



Newsletter January 2017

Monthly Potluck Social: We will be meeting at Northwood in the Penthouse {2615 Northwood Terrace} on Sunday, January 8, 2017 between 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm. This free Potluck Social is open to all LGBTT people aged 50 and over and families, friends and supporters. It is a great way to meet people and to spend time with people you know. Not a member? Come anyway, and join our group. Bring a friend!

On December 11th the potluck event took place at the Company House. It was a great way to start off the upcoming Holiday Season. Rainbow Refugee members were in attendance and the two groups came together for some eating and greeting. Money was raised for the Refugee fund.

For the Potluck please bring something you would like to eat and share. Home-made and store bought items are welcome. Full kitchen facilities are not available although tables close to electrical outlets will be set up if you bring something that requires heating up. Please bring any utensils that your dish requires. If you do come to the Potluck please remember to bring an item or items that can be shared with the group. If you are wondering if you should bring a main dish or sweets, it is best to bring a main dish (example: casserole, plate of sandwiches etc.) we do seem to have more than enough sweets brought so if you are wondering what to bring, go with a main dish. No peanut based foods for allergic reasons and pets are not welcome with the exception of a seeing-eye dog. Northwood is a wheelchair accessible facility. Please be aware that it is a non-scent environment.

This month's program - Living as LGBT in the Canadian Military: a panel



Carolyn Gesner served from 1965 to 1992. She was always conscious of the possible watcher at her shoulder who might get her shamefully dismissed from the career she had

chosen.

Darl Wood served and in 1984 was one of the "Shelburne women" dismissed from the Canadian Armed Forces for being a 'part of a group of "hard-core lesbians"', who were believed to constitute a national security risk.

Dale Charron served in the Canadian Navy. His experience was completely different. He was openly gay and knew of shipmates and officers who shared his orientation. Dale enjoyed his career until his departure in 2016. Come out and meet our scheduled panelists and stay for an open discussion afterwards.



Our program set for Sunday, February 12, 2017, will be a panel discussion on Downsizing.



We will look at how downsizing can affect us emotionally.

World GLBT news : Vienna is to celebrate the 20th annual LGBT ball. The ball is scheduled for the end of January. The Rainbow Ball or as otherwise known as the Regenbogen Ball is one of Austria's numerous classical balls for LGBT people. This event welcomes LGBT people from across Europe and the world to embrace generations of Viennese waltzing.

Starting in January, my partner and I will be starting a Gay Men's Book Club. The initial meeting will take place at our residence in Musquodoboit Harbour. Anyone interested in joining and live in the Dartmouth or Halifax area, please be advised that the group will be moving to your area as well. The main focus of the group will be meeting and discussing

the possibility of a fiction or non- fiction book and meet once a month at different locations and discuss the book. At this meeting someone else will recommend a book to read for the group and so on. If interested please contact us at either hector151@hotmail.com or kv782915@gmail.com.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and may 2017 bring you much joy and happiness.



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