



eBlast Update

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PWA's Annual General Meeting

An Affirming Connection Place — A sneak peak at PWA's new office space.

Through our Strategic Planning process re-imagined PWA as “a place to be positive.” We see PWA as a comfortable, revitalizing, safe space where PHAs can feel affirmed and gain access to practical services, a warm, welcoming environment and sense of community, and physical space that can be used for many purposes, including social connection.

Join us for an early look at the layout, design and functionality of our new space. Light refreshments will be provided.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, October 2nd, 2008 6:30 pm

Oakham House (Ryerson Student Campus Centre)
63 Gould Street



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www.pwatoronto.org

Speakers Bureau

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Changing the world one story at a time

Did you know...?

- Each year over the past decade in excess of 500 people are newly diagnosed with HIV in Toronto.
- Between 2005 and 2006 one of the largest increases in new HIV infections was found in heterosexual females 15-29 years old.
- There are 17000 known cases of HIV in Toronto and at least another estimated 17000 people who are HIV+ and they don't know it.

Now more than ever an HIV education and prevention message is so critical.



What can you do?

The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation offers a free service to the community. A diverse team of volunteers have come forward to share their lived experiences with HIV to the community. We hope to challenge the stigma and discrimination that exists today 25 years after HIV was first discovered. We hope to overcome the myths and misconceptions that result in people being infected or that lead to fear and stigma. We hope to prevent infections and put a human face on the virus.

Since our inception in 1989 we have told our stories over 4400 times to over ¼ million Torontonians. We receive our training from Toronto Public Health and are 100% funded by the City of Toronto AIDS Prevention Community Investment Program.

You can help make a positive difference. To book a Speaker:

Email: speakers@pwatoronto.org or call 416-506-8606 ext. 625 or visit <http://www.pwatoronto.org/speakers.html>

Make HIV count where you live

Vote October 14, 2008
Make HIV count where you live.



Canada is committed to stopping new infections and ensuring the health of people living with HIV. To do so, we need political leaders from all parties to return funding promised to the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada. We also need them to stand up and fight for the health and social policies that will stem the epidemic.

The Canadian AIDS movement can't work alone. We need your help as voters to assist us in ensuring that our leaders also bring forward the important health and social justice issues that are at the root of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Exercise your democratic right to vote and hold leaders accountable.

In this election YOU can make a positive difference. We are asking people to:

- **VOTE** – make sure that you vote and that your friends and families vote
- **EDUCATE** politicians, friends, family and your community – talk about the services that exist, where there are gaps, and what would happen if the funds are cut in the future.
- **INFORM** – write letters to the editor with your perspective on the issues.
- **ASK QUESTIONS** – Go to all candidates meeting and ask the each candidate what their party will do if they form the next government

Both the Canadian AIDS Society and the Ontario AIDS Network have great website resources and materials to reference.

<http://www.cdnaids.ca/election2008>

http://www.ontarioaidsnetwork.on.ca/election_2008

In addition, below are the kinds of questions that are important for us to be asking publicly of our candidates.

If any public statements or commitments related to HIV/AIDS are made at meetings that you attend, please document them and communicate it with the OAN and CAS. These can be important tools for working with a new government and ensuring that HIV/AIDS issues are not lost.

Questions:

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1. Will you and your party commit to restoring funding for the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada to \$84.4 million as was originally intended?
2. What will your party do to ensure that harm reduction approaches are included in the overall strategy to address problematic substance use in Canada?
3. How will you and your party ensure that all Canadians, including those who are particularly vulnerable to HIV, such as drug users, sex workers and gay men and MSM, have equal access to prevention, care, treatment and support?
4. Canada needs a long-term strategy on homelessness. Short-term strategies do not allow for the predictability that is needed to create lasting solutions to homelessness. Would your party commit to predictable, long-term funding to support a national strategy on homelessness?
5. Lack of affordable, quality childcare is one of the major barriers preventing families in low income from obtaining work. Lack of childcare also has a disproportionate impact on women. Will your party commit to raising the annual Child Tax Benefit to \$5100 per child and restore agreements with provinces and territories for child care programs?
6. Despite a healthy economy, the number of people living in poverty in Canada has remained high and for some groups, such as recent immigrants and youth, has increased significantly. Economic growth and tax cuts have not solved this challenge. What steps will you and your party take towards eradicating poverty in Canada? Would you support the development and implementation of a poverty reduction strategy for Canada?
7. Given that microbicides, when available, would be an effective, user initiated, easy to use protection against HIV, will you and your party support the increase of funding allocated to Microbicide research and community engagement?
8. While the HIV/AIDS movement in Canada was thrilled at the news of the creation of the Canadian HIV Vaccines Initiative, it was a direct blow to this very sector when funds from the community were used to finance this Initiative. If you are elected, will your party fund the community to the level outlined in the Federal Initiative?
9. If you are elected, what will your party do to ensure that Canada is placing human rights and gender equality at the centre of our response to HIV both here at home and through our international efforts?

Studies have shown that youth look to schools for accurate, balanced information on substance use and sexual health and yet access to this information is inconsistent across Canada. Will your government take the lead and work with the provinces and territories as well as community-based groups to ensure that all youth have access to this information?

Pie In The Sky – Help make the Pie bigger!

**This Thanksgiving, don't just give thanks, give hope.
Buy a pie specially baked by a chef,
and help bring dinner to someone with HIV/AIDS.**



In Pie in the Sky, chefs bake pies that volunteers sell in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving to support the vital food programs of the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation (PWA).

Incredibly, **a \$35 pie can bring a meal to ten people with HIV/AIDS** whose long term survival depends on proper nutrition. Last year we provided over **30,000 meals** and the number of **children** who depend on our food bank has tripled since January.

This exciting event and urgent cause have attracted chefs from such celebrated restaurants as **Mildred Pierce** and **Canoe** to bake pies. Pies are the desserts par excellence for Thanksgiving, when people give thanks for their good fortune. With Pie in the Sky, you can also give hope.

Go to www.pieintheskytoronto.org

Click on the “Buy a Pie” link to order and your pie will be ready for pick up on Friday, October 10.

“When I first started using the services at PWA, I had all 3 kids living with me. I believe that the food bank kept me alive at times ... and kept me and my family together.”

Client since 1989

One Life – www.luvU2.ca

Send a message to someone you care, you love. It will raise money and awareness.
For every message sent, Bristol-Myers Squibb will donate \$1 for future AIDS-related programs.
For every message sent you tell someone you care.



Spearhead Food Drive at Play on Church

Saturday October 4 - 504 Church Street, from 1 - 5pm

Bring non-perishable food items.

Come out and cast your vote for TICOT Empress & Emperor!

Oct 2nd (5-8pm) or 4th (12-5pm) – The 519 Church St Community Centre

You don't need to be a TICOT member to vote!

(Each resident of the Imperial Realm – Toronto – who wishes to vote must complete a ballot registration form and present a valid photo identification that includes current address, or 2 pieces of I.D.: one photo identification with the voter's name and one non photo I.D. which includes name & current address.)

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Fundraising Events

CORONATION XXII

"The Springtime In Paris Ball"

A GALA BENEFIT IN SUPPORT OF TORONTO PEOPLE WITH AIDS FOUNDATION

FEATURING HONOUR WALKS BY

DOUBLE DECADE VERONICA BLAKE EMPERESS II	DECADE CHANTAL CARTIER EMPERESS XII
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COORDINATION & PROTOCOL

Coronation XXII Ball Coordination Team
ballcoordinator@ticot.org

Reign XXI Minister of Protocol
All protocol shall be submitted in advance electronically to
Dallas Norman protocol@ticot.org

Protocol may be submitted in person in Hospitality Suite on Saturday, October 11
between the hours of noon and 2:00PM only.
The Imperial Court Of Toronto reserves the right to edit all protocol submissions.

CORONATION TICKETS

Coronation XXII Ball & Dinner	\$125
Coronation XXII Ball & Dinner with Victory Brunch	\$165
Victory Brunch Only	\$ 40

Make cheques payable to:
TICOT Social Society, Inc.
P.O. BOX 46, 552 Church Street, Toronto ON M4Y2H0 Canada
OR Purchase On-line via PayPal at www.TICOT.org

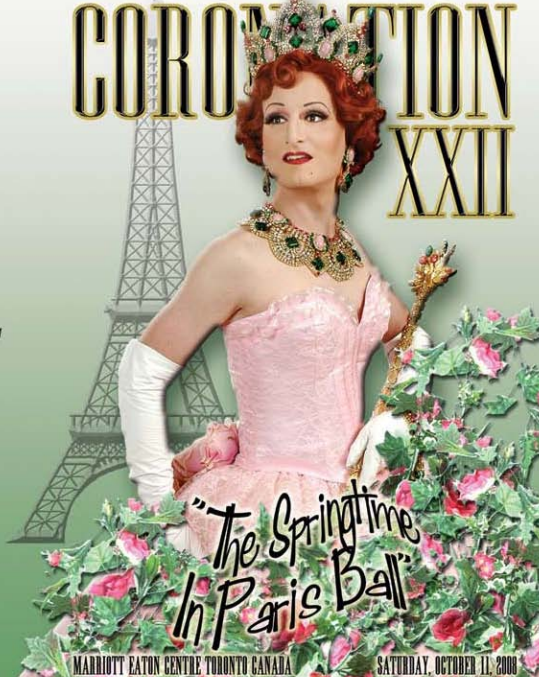
WIN A TRIP FOR TWO TO PARIS

Every Coronation XXII Gala Ball ticket will be entered into a draw to
Win a Trip for 2 to Paris, France
Airfare and Hotel Accommodation included
Courtesy of itravel2000.com

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Supporting the Court with Pride

THE IMPERIAL COURT OF TORONTO AND H.M.I.S.M. EMPRESS XXI
BITSIE VANDERBILT, THE "NEW LOOK" MAPLE LEAF EMPRESS PRESENT

CORONATION XXII



*"The Springtime
In Paris Ball"*

MARRIOTT EATON CENTRE, TORONTO CANADA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

CORONATION XXII EVENTS

<p>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 MAGICAL MAKEOVER 9:00 PM Woody's</p> <p>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 STATE DINNER 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Cafe California Taxes & admission to The In Town Show included! Visit www.TICOT.org for Menu & pricing.</p> <p>IN TOWN SHOW Night of Court Performances An Open Stage in Celebration of Reign XXI 10 PM to Close Play on Church</p>	<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 OUT OF TOWN HOSPITALITY SUITE 12 noon to 5 PM only! Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre 525 Bay Street, Toronto</p> <p>OUT OF TOWN SHOW Cocktails 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM Show 9:00 PM to Midnight Dancing 1:00 PM to Close Play on Church This event has a \$10 cover charge. All tips to support Reign XXI charities.</p>	<p>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 PRE-BALL HOSPITALITY SUITE 11 AM to 3 PM ONLY Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre 525 Bay Street, Toronto</p> <p>CORONATION XXII "The Springtime In Paris Ball" Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM The Grand Ballroom Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre 525 Bay Street, Toronto</p> <p>POST-BALL HOSPITALITY SUITE Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre 525 Bay Street, Toronto Visit www.TICOT.org for more information.</p>	<p>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 VICTORY BRUNCH 10:00AM to 1:00 PM The Grand Ballroom Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre 525 Bay Street, Toronto</p> <p>TOUGH DRAG 9:00 PM to 12:00 AM Play on Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">A NOTE REGARDING TIPPING In deference to Empress Nicole's recent request regarding tipping at Coronation performances, NO TIPPING will be permitted at Coronation XXII. Your co-operation is anticipated and appreciated.</p>
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Help us make a positive difference



I'd like to help people living with HIV or AIDS.

I'm making a: one time gift monthly gift

Please find enclosed my gift of:

\$50 \$35 \$20 Other: \$

I'd like to pay by: cash cheque credit card

Credit Card Information: VISA M/C AMEX

Card #:

Expiry:

Signature:

First Name Last Name

Address

City Province

Postal Code Phone

email

Gifts of \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.

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