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Due to an error in the first posting, I am sending out the Elderberries Newsletter again. My apologies to those who are receiving duplicates.

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1. No Elderberries Potluck Social in July

As in the past two years, we have scheduled no Elderberries event for July, instead giving our members time to take part in the many **halifaxPride** activities offered this year, July 21 - July 28.

Arrangements for the Third Annual Elderberries Picnic in August are underway.

2. Pride Parade Marshall

For the second year in a row, **halifaxPride** has selected one of the founding members of Elderberries to be Parade Marshall. Congratulations to Anita Martinez! Our only question is, how will you take your usual hundreds of photos if you are at the head of the parade?

3. Pride Events

Comedy presentations, the Dykes vs Divas softball game, the NSRAP lecture series, the second annual Pride Vigil, an award-winning film on gender transition, discussions of queer spirituality, evening boat cruises, the Dyke and Trans March, multi events at the CoHo and Reflections and Menz and Mollyz Bar, the Pride Parade, several closing parties and drag shows, and the Manna for Health Survivor Brunch.

This barely touches the surface. For a full list, please see <http://gayhfx.org/LocalEvents>

Northwood invites the Elderberries to the Raising of the Pride Flag at Northwood Harbourview Suite, Monday July 22, at noon, followed by cake.

4. Pride Parade - you needn't walk alone

Anyone wishing to walk with the Northwood Bus in the Pride Parade Saturday July 27 can meet the bus at the Dockyard around 11:30 am. It is #60 in the parade. A Block Party at Northwood will follow the parade.

Elderberries who would like to participate in the Pride Parade with NSRAP : they will have a truck for anyone who would like to ride in the back. Please email nsrap@nsrap.ca

5. Elderberries membership

Proposed membership eligibility criteria were sent out in last month's newsletter. The only response was in favour. Hearing no opposition, the membership criteria will be adopted as circulated. Please note that membership is now open to "family, friends, and allies of LGBT elders." This will include younger partners, a question frequently asked.

6. Links to further sources re community events :

The Company House

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

Gay Halifax

<http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>

Halifax Pride

<http://halifaxpride.com/events>

Menz Bar

<http://www.menzbar.ca/>

Venus Envy

<http://www.venusenvy.ca/Halifax>

Wayves

<http://www.wayves.ca>

7. Message from the editor

If you have received this newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a social organization of LGBT persons aged 50+, and their families, friends, and supporters.

If you wish to contact Elderberries, or to pass on our contact information to potential new members, here it is : malm1@ns.sympatico.ca or elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com

Normally Your Editor's heart and soul are devoted completely to Elderberries and its works and deeds, but at this time some (surely mmistaken) persons hav decided to hold a Fiftieth Reunion of Your Editor's high school class.

Can it really be fifty years since I stood on the Girls' Side of the gym at the Sock Hop (if you don't know what a Sock Hop is, you may be too young to be an Elderberry), casting longing glances at "H" and wondering whether he was too shy, being a few months younger than I wass, to ask me to dance.

Yes, we bisexuals are sometimes an embarassment to those of you who *knew* you were gay when you were five.

Or was "H" one of those who *knew*, and was he looking longingly at one of his fellow male wallflowers? In PEI, in 1963, even a longiing look could arouse suspicions....

Shall I mention Elderberries at the Meet 'n' Greet and see if he rushes forward calling "At last! How can I join?" Or has he remained single (of course I made it my business to discover that) in the hope of a sunset reunion with me, his first love?

You can see how these scenarioes might distract me from proof-reeding.

Happy Pride!