

January 8, 2014

For reasons unknown to Your Editor, only the first half of the Newsletter went out earlier this evening, a situation which became apparent via an e-mail from our subscriber in Mexico (brag re international circulation). Here is the whole thing. I hope.

1. January Elderberries Potluck Social

Sunday January 12, 2:00 to 4:30 pm

Free monthly event for LGBT people aged 50+ and our families, friends, and supporters. Location : the Penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace. Wheelchair accessible. Parking is often available in the surrounding streets, or there is paid parking in a lot just across from the entrance. Please - no scents, no peanuts, no alcohol, no pets. Service dogs welcome.

Program : Kyle DeYoung, a lawyer and one of the founders of the Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia, will speak about the Association and its work of helping LGBT refugees to enter Nova Scotia. He will also talk about the situation of our first two refugees, who entered the province in November, and about how Elderberries members can donate to the work of Rainbow Refugees. Talk begins at 2:30.

For the potluck, please bring something you would enjoy eating and sharing. Homemade or store-bought are both welcome. Coffee and tea are provided. There are no kitchen facilities, so cold dishes or finger food would be the best choices. Please bring any serving utensils your dish requires : for example, knife for cutting a cake, salad tongs, etc.

2. Elderberries coffee break :

Wednesday January 16, Northwood Coffee Room (Harbourview), 10:30 am Refreshments available from adjacent Coco's outlet. Staff and residents of Northwood are invited to join Elderberries for conversation and getting-to-know-you.

3. News and connections :

Tuma Young's birthday : January 11.

Happy birthday from all the Elderberries to Tuma, one of our earliest members, most popular speakers, and bird photographer extraordinaire!

His greatness : a potentially true story about the playwright Tennessee Williams : January 15-26. Written by Daniel MacIvor. Scotiabank Studio Theatre, 1593 Argyle St, Halifax. Students, artists, and seniors, \$22.00. Regular, \$33.00.

Everything to Do with Sex Show : January 24-26. Cunard Centre, 961 Marginal Road, (Pier 23), Halifax B3H 4P6. Consumer adult event. Seminars, stage shows, celebrities, and more. Friday 5:00 pm - midnight ; Saturday Noon- midnight; Sunday Noon - 6:00 pm. Single day pass : \$15.00; \$20.00 at the door. Weekend pass \$22.50; \$30.00 at the door.

4. Community Event Links :

The Company House

<http://www.thecompanyhouse.ca/html/calendar.html>

Gay Halifax

<http://gayhfxns.org/LocalEvents>

HalifaxPride

<http://halifaxpride.com/events>

Menz & Mollyz Events Calendar

<http://menzbar.ca/calendar-events.html>

Wayves

<http://www.wayves.ca>

5. Message from the Editor :

If you have received this newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a free social group for LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Contact email for the group is malm1@ns.sympatico.ca, or elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com

From time to time, information is sent to us for inclusion in the newsletter. Inclusion does not imply that the information has the approval of the Newsletter, or of Elderberries.

Your Editor had the good (or possibly bad) fortune, over the New Year's holiday, of encountering a karaoke machine. Your Editor thinks she is a pretty good singer, and entered into this entertainment with gusto. This machine gives marks, like your grade 7 teacher (remember that many

Elderberries predate the era of Pass/Fail grading). Sad to say, the regular string of 89s and 94s that decorated Your Editor's History exams at Clermont School No. 98, seemed not to lie within the karaoke machine's grading scope. "*Candle in the wind*" barely made it into the 60s. Therefore if you note a regular string of errors in your January Newsletter (in addition to its being unpaardonably late), you may blame it on cross-pollination from the karaoke machine. "Send not to know for whom the bell tolls : it tolls for me."