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Have been having trouble with the Elderberries mailing list - hope this reaches you, and my apologies if it duplicates a previous mailing.

1. Sunday, November 25, 2:00 - 4:30 pm. Elderberries Potluck Social.

At our new location : the Penthouse at Northwood, 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax. Free. Wheelchair accessible. All LGBTs fifty and older are welcome. Magnificent view of the harbour is provided at no extra cost!

Speaker : Trans woman Jenn Nearing. Jenn was formerly on the boards of the Dalhousie Women's Centre and of Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project. She was also Grand Marshall of the Pride Parade in 2009. She has a special interest in issues of gender identity.

Please bring to the potluck something you like to eat and would enjoy sharing with the other participants : also any serving utensils needed, such as serving spoons or tongs for salads, knives for cutting cakes or squares. Plastic cutlery and paper plates will be on hand. There are no facilities for heating dishes, so foods that can be served at room temperature would be best - salads, sandwiches, sweets,etc. Tea and coffee will be provided.

No scents, no alcohol, no pets, no peanuts, please. Service dogs welcome. Parking is available in the surrounding streets, or there is a cash parking lot right across from the main door.

Other events of interest :

2. Friday, November 23 : doors open 6:30 pm, service begins 7:00 pm

Transgender Day of Remembrance church service, to memorialize those killed due to transphobic hate and prejudice. Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, 5500 Inglis St. RSVP via Facebook. Transgender Day of Remembrance is November 20, but the church service will be held on the Friday.

3. November 24 to December 1 : HIV/AIDS Awareness Week

Among events planned for the week are :

Thursday, November 29, 7:00 pm

"Is HIV stigma fueling new HIV infections among gay/bi men?" Royal Bank Theatre, Halifax Infirmary Site, QEII, 1796 Summer Street, Halifax.

Panelists : Chris Aucoin, Cybelle Rieber, Hugo Dann, Matt Numer.

For more information: <http://hivstigmaregaybimen.pbworks.com/w/page/61073900/FrontPage>

Friday, November 30, 12:00 noon

"HIV criminalization for non-disclosure : the impact on Canadian women" Weldon Law Building, Dalhousie University, Rm 104.

Saturday December 1, 7:00 pm

World AIDS Day Vigil. FRED, 2606 Agricola St. Donations for Manna for Health Food Bank appreciated. <http://acns.ns.ca/events/halifax-world-aids-day-vigil>

4. Saturday December 1, 5:00 to 7:00 pm : Outgames 2012 Action Fundraiser

CoHo Softball Team Auction to support their participation in 2013

Outgames in Antwerp, Belgium. <http://www.woga2013.org>.

\$10.00. Tickets available at the door. The Company House, 2202 Gottingen Street, Halifax.

5. Saturday, January 19, 2013 to Saturday, April 13, 2013 : Gay Men's Relationship Course

For men who have been in a couple for more than two years. Saturdays,

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Located at SMU campus. Based on the book *Hold*

Me Tight : seven conversations for a lifetime of love, by Dr Sue Johnson.

For more information contact Russell Westhaver (902) 491-6278, or Robert Allan, Robert.allan@SMU.ca.

6. Tuesday, November 13 : Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal Investiture

Lieutenant Governor Brigadier-General J J Grant presented medals to thirty constituents of Halifax MP Megan Leslie. Service to the LGBT community

was cited when presenting awards to Kevin Kindred, Lynn Murphy, Simon

Thwaites, and (posthumously) Raymond Taavel. Allison Brewer also

received the medal.

In other presentations, one of the recipients of the Medal nominated by Scott Brison, MP, was anti-bullying activist Travis Price, co-founder of the Pink Shirt Day anti-bullying movement in schools. Homophobia is often a strong component of school bullying.

7. Wayves

The December issue of Wayves will be its last printed issue. As of January, **Wayves** will move to an on-line edition only.

8. Membership :

If you have received this newsletter, you are a registered member of Elderberries. If, for some reason beyond Your Editor's comprehension, you wish to resign from Elderberries, you may send a message to

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This Newsletter is pristinely free of misprints, misspellings, misdemeanors, and misprisions of treason. Your Editor cannot be held responsible for any misprints etc. that crept in while she was polishing her medal.. Your Editor was hoping for a sheaf of roses from Prince Charles (she and Duchess Camilla have the same hairstyle, so he might get confused), but so far it has not arrived.