



DURHAM ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL CLUB

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NOVEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER

NEW BOARD DIRECTORS ELECTED

There is a new Board of Directors for the DAASC that was elected at the Annual General Membership Meeting on October 26, 2003. The Board is as follows:

- President**.....Ralph Chiasson
- Vice-President**.....Charlie Samms
- Finance Committee**.....Richard Twigg & Roy Miles
- Secretary**Danny Caudle
- Staffing**Pat Cronin
- Memberships**Mike Childerhose
- Entertainment Committee**
.....Charlie Samms & Shannon Nesbitt
- Promotions Committee**Giulio Tamburini
- Newsletter & Posters**Stevy Watt
- Decorations Committee**.....Steve Barker
- Constitution**.....Robert Merrin



NEW QUEEN FOR 717

Hi Everyone!

It was a honour to be chosen the new Queen of Club 717 for the next year.

I have a great deal of ideas that I would like to implement in the year to follow.

I will be having a meeting with all the Drag Queens/Kings as soon as possible. I would like to brainstorm with them all so that we may set out the year in advance and work on special events in advance.



I hope to have an exciting year, filled with new performers and special guest and themes throughout my reign.

I am counting on all the performers to work together and elevate the degree of our shows...I know we can do this together, just as we did with our performance of "Chicago".

Please feel free to approach me with other ideas and suggestions either in writing or in person.....

My platform this year will be fairness to all and to incorporate current performers as well as many new and unknown performers...

Love

Queen Jewels



PRICES RAISED

The Bar Prices have increased because many of our prices have increased to purchase supplies. Our overhead operations, such as rent, Hydro, Insurance, Gas has also gone up. Our main income for the Club is our bar, and being a non-profit association, we try to keep our prices down as much as possible. We MUST cover our expenses, just like we all have to do. A new Board has just been elected. This new Board is presently exploring the possibility of reducing costs where possible. We are hoping that we can offer more value to our members and keep our cost a minimum. We want to upgrade the look of the Club and hopefully replace our aging fixtures. Your continued support is required during this change over period.

Regards,

The Board of Directors for the DAASC



THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone!!

I am pleased to announce as the result of the AGM meeting, the Club has a full Board of Directors. I look forward to the next year working

with them. And to the past Board members I would like to send a Thank You for all your hard work and support. As President the next year will be challenging but I look forward to continuous improvement to Club 717.

The Club is always looking for volunteer to make improvements. Your help will guarantee the future of Club 717. So we the Club would love for your assistance with decorating, yearly clean-ups, renovations, etc.

If you need to contact me my email is raoulchiasson@yahoo.ca. I hope you will come and support your Club.

See you there!!

Ralph



STAFFING

HI!!

On October 26th I was re-elected as Staffing director for Club 717. 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 Bartender or email me at pmjcca@yahoo.ca. The requirement to is you must be getting or have your smart serve. We work Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 pm until closing and Sunday 8:30 until 12:00. The positions are Bar, Door, Floor, Bathroom 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). With Your support our club will remain open.

For all current staff we will be having a meeting on November 23, 2003 at 1:00 pm so please mark your schedule and plan to attend.

Once again I would like to thank my staff for the job they have been doing. 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



GREETINGS FROM EDNA

Greetings

I would like to congratulate and welcome our new Queen Jewels. The Queen competition was difficult to judge because the two competitors were well matched. It was especially delightful when they entertained the crowd with their duet while waiting for the moment of truth. I look forward to seeing both Queen Jewels and Savaughna in the coming year.



I would like to say a special thanks to all those who supported me in my reign as Queen of Club 717. I am honored!!

Love,

Edna (Mummy Dearest), Queen Mum of Club 717



THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The schedule of events will appear on the last or separate page from here on in.

As of the Annual General Membership Meeting, we now have a full, complete and new Board of Directors.

Shannon Nesbitt, the Club 717 DJ, will be involved with Club 717 entertainment, helping to plan events, assist performers and generally to make our entertainment at Club 717 even better. Welcome Shannon.

I would like to welcome our new Queen Jewels and let her know that she can count on me to help out in any way that I can. Jewel's has already expressed some new ideas and I really look forward to the upcoming year.

A big welcome to all our new Board Members; Robert Merrin, Dan Caudle, Roy Miles, Mike Childerhose, Pat Cronin, Steve Barker, Shannon Nesbitt and Stevy Watt, who gets to print this newsletter, the signage in the club and the poster that adorn the walls. Twiggy is our acting Treasurer as ex-officio with the assistance of Roy Miles.

Our Halloween bash was absolutely fabulous. I haven't had such a great time since Mardi Gras. I really love it when our patrons dress up, dance the

night away, drink and be merry. The prizes that were won were well deserved.

Our next big event is Christmas. On Sunday, November 30th, at 11:00 am the Club Christmas decoration will be hung, taped, glued, stapled and every other way that is needed to display them. Everyone is welcome to come out and join in the decorating spirit. The tree comes to the ceiling and needs many hands to get it up there and decorated. We had a blast last year!!!

Again through December we will be having a food (*non-perishable*) and toy drive. Last year we delivered food and toys to the police station in Oshawa, and they distributed our collections accordingly. Christmas especially is a time to give. So get those beans and smurf dolls out of the cupboard and bring them on down to the club.

The drag performers will be donating baskets filled with goodies, treats, trinkets and more. These will be on display throughout December and tickets will be sold throughout the month. The draw will be on December 19th at the Christmas Extravaganza Show, hosted by our Queen Jewels.

New Year's Eve Tickets are ON SALE NOW!!

\$10.00 for MEMBERS – available now
\$20.00 for NON-MEMBERS – available after December 1st

A silver and black evening with food, prizes, champagne, hats, noisy things and balloons too!!

The new Board of Directors is putting their culinary skills into action to prepare some tantalizing hot and cold, special and tasty food for you all and some chocolate spiders too!!

With the cost of living going up all the time and some financial difficulties in the club, there was a need to raise drink prices, create a small cover charge on Saturday nights and a need to ask staff to volunteer a working shift to help us to get back on our feet again. Many people believe that Club 717 is a gold mine. Believe you me, that is not true. I have been involved in the finances for the past two months and it is mind boggling the amount of money that we have to pay out. This Board wants you to enjoy, participate and get the most out of the club.

Also by becoming members, you will save money over the year on cover charges, free passes for 5 guests per year, and a real New Year's Bargain.

Till next time,
Charlie, Vice-President



HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Halloween Dance was a big success!! There were prizes for best male, best female and best couple costumes!

Best male →



Best female →



Best couple →



More Halloween Pictures:





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

CONSTITUTION

Hi. I am Robert Merrin one of your new Board Members. I was elected to the board of Directors at your 2003 Annual General Meeting. I am honored that the members at the meeting elect me to the Board of Directors.

I have been a member of Club 717v for three years now. I have attended three Annual General Meetings and helped elect three new boards. The previous two boards had a lot of resignations and new people appointed to the board.

The reason I wanted on the board of directors of Club 717 is that I want to see stability on the board of directors. I want to see more communication between the board and the membership of the club. I would like to see an increased presence by Club 717 at the Gay Pride Parade. I would like to see our constitution changed and updated.

We have had our first board meeting and I must say that it was a very productive meeting and I have been given the task of getting the Constitution updated and changed. Some of the legwork to accomplish this has

already started. Knowing that the holiday season is fast approaching and that we all have more important things on our minds than the Clubs constitution, I intend to get things going in the New Year.

Talking about the New Year, has just reminded me to mention that tickets, for our New Years Eve Party are on sale now. So get your tickets now. I hope to see you at our New Years Eve Party.

Robert Merrin



" 'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE "

Greetings All

It's that time of year when our generosity as a Club becomes a good deed to our community and people less fortunate than us.

This year Club 717 will again participate in a toy and food drive. We need all your participation to have another successful year.

Please bring in non-perishable food items and toys everytime you visit the Club and in turn you will receive a entry form which will be entered into a draw...(Draw date to be announced on your upcoming flyer) The prizes that you will be eligible to win will consist of many gift baskets that will be donated by many of our Drag queens/Kings and or any others who would like to donate a basket.

The baskets will be on display in the Club within the first week of December 2003.

We are hoping that many of you will participate and give to others, what we sometimes take for granted.

The toys will be donated to a women's shelter still to be decided. (Details to follow in upcoming posters) And the food items will be donated to the Oshawa food bank, which in turn will be distributed to all in need locally.

For further details and or questions, please see Chardonnay (Jean-Guy) Queen Mum Edna (Larry) or myself Queen Jewels (Giulio)

Wishing all a good and prosperous New Year...

Love
Jewels

P.S. Stay tuned for further upcoming events....



A SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN LABARGE FOR DONATING THE HOCKEY TICKETS THAT RAISED \$150.00 AND THE \$94.00 FROM SMOKE PROFITS. TOTAL \$244.00 THAT JOHN GAVE BACK TO THE CLUB.
 ONE MORE THING IS THANKS FOR SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING THE DRYWALL FOR THE LADIES WASH ROOM

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS

Nov. 7 - Chardonnay, Edna and Glenda
Nov. 14 - Edna's Country Western Special with CJ and Erica Star
Nov. 21 - Michelle Dubarry and The Dubarry Girls
Nov. 28 - Queen Jewels, Issac Cox and Friends
Dec. 5 - Edna Kicks off Christmas
Dec. 12 - Twiggy's Retro 80's Show
Dec. 19 - Queen Jewels' Christmas Extravaganza
Dec. 26 - Savannahugh Davenport Hosts the Boxing Day Show
Dec. 31 - Club 717's New Year's Party (\$10 for Members [on sale now] and \$20 for Non-Members [on sale after Dec 1] There will be food, prizes, champagne, hats, noisy things, and balloons!! Silver & Black Theme)

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



It is my great privilege to bring this newsletter to you. I must apologize for it being late. I am honored to be the editor of this publication. Currently there is not much but I have plans for future newsletters.

First off though, I would like to congratulate Queen Jewels to her position as current reigning Queen of Club 717. I wish Jewels the best of luck in the upcoming year. I look forward to working with her on newsletters and as a performer of Club 717. *You rock Jewels!!!!*

I would also like to take this time to thank the membership for electing me back onto the Board. I think we have a good team of people on the Board. We have a very important task of running and managing the club. I wish each Board member good luck and best wishes for the upcoming year. I look forward to working with each and every one.

I would also like to wish all the past Board members good luck with their journeys through life and the paths they chose.

I welcome any suggestions, submissions and/or comments anyone might have to help improve the newsletters of the future. You can email me at club_717_newsletter@sympatico.ca.

L8tr,

Hugs and Kisses,

Stevy ☺

