



# JUNE

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# NEWSLETTER

## DURHAM ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL CLUB “CLUB 717”

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

**H**aving gone through this past weekend with the new talent contest, which was absolutely fabulous, you must be seeing things hanging around the club.

But first and foremost, I must congratulate the four marvelous contestants on their superb performance. Thank you so much Mirage, Jade, Porsche and Billy. We went through all the seasons, to different countries, from young to old, and even had gospel singers. What a range of talent!!!!

And the American Idol format was certainly most humorous... And the judges had a hard time to determine placement.

As for those things hanging around the club; they are paper mache giant fruit slices, grapes, apples, lemons, limes to be used on the Club 717 float for the Pride parade which is themed “A BURST OF FRUIT FLAVOUR”.

Many have been working long and hard to achieve these results. And we are starting to see the end result which will be

spectacular. Sundays are one of the days when we work on these projects, starting about 10:00 am. If you would like to help out, please join us.

It seems all of our energy is going into Pride right now. After the Pride Parade on June 27th, we will start to focus on revamping the club. It's time for a redo, a new look, and some new accessories. All of these things take many gay hours, so if you have gay hours to spare come on down.

I know that many of you are starting to go away on weekends to cottages, camping or holidaying. So have a great time, enjoy your summer vacation, and we'll see you when you get back, because there is always something happening at Club 717.

Enjoy,

Charlie Samms

### JOHN SENDS OUT THANKS

**A**s everyone knows there have been some changes at our club. I would like to thank Pat Cronin for all the hard work, and volunteer shifts he has done at club 717.

My name is John Labarge; I am now looking after staffing and memberships. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to approach me at the club, we are

always looking for staff and volunteers. The summer is approaching lets enjoy it and have fun. Also pride is approaching fast, hope everyone has a great time. Hope to see all of you at our club.

Thanks John.

## THE QUEEN'S REPORT

**H**i everyone, It's your Queen reporting on Mays events. May 7<sup>th</sup>. In the house was Twiggy, Miss D. Meanor, CJ, and Savannah.....It was night full of fun and excitement. The girls delivered a powerful performance.... With Twiggy at the helm we enjoyed her fun filled frolics and great sense of humor.....

May 14th The Girly show Hosted by Chardonnay was an all out Girly fest with an exciting fast paced show featuring Jasmine, Glenda Lewis and Ms D. Meanor....

Miss Chardonnay can really put on a show. I really liked the way the club was decorated. Many thanks go to Richard and Kelly for all their efforts.

May 21st Miss Glenda Lewis hosted a fun filled evening with her Sisters in the closet show....On board was Queen Mum Edna with her outrageous performance and outfits. The Mother of all that is good with sequins. CJ was there to give it up with her high energy performance. Chardonnay was also on board that night.....Chardonnay always delivers the goods, whether it's skimpy or glam, we can always count on her to entertain us.....Last but not least, was Miss Glenda herself., high energy and spontaneous as always.

On May 28th myself and CJ Douglas and special guest Sylvia will be in the house. Sylvia comes to us from Toronto where she works and entertains at Tango and Cruise. Watch out Oshawa she means business. We are very pleased and honored that Sylvia has agreed to come to our place and perform for us.....

We are in full gear towards Pride 2004. With years theme "A Burst of Fruit Flavour" We have started to prepare our props for the float. You will be seeing the props hanging in the club and watch the transformation they take from start to finish. It's going to be a very fruity Pride this year....Look for the shooting banana and bigger than life Pineapple...in the making.....There are so many people to thank so far, we have started our paper mache and to date I would like to thank, Gilbert, Corey, Margaret, Jean-Guy, Glenda, Larry and Charlie, Richard and Kelly, Stephanie, Albert and Dean, Ralph and Pat, and if I have forgotten anyone I apologize.

I would like to thank all staff members at the club, we have our ups and downs but we always get through it.

I would also like to thank all our volunteers that have come out to help the club whenever we needed them....

In closing I would also thank all patrons at Club 717. I have met the greatest people and have made lots of friends and acquaintances....I am overwhelmed by all your support and positive feedback.

Always remember that I am easily approachable if you have any ideas or thoughts or suggestions. As Queen of Club 717 I am honoured to be representing our club in any way that I can and hope that I can be a positive role model.

Bye

Stay tuned for more exciting news to follow.....

Love,

Queen Jewels

### **RUBY SLIPPERS**

**"We're In Durham.....Not Just Kansas!"**

### **DANCE**

**IN SUPPORT OF:**

**THE SCOTT BRADLEY**

**MEMORIAL COMMUNITY FUND**

(For the development of gay recreational, youth, and social services)

**Masonic Temple - 91 Centre Street South, Oshawa**

June 5 & August 7, 2004 - \$8 at the door - Cash Bar - 8:30p.m. - 1:a.m.

DJ - Jeff Fudge - 8:30p.m. - 1:15a.m. - DOOR PRIZE AT MIDNIGHT

(Framed, numbered, and signed lithograph valued at approximately \$350.00)

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## LETTER FROM TWIGGY



**W**elcome to the New Fiscal year of the Liberal Government.

Were your hard earned taxes are going to be sucked out of your

wallets

and bank accounts faster than you can shake a stick.

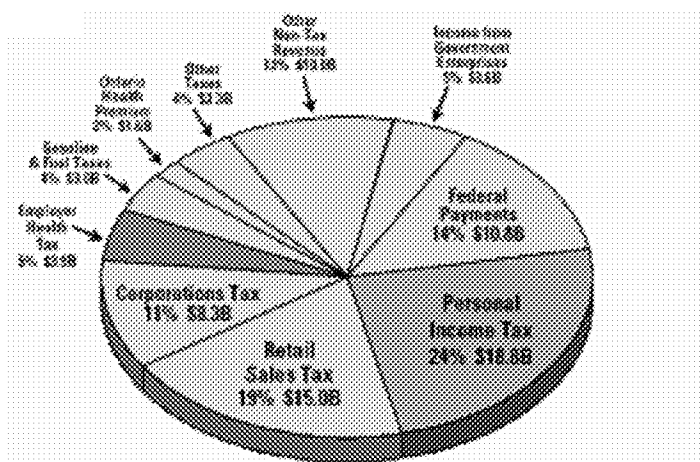
If you haven't been watching the news lately you have missed some vital

Information about what you are going to be paying in the very near future.

You think the Gas prices are outrageous well hold on to your bonnets girls

Cause its going to be much worse.

### Your Taxes



Here are some of the outlines of what you can expect.  
**Health Care will cost people at the lowest end of the income scale would not pay anything;**  
**And the rest would pay between \$300 and \$900 per year, or \$25 to \$75 per month.**

**The government will get all the way out of Petro-Canada this year when it sells it's Remaining share in the company.**

**The cost of a carton of 200 cigarettes will go up by \$2.50 each, effective May 19.**

**Starting June 21, the price for a 750 ml bottle of wine goes up 15 cents, while the cost of 24 Bottles of beer will rise by 45 cents**

And if you think it is going to get better Think again, Remember the Promise to Stop GST well

Now girls do you think they are going to stop Billions of dollars of your Money coming into these

Fat cats hands, to spend on Luxurious Trips, dinners, and Condo's HA!

## OVERCOMING FEAR

**F**ear has had such a profound impact on my life. It is highly prevalent amongst novice Leather folk and those curious about the lifestyle.

It is paranoia about who we are and what we do that restrains a great number of those who fantasize about BDSM from doing anything more than dreaming or using the fantasy as a jerk-off tool. It is fear that keeps us from exploring, experimenting, and ultimately enjoying a fulfilling kinky life.

An authentic and viable Leather lifestyle cannot be built on the "lessons" found in one-handed reading. Hot stories are great for jerking off, disastrous for establishing relationships, learning correct techniques, and understanding the real dynamics of BDSM. Education dispels ignorance. It sheds light on the unknown, thus dispelling fear.

There are all sorts of fears, fear of rejection, failure, exposure, injury, discrimination, ostracism, and disease. In the earliest stages of any BDSM exploration it is the fear of the unknown that is most crippling. Fortunately, that is a fear that can be overcome.

One's entree into Leather usually begins with inner stirrings of desire and curiosity. Follow them cautiously and realistically. As you progress in knowledge of this lifestyle, you will naturally learn about yourself as well. You'll learn what you like and what you don't, what turns you on and turns you off. Emotions, fears, and doubts will come and go. Find some way to understand why this happens.

While I don't want to make a big deal about introspection, it can be helpful, especially when directed by a competent counselor. Retrospection, too, can help you see how you got where you are and what might need to be encouraged, what should be avoided. After all, even a "bad" event can hold a significant learning experience that guides us to really good events.

So take a deep breath, relax, and experiment one day at a time. Change is inevitable. The future cannot be stopped.

Jayne

## WHITBY PRIDE!!

**J**ust in case - you have not heard yet, the following is a list of Whitby Pride Events scheduled. The mayor of Whitby has declared June 12, 13 - Whitby Pride.

### **Boston Pizza Fundraiser:**

-Thursday May 27th  
-\$8.00 admission - \$12.00 special menu

-silent auction  
-6:00pm - Boston Pizza - AMC complex

### **Proud and Out Dance:**

-Saturday June 5 @8:30pm  
-\$8.00 admission at the door  
-Masonic Temple - Oshawa

### **Whitby Pride Family/Friends BBQ:**

-June 12

-Heydenshore Pavilion - 12:00pm - 4:00pm

-all welcome

### **Whitby Pride Dinner:**

-June 13  
-Brother's Restaurant/Whitby

-4:00pm

-details to follow

Hope to see everyone there

## FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY LANGUAGE (OR SEVERE DISTORTIONS THEREOF)

**T**hose who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.  
A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.  
Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

Definition of a will: A dead give away.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted - It taint yours and it taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

## WHITBY MAYOR, M. L. BRUNELLE TO PROCLAIM JUNE 12TH, 2004 TO JUNE 13TH, 2004 "WHITBY PRIDE WEEKEND"

**W**hitby, ON – Whitby Mayor, M.L. Brunelle, is to proclaim June 12th, 2004 to June 13th, 2004 "Whitby Pride Weekend" in and for the Town of Whitby. The Whitby Pride Association, a non-profit organization comprised of Whitby Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Trans and Two-Spirited residents, will be organizing this year's event.

The mission of Whitby Pride Association is to create a supportive community where the rights of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Trans and Two-Spirited residents will be recognized and respected. We hope to do that by raising awareness of human rights through events such as "Whitby Pride Weekend".

"Whitby Pride Weekend" is intended to celebrate and support the contributions of GLBT citizens to the social and cultural fabric of our town and is open to all Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Trans and Two-Spirited individuals, friends, families, and supporters.

Events planned include a Pride Weekend kick-off party on June 12th, 2004 at a local establishment and a community BBQ in a local park on June 13th, 2004.

"Celebrating Diversity in our Community" has been chosen as the theme for this year's event. We have chosen this theme in order to promote the Town of Whitby as a caring, safe and inclusive community. We also wish to showcase how the rich ethnic, social and cultural heritage of our Town has been enriched by the contributions of our Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Trans and Two-Spirited citizens.

"This is an historic day for the GLBT community in the Town of Whitby." said Kevin Burke, President of Whitby Pride Association, and Whitby native. "With this positive support of our elected officials, and the broader community, future generations will look back and be able to trace the path of local GLBT acceptance and open integration." he added.

A subsequent news release will be sent out in early May with event updates and locations. In the meantime, please visit the official Whitby Pride website at: [www.whitbypride.org](http://www.whitbypride.org).

For further information please contact:

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May-June Events	
<b><u>Fri-June 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	The Stiletto Sisters
<b><u>Fri-June 11<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Ruby Delights & Special Guests
<b><u>Fri-June 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Ms. D. Meanor & Friends
<b><u>Fri-June 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Queen Jewels' PRIDE Show
Upcoming Events;	
<b><u>Fri-June 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	PRIDE Show
<b><u>Sat-June 26<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Pride Party
<b><u>Sun-June 27<sup>th</sup></u></b>	PRIDE Parade in Toronto

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