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

**Hello Everyone,**

**Here we are already in August. Where has the time gone?**

**In July, Spearhead had 2 events, first being Between the Buns. Even though it was slow everyone had a fun time. Thank you to Cock bar for allowing us in there, Morgan James in helping us get set up and for keeping us lubricated and of course Kobe who volunteered to be our model. Of course it could not have happened without our volunteers, Xavier, Daniel, Michael H, Connor, Randy, and Ross.**

**The next day we had our Christmas in July. Thank you to Flash for allowing us in. Thank you to Charles for selling raffle tickets.**

**We are now in election time for new board for 2025. Good luck to everyone throwing their hat in to run.**

**Our next AGM is tentatively scheduled Sat. Nov 9. Time and location to be confirmed.**

**Until later, stay safe**

**Robert Jeyes  
President  
SPEARHEAD L.D.S.C. Toronto**



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

Greetings Spearhead Fam,  
I hope everyone has been enjoying a wonderful summer. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the highlights of our recent activities and share important updates as we move into the fall.

**Pride 2024 Recap:** First and foremost, a huge thank you to Kris A.K.A Captain Spandex for his work in organizing the leather contingency for this year's Pride event. We were thrilled to have the Person of Spearhead stole ready for the parade. Unfortunately, due to the Palestinian protest, we were unable to complete the march. However, the spirit and camaraderie of our group were unmistakable, and we look forward to future opportunities to come together.

**Rob's Event at Cock's Bar:** In July, Rob hosted the fantastic "Between the Buns" event at Cock's Bar, which also doubled as a celebration for my birthday. A special shoutout to Ross S. for the delicious red velvet cake that made the occasion even more memorable. And yes, I had the unique experience of yanking the jock strap off the stripper with my teeth—an unforgettable moment indeed!

**Upcoming Fall Food Drive:** As we transition into the fall season, we are gearing up for our annual Food Drive in September. This is a crucial initiative, and we are calling on all members to lend a hand. If you are available to volunteer, please let me know as soon as possible. Your support is vital to the success of this event.

With gratitude,

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



# MARCHING WITH THE KINK PRIDE TORONTO CONTINGENT AT THE PRIDE PARADE



Special  
thanks to  
Kris J. for  
organizing  
this group for  
this year!



Photos by Ross S



# AIDS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

## 40 Years of Storytelling: Are You Listening?

Tuesday, June 25, 2023 • 9pm  
Barbara Hall Park [519 Church St.]

Honoring and commemorating those we have lost to AIDS, as well as those living with the virus, today and always.

Hosted by **John McCullagh & Natalia Malunga**

@AidsVigilTor #AIDSVigilTor

## The AIDS Memorial

17 names have been added to the AIDS Memorial in 2024, bringing the total to 2,916 names.

Christine Edwards

Francesca Hilton

Afia Amoako

John Sauriol

Joanne Davis Lindsay

Ron Rosenes

Dr. Javier Cuevas

Sheldon Solmundson

Nicola Diliso

Mitch Lambert

Scott Monroe Baker

Richard Denney D.D.S.

Zerick Garner

Sylvester "Sylvia" Wood

Paul "Wally" LaRocque

Jorge (George) Avena

David Montgomery



Michael H, Xavier, Charles & Ross



The Fruits with Ross

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**Spearhead and T.I.C.O.T.**



**Xavier & Randy**

**Photos by Ross S**

## Tonight's Program

**Zhawenim Drum Opening**

**Acknowledgment & Announcements**

**Opening by Elder Sioux Lamure**

**Introducing the Hosts**

**Teaching by Maybella King-Reynolds**

**"Not Ready To Make Nice" by The Chicks  
performed by Singing Out**

**"If You're Out There"  
performed by Rudy Tomlinson**

**In Memoriam: Ron Rosenes**

**In Memoriam: Joanne Davis Lindsay**

**"Little Love by Adele"  
performed by Rosacea Cheeks**

**Reading of Names**

**Call for Names from the Audience**

**Lighting of Candles**

**Moment of Silence**

**"What Matters" from the Matthew Shepard Story  
performed by Singing Out**

**Thank You & Closing**

The annual AIDS Candlelight Vigil is organized by a committee of volunteers from AIDS service organizations and our communities. The 519 is proud to serve as the trustees of the AIDS Memorial.



**Support the AIDS memorial with  
a donation or learn more about  
submitting your story!**



**Our heartfelt thanks to everyone on the  
AIDS Memorial Advisory Committee, as well as to:**

Vigil hosts: **John McCullagh & Natalia Malunga**

AIDS Candlelight Vigil committee co-chairpersons:

**Denzil Buckley & Normand Babin**

Script developer (with hosts): **Alex Urquart**

Vigil stage manager: **Jamie Nicholson**

ASL interpreters: **Scott Garant & Jamie O'Connell**

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# MINGLE WITH SPEARHEAD

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Poster Above by Host Jade Electra



Photo Above: Host Jade Electra

Photo Below: DJ Max, Members Randy, Michael H, Xavier Robert J, Ross, Host Jade Electra, Ron, Okimawiw Kevin







## **GARLIC PORK ROAST RECIPE BY SECRETARY ROSS STRETTON**

### **RECIPE INSTRUCTIONS:**

Cut a deep pocket between each rib on the meaty side of the roast.

In a bowl, mix the green pepper, green onions, celery and garlic.

Stuff the mixture in the roast pockets.

Sprinkle salt and cayenne pepper over the roast.

Place roast in a shallow roasting pan, with the stuffing side up.

Roast at 350°F for 1½ to 1-3/4 hours or until a thermometer inserted in the pork reads 145°F.

Remove roast from oven. Cover with foil.

Let it sit for 15 minutes before carving.

### **RECIPE INGREDIENTS:**

5lbs bone-in pork loin roast  
½ green pepper, fine chopped  
½ cup thin sliced green onions  
½ cup chopped celery  
8 garlic cloves, minced  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4teaspoon cayenne pepper

## **UNIFORMED INFORMATION**

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

Good day Phalia readers,  
A card was sent to Rocky as she had a bad fall.  
A card was sent to Joe P. for the passing of his nephew.

Our next AGM is tentatively scheduled Sat. Nov 9. Time and location to be confirmed.

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





## **DENIM DISCUSSIONS:**

### MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

**Hello Everyone,**

**Hope all of you are enjoying our  
beautiful summer.  
Play safe and have a great time.**

**With the elections coming up please really think about who you are voting for. We need people with new ideas; people you can call or email to ask questions and get answers; people to be able to take charge and give us a good representation in the Club.**

**Our Membership consists of the following: 50 Full Members,  
3 Inactive Full Members, 7 Affiliate, 4 Inactive Affiliate.**

**Remember if you have any questions about your membership feel free to reach out to me at [membership@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:membership@spearheadtoronto.com). Thank you all.  
Have a great summer!**

**Joseph Poirier  
Membership Director  
SPEARHEAD LDSC Toronto**



## **NEW FULL MEMBER INSIGNIA PRESENTATION**

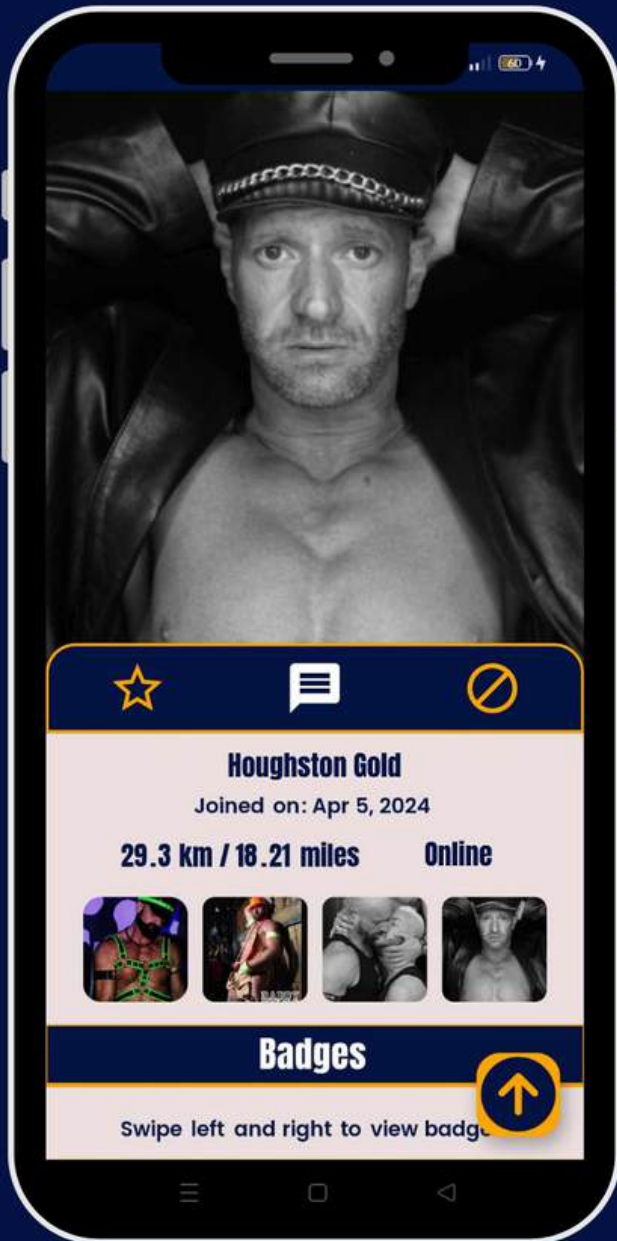
**New Full Member Mike L. (left in photo) was presented the insignia by Membership Director Joseph P. (right in photo) at the 519 during the Open General Meeting on August 10, 2024. Bernard W. was also welcomed into the Club as a Full Member but not pictured.**

**Photo by Ross S**



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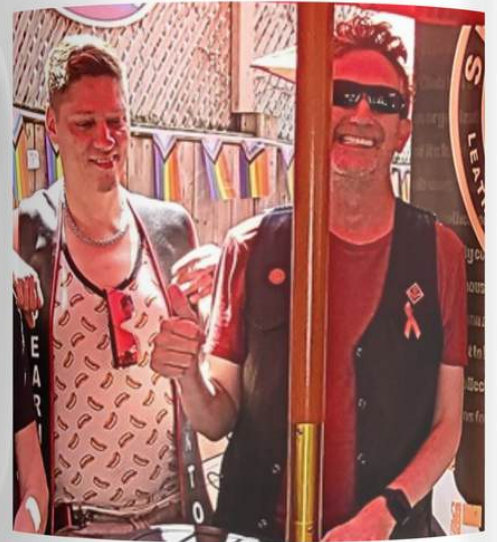
# SPEARHEAD

## Brunch!



Robert J. and Okimawiw Kevin

Saturday July 13th



Xavier T. and Michael H



Randy and Ron

Photos by Ross S





# SPEARHEAD

# Brunch!

O'Grady's on Church  
518 Church Street

Photo Below:  
Members Randy,  
Ron, Xavier,  
Michael H,  
Robert J and  
Okimawiw Kevin



Photo by Ross





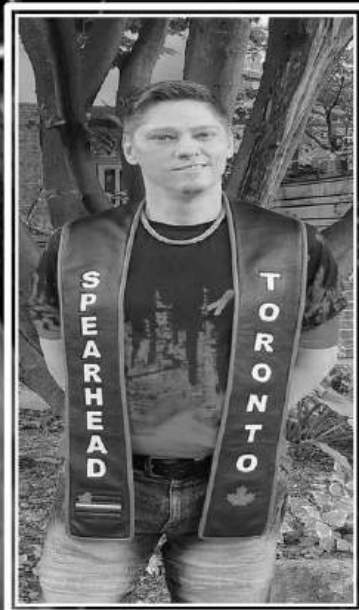
# **SPEARHEAD Meat & Greet**

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**PERSON OF SPEARHEAD  
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Members Rob J, Xavier & Daniel

**Raised \$330**



Model Kobe with Daniel & Xavier

# **BETWEEN the Buns**

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**Jockstrap  
Auction!**

Members Randy, Charles, Rob J, Model Kobe, Members Connor, Xavier, Michael H, Daniel and Ross

**Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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**461 Church Street**





# Christmas In July

Raised \$200

Please bring a  
**NEW** unwrapped toy

**Sunday July 21**  
**3pm - 6pm**



Members Randy, Rob J & Charles



Members Ross and Joseph



Members Randy, Rob J, Charles & Ross

Flash on Church



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# 2024 Elections: Nominations Report

## Summary

Nominations for five Board positions and six Committee positions were initially accepted via email, text, and phone call from July 20 to August 3. In response to member feedback, the Nominations co-chairs decided to share the list of nominees with the membership on August 8 so that the community could see the candidate list and consider making additional nominations. More submissions were accepted at [nominations@spearheadtoronto.com](mailto:nominations@spearheadtoronto.com) email address until 10PM on Friday, August 9. After taking additional nominations from the floor at the August 10 Open General Meeting, a motion pass passed to close nominations.

Nominations were submitted by 16 of the 46 full members, and we are pleased to report that none of the election's 11 roles will likely be vacant once election results are announced. Based on the list of nominees, members will be asked to elect three Board positions: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Membership Director. The other eight roles have been acclaimed.

Candidates have the opportunity to campaign the membership directly using up to one full page in the October edition of Phalia, space on a dedicated nominations page on the Spearhead website, and through whatever other mechanisms they wish to pursue. The submission deadline for the "election issue" of Phalia is October 11.

Balloting will take place from October 18 through November 1, and successful candidates will be announced at the November Annual General Meeting.

## Rationale for Recruiting Five Board Members

Instead of Seven The Affiliation's revised Constitution and Bylaws have not yet been finalized or approved but propose to reduce the Board of Directors from seven positions to five. Due to this proposed change and the planned timing for their vote and implementation, the current nominations process did not include two Board positions specified in the current Spearhead Constitution: Director of Publications and Director of Operations.

This decision was due to the nominations co-chairs' concern that the annual election and the vote on the new Constitution may coincide, making it difficult to recruit nominees for two positions that may not exist on or near the November 2 Annual General Meeting. Our rationale for recommending the election of five Board roles instead of seven was as follows:

Current provincial legislation allows not-for-profits to operate with as few as three elected Board members (President, Secretary, and Treasurer).

The newly-proposed Publications Editor role (which would be a Committee role) can serve as the Director of Publications, effectively leaving only the Director of Operations role vacant.

If the revised Constitution does not pass or is delayed, a byelection can be held to fill the outstanding Director of Operations role.

On June 8, 2024, the co-chairs provided their rationale to the Board of Directors, and asked them to help determine how many Board roles to recruit. On June 10, the Board decided to proceed with the election of five Board members. It is important to note that no roles have been eliminated. They still exist but have been intentionally left vacant until the work on revised Constitution and Bylaws is complete.



# Final Nominees List

## Board of Directors

President: Randy Boyd (acclaimed)  
Vice-President: Arthur Hall, John Thompson  
Secretary: Aharon Trottier (acclaimed)  
Treasurer: Michael Hunt, Connor MacLeod  
Director of Membership: Kris Joseph, Charles MacPhee

## Committee Positions

Member at Large: Ross Stretton (acclaimed)  
Publications Editor: Xavier Thrace (acclaimed)  
Public Relations: Robert Jeyes (acclaimed)  
Membership Committee: Joseph Poirier (acclaimed)  
Archivist: Scott Leroux (acclaimed)  
Webmaster: Daniel Gustavo Masis (acclaimed)

# Recommendations

We respectfully submit the following recommendations for future Nominations chairs:

1. Make the nominations process as open and transparent as possible. Several members expressed frustration during the nomination period about not knowing who was running for positions and which roles were at risk of being left vacant. In response, the Nominations Co-Chairs decided to share the nominees list with the membership on August 8, including a link to an update, online document outlining the results of any newly-submitted nominations. This strategy provided clarity for members and encouraged an additional four nomination submissions. In the future, we recommend providing a live, visible dashboard of nominees from the beginning of the nominations process. This can be done in a straightforward way using a tool like Google Docs, and our version of it is available online.
2. Do not enforce any specific nomination submission method. Traditionally, nominations have been submitted using either a paper or PDF form. Members reported having difficulty with the PDF that was distributed over email, and concessions were made to ensure nominations could be submitted. The co-chairs accepted simple email nominations, and one nomination over text message. In all cases, an audit trail was available. We see no reason why nomination submissions can't be flexible, and suggest an online form as an additional, easy method for accepting nominations.
3. Align nomination and election dates and timelines with Phalia deadlines. Successful campaigning by nominees will rely on the ability to share their platforms with the membership. The nominations co-chairs validated their proposed timeline against the Publications Editor's newsletter submission dates to ensure that nominees would have ample opportunity to share their views and goals.
4. Do not let past practice constrain what is allowed by current Bylaws. We believe that every opportunity should be provided for members to make and accept nominations, for the overall benefit of the club. During the nominations process, some members shared myths about nominations that are not backed by the current Constitution and Bylaws. We respectfully point members to the sections labeled NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS, and recommend that the nominations process not be limited any more than those rules specify.

We trust that we have upheld our responsibilities in accordance with the current rules for nominations and elections, and look forward to continuing to serve until the next Nominations appointment is made in Spring 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connor M and Kris J, Nominations Co-Chairs







**John Thompson, Archivist  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**

# SUPER BAT SIGNALS:

FROM THE  
ARCHIVES



**Scott Leroux, Archivist  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC**

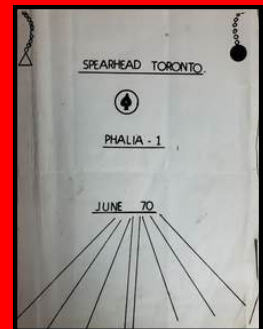
## @TORONTO\_ARCHIVES POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA (JUNE 11, 2024)

Phalia is the name of the newsletter produced by the Spearhead Leather/Denim Social Club. The newsletter format changed over the years, but consistently documented Spearhead events and provided information on the work of this group. Issues of Phalia covered the Spearhead annual events such as Round-up and Toys for Tots, as well as other events including the boat cruise, Paint-Yer-Burger, Pride, and the Mr. Leather contest. Many of the events Spearhead hosted were to raise money for Toronto-based charities.

Newsletters also covered events of similar clubs in Canada and the United States and highlighted issues related to AIDS awareness, the bathhouse raids, and the community and lifestyle of Spearhead members.

Issues of Phalia are also held at the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago; the University of Western Ontario; and Bishopsgate Institute in the UK.

1. Phalia montage.
2. Phalia, issues 1 to 4, 1970 – inaugural meeting. Series 2994, File 1.
3. Phalia, issues 44 to 49, 1979 – Our Toronto ... affectionately yours. Series 2994, File 10.
4. Phalia, issues 5 to 10, 1971 - advertisement for Charles St. Tavern. Series 2994, File 2.
5. Phalia, issues 21 to 25, 1974 - advertisement for Barracks. Series 2994, File 5.
6. Phalia, 1991 – Toronto's Gay Pride Day. Series 2994, File 25.
7. Phalia, 1992 – Spearhead presents Bear Weekend 1993. Series 2994, File 23.

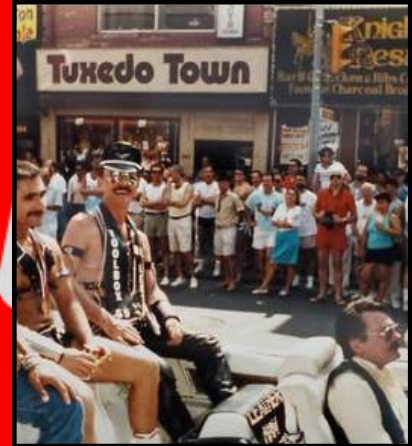




# @TORONTO\_ARCHIVES POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA (JUNE 20, 2024)

toronto\_archives The Spearhead Leather Denim Social Club would routinely participate in the Pride Parade. They would set up a booth and share information about what Spearhead and include information on the charities they supported and events they held. Spearhead members would also walk in the parade, and sometimes they had a Spearhead float. After the parade Spearhead members would usually celebrate at Len's Backyard Bar!

1. Photo album no. 5, 1988. Series 2995, File 8, Item 2.
2. Photo album no. 5, 1988. Series 2995, File 8, Item 8.
3. Photo album no. 5, 1988. Series 2995, File 8, Item 14.
4. Photo album no. 9, 1991. Series 2995, File 29.
5. Photo album no. 11, 1996. Series 2995, File 48.
6. Photo album no. 14, 1991. Series 2995, File 63, Item 1.
7. Photo album no. 14, 1991. Series 2995, File 63, Item 14.
8. Photo album no. 15, 1997. Series 2995, File 70.
9. Photo album no. 16, 1998. Series 2995, File 75, Item 15.



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## @TORONTO\_ARCHIVES POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA (JUNE 25, 2024)

toronto\_archives World Pride was held June 20-29, 2014, in Toronto. This marked the first time this international event had been held in North America. World Pride was about honouring the past, celebrating the present, and hoping for a positive future. World Pride was licensed by InterPride and was run by Pride Toronto. World Pride events in Toronto included an opening ceremony, an international human rights conference, there was an exhibit on the 45th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, a mass wedding of 115 couples, 280 entries in the Pride Parade and more that 10,000 marchers.

To celebrate World Pride Spearhead created its own pin. Pins and patches created by Spearhead were for its members only. Its emblem is recognized across the world.

1. World Gay Pride, Toronto, Canada – pin, 2014. Series 2996, Item 3.

#TOPride #Pride2024 #TorontoArchives #Spearhead

### CHARTER MEMBERS: JOINING IN 1970

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June 04, 2024

Spearhead LDSC  
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Dear Spearhead LDSC,

This letter is to confirm your donation of \$2,212.00 was received with gratitude on 2024-05-27. 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.

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





# Opening Party: Tuesday June 25 7-9 pm

## EVERYTHING MAKES ME LAUGH

"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

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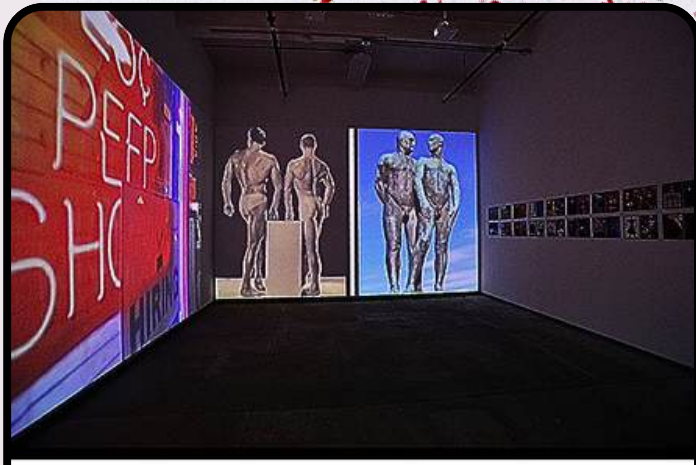
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EVERYTHING MAKE ME LAUGH IMMERSIVE  
BRUCE EVES



Here's a follow-up to last issue's article about my installation at the Inter/Access Gallery titled "Everything Makes Me Laugh (a narrative in six parts)". As you'll see in the accompanying photos, the installation was an immersive experience in a gallery space measuring 39'x18'x15'. Along with Peter Dudar's documentary film "Bruce Eves in Polari" (Polari was the lost language of gay men), the projections filled three walls from floor to ceiling and some of the floor. The fourth wall was handed over to a display of 40 or so photographs from a 136-image portfolio that was the basis for this installation. In addition, there was a nine-minute excerpt from my forthcoming spoken-word album (on vinyl, of course) "Bruce Eves Dirty Queer" booming in the gallery's lobby. I'm pleased to say that the reactions were entirely positive, with comments in the guest book such as "Fab Brave and Bold Bodacious Bad Ass Show!" "Extremely thought-provoking. Fascinating imagery which draws from a deep well of emotion." "Incredibly evocative, as art in its best form should be!"



Photos by Tania A



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The event was curated by Perry Voulgaris and Kelly McCray, with the Augmented Reality projections designed by Debbie Deer and strikingly documented by Tania Anderson. This was a first preview of a much larger installation that will be pitched to art museums across the country, and was made possible with generous funds from the Canada Council for the Arts.

Bruce Eves. August 2, 2024



Photos by Tania A



# DADDY NEXT DOOR - Durham Edition July 13 at Club 717



Thank you to everybody that came out for Daddy Next Door. You helped raise \$180, which is much needed funds for SPEARHEAD. Special thanks to Daddy (Dwayne Minard) for keeping everyone dancing and the dancers: Tucker, Inked Cody and Houghston Gold. The next one at Club 717 in Oshawa will be September 14, 2024.



# SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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# 2001 PAINT YER BURGER RETROSPECT



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**Congratulations to SPEADHEAD's President who was announced as the candidate for the position of Emperor to the 38th Reign of T.I.C.O.T., Robert Jeyes-Kelly. We wish him all the best with his campaign.**

**Join The Imperial Court of Toronto on Saturday, September 14, 2024 for their official TICOT Campaign Kick Off Show.**



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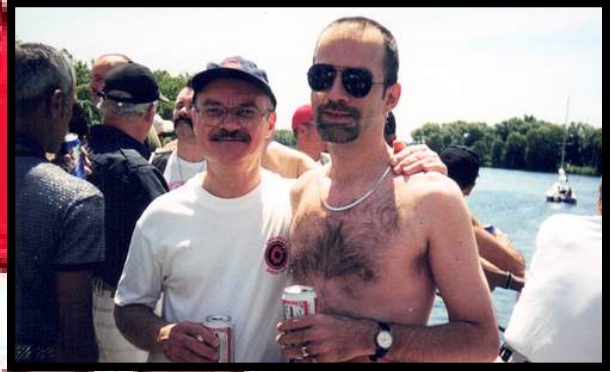


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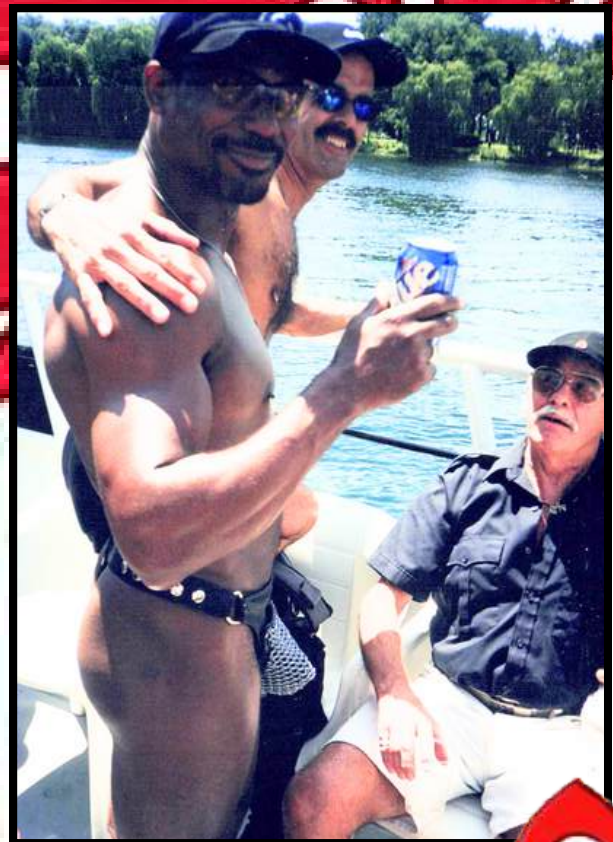
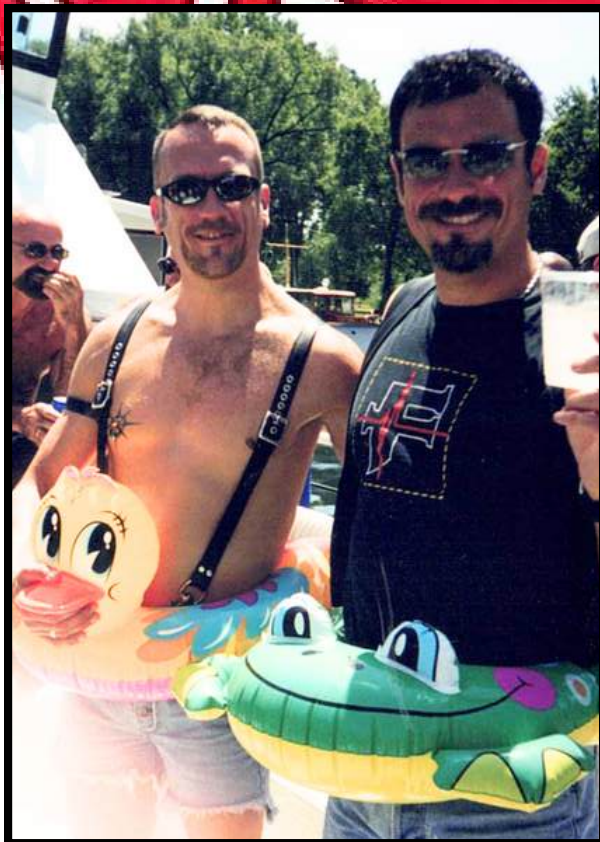
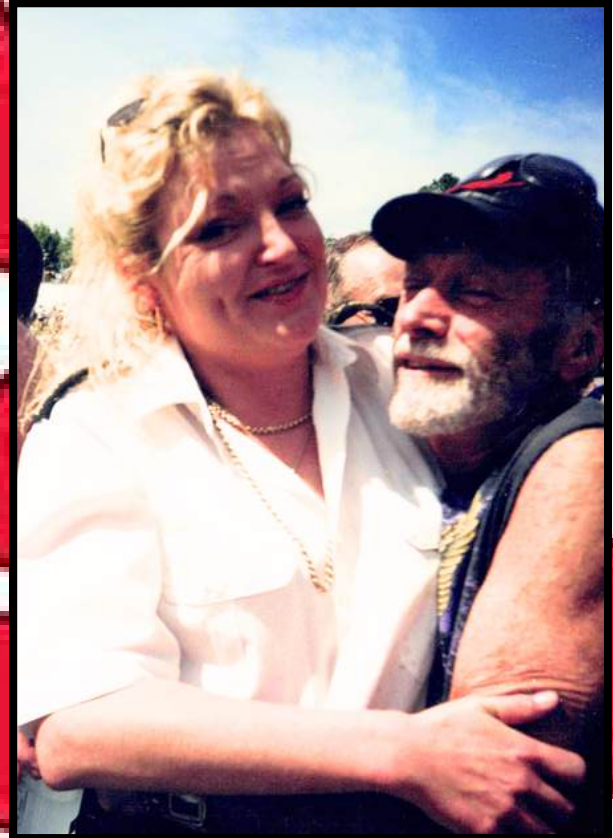
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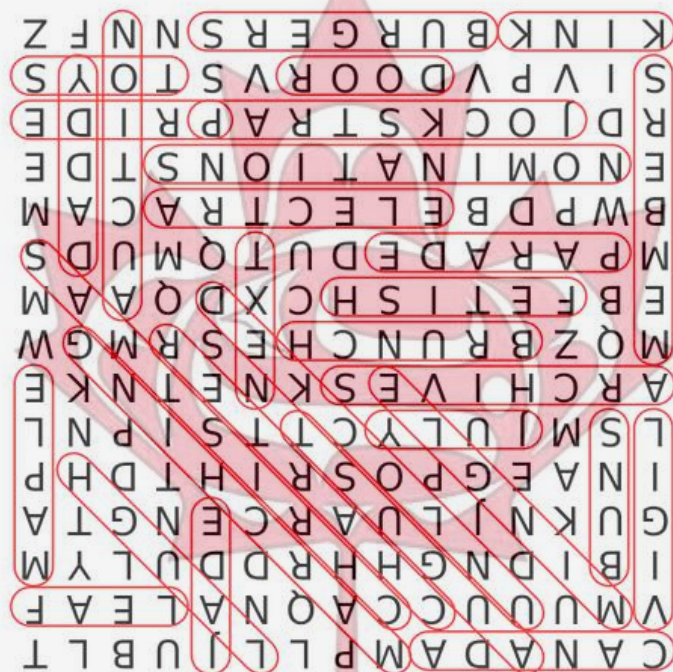
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Come celebrate Empire City MC's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a fantastic long-weekend full of fun and excitement!

**October 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Columbus Day Weekend)**

### FRIDAY

8PM - Meet 'n' greet barnight at Ty's on Christopher St.

### SATURDAY

11AM - The 201<sup>st</sup> meeting of AMCC will take place at historical Julius' Bar - the oldest gay bar in NYC!

12PM - Cocktails & Lunch at Julius' Bar ('dutch treat')

1PM - Historic GAY Sightseeing Tour of Greenwich Village! Starting from outside the front door at Julius' Bar at 1PM sharp! See bottom of page for free ticket link.

6PM - Arrive at East E 23<sup>rd</sup> St Skyport for the ECMC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Cruise! (advance sales only!), boarding at 6:30PM, departure at 7PM sharp! Please plan accordingly, there are no refunds for missing the departure time! See bottom of page for ticket link.

11PM - ECMC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Barnight in the basement at Hell's Kitchen Boxers!

### SUNDAY

9:30AM - Brunch at T/B/D

12PM - Lewis & Tim's NYC Brewery Tour

6PM - Sunday Roast (Dinner)

### MONDAY

9AM - Brunch at Lexington Candy Counter, a classic 40s coffee shop and luncheonette at 83<sup>rd</sup> and Lexington (accessible on 4 5 6 train at 86<sup>th</sup> St)

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO ATTEND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DINNER CRUISE

Tickets for the dinner cruise are available now for \$129/pp before 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024, and \$149/pp after. Sales end when all tickets are sold or 10<sup>th</sup> October

We'll board the yacht from the east side at 6:30pm, set sail at 7pm. Dinner buffet and non-alcoholic drinks included with your ticket, there will be cash bars for all legal beverages. We'll spend three hours sight-seeing New York City from the New York Harbour with dinner, dancing, awards and more!





# UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

## AUGUST 2024

- Sat August 17** **MEET & GREET / PERSON OF SPEARHEAD EDITION - 3PM-6PM**  
- Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagleto.com](http://www.blackeagleto.com)
- Sat August 17** **T.K.K. PUP ROMP - 3PM-7PM** - Black Eagle, 457 Church St, [www.blackeagleto.com](http://www.blackeagleto.com)
- Thurs August 22** **BAD DOG - 9PM** - Puppy Play Event, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, [www.blackeagleto.com](http://www.blackeagleto.com)
- Sun August 25** **TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12:30PM-2PM** - The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca)

## SEPTEMBER 2024

- Tues Sept 3** **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 Sept 7** **B.L.U.F.(BREECHES LEATHER UNIFORM FANCLUB) TORONTO SOCIAL- 6PM-8:30PM**  
- 1st Saturday of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [www.blackeagleto.com](http://www.blackeagleto.com)
- Sat Sept 7** **PUPS & P.A.L.S.(PUPS ANTHROS LITTLES SOCIETY) SOCIAL- 7:30PM-10:30PM**  
- Buddies In Bad Times, 12 Alexander Street, [www.buddiesinbadtimes.com](http://www.buddiesinbadtimes.com)
- Sun Sept 8** **TICOT BINGO - 3:30PM-6PM** - Flash on Church - 463 Church Street, [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca)
- Thurs Sept 12** **G.L.U.E.(GEAR LEATHER UNITED EVENT) - 7PM**  
- 2nd Thurs of the month, Black Eagle, 457 Church St., [Gear/Leather United Event](#)
- Sat Sept 14** **DADDY NEXT DOOR - 9PM** - Club 717, 727 Wilson Rd S(Oshawa), [facebook.com/DaddyNxtDoor](https://facebook.com/DaddyNxtDoor)
- Sat Sept 14** **TICOT CAMPAIGN FOR MONARCH OPENING** - [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca)
- Sat Sept 21** **T.K.K. PUP ROMP - 3PM-7PM** - Black Eagle, 457 Church St, [www.blackeagleto.com](http://www.blackeagleto.com)
- Sun Sept 22** **ROUGH HOUSE - 1PM - 6PM** - Spa Excess, 105 Carlton, [www.spaexcess.com](http://www.spaexcess.com)
- Thurs Sept 26** **BAD DOG - 9PM** - Puppy Play Event, Black Eagle, 457 Church St, [www.blackeagleto.com](http://www.blackeagleto.com)
- Sept 28-29** **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** - Various Times /Locations - [www.spearheadto.com](http://www.spearheadto.com)
- Sat Sept 28** **TICOT CAMPAIGN FOR MONARCH CLOSING** - [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca)
- Sun Sept 29** **TICOT DRAG BRUNCH - 12PM-3PM** - The Well Toronto, 487 Church St., [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca)

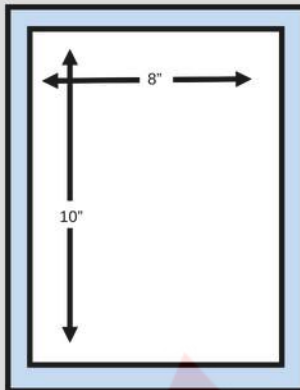
## OCTOBER 2024

- Tues October 1** **L.E.D.G.E. (LEATHER EATS DINNER GROUP EVENTS) - 6PM-9PM**  
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- October 10-13** **TICOT CORONATION WEEKEND** - Various Locations, [www.ticot.ca](http://www.ticot.ca)
- Fri October 11** **PHALIA DEADLINE FOR SEPT/OCT 2024 EDITION**, [publications@spearheadto.com](mailto:publications@spearheadto.com)
- Fri October 18** **SPEARHEAD ELECTIONS BEGIN** - [www.spearheadto.com](http://www.spearheadto.com)
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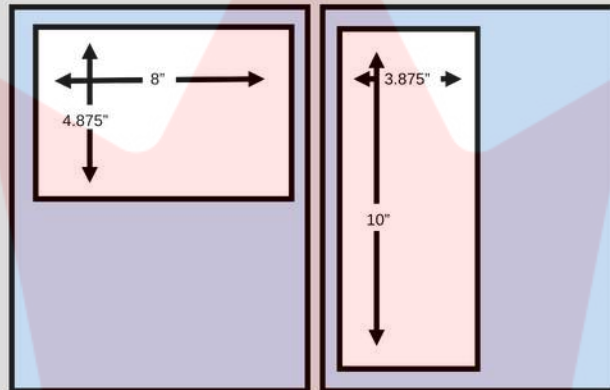
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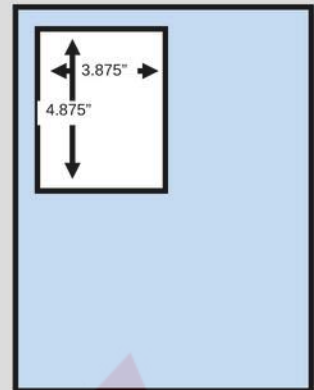
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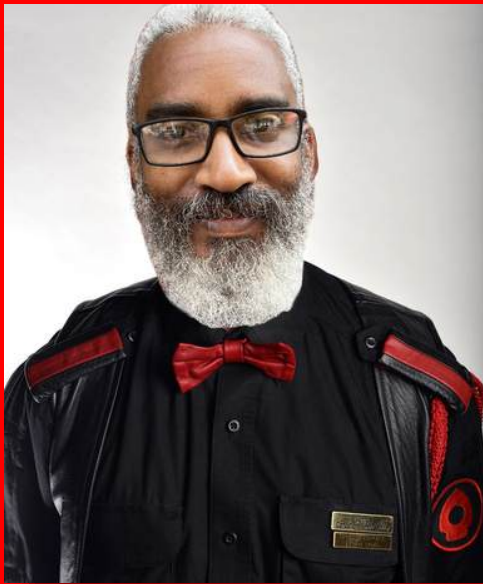
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## **THE FINAL WORD:** PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Good day Phalia readers! Can you believe that we are in the last half of summer? I hope your Pride, Canada Day and Civic Holiday were safe and enjoyable.

There were many events for Members since the last issue of Phalia. Several Members came out to support the Toronto AIDS Candlelight Vigil at Barbara Hall Park. Thank you Kris J. for organizing this year's Kink Pride Toronto marching contingent in the Pride Parade. Thank you to Jade Elektra and the Well for inviting SPEARHEAD to host the Mingle event and Member Charles for connecting us. Thank you to Operations Director Xavier for organizing our Brunch at O'Grady's. Thank you Dwayne Minard and Club 717 for allowing us to raise funds at Daddy Next Door. Thank you to President Robert J. and COCK Bar for our event Between The Buns. Thank you to Morgan James and Flash for the BINGO event Christmas in July. Thank you to Vice President Daniel for coordinating the 55th Anniversary Pin Design Contest. It was a pleasure to attend Bruce's Multimedia Immersive Experience: Everything Makes Me Laugh: A Narrative In Six Parts. There are many opportunities for you to get involved so we hope you will support them.

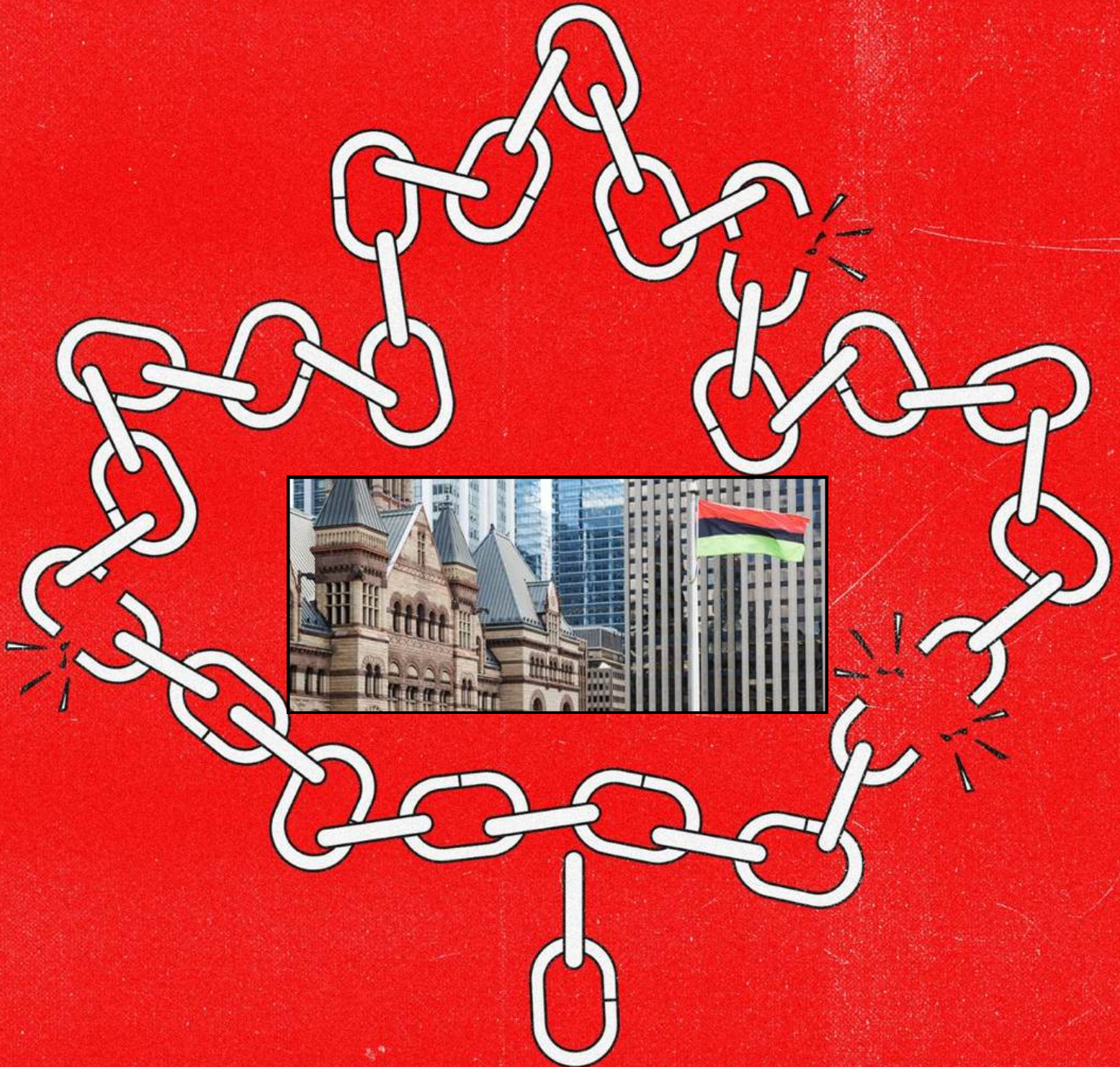
Thank you to everyone that submitted an item for this edition of Phalia. The deadline for the next issue will be October 11, 2024. As always your articles and/or photos are welcome and very much appreciated. Also keep in mind that Elections for Board of Directors are coming up. So if you are running for a position, consider entering an article about yourself and your intentions for that position. All the best!

Thank you to Kris J. and Connor M., the Co-chairs of Nominations and Elections, for running the Nominations portion of the Elections. Congratulations to those Members who have been acclaimed to their positions for the new Board. Good luck to those that are running in the upcoming Elections.

Randy Boyd  
Director of Publications  
SPEARHEAD Toronto LDSC



# AUGUST IS EMANCIPATION MONTH



The Black Liberation flag is raised to mark the start of Emancipation Month. Emancipation Month recognizes the struggle for human rights and the rich contributions made by Peoples of African descent. Recognizing Emancipation Month in August acknowledges an abhorrent period in our history and our ongoing commitment to eliminate discrimination in all forms. August 1, 1834 marks the day that the Slavery Abolition Act, 1833 came into effect emancipating more than 800,000 enslaved Africans across the British Empire, including Canada. Here in Toronto, we recognize the entire month of August as Emancipation Month and celebrate the rich contributions that Peoples of African descent have made to our city and country.





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