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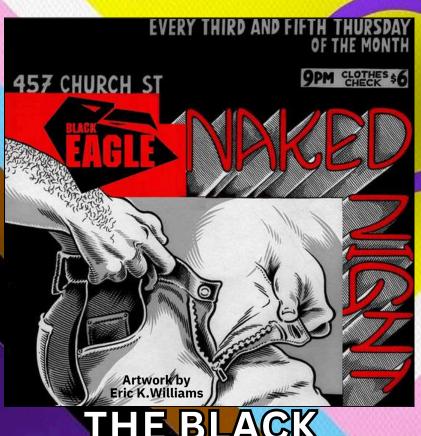
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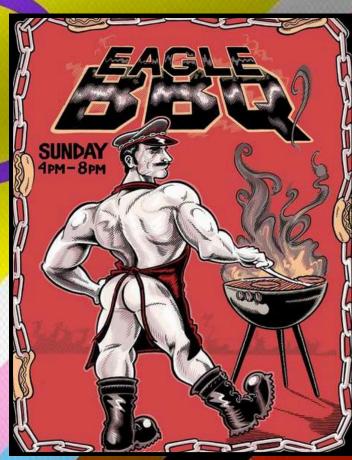
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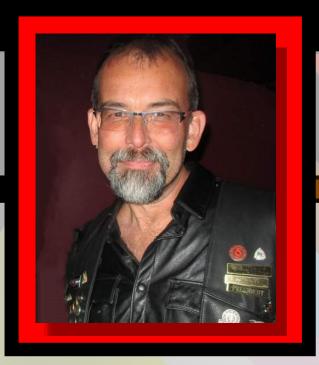
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KILTED KNOWLEDGE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Happy pride to everyone, hope everyone has fun this year. I won't be in the province for it as I have to finish up some family business in Prince Edward Island.

July is shaping up to be busy for the club, as we have a renamed paint yer Burger fundraiser on July 20th at cock bar from 1-5:30. See poster for details. I will be looking for a couple volunteers to assist that day, contact me if you can volunteer. On July 21st at Flash will be our Christmas in July bingo starting at 3pm. If you would like to help please contact me.

At the end of July 25th-28th we will be one of the sponsors for the Toronto Kennel Klub PACK weekend. See their website for more info. We will be supplying raffle prizes. https://pals.ticketspice.com/pack

PACK Weekend: \$65 Ticket includes:

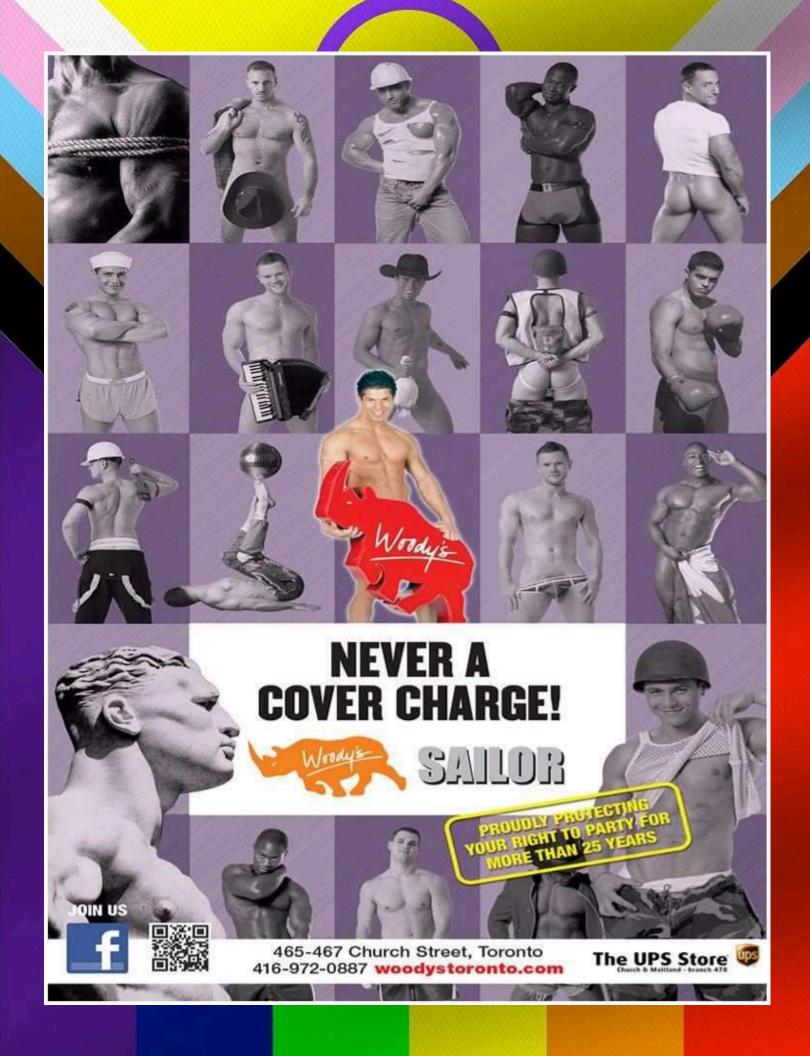
Access to all events: Hanlans Beach BBQ, Boat Cruise.

O'Grady's Brunch, Bad Dog Romp, Karaoke, Romp & BBQ at the Eagle

- Goodie bag of various items.
- Entry into the weekend grand prize (Human sizes dog bed)
- PACK Membership Card (10% off Men's Room for the year) (10% off at O'Grady's for the year) (10% off at the Drink for the year)



Stay tuned for more info about a possible fundraiser in August. Our next OGM is Saturday August 10 at The 519, 1-4PM. In Brotherhood **Robert Jeyes President** SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C. Toronto





HOLA SERMED VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Spearhead Fam, Pride Month is here, and it's time to celebrate!!!

I had the absolute blast at the Leather At The Disco event! The night was electric, the dancers were stunning (especially during their jaw-dropping shower number), and the drinks were topnotch! I can't wait to see even more of you at the next Leather At The Disco event—it's going to be epic!

A massive thank you to everyone who came out to brunch at Fran's. The food was mouth-watering, the service was fantastic, and the staff couldn't have been friendlier. Plus, the prices are unbeatable! If you haven't checked this gem out yet, do yourself a favor and go!

I'm beyond excited to announce our Person Of Spearhead title, and a huge congratulations to our interim titleholder, Xavier Thrace, who needs to be ratified at the August OGM. With your incredible experience, I know you're going to bring so much to Spearhead. Let's show Xavier our full support during the parade and march alongside him with pride. Spearhead will be joining the Leather contingency, and it's going to be a parade to remember!

For all the juicy details about the parade, see Kris' info on the following page. Wishing you all a fabulously fun and safe Pride Month! Let's make unforgettable memories!

Cheers,

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

MARCH WITH THE KINK PRIDE TORONTO CONTINGENT AT THE PRIDE PARADE

Spearhead Members are invited and welcome to march in this year's Pride Parade alongside the Toronto Kennel Klub, Pups & PALS, and other local leather- and kink-affiliated groups! Full details about the march, including when and where to meet, all of the parade rules, and other advice, are in an online Google Doc at https://bit.ly/Tokinkpride2024

The group will be meeting at Wellesley-Magill Park (125 Homewood Avenue, near Wellesley & Sherbourne) at 3:30PM on Sunday, June 30, and departing on foot for the parade at 4:15PM sharp. We'll take a group photo before we head off to the parade.

We are scheduled to start our march at 4:30 PM, and it takes about an hour to walk the parade route, which mostly runs along Yonge St from Bloor to Dundas. Expect delays, however - it's a very big event. The parade route runs along Yonge St from Bloor to Dundas, before heading West to Bay St and then South to Nathan Philipps Square.

Full info is in the online document, but here are some other important details for those interested in joining us:

Please feel free to wear full Spearhead uniform, or whatever gear you feel best represents you! Just remember that it may be a very hot day, with almost no shade along the route... so think carefully about going "full cow." Be sure to bring water and sunscreen!

Spearhead banners and flags are welcome, but we can't hand out materials to the crowd.

There is no parking set aside for parade marchers. Transit is strongly recommended. If arriving by transit, please use the subway and get off at Wellesley Station or (on line 1) or Sherbourne Station (on line 2). Avoid Yonge & Bloor station: it will be unbelievably busy with approx 3 million people coming to see the parade.

No matter how you travel to the meeting point, avoid crossing Yonge St from the West. There are many road closures along Yonge, Bloor, Bay, and Mt Pleasant Rd, and if you are driving you will have a very difficult time getting past Yonge to our meeting location.

All the best, Kris / Captain Spandex / Pup Krypto

55. Anniversary Pin Design Contest

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



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

Winner will recieve (1) Anniversary Dinner Ticket + Pin



Submission Deadline is July 31st 2024 Winner will be announced in August Phalia

Submit entries to vicepresident@spearheadtoronto.com







RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

1 cup of yellow cornmeal
½ cup of milk
½ cup of butter
½ cup of sugar
1 1/3 cup of cake flour
2 ½ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 egg
1 cup milk

JOHNNY CAKE RECIPE BY SECRETARY ROSS STRETTON

RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8 X 8 inch pan.

Combine cornmeal and ½ cup of milk and set aside.

Sift flour, baking powder & salt together

Stir together the egg and 1 cup of milk.

Cream butter and sugar.

Stir flour mixture and egg mixture alternately.

Blend in cornmeal mixture.

Spread into prepared 8 X 8 inch pan and bake for 40-45 minutes.

Serve hot with butter and maple syrup. Enjoy this recipe.

UNIFORMED INFORMATION MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBER-

Happy Pride Phalia readers,
A card was sent to Conrad G. as he was recovering from surgery.
A card was sent to Frank M. as he was recovering from a leg injury.

Our next OGM is Saturday August 10 at The 519, 1-4PM.

Ross Stretton, Secretary / Member-At-Large SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto



MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello Everyone! Happy Pride!
It looks like a good start to
summer. There are a lot of things
happening in the village. Today
there was the WNBR (World
Naked Bike Ride) and lots to see.

It was nice to see some of you at our recent meetings. Even though attempts were made to minimize the outside noise and music, it was difficult to hear some of the comments made at the meeting. Please be considerate to those speaking and do not interrupt them. Also please don't have side conversations which become very distracting.

Our Membership consists of the following: 46 Full Members, 5 Inactive Full Members, 7 Affiliate, 5 Inactive Affiliate.

Thank you to those that submitted their renewals. Please keep records of payments for Membership fees. If there is a discrepancy, these records can be used to verify the transaction. Please remember to include with your E-transfer: a note with your name and the reason for your funds.

Remember if you have any questions about your membership feel free to reach out to me at membership@spearheadtoronto.com.

Have a great summer!

Joseph Poirier
Membership Director
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto

SPEARIEAD Meat & Greet



April 27th 2024
Pool
Pizza
Raffle

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Photos by Michael H & Xavier

SPEARHEAD Meath & Greet



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Photo Left:
Members Randy,
John and Scott.
Guest Anthony.
Members Michael H,
Robert J and Daniel.
Members Charles,
Kris, Aharon, Ross,
Xavier and Arthur.



Photo Above: Member Charles



Photo Above: Member Robert J.



Photo Above: Member Arthur





Members Robert S, Charles, Xavier and Aharon. Members Michael H, Elaine, Daniel, **Robert J and Kris**

Fran's Restaurant & Bar



Photo by Ross



MESSAGE FROM THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Howdy/Woof, Happy Pride Month!

I'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who joined us at our Meat 'n' Greet on the sunny afternoon of April 27th. With free-flowing pizza and enticing raffle prizes, including a Pool Cue in Spearhead colors, the event was a roaring success! It was fantastic seeing everyone having a blast, and I'm already planning our next shindig for August.

Moving on to our Spearhead Brunch @ Frans held on May 18th – what a treat! The food was simply scrumptious, the prices were right, and the company was top-notch. It's no wonder we're considering a return visit sometime this July.

Mark your calendars for June 30th because Spearhead has scored an exclusive invite to march alongside the Leather Contingency, spearheaded by our very own Kris. All the details can be found in the latest Phalia. A huge shoutout to Kris for championing this cause within our leather community!

Keep your eyes peeled on our website for updates on the next 2 exciting events from Operations: Spearhead Brunch & Spearhead Meat 'n' Greet. Cheers,

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

David Cowan AKA Fiery Dragon Pup/ Fiery Dragon

Ah, my dear friends, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I share with you the news of Fiery Dragon Pup's passing. Oh, the memories flood back like a torrential downpour in the vineyard!

I remember encountering Fiery Dragon Pup during my illustrious title year of 2016. Such a charming creature he was, with a penchant for attention that rivaled even my own. He and his partner were stalwart supporters of Pups Feeding People, a cause close to my heart, I must say.

Those Tuesday nights at Dirty Bingo @ Pegasus on Church shall forever hold a special place in my memories. Fiery Dragon Pup, with his warm embrace and boundless kindness, made every gathering a delight. Never did he shun the company of others; instead, he embraced it with open arms, much like a spritz of musky cologne.

Alas, the pandemic brought with it the cancellation of our beloved Dirty Bingo, and the absence of pup events left a palpable void. Though I hadn't crossed paths with Fiery Dragon Pup in person, our conversations on the digital ether of Facebook Messenger were a comforting solace.

To think that his health took a turn for the worse fills my heart with sorrow. In times like these, when the specter of mortality looms large, I find solace in the belief that souls are reborn, like diamonds in the rough, awaiting their chance to shine anew. May his next incarnation be blessed with a brighter future and a longer sojourn upon this mortal coil.

His absence leaves a chasm in the tapestry of the Furry, Pup, and Leather communities—a chasm that shall be felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him. But let us take comfort in the thought that his spirit, like a flame, shall forever burn bright in our memories.





John Thompson, Archivist SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

SUPER EAT SIGNALS: FROM THE ARCHIVES



Scott Leroux, Archivist SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

Happy Pride Everyone, this happened while we were away on business in Montreal.

Our meeting with the Toronto City Archives was a huge success. We were able to secure June for the launch of Spearheads archives. They have created 6 social media posts to be used for Pride month. The City Social Media team are working with the material to prepare them to be posted. These are the dates and stages the information will be released to the public.

Spearhead – Tuesday June 4th (Instagram at 9AM & Twitter at 1PM)
Phalia – Tuesday June 11th (Instagram at 9AM & Twitter at 9AM)
Round-Up – Friday June 14th (Instagram at 9AM)
Toys for Tots – Tuesday June 18th (Instagram a 9AM)
Pride – Friday June 21st (Instagram at 9AM)
World Pride – Tuesday June 25th (Instagram at 9AM)

Further Twitter posts may be created from the material we provided them. We will share any updates that the social media team from the City may send our way. We will share them for future Phalia use.

This is huge for SPEARHEAD and should definitely put us on the world map. Bishopsgate in London England will be following suit, but not aware of the actual dates yet.

ASK THE ARCHIVISTS?

Hi, I am a member of Vancouver Men in Leather and attended the Rubout 2024 this weekend.

Rubout was awesome again this year, it's the longest running rubber event in North America and we had men from all over attend, about 200 in total.

There is a gear swap/sale, and I was able to purchase a leather vest with a bunch of pins on it.

As a former resident of Toronto (lived there most of my life before moving here, I recognized the Spearhead logo. One of the pins said "Mr. Round-up 2005 along with a 35th Anniversary pin.

My question is, do you know who the winner of Mr. Round-up was in 2005?

I attended Roundups myself and always enjoyed them, I would just like to know who won that year.

Thanks! In Leather Glenn P. a.k.a GunnySir



We were able to get a hold of these pins for the Archives and Glenn was compensated with an "I am Leather Pin" and mask, a Friendship Pin, a 50th Anniversary Pin and a World Pride Pin.

Thanks for the question, Glenn, and the Pin trade—The Archives now has a few more items that go towards a complete collect with your help.

Check out Glenns group in Vancouver at www.vancouvermeninleather.ca

Our answer to Glenn Pa.k.a. GunnySir -

Round-UP 2005 has come and gone but the memories of the 35 Run will be with us for some time to come. This year's crowd was very warm and fuzzy, and it didn't take us long to rekindle old friendships or strike up new ones (indeed lots of new ones!)

The Friday '70's theme and the "Village People" cocktail party brought out some wardrobes items that turned many heads. My powder blue outfit was no match for Jack's original "right out of the closet" leopard patterned polyester suit. A great outfit that really deserved to win the award for Best Theme Costume of the weekend. But hey Jack, surely you can update your wardrobe now!! Saturday's Games provided valuable entertainment for those eager to watch a group of mainly middle-aged drunken guys running across a volleyball court with glasses of water (mostly empty); racing to try and bust a balloon against a bench that wouldn't stay upright or dashing in high heels and boas trying to find another piece of clothing to put on to look good for the judges. A great way to spend the afternoon, unless of course you were one of the contestants who blew a heel in the sand. Saturday evening was topped off with a show masterfully written, produced, and directed by Michael Albano. Mr. North Forty and Mr. Round-UP contestants as well as Spearhead members participated in a hilarious rewrite of Spearhead history. Some would say that the highlight of the day on Sunday was (for the first time in the history of Round-UP) a fashion show featuring the finalists of the Mr. Round-Up and Mr. North Forty Contests. It was quite a sight as the contests strutted their stuff down the runway; first in "Boots and Boxers", then in the swimsuit competition and finally in evening wear. (Gene, I'm sorry that the swimsuit didn't fit. I'll re member next year that you are not an "extra large".) But let's give our Congratulations to this year's winners. Mr. Round-UP 2005 was Ottawa's very own Sean McDowell, and Spearhead brother Gene Harack won the Mr. North-Forty title. Thanks, and congratulations go to them and to all the contestants who participated in such a fun and brotherly manner.

The Sunday evening ended with a beautiful dinner and dance. What a wonderful way to end the weekend. My thanks to Operations Committee members Martin Roebuck and Frank Cuomo for all the hours of work they put into making the weekend what it was. (Sorry if I pushed you too hard during the year!); to Vern Reed-Olsen for coordinating the dining room activities; to Tony Wojnowski for helping to organize the lights, sound and music all weekend long; to Jack Mackness for all those room assignments and the beer, pop and water, to Allan Swait for coordinating the contests, and to Tom Lowe for driving the truck in holiday traffic.

Finally, to each and everyone one who volunteered during the weekend and contributed to making Round-UP 2005 by having a most enjoyable weekend. SEE YOU AT ROUND UP 2006!

Jim Shuparski, Director of Operations

From "The 35th Anniversary Summer" – A Phalia Retrospective 2005

The Big Winners in 2005!



Gene Harack - Mr. North Forty and Sean McDowell - Mr. Round Up 35 years and counting

- a history of ROUND UP. Every year, participants in ROUND UP become part of an organized social event that has existed longer than any other

in gay Canadian history.

Starting on Labour Day weekend in 1970 Spearhead has hosted a Round-Up Run for all but one of the last thirty-five years. Until 1977, Round Up was held in Toronto, with a mixture of city fun and out-of-town trips. Camp Northland is the seventh cottage country destination that the club has used since then. The first Mr. Round Up contest was held in 1971 and the first Mr. North Forty in 1983; now the longest and second longest running leather competitions in Canada. Cabin 4 and Cabin 4 1/2 have been popular institutions for decades, as have the afternoon games, Round Up Bucks, the fire pit, and the Formal Leather Dinner. The Saturday night shows have featured scores of talented writers, directors, dancers, singers, and actors over the years. Thousands of men since 1970 have experienced romance, enjoyed nature, had fun, and been imaginatively entertained. "Coming Together" in 2005 continued a fine fraternal tradition.



John Thompson, Archivist SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

SUPER EAT SIGNALS: FROM THE ARCHIVES



Scott Leroux, Archivist SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC

ARCHIVES ON DISPLAY: MEAT & GREET AT PEGASUS APRIL 27, 2024





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May 3, 2024

Dear SPEARHEAD Leather/Denim Social Club,

The Leather Archives & Museum of Chicago is built by and would not exist without the principal work of those community writers, journalists, photographers, secretaries, and archivists who have over the years dedicated their time and resources to documenting and saving the history of their leather, kink and fetish communities. SPEARHEAD's contributions to this cause, through Phalia and other archival projects, predates the founding of the Leather Archives & Museum by some twenty years.

We thank you for your donation of over 130 issues of Phalia, which have been cataloged in the LA&M library archives in Chicago. We are grateful to Archivist John Thompson's care in ensuring that the LA&M received a set of needed missing issues. They are now preserved in the LA&M collections and available to researchers and community members from around the world.

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EVERYTHING MAKES ME LAUGH (A Narrative in Six Parts)

"Gateway: Everything Makes Me Laugh
(A Narrative in Six Parts)
a work in progress" by Bruce Eves
with "Bruce Eves in Polari" a film by Peter Dudar

Inter/Access

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NE EVENING IN EARLY 2016 I was having a couple of beers at the Black Eagle. By complete coincidence it was also the evening of the Clinton/Trump debate. The wall mounted TV (normally muted and generally on an all-news channel) behind the bar was tuned into the live event to savour all the hollering. While not dis-interested, my attention quickly shifted to a pair of muted screens at the far end of the room that normally showed porn, however, that evening the right-hand screen was handed over to the debate while the abutting screen continued with heat of a different kind. The two candidates scowled and screamed at each other (in silence) while to their left two men were silently kissing hard and sucking deep, echoing in a bizarrely synchronistic way what was happening live right next door.

PING There's something here to think about!

This was the genesis of "Work # 1006: Everything Makes Me Laugh (a narrative in six parts)," and my thought process was triggered by Zero Mostel's recipe for comedy – tragedy plus time.

Begun, tentatively, a series of layouts for an imaginary magazine named ": A Journal of the Arts" in homage to Ed Sanders' mimeographed 'zine "F You, a magazine of the arts", published between 1962 and 1965. The pages of my modest venture offered disturbing and peculiar pairings, creepy certainties, salacious sight-gags with the occasional art history revelation. These juxtapositions were drawn from both the high and low (and even lower) and everything was fair game – right- and left-wing propaganda, gay pornography and its art history doppelgängers, bad fashion, myopic advertising, cartoons, and memes from over the course of the 20th century.

I suppose this body of work could be described as "camp", but not as defined by Susan Sontag's idiotic "Notes on Camp." Missing the truism that anger is at the root of camp, she simply got it all wrong. Because in her view, anything deemed overly decorative could be defined as "camp". Thus, one assumes Sontag would have designated a hot pink plexiglass and polished copper Donald Judd stack of boxes as "camp" - it's not; but watching Judd throw a hissy-fit over the classification most definitely would be. This fictional magazine project was abandoned, revived, abandoned, and revived again until my publishing fantasy went into, shall we say, imaginary receivership...While a few of the pairings that made up this project survived this imaginary downturn, they continue to reflect an accurate critique of current events (as I see them); and with the















world now completely spinning out of control many of these old juxtapositions are eerily prescient. There's only one reference to current affairs not couched in metaphor—a close-up shot of an internationally-recognized political figure

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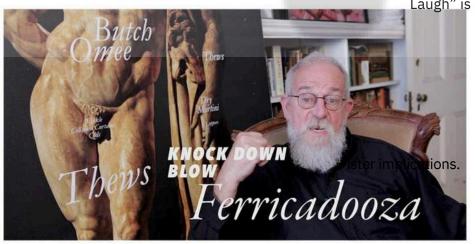
welling-up facing a photo of spilled milk. Not that there's anything wrong with crying — I cry all the time. It's not the frequency of his emotionalism that I question, it's the sincerity of his actions.

In many ways I have always viewed the (German) Dadaists as one of my forebearers – the snark, the polemics, the dark humour – and as artists it's helpful to look to the past for guidance to anticipate the dangers we face in an increasingly bipolar world (in every sense). The proposition explored in much

of my work is that it should be possible to be both hot and sweaty and critical and detached. It is desirable – exhilarating even – to question the givens of our cultural baggage while at the same time allowing ourselves to be wrapped in its brawny

arms. A commitment to art history, gay history, or my own personal history has been at the core of my work across the span of a forty-year career. From in- stitutional critiques to the reclamation of history, I've operated on several fronts and in my progres- sion through performance, curatorial, installation, archival, photo-based, and spoken word projects I've shown a body of work that exhibits a logical growth and development without falling into the trap of easy repetition. "Everything Makes Me Laugh" is an endeavour meant to be up-

lifting and entertaining – like watching the nightly news or following the trolls on Twitter (now X), but taken together the comic effects of these juxtapositions should be read as a parrative that insinuates sin-



ALSO ON THE BILL IS "BRUCE EVES IN POLARI", a film by Peter Dudar. "Bruce

Eves in Polari" is an intimate, up-close, and personal portrait of Bruce Eves, the 2018 winner of the Canada's Governor-General's Award in Visual and Media Arts - this country's highest honour. Eves' work has remarkable intrinsic value that engages key aspects of culture and history. His story began in Toronto's clique-riven avant-garde art scene in the mid-1970s. as a practicing artist and assistant Programming Director for CEAC (Centre for Experimental Art and Communication), among other activities Eves crafted socially-engaged performance art pieces that were shown in Canada, throughout Western and Eastern Europe, as well as the United States. This included a stint with Joseph Beuys' Free International University at Documenta 6 in Kassel, Germany. As such, he was at the forefront of putting ad-

vanced Canadian art on the map internationally.

Residing in New York City in the 1980s, Eves created and curated the International Gay History Archive at the point when the devastating AIDS epidemic threatened the loss of history for the gay community. It is now housed in the Rare Books and Manu-

script division of the New York Public Library. "Becoming Visible", an exhibition (and accompanying book) celebrating the 25th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, drew extensively from Eves' collection and is still to-date the most attended exhibition ever for the library, drawing over 100,000 visitors in four months. Described as a polymath, Eves' work evolved into photo-based and installation works. The varied use of coded language is a recurring theme in Eves' practice. A recent series of these works is based on Polari, an underground vocabulary used by gay men in early to mid-20th century London to evade harsh anti-gay laws while paradoxically affirming the identity of the subculture. Polari is referenced (often quite humorously) throughout

the film. Eves' frequent visual manifestations of coded language unflinchingly address political and personal issues in startlingly original ways for any and all viewers. And Eves' dialogue in the film, though sophisticated, is very entertaining, understandable, and blessedly free of jargon. "Bruce Eves in Polari" is witty, poignant, and unflinchingly honest. It is not your standard one-note bio. For anyone interested in a fresh approach to the culture and politics of the last half-century, this film is a must-see.

"Everything Makes Me Laugh (A Narrative in Six Parts)" was made possible with the support of the Canada Council for the Arts 'Explore and Create, Research and Creation' program. This portfolio and documentary film will be further adapted into a

multi-media immersive environment with a performance element drawn form my book of writings "Bruce Eves Dirty Queer" with the aim to tour the production to the major Pride celebrations within the community and those hosted by the major art museums across the country in 2025. The program at Inter/Access is a small preview of what's to

BRUCE EVES IN POLARI

come. (That is, if we make it that far . . .)

Bruce Eves has been a member of Spearhead since 2018. He was the club archivist from 2019-22 and was the curator of the (short-lived) "I Am Leather: The Spearhead Brotherhood – Our First Fifty Years. An Appreciation" exhibition hosted by the 519. As an artist, Eves was ranked 26th on the Alt-Power100 list of movers and shakers compiled by ArtLyst (UK). Eves involves himself with conceptually-driven photo-based projects and writing, and in the past his practice encompassed performative works and institutional critiques. Eves lives and works in Toronto and his website is www.bruceeves.net





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RUMBLINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS & RIDES

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It's Pride Month! Empire City MC has already been in 2 Pride Parades: Pittsburgh, PA and Washington, DC! It's nearly time for the cherry on the sundae, as New York City Pride steps off on Sunday, 30th June 2024! Empire City MC has a long-standing tradition of riding with with the Sirens MC (formerly Dykes on Bikes, NYC Chapter) in the NYC parade – and this year shall be no different.

The parade is at the end of the month, but there's still time to participate in the parade, as well as our 60th Annual Motorcycle Christening/Biker Gathering at Ty's Bar on Friday, 21st June, starting at 6pm – all are welcomed to hang with us and the bikers who come to get their bikes blessed and for new bikes, Christened by our chaplain! The next day will be our 60th annual Biker's Picnic, which is free for all who attend on a motorcycle (riders and passengers)!



Wed 19th Jun, 20:00 – 21:00: SOCIAL MEETING: a social teleconference the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcomed. Discussion on ride and event ideas, current events, other useful stuff. Enter with this link: https://bit.ly/ECMC-SocialFri 21th Jun, 18:00 - 21:00: EVENT: ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's Bar NYC, 114 Christopher St, New York, NY 10014 all are welcomed!

Sat 22th Jun, 09:00 - 17:00: RIDE: ECMC's 60th Annual Biker Picnic (Admission by motorcycle only!).

Sun 30th Jun, 10:00 - 15:00: RIDE: NYC 2024 Gay Pride March

Wed 3rd Jul, 20:00 - 21:00: OPEN GENERAL MEETING: https://bit.ly/ECMC-Meeting

Sat 6th Jul, 18:00 - 23:00: EVENT: ECMC Barnight in NYC

Sat 20th Jul – Sun 28th Jul: RIDE: ECMC's 60th Anniversary Week-Long Summer Ride. Planning phases.

Fri 11th Oct – Mon 14th Oct: EVENT: Empire City MC's 60th Anniversary Weekend in New York City, NY. Details coming!

REMEMBER: There are plenty of other events and rides added to our official calendar on a regular basis, especially day rides! http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com. Our physical mailing address: Empire City MC, 10 W 15th St, Suite 609, New York, NY 10011-6821. We're on social media at https://mewe.com/join/empirecitymc.

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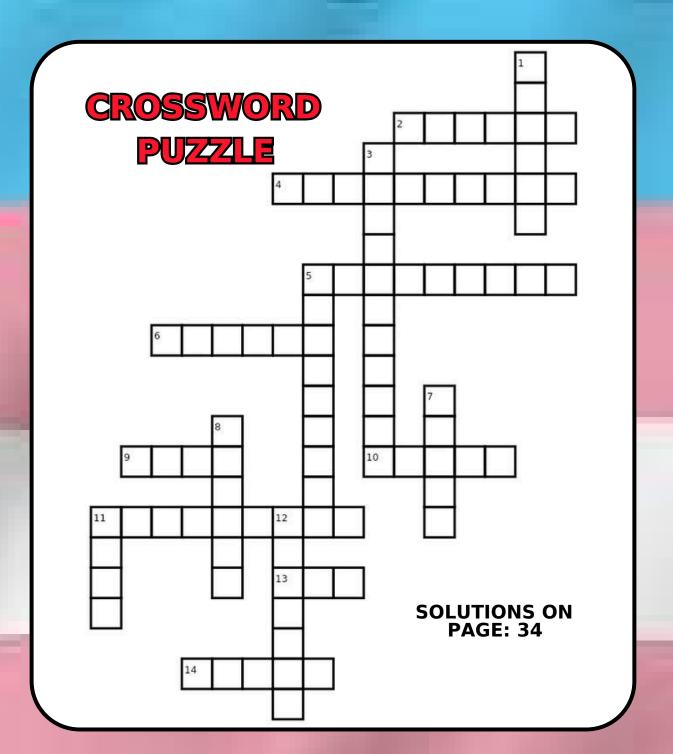
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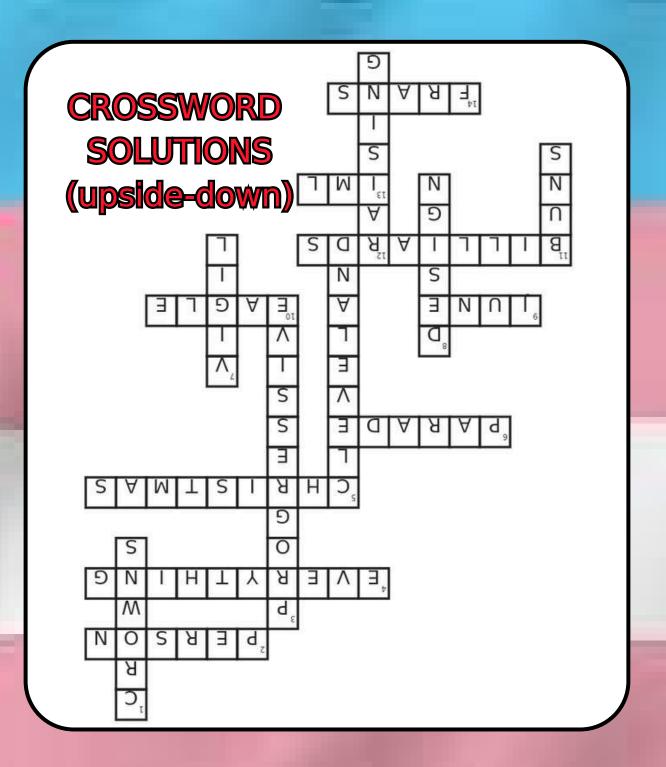
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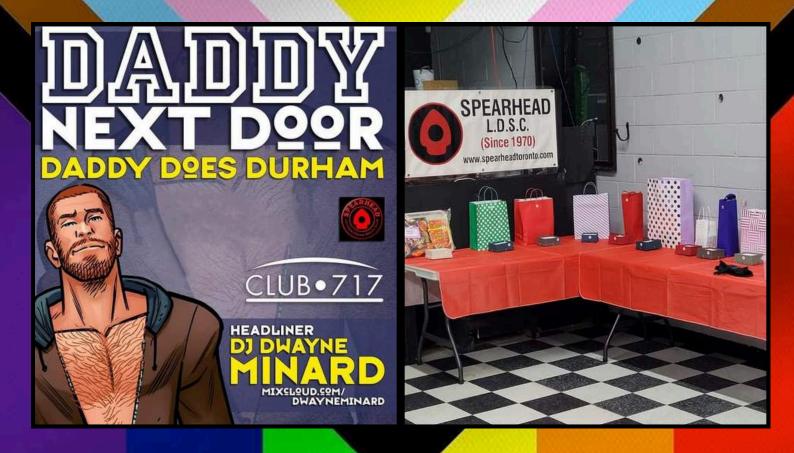
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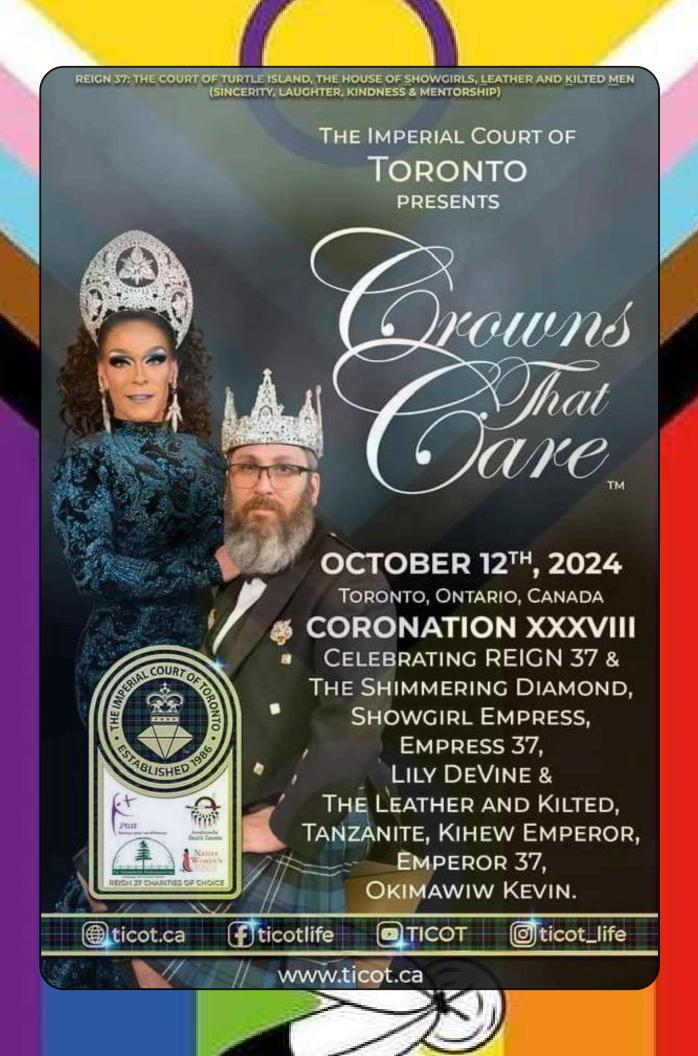
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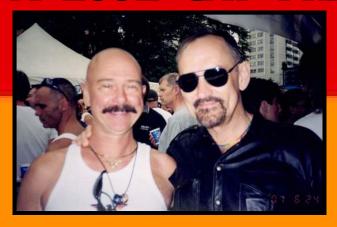
DADDY NEXT DOOR Durham Edition May 18 at Club 717



Thank you to everybody that came out for Daddy Next Door. You helped raise appropriately \$340 for SPEARHEAD. Special thanks to Daddy (Dwayne Minard) for keeping everyone dancing and the dancers: Tucker, Houghston Gold and Frekquensee. The next one at Club 717 in Oshawa will be July 13, 2024.



A 2001 GAY PRIDE RETROSPECT

















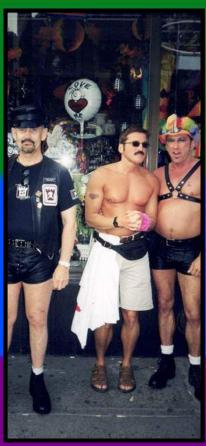
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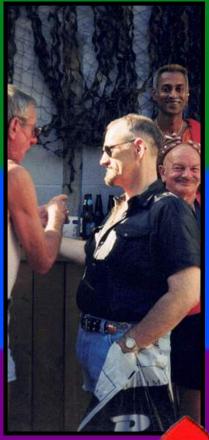












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HAPPY

8th ANNIVERSARY!





CLAW or Cleveland Leather Annual Weekend was held during the weekend of April 11–14, 2024 at the Bonvoy Hotel in downtown Cleveland. CLAW has reached the milestone of \$1,000,000 raised since it's inception.

CONGRATULATIONS!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

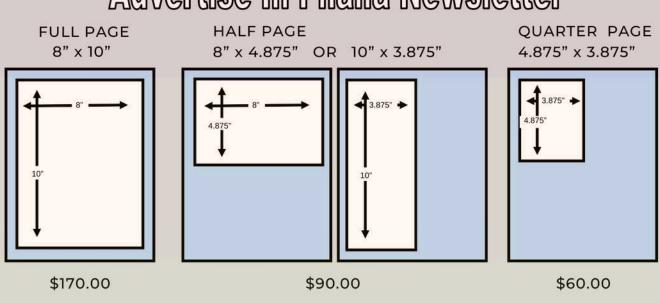
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Thurs June 13	G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT/GEAR SWAP - 7PM - Gear Swap drop-off @6:30pm, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., <u>Gear/Leather United Event</u>
Sat June 15	PUP ROMP HOSTED BY T.K.K - 3PM-7PM - Puppy play event, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, <u>www.blackeagletoronto.com</u>
June 24-28	EVERYTHING MAKES ME LAUGH 11AM-6PM - A Narrative in Six Parts by Bruce Eves, 950 Dupont St, Unit One @ Dover Court Rd.
Tues June 25	AIDS VIGIL, BARBARA HALL PARK - 6PM-8PM
Wed June 26	PUP PRIDE - 8PM - Puppy Play Event, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, www.blackeagletoronto.com
Sun June 30	TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12PM-3PM - The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., <u>www.ticot.cα</u>
Sun June 30	PRIDE PARADE - 3:30PM-4:15PM - Kink Pride meets at 125 Homewood Ave, https://bit.ly/TOkinkpride2024
	JULY 2024
Tues July 2	L.E.D.G.E. (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM - Every first Tuesday of the month, https://www.facebook.com/groups/leathereats/
Sat July 6	B.L.U.F.(BREECHES LEATHER UNIFORM FANCLUB) TORONTO SOCIAL- 6PM-8:30PM - 1st Saturday of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., <u>www.blackeagletoronto.com</u>
Sat July 6	PUPS & P.A.L.S.(PUPS ANTHROS LITTLES SOCIETY) SOCIAL- 7:30PM-10:30PM - Buddies In Bad Times, 12 Alexander Street, <u>www.buddiesinbadtimes.com</u>
Thurs July 11	G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT) - 7PM - 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., <u>Gear/Leather United Event</u>
Fri July 12	LEATHER AT THE DISCO - 10PM - The Well, 487 Church St, <u>www.drinkatthewell.com</u>
Sat July 13	DADDY NEXT DOOR - 9PM - Club 717, 727 Wilson Rd S(Oshawa), facebook.com/DaddyNxtDoor
Sun July 14	TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM - Flash on Church - 463 Church Street, www.ticot.ca
Sat July 20	BETWEEN THE BUNS- 9PM - Flash on Church - 463 Church St, www.spearheadtoronto.com
Sun July 21	CHRISTMAS IN JULY-3PM - Flash on Church - 463 Church St, www.spearheadtoronto.com
July 25-28	TORONTO KENNEL KLUB PACK WEEKEND, https://pals.ticketspice.com/pack
Sun July 28	TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12PM-3PM - The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., <u>www.ticot.ca</u>
Wed July 31	55th ANNIVERSARY PIN DESIGN CONTEST DEADLINE -vicepresident@spearheadtoronto.com
	AUGUST 2024
Sat August 3	B.L.U.F.(BREECHES LEATHER UNIFORM FANCLUB) TORONTO SOCIAL- 6PM-8:30PM - 1st Satuday of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., www.blackeagletoronto.com
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THE FINAL WORD: PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Pride SPEARHEAD! Can you believe that we are at the end of spring and summer is almost here? June will be filled with many Pride activities. I hope everyone enjoys them and safe during this time.

At the last OGM, Co-chairs for the upcoming year of Nomations and Elections were appointed. They will be responsible for the process of selecting Members for the various Board of Director positions and Committee positions as well as the Brotherhood Award process and any special votes that may occur during the year, such as our new Bylaws. Please welcome Kris J. and Connor M. to their new roles. Thank you to Scott L. and John T. for their time as Nomination and Elections Co-chairs.

So many events, for Members, that were planned since the last issue of Phalia including Meat and Greet: Pizza and Billiards at Pegasus, Leather at The Disco at The Well, Daddy Next Door at Club 717, Brunch at Frans and a Constitution/Bylaw discussion at Woody's. More events are yet to come including marching in the Pride Parade with the Kink Pride Toronto Contingent, Between The Buns at COCK Bar, Christmas in July at Flash, another Leather at The Disco, another Daddy Next Door, plans for our 55th Anniversary and more... There are many opportunities for you to get involved so we hope you will come out and support them.

Thank you to everyone that submitted an item for this edition of Phalia. The deadline for the next issue will be August 9, 2024. Canada Day and the Civic Holiday is just around the corner. As always your articles and/or photos are welcome and very much appreciated. Also keep in mind that Elections for Board of Directors and Committee positions are coming up. So if you are running for a position, consider entering an article about yourself and your intentions for that position. All the best!

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