1. Weather prediction for Sunday October 2 : rain, rain, rain.

However, *if* the sun comes out, Elderberries will proceed with the fall picnic as previously announced on Sunday October 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at Black Rock Beach in Point Pleasant Park. Wear something warm : it gets breezy down by the water. As ever, please bring something you would like to eat and share.

We regret that we are unable to offer a rain date : the following Sunday is Thanksgiving, and Sunday October 16 is more than half way through the month, and likely to be cold and/or rainy and/or foggy.

2. Wednesday October 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm : Halifax Pride Annual General Meetiing. Location : Halifax Marriott Harbourfront, 1919 Upper Water Street.

3. Municipal elections : October 15. No, Donald and Hillary will not be on the ballot. Get to know the local politicians who will be running our city for the next few years. Check with

<u>https://www.halifax.ca/election/voting.php</u> for information on whether you are qualified to vote, who are your candidates, where to vote, how to vote electronically, advance polls, and much more. Our ancestors fought for the right to vote : it shouldn't go to waste. Vote as you like - but vote!

4. Helping the Rainbow Refugees

Have you often thought you would like to offer practical help to LGBT refugees, but you don't know what they need? See www.rainbowrefugeens.com/news/2016/9/25/

for a list from Armchair to Oven Mitts to Toilet Plunger - and contact information if you have any items to offer.

5. "Well, if *I* were Prime Minister, I would..." Many of us have our fantasies of what we would do it we were in control. In the new TV series *Designated Survivor*, Canadian-raised actor Kiefer Sutherland plays Tom Kirkman, a low-level Cabinet member who suddenly becomes President of the United States when forces unknown blow up the Capitol building along with the President, Vice-President and most of the higher government officials. Who are Tom's friends? Whom can he trust? How can he suddenly make decisions that yesterday were far above his pay grade? Not only does it star a Canadian actor, but also it is

shot in Toronto. Watch out, maybe Justin will be asked to play a cameo role.

6. I am not back. I do not care (much) about mis-spellings whether or not caused by goblins. But I thought the members might want to know about the picnic (probably lost to us!) and the Pride AGM. Wouldn't you like to be Newsletter Editor? Seriously! Board elections coming up soon.



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