



# DURHAM ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL CLUB

## “CLUB 717”

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## DECEMBER 2003/JANUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER



### FROM YOUR QUEEN

Hi Everyone!!

November and December were a couple of very busy months for the Club—As the new Queen of Club 717 I have been involved with many projects and meetings with all the Drag Queens and Kings mapping out our upcoming year of planned events for the patrons of Club 717....We have had many great performances and events in the last few months especially during the holiday season.....

We had a special appearance from the great Michelle DuBarry and the DuBarry girls. It was my honour to finally put a face to the name. Ms. DuBarry is a very elegant and graceful performer and an inspiration to us all.....

December started off with a bang from Queen Mother Edna's kick to the Christmas season, followed by Tiggy's Retro 80's night show.



On December 19<sup>th</sup> about 15 drag performers plus myself took to the stage for a Christmas extravaganza. A Special thanks goes out to

Twiggy for being our Master of Ceremonies....

**Food & Toy Drive—2003**

Once again this event was a great success. I want to thank Danny & John for donating (2) gift baskets, Donny, David & Steve, Sherri, Larry & Charlie, Richard & Kelly (2), Pat & Ralph, Pam, Jean-Guy, Mona (Stevy) and myself who made up these exquisite baskets which were drawn on December 21, 2003 during our annual members and staff dinner at the Club.....And congratulations to all the winners of the gift baskets. These generous people have contributed either food items or toys....

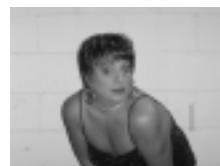
The toys and food were dropped off to the Annual Durham Regional Police Drive by Charlie and John....The attending police woman was very grateful for our large contribution to the community for those in need at this time of the year.

### Upcoming Events:

Don't miss our upcoming New Talent Night on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The show will be hosted by Queen Jewels, Edna & CJ Douglas....This promises to be a very exciting night....I have already signed up quite a few new performers who have never performed at our Club yet and they all want a chance at the spot light for the first time. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner will receive \$100.00 and prizes will also be awarded to our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Come out and support what could be your next possible Queen or King of Club 717.....

I would like to thank everyone who helped out with this years decorating of the Club for Christmas....without everyone's help it would not have been possible. The Club was decorated with such a bright and cheerful theme this year. Also a special thanks goes out to all who donated the many items needed to make the Club shine....

If anyone wishes to donate any materials that they have at home for any upcoming occasions, the Club would appreciate it greatly....or if any of our patrons have skills or talents or connections of any kind that would benefit the Club, your assistance and generosity would also be appreciated....



The very best with the season and hope all have a great New



Year.

Your Queen of Club 717,

Jewels ♥



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CLUB 717

Hello Everybody!!

Already it is December, a time to get together with friends and family to have a drink and reminiscing. It is also the time of the year were spot check Ride programs are on the way, so during the festive season I ask that all of you that patron the club to be extra careful and please don't drink and drive. Please have a designated driver.

Already it has been one year for me as president, so I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see each and every one of you at the club for some good times.

Until next time, have a Happy Holiday season and all the best in the future.

Always,

Ralph



### ASK ISAAC!!!

Hello everyone, you might know me. I'm Isaac Cox. I'm here to tell you about an upcoming feature of the newsletter. You've heard of Dear Abby, Dr. Laura and Dr. Phil, well now it's time for Ask Isaac! Believe it or not, I'm actually a counsellor when I'm not trotting around in men's cloths. I did go to college, and passed with honours to become a counsellor. If I don't have an answer to your question, I'll find it. You can write me at [ask\\_isaac@hotmail.com](mailto:ask_isaac@hotmail.com) with the subject, Ask Isaac on it (so I don't think it's spam and delete it!) I'll publish your answer and I guarantee your name will be kept in the strictest confidence. Practice good mental health, and keep sending letters!



Isaac Cox

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO SEND A SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN LABARGE FOR MAKING A NEW DESIGN THIS YEAR FOR THE MEMBERSHIP CARDS. JOHN ALSO MAKES ALL THE CARDS IN HIS OWN TIME.  
THANK YOU JOHN!!!  
A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO MICHELLE DUBARRY FOR HER EXTRODINARY PERFORMANCE ON NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>.

### THIS INFORMATION IS GOING OUT TO ALL PAST EXECUTIVE, BOARD MEMBERS AND INVOLVED MEMBERS OF DAASC, CLUB 717

Over the past several years many things have gone astray for the Club and we as a NEW Board are trying to retrieve and find as much information and records as possible.

We keep hearing different stories of files and records being discarded or misplaced and just maybe someone could possibly enlighten us with information or actual records in your possession or someone you know?

ALL of the Secretarial files were re-located at the Club at the End of December 1996 and are not there now?

The photo albums of our dances and functions cannot be found and we would certainly like to have them back, no questions asked!

It seems that the importance of keeping records fell to the wayside with past Boards and it is imperative that this information be kept by future Boards of Club 717. This was all part of becoming an Incorporated, Non-Profit organization and records MUST be kept in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws.

Besides, these records are the property of the Durham Alliance Association Social Club (DAASC)/"Club 717" and not ANY individual.

Your assistance and co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated with any information or material you can provide.

Thanking you for your assistance and co-operation we hope to hear from you soon!

Thanks Again,

Board of Directors

DAASC "Club 717"



### SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND MR. LEATHERMAN OF CLUB 717!



Memberships are now due to **AVOID** cover charges on Friday and Saturday nights!

Our present membership as of November 30th now stands at 57 with 42 Renewals and 15 New Memberships. I ask members to encourage their



friends to either renew or take out a membership with the Club for the following reasons:

1. Avoid Cover Charges on Friday and Saturday Nights.
2. Reduced ticket prices for Special Events at the Club during the year.
3. Special Members Only Nights.
4. Bring a Friend to the Club "Free of Charge" during the year with the **5 Free** Admissions with your membership card.

In the past becoming a member had other privileges like discount drink prices but do to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission regulations this perk can no longer be given as drink prices must be consistent according to our licensing. Therefore, we are giving this back to the members by having cover charges for Non-Members on Friday and Saturday nights and a higher price for tickets at Special Events.

I would like to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Healthy, Happy and Safe New Year! I look forward to seeing all of you at the Club during the month of December and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Mike Childerhose  
Membership Director/Mr. Leatherman Club 717  
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### I DIDN'T CATCH GAY.

I didn't catch gay from a toilet seat,  
I caught it when for the first time a girl  
smiled at me and I knew why.  
I didn't catch gay from playing with G.

I. Joes,  
I caught it from the secret longing I got when I  
looked at the other girls around me.  
I didn't catch gay from the girls locker room,  
But I did feel the shame when I hid my eyes, so that I  
wouldn't get caught staring too long.  
I didn't catch gay from not wearing dresses,  
I caught if from staring at the girls wearing the  
dresses and becoming aroused.  
I didn't catch gay from other gay women,  
I caught it from feeling the soft lips of a woman  
pressed up against mine.  
I didn't catch gay from hearing about "gays" from the  
school board,  
But I did learn to hide who I really was lest I get beat  
up like the "fag" did at lunchtime or recess.  
I didn't catch gay from T.V.

Nor did I catch straight from watching all of the  
straight couples that flooded the T.V. screen.  
I didn't catch gay from a parade.  
I caught it from seeing a naked woman at my side  
that shared the same feelings I had.  
I didn't catch gay from hugging women,  
But I learned not to let my hugs linger too long, and I  
became distant and cold to women in general.  
I didn't catch gay like some air borne disease,  
Even though I am treated as such, if I dare tell who I  
really am.  
I didn't catch gay from going to a gay bar,  
I caught it when I realized that I wasn't the only one  
with an attraction to the same sex.  
I didn't catch gay from cutting my hair,  
I caught it from feeling another woman place her  
hands in a soft and gentle way in my inner most  
places.  
I didn't catch gay from hanging around Faggots or  
Dykes,  
I caught it when they accepted me for who I am,  
when I was brave enough to tell them.  
I didn't catch gay from hearing gay related "issues"  
on the news,  
But I realized it was important for me to hide my own  
issues, lest they become public knowledge too.  
I didn't catch gay because my parents failed to instill  
on me the importance of a monogamous heterosexual  
relationship.  
I caught gay when I looked around and saw that I  
didn't know very many monogamous heterosexual  
people.  
I didn't catch gay by swimming in a pool with other  
gay people,  
I caught it when my inner feelings about women  
matched what my body was actually doing with  
them.  
I didn't catch gay from sharing a drinking fountain  
with women,  
But I did learn that people don't really want to share  
personal body space with me, just in case they catch  
gay from me.  
I didn't catch gay from one of my friends,  
Although in my effort to pretend I was straight I  
ostracized them and turned my back on them.  
I didn't catch gay from watching a movie with a  
homosexual couple in it,  
But I did learn that there were other people like me in  
this world.  
So if you please forgive me, I've tried to explain  
myself as best I could.  
I didn't catch gay at all. It was always just a part of  
who I was.  
Pamela Couper



### MEMBERSHIPS

It is time once again to renew or purchase your membership. Remember that by being a member you save money on cover charges, you get 5 free guest passes per year, and much more

**\$40.00 FOR MEMBERS**  
**\$50.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS**

### BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS!

Winter is a hard time of year for many people. Often times we find ourselves suffering the winter blahs. Cooped up in the house with no place to go, the housework may pile up, the Christmas bills pour in, the driveway gets covered with snow and you could really care less. The daily drudgery of getting up for work seems almost too hard to cope with. There is even a mental disorder that rears its ugly head when the days get shorter; it's called Seasonal Affective Disorder or S.A.D. for short. With all of that things seem kind of grim, but have hope! There are things we can do to combat the winter blahs. One of the major causes of the winter blahs is lack of sunshine. Go outside get some fresh air. A half an hour of exercise in the sun will do wonders to perk you up! If the cold is too much for you, go sit near a window and read! It's wonderful to read with the sun beaming in through the window. Close your eyes at that moment and pretend you're in a meadow in the summer. You'll be refreshed.

Another cause of the winter blahs is lack of exercise. In the summer people walk more often and they are in better shape. Go clean your house; Lord knows it probably needs it. If your house is already clean, go help someone organize his or her house. The exercise and company will do a world of difference. Point is, socialize and be active!

Lastly, Christmas is over. It is time to put away the chocolates, cookies, cakes and other junk you know you shouldn't have. Remember the four food groups? They aren't grease, chocolate, ice cream, and cola. Eat healthy and work at getting rid of that extra few (maybe more) pounds you put on over Christmas. If you go to *Subway* remember, cheese, mayonnaise and any other rich sauce is FAT and you don't need it. At *Tim Hortons* order a regular coffee instead of double double. Use milk not cream; get 1% milk instead of 2% or whole. And stay away from Mc Donalds, light menu my left foot.

Remember everyone; sweep those cobwebs out of your house, and from your head. Practice good mental health!

Isaac Cox



### JUST A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



I would like to start off by apologizing to everyone for the delay in the publication of this newsletter. I ran into some technical difficulties while producing

### STAFFING



Hello, I'm Pat the Staffing director for Club 717.

Once again I would like to thank the staff for a job well done. November has been a busy month for the club and the workers were able to perform their duties with large crowds.

There was to be changes to staffing wages effective December 1, 2003 but that has been postponed until further investigation. The staff is requested to volunteer 1 night in December back to the club to help put us back on track financially.

**For all current staff we will be having a meeting on January 18, 2003 at 2:00 pm so please mark your schedule and plan to attend. These meetings are mandatory to update the staff of upcoming changes to the club.**

I would like to remind all members and non-members to refrain from leaning or sitting on the pool tables. Also, please don't place drinks or cigarettes on the edge of the table while playing pool. The club spent a lot to cover the tables. Let's keep them nice.

I want to let everybody know that we are always looking for people to work at the club. So if you want to help out please let me know. You can contact me either at the club, fill out an application from the Bar Tender or e-mail me at pmjcca@yahoo.ca. The positions are Bar, Door, Floor, Bath Room and Coat Check persons. As always the club is looking for volunteers to help out and wages can be donated back to the club for special events (i.e. Pride Parade Float). Your support will keep our club open.

To all the staff, remember everybody is your customer give them the respect and courtesy they deserve.

If you see me at the club come over and say HI!!!!  
Pat

### SUNDAYS

The Club is showing episodes of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, Will & Grace, 6 Feet Under, and Queer as Folk. Popcorn is also available.

the newsletter and had to start over on it. I felt that when it came to the December newsletter that I did not have enough articles to create a newsletter so I combined December and January's newsletters and bring you one for the two months. Once again I do apologize for the lateness.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in submitting something for the newsletter please contact me and I would be honoured to have your submissions. You can email me at club\_717\_newsletter@sympatico.ca

I would like to have all submissions and articles for the February newsletter by the 20<sup>th</sup> of January.

With Love,

Stevy



## MONA'S HOROSCOPES



**Aries** - Your whirlwind approach will attract others if you need help developing your ideas. Romance and social activity should be part of your game plan. Partner with people who share your vision.



**Taurus**- Staying in the background as an observer will serve you best today. Opportunities are available, but listen to what everyone is saying so that you will have a better idea of what everyone wants.



**Gemini** - Make time for family and friends. Romance and partnerships are likely to develop into something quite special. Your outgoing personality and versatile mind will be hard to resist.



**Cancer** - Money matters will be top priority, leading to your desire to make a higher income. Research to find vocational possibilities that interest you.



**Leo** - You will be sensitive today, especially if someone says something critical about you. Don't let anything get you down. Instead, pamper yourself.

**Virgo** - You may have to keep on top of situations that you don't want everyone to know about. Less talk and more secretive action will be in order. Look over your important papers.



**Libra** - Your interaction with people who have similar concerns will lead to a romantic encounter. Things are looking up, but refrain from being too generous. Partnerships can be formed.

**Scorpio** - You probably won't be too happy with what you hear today. However, this is not the day to fight back, and opposition should only make you more resourceful.



**Sagittarius** - Get involved in competitions or debates that will stimulate your mind. You



will do well if you stand up for your beliefs and push your own ideas. Romance should be on your mind, too.

**Capricorn** - Your objective will be to sort through matters that must be taken care of for older relatives or friends. Take care of any health issues before they become worse.



**Aquarius** - Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Stand your ground and let it be known how you feel. Resolution will only happen if you speak your mind.

**Pisces** - Check into a healthier lifestyle. The more you do to improve yourself, the better you will feel. Let your restlessness lead to improvements.



### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>** → Ms. D. Meanor and Friends

**Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>** → The Spousal Drag Show hosted by Edna

**Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** → Queen Jewels, Edna and CJ Douglas  
host the New Talent Show.

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>** → Mona Lott & Isaac Cox with Special  
Guests

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** → The Valentine's Show hosted by Queen  
Jewels

**Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** → Edna's 007 Show with Special Agents

**Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** → Queen Jewels and Friends