Charity of Choice.  
(in alphabetical order)

## BROTHERHOOD AWARD:

Scott Leroux  
Charles MacPhee  
Tania Sickman

These 3 individuals received the most nominations and will be put forward to the membership for voting. The individual from these 3 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.

## CHARITIES OF CHOICE:

PWA Essential Food Market  
Rainbow Railroad  
The Teresa Group

These 3 charities received the most nominations and will be put forward to the membership for voting.

Voting will take place electronically  
February 12th 2024 @ 11:59pm until February 29th 2024 @ 11:59pm



# BROTHERHOOD AWARD NOMINEE

## **SCOTT LEROUX**

You may not have seen me, but for the last 15 years, I was always there showing my pride for Spearhead. My Husband, John Thompson, was the elected member to the Vice President 3 years running. He then became the Vice President for 6 Years. And of course, I was always there. I was his right-hand man helping, assisting, and volunteering at every Toy Drive, Food Drive, Puppies feeding People, Paint yer Burger, Anniversary Dinner, or The Boat Cruise. Whether assisting in set-up and tear down and volunteering at the events, or packaging the food and toys for delivery, I was always there.

I spent most of 2019 building and creating table centerpieces, signs, t-shirts, mugs, banners and slide shows for the "I Am Leather" 50th Anniversary. You may have never seen me, but I was there running around behind the scenes.

Currently I am part of the Nominations and Elections Chairs responsible for the 2024 nomination and election process. Most recently, I have spent the last 16 months as an Archivist, collating and cataloging 314 PHALIA issues and memorabilia to distribute around the world. SPEARHEAD now has a presence in the leather community and with the digitizing of over 10,000 pages will keep our legacy alive in no less than 5 world archives.

I wish to thank you from the bottom of my leather loving heart for all the nominations. You can always see me wearing my colors in Toronto, Montreal or Ottawa, and everyone knows me as the Superman of Spearhead.

My name is Scott Leroux # 96, and I am a humble yet proud Nominee for the 2024 Brotherhood Award.





# BROTHERHOOD AWARD NOMINEE

**CHARLES  
MACPHEE**

Greetings all,

I am honoured for the nomination for this award. Over the years, I have endeavoured to make the group and the greater community better with my participation with various community groups and all the events that we have had.

Since joining I have tried to attend each and every fundraiser or social event that Spearhead has held plus attend events hosted by Positive Toronto or The Imperial Court Of Toronto over the years.

I have also had the privilege of being Spearhead's Webmaster and participate with the Board of Directors in the capacities of Membership, Vice-President and most recently as the Interim Director of Operations. In that time, three accomplishments stand out for me. First, Our first Transgender member while I was the Director of Membership. The second, was being the volunteer coordinator for our 50th anniversary weekend. The last, being part of the creation of the Gear, Leather United Events (GLUE) being held at The Black Eagle on a monthly basis during my tenure as Vice-President. These events have lead to a steady increase in our membership from which other exciting events have been created like a BLUF (Breaches, Leather, Uniform Fan club) social event hosted by one of our newer members.

Each helped build bonds between individuals and other groups making the community stronger and more diverse. In the future, I will continue to make the community better by seeking out other groups and events in the years to come.

Thank you to those who put my name forward for this.

Yours,  
Charles Macphee





# BROTHERHOOD AWARD NOMINEE

**TANIA  
SICKMAN**

Greetings. Allow me to introduce myself, I am Tania Sickman, the first female President of the Ottawa Knights, LGTBQ2S all-inclusive Leather Club in Ottawa. I identify as a bisexual female, a puppy, and leather person.

Since joining the Ottawa Knights, I have participated in bootblack workshops, and Leather Chats and Crafts which is a new series of events created by myself and hosted by the Ottawa Knights, which is held at one of our stakeholders Wicked Wandas on Bank St, the first Sunday of every month. I have also volunteered and continue to do so by taking part in the planning, set up, tear down, presenter and competitions of Mr. Leather Ottawa / Ottawa Leather Weekend and the first Canadian Bootblack Rally which was held in 2023.

I have contributed to my Leather Club through volunteering for bar nights, food drives, toys for tots, but also by acting as the Quartermaster, replacing several items which went missing within our club, emotionally supporting my brothers and sisters when possible, and even creating a shield with our club logo for us. I also provide transportation for my club brothers and sisters when possible.

Monthly bar nights give me the opportunity to talk about leather and the joy it brings to my life, how finding respect and an accepting community has allowed me to thrive. It also gives me another opportunity to help my community by cleaning up in the bar, or greeting people as they come in, and working coat check.

I joined Spearhead Toronto as an affiliate member to not only support but also to increase the presence of those from the Ottawa Knights within our brother club. I enjoy participating in food drives in both Ottawa and Toronto, as well as toys for tots and hope to continue to raise funds for AIDS, Bruce House and KIND space going forward.

Thank you,  
Tania Sickman, Ottawa Knights President



# CHARITY OF CHOICE NOMINEE

## PEOPLE WITH AIDS FOUNDATION ESSENTIALS FOOD MARKET



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

# CHARITY OF CHOICE NOMINEE

## RAINBOW RAILROAD



**Rainbow Railroad is a global not-for-profit organization that helps at-risk LGBTQI+ people get to safety worldwide. Based in the USA and Canada, we're an organization that helps LGBTQI+ people facing persecution based on their sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics. In a time when there are more displaced people than ever, LGBTQI+ people are uniquely vulnerable due to systemic, state-enabled homophobia and transphobia. These factors either displace them in their own country or prevent them from escaping harm. As a result of Rainbow Railroad, more LGBTQI+ individuals can access lives free from persecution, and ultimately, we envision a world where they can live lives of their choosing.**

# CHARITY OF CHOICE NOMINEE

## THE TERESA GROUP



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# **DADDY NEXT DOOR** **- Durham Edition** **JAN 13 at Club 717**



**Thank you to everybody that came out for Daddy Next Door. You helped raise appropriately \$400 for SPEARHEAD. Special thanks to Daddy (Dwayne Minard) for keeping everyone dancing and the dancers: Tucker, Houghston Gold and Inked Cody. The next one at Club 717 in Oshawa will be March 9, 2024.**

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



**Members of Spearhead, this year will be our 54th Anniversary. Hard to believe that we have lasted this long but we have a group of members that work hard to continue our legacy.**

**We currently have 47 Full Members and 12 Affiliate Members.**

**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. We will be turning our attention to Membership renewals, these will be going out soon, 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).**

**Joseph Poirier  
Membership Director  
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto**



## **UNIFORMED INFORMATION**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

**Hello Phalia Readers,**

**A number of our Spearhead members attended Hardy Whitt's funeral in November and also a Celebration Of Life at The Legion in Oshawa on January 21. Hardy will be sadly missed and we think of Mike Childerhose at this time. Our President will have more information on a Celebration Of Life for Hardy, which will be held at Club 717 in Oshawa.**

**Our sincerest condolences to Tony Wojnowski on the passing of his niece and Terry Walpole on the passing of his sister.**

**A Celebration Of Life for Ms. Leather Toronto 2015, Luca Gasoline Queen is to be held at The Black Eagle Toronto, 457 Church Street on Sunday February 18, 3pm-7pm.**

**Ross Stretton,  
Member-At-Large  
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto**



## **INNOVATIVE IDEAS MESSAGE FROM THE WEBMASTER**

**My name is Arthur. I'm thrilled to announce that I've recently been voted in as the new webmaster for the Spearhead Leather Denim Club!**

**It's an honour to take on this role and contribute to the growth and modernization of our beloved community.**

**As we embark on this new chapter, I'm excited to bring fresh ideas and a passion for both tradition and innovation. Together, we'll not only celebrate the timeless appeal of leather and denim but also explore new ways to connect and share our enthusiasm.**

**Stay tuned for upcoming developments, and feel free to reach out with any suggestions or ideas you'd like to see implemented. Let's make the Spearhead Leather Denim Club's journey into the future a collective and memorable one!**

**Warm regards,**

**Arthur Hall  
Webmaster  
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto**



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**John Thompson, Archivist  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**

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



**Scott Leroux, Archivist  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**

## **ARCHIVES ON DISPLAY**



**Left:  
Archivists Scott L.  
and John T. display  
some of the  
Archives 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.*



# FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Reprint of Phalia Issue 53, 1980

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## PLAIN TALK

FROM THE PRESIDENT.....J~P

In my last article, I was stressing the importance of membership involvement in the various functions of the Affiliation. I was trying to get across the message that the SPEARHEAD IDENTITY seems to be tied in very closely to the work put out by many members. It is a well-known fact to us and the gay community at large that anything we do, we do very well. And this is due to the fact that we do get involved and we let nothing to chance.

It is not because someone is elected or appointed to a position that we can say to ourselves that we have nothing to do...we can't sit by satisfied that all is being looked after by those in charge.

I've often heard members say that they have offered to help but their help was turned down repeatedly and, as a result of this, they simply never volunteered again. This situation has been brought to the attention of the Board and we will endeavor to correct it.

I know too well that those in charge feel comfortable to take on a lot of work and choose to do so because they feel that the work will be done quickly and efficiently. That is the wrong attitude to take. We must see to it that those who offer their help are in fact showing their true colours as SPEARHEAD MEMBERS and because of it they should never be turned down. Nothing is that complicated to do and when someone volunteers, the offer should be accepted.

I am of the school of thought that "work makes the man" - and work makes a SPEARHEAD MEMBER. In the months to come, there will be a lot of opportunity to help somewhere and bear in mind that you will get more satisfaction of being identified as a SPEARHEAD MEMBER BECAUSE OF THE WORK YOU GET INVOLVED IN.

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS!



# FROM THE ARCHIVES:

## Reprint of Phalia Issue 62, 1982

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### 'PRESIDENTIAL BULL'

1982

A column in the last issue of Tread (the publication of Wheels M.C.) struck a chord. Norm, President of Wheels, questioned the amount of time a man should devote to his club. He told of having two club bar nights, one interclub Sunday bar afternoon, and officers meeting, a general meeting and a club party to attend in one week. Thank god that we are not under that pressure. However, when it is all added up, there are a few people who devote a staggering amount of their time to Spearhead.

At press time we had 73 in-town members. About 25 of those seem to be at every bar night, meeting and function, and are willing to help. There are men who took on the responsibilities of Board or Committee positions and were well aware of the hard job in front of them. To the rest I say, being a member is not quite enough. In wearing the colours, each member makes a commitment to the future of the affiliation. Help, however little is appreciated and will take some of the pressure off the Board and Committee members, and you will be making a positive contribution to the future of Spearhead and to the spirit of brotherhood for which it stands.

Talking of brotherhood, Tribe did it again. Do-A-Fool 82 was in keeping with the long tradition of

Tribe runs — good food, plentiful booze and a great feeling of brotherhood. The men of Tribe put their best efforts into entertainin their brothers and succeeded. On the Sunday evening after the run, Dean and I had dinner with a few of the Tribe guys who were still alive and they were already planning next year's festivities. We owe our thanks to some of our out of town members for their help with our Bar Night at the IC before the run and with our dangerous open bar after the banquet. Due to some "mileage points" from George S. of San Francisco, Spearhead was awarded second place participation as well as an appreciation plaque.

Our Operations Committee has been planning Round-Up for some time. They will need all the help that we can give them, so if you plan on going to the run you can expect to have your name on the duty roster. There are enough of us so that each member need devote only an hour or two to "work."

There seems to be a renewed interest in Spearhead. More people out in colours, more guys at Bar Nights. Now we need your help, both work and input — so keep those cards and letters coming and we will really have an Affiliation of which to be proud.

### BROTHERHOOD, A PERSONAL VIEW

Over the last few months a lot of discussion has gone on concerning the lost brotherhood within Spearhead and I have tried to give the matter some serious thought.

My conclusion is that brotherhood within Spearhead may well be seriously if not terminally ill. I say within Spearhead purposely because I do not think that brotherhood outside of Spearhead is dying. We still feel that same way towards others, witness the Tribe Bar Night and the Trident Weekend. At Round-Up every year brotherhood flows with abandon and some of it rubs off on fellow members as we all have such a wonderful time.

It is so easy to show brotherhood to someone from out of town. Does this mean that we do not have to show brotherhood for people from our own city and worst of all toward our fellow members. Why can't the spirit of Round-Up continue throughout the year. Brotherhood within Spearhead and Toronto must not die for when it does Spearhead dies.

We of Spearhead have had a good history of doing things well and I think that at times we have gotten big-headed and think that we are better than

others. Well, in my opinion, the reason that we have been successful in the past is because of brotherhood within Spearhead that permitted us to work together and succeed. The current joke?? (I question calling it a joke because it is too true) "Have you heard about the new Spearhead matches?" "Only twenty of them work!!!"

We are not all working in unison any more. We certainly run enough functions during the year that we could all get involved to make them something special again. The working together helps us to get to know each other, the planning of special events can go on for several months and develops brotherhood outside of the bar scene. Some of our members we only see at the bar or at a function when we are all having a good time and involved in the event. Working together we will get to know each other and you may well discover that you have hidden talents that the affiliation can use to your advantage.

I think that it is time for us all to sit down and ask ourselves the following question "Why did I join Spearhead?". I think that if we all honestly review why we joined Spearhead, what we want from

Continued below...

Spearhead and what we want to contribute to Spearhead and do it not in a rhetorical manner, we will wake up in time to see that Spearhead is recovering quite nicely from that near terminal illness. The next time you see a fellow member and

say: "What's new?" — really mean it. He may well need that little bit of your time to talk to a brother.

PAUL MACFARLANE



# FROM THE ARCHIVES:

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## A Resignation

When I joined Spearhead almost five years ago, it was an organization on the move. It was exciting to be part of what was going on. It had a purpose and filled a great need within the community.

Times have changed — Spearhead hasn't. I think the organization is mired in the mid-seventies and has not kept pace with the rest of the community. To a very large extent, our membership has outgrown the need for Spearhead. The pride of being in the forefront is gone.

I'd like to say that I still want to be a part of the group. I'm not sure that I do. For those and other more personal reasons, I resigned as Membership Director at the June Board Meeting. It wasn't an easy decision.

To the new Director, Phil Strauss, best wishes and good luck. To the committee and previous committees, thanks.

*Bob McLeod*

## A note from your new Membership Director:

First I wish to take this opportunity in thanking my predecessor, Bob McLeod, for all the work he has done. Until one gets involved in a job like this, one doesn't have an appreciation for the amount of work that is entailed.

I also want to thank you all in having the confidence in me in making me your new membership director. I do not take this position lightly. I wish to introduce the other members of the committee to you: Brian Kitzul, Don Wilkins, Jerome Kendall, and Hank Hoos. Without their enthusiasm, help, and great ideas, my job would be impossible. As a team, we can accomplish much.

At our first meeting on July 6, we set aggressive goals for ourselves to achieve. The committee showed great enthusiasm in pursuing new thoughts and ideas. We ask all the members help in achieving them.

If any member knows anyone who would make a good member and who has showed interest in joining, please let one of us know. We wish to

follow up this interest by showing that individual that we are interested in them. In the past we as a committee sensed that members were afraid to admit that we wanted new members. Well, THIS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, DOES! We would like to see a minimum of 25 new, good members for 1984-1985. We feel that this is a realistic figure for us to reach for.

Our membership now stands at 56, the latest addition being Raymond Yeaton, of Rochester, N.Y., who was given his colours at the last General Meeting on July 13. Let us all make him feel welcome.

Please, help us to again make Spearhead a leader in our Community. We need all of your help to do so. One small way is to never speak ill of another member. If we can't speak well of a fellow brother, lets keep the comment to ourselves.

*Phil Strauss*  
Membership Director

*"A friend at hand is better than a far off relative"*

*"When ill is being spoken about a friend,  
listen as though it is being said about you"*

*"God protect me from my friends, because  
I know who my enemies are"*

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## **BUFFED BOOTS**

**MESSAGE FROM  
TANIA SICKMAN,  
OTTAWA KNIGHTS  
PRESIDENT**

**Greetings Readers,**

**Our new board for 2024 consists of**

**Tania Sickman- President  
Richard Hubley- Vice President  
Marcel Forget - Treasurer  
Wayne Larocque - Secretary**



**We have monthly bar nights at T's Pub. On February 10, 2024, it includes bootblacking by Mike Laframboise and Jean Plamondon**

**Our next monthly brunch will be on February 18th at the Royal Oak**

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

**Have a wonderful day**

**Tania Sickman- President  
Ottawa Knights**



# LEATHER CRAFTS AND CHATS SCHEDULE

## OTTAWA KNIGHTS

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

From 1pm to 4pm

Bring your own supplies  
(otherwise attending is free)

Feb 4 2024

LEATHER CHAT

what is Leather, is it for me, I don't wear Leather am I still Leather?

Mar 3 2024

LEATHER CRAFTS

Create and icon (shoe, bear, pup, knight, shield etc) related to the leather/lgbq2s community

Apr 7 2024

LEATHER CHAT

Bootblacking 101 (bring your leather)

May 5 2024

LEATHER CRAFTS

Let's make arm bracers

Jun 2 2024

LEATHER CHAT

NO WORKSHOP ENJOY SUMMER



# RUMBLINGS' ELECTIONS 2024

PROVIDED BY CHAZ A.  
EMPIRE CITY MC

## 2024 OFFICERS ELECTED

Empire City MC presents their officers for 2024, their 60th Anniversary Year!

Officer	Office Holder
President	Gary P.
Vice President & Road Captain	Chaz A.
Secretary	Erik R.
Treasurer	Lewis K.

**Congratulations to the new and returning officers!**

**All ECMC events can be seen on the club calendar at  
<http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>**

**All back-issues of Rumbblings can be seen online at  
<http://EmpireCityMC.com/newsletter>**

**Talk with ECMC on MeWe at <https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc>**

**Please submit articles for ECMC's newsletter and  
your club's events to be added to our calendar!  
E-mail them to: [newsletter@EmpireCityMC.com](mailto:newsletter@EmpireCityMC.com)**

# WINTER WORDSEARCH

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REIGN 37: THE COURT OF TURTLE ISLAND, THE HOUSE OF SHOWGIRLS, LEATHER AND KILTED MEN  
(SINCERITY, LAUGHTER, KINDNESS & MENTORSHIP)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY, 25<sup>TH</sup>

TICOT DRAG

Brunch

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
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# LETTER OF THANKS FROM PWA



**PWA**

200 Gerrard Street East, 2nd Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5A 2E6  
Tel: 416 506-1400 Fax: 416 506-1404  
[www.pwatoronto.org](http://www.pwatoronto.org)  
Charitable Registration #13111 3151 RR0001

November 30, 2023

Spearhead LDSC  
473 Church St, Suite 231  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4Y 2C5

Dear Spearhead LDSC,

This letter is to confirm your donation of \$1,555.00 was received with gratitude on 2023-11-23. Enclosed you will find your tax receipt for this gift.

The Mission of PWA would not be possible without the united support of individuals like yourself. Your contribution allows the community to be a beacon of hope for those living with HIV. The high cost of food, medication, and rent have a direct impact on everyone. Many of our community members are finding this time stressful as their financial resources are maxed to the limit.

This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PWA. The specific needs of our community members have evolved with the decades. However, the clarity of the mission has remained constant to be of service for the lives of people living with HIV in our community. We will not stop no matter the circumstance.

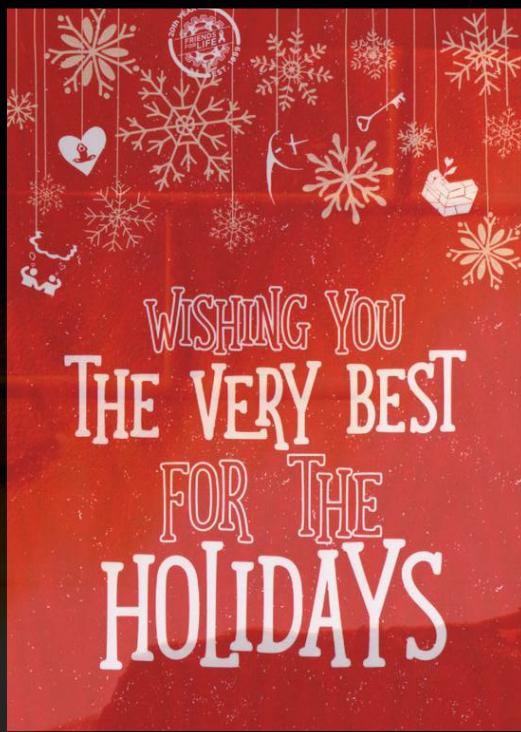
Thank You for elevating the PWA mission with your contribution. I look forward to expressing my gratitude to you in person. Until then, please know from my heart how thankful PWA is for you.

My very best,

Suzanne Paddock  
Executive Director PWA Toronto



# LETTER OF THANKS FROM PWA



To our dear friends at Spearhead,

THANK YOU for your unwavering generosity and commitment to our community. In the Family of HIV, it is often said that we take care of our own, and your support towards PWA's Essentials Market exemplifies this ethos.

From everyone at PWA, thank you and happy holidays!

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We are so grateful to have you in our lives.

Season's Greetings & Happy New Year from all of us at PWA.

We engage people living with HIV/AIDS in enhancing their health and well-being through practical and therapeutic support services and broader social change, and we inspire them to live into their dreams and discoveries.

[www.pwatoronto.org](http://www.pwatoronto.org)

# LETTER OF THANKS

## FROM PROGRESS PLACE



576 Church Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 2E3  
T: 416-323-0223 | F: 416-323-9843 | E: donor@progressplace.org | [progressplace.org](http://progressplace.org)

Ron Gullis  
Treasurer  
Spearhead Leather-Denim Social Club (Toronto) Inc.  
473 Church Street, Suite 231  
Toronto, ON M4Y 2C5

November 2, 2023

Dear Mr. Ron Gullis,

Thank you for Spearhead's continued generosity and ensuring Progress Place continues to be a place of belonging and a place to return, a place of being welcomed and of being welcomed back.

Your generous donation ensures that people living with mental illness will continue to have access to Progress Place's recovery-centered programs and supports. Through your gift, you are helping individuals who make Progress Place a part of their courageous and determined paths to recovery to stay out of hospitals, achieve recovery goals and contribute to the communities they live in.

On behalf of the entire Progress Place Community, I wish you warm thanks for your kind gift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Criss Habal-Brosek".

Criss Habal-Brosek  
Executive Director

*Dear Ron,  
Sincere thanks  
for your generous  
donation and  
ongoing support  
it is very much  
appreciated.  
Wishing you and the  
entire Spearhead Leather-Denim  
Social Club (Toronto) Inc. the  
very best in health and  
happiness in 2024!  
Warmly,  
Criss*

Dear Ron,  
Sincere thanks for your generous donation and ongoing support.  
It is very much appreciated. Wishing you and the entire  
Spearhead Leather Denim Social Club (Toronto) Inc. the very  
best in health and happiness in 2024!  
Warmly,  
Criss



## **CABBAGE SOUP RECIPE BY SECRETARY ROSS STRETTON**

### **RECIPE INGREDIENTS:**

**1 whole cabbage  
796ml can stewed tomatoes  
2 pounds lean ground beef  
1 large spanish onion  
4 sticks celery  
1 pinch of garlic salt  
1 pinch of salt  
1 pinch of pepper  
1 green pepper  
2 tbsp. cooking oil  
2 tbsp. white sugar  
1 tsp. paprika  
1 can tomato paste  
2 cubes of beef bouillon  
5 whole raw potatoes  
2 cups carrots  
8 cups of water**

### **RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Dice and slice the cabbage.  
Precook the ground beef to  
remove the grease.  
Chop up the celery sticks.  
Dice the green pepper.  
Dice the raw potatoes.  
Dice the carrots.**

**Mix all the ingredients and  
add to a large cooking pot  
with eight cups of water.  
Cook the mixture until it  
comes to a simmer. Freeze  
in containers until needed.**

**Enjoy this recipe.  
Ross**

# WINTER WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

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# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2024

- Mon Feb 12** **BROTHERHOOD & CHARITY VOTING BEGINS**  
- Voting by Members, contact [nomination@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:nomination@spearheadtoronto.com) for more info
- Sat Feb 17** **PUP ROMP - 3PM-7PM**  
- 3rd Sat of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)
- Sun Feb 18** **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LUCA MsLT 2015 - 3PM-7PM**  
- The Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)
- Sun Feb 18** **B.L.U.F.(BREECHES LEATHER UNIFORM FANCLUB) - 6PM-8:30PM**  
- The Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)
- Thurs Feb 22** **BAD DOG - 9PM-11:59PM**  
- 4th Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)
- Sun Feb 25** **TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:00PM-3PM**  
- The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for more info
- Fri Feb 29** **BROTHERHOOD & CHARITY VOTING ENDS**  
- Voting by Members, contact [nomination@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:nomination@spearheadtoronto.com) for more info

## MARCH 2024

- Tues March 5** **LEDGE (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**  
- Every first Tuesday of the month, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>
- Thurs March 7** **KINK101 - 9PM**  
- 1st Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)
- Sat March 9** **DADDY NEXT DOOR - 9PM**  
- Club 717, 727 Wilson Rd S. (Oshawa), <https://www.facebook.com/DaddyNxtDoor>
- Sun March 10** **TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM**  
- Flash on Church - 463 Church Street, [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for info.
- Thurs March 14** **G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENTS) - 7PM**  
- 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)
- Sat March 16** **54th ANNIVERSARY DINNER - 6PM COCKTAILS, 7PM DINNER**  
- Cherie Bistro, 538 Church Street, [www.spearheadtoronto.com/events.html](http://www.spearheadtoronto.com/events.html)
- March 23 - 24** **EASTER FOOD DRIVE - VARIOUS TIMES AND LOCATIONS**  
- [www.spearheadtoronto.com/events.html](http://www.spearheadtoronto.com/events.html) for more info.
- Sun Mar 31** **TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:00PM-3PM**  
- The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca) for more info

## APRIL 2024

- Tues April 2** **LEDGE (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**  
- Every first Tuesday of the month, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/>
- Thurs April 11** **G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENTS) - 7PM**  
- 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagletoronto.com](http://www.blackeagletoronto.com)
- Sun April 14** **TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM**  
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## **THE FINAL WORD: PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

**Good Day Phalia Readers!**

The New Year is looking promising with the addition of new Members to the Executive Committee. I'm looking forward to working with them for 2024.

Thank you to everyone that submitted an item for this edition of Phalia. The deadline for the next issue will be April 6, 2024.

Congratulations to all of the nominees for this year's Brotherhood Award and Charity of Choice. All of the nominees deserve the recognition and I would like to express my appreciation to them for their dedication to our community. For those Members that are eligible, please exercise your right to vote so your voice can be included in the selection process.

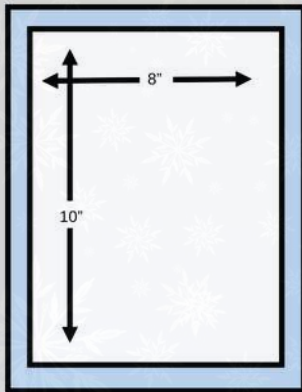
Our 54th Anniversary is just around the corner as well as the Easter Food Drive. I look forward to seeing you all there. As always your articles and/or photos are welcome and very much appreciated.

All the best!

Randy Boyd  
Director of Publications  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

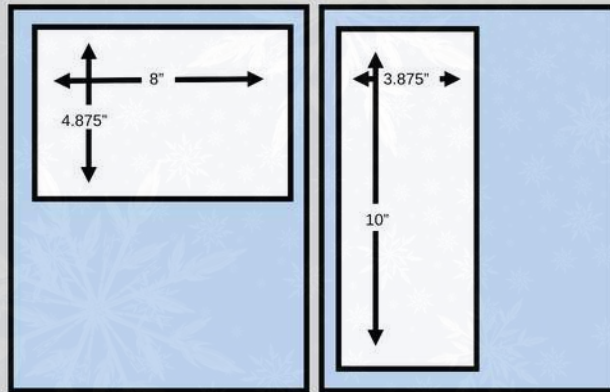
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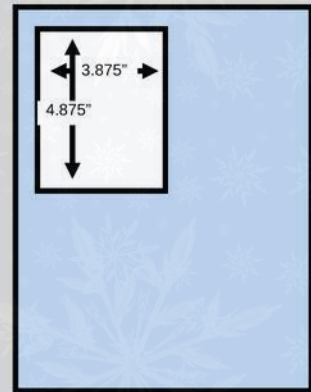
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