



1. Elderberries Potluck Social, Sunday January 10, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Location : the penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax.
Wheelchair accessible.

The Social : The Elderberries Potluck Social is a free monthly event open to LGBT people aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Have you not yet attended? Come along! Bring a friend! 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 alcohol, no peanuts, no pets. Service dogs welcome.

The Potluck : Please bring something you would enjoy eating and sharing. Homemade and store bought are both welcome. Kitchen facilities are not available, so cold dishes and finger food are your best options. Please bring any serving utensils your dish requires - serving spoons for salads, knife for cutting cakes, etc. Coffee and tea are provided courtesy of Northwood.

2. Other January events :

Library programs :



Opera chats : Dr Walter Kemp discusses Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*, Tuesday, January 12, 1:30 pm; Puccini's *Turandot*, Tuesday January 26, 1:30 pm. Keshen Goodman Library.

Flamenco en Rouge Shares the Passions of Andalucia : Musicians and dancers of Flamenco en Rouge perform traditional and new flamenco dances. Free. Saturday January 16, 2:00 pm. New Central Library, Halifax.

Venus Envy programs : at Venus Envy, 1598 Barrington St, Halifax. (902) 422-0004

Up yours : anal pleasure and health. Tuesday January 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. \$20.00

Body love, with Ama Scriver. Wednesday January 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm \$20.00

Chronic conditions : the bugs in our junk and what we can do about it. Tuesday January 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Free.

Going down : a guide to cunnilingus. Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. \$20.00

For more details on these workshops, accessibility information, and registration, see <http://www.venusenvy.ca/schedule/workshops/halifax>

Halifax Pride : Halfway to Pride - Queers on ice! Saturday January 23, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.



Location : Emera Oval. Free skate! Halifax Pride will award a prize for most loud and proud/best costume. Don't skate? Come along and cheer for the queers on ice and the skate-past of the Rainbow Flag.

3. Message from the Editor :

If you have received this newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a free organization of LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. Contact elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com

From time to time information is sent in for inclusion in the Newsletter : inclusion does not imply that Elderberries or the Newsletter necessarily approves the contents of these notices.

It's a quarter to three - there's no one on the Internet except you and me (and a few million other people) - a member actually resigned last month because (among other reasons) of the chronic lateness of the Newsletter : and here I am, late again! My apologies. More Board elections are coming up soon, including for Newsletter Editor. I'm running out of steam. Don't know how standup comedians do it night after night : I can't seem to be funny even once a month anymore.

I am in the midst of my usual January project : trying to get rid of the five pounds I packed on over the holidays. I should be as slim as

Caitlyn Jenner by now, having lost 49 pounds. Unfortunately it is the same seven pounds over each of the past seven years (yeah, yeah, I know, it would take *a hundred and seven* pounds to evcen approach CJ).

For Christmas and my December brithday I got about thirty books, which look fascinating, and will join the 300 unraed books that line my walls. It isn't that my friends and relations chose boriing books, but with one eye squinted half-shut (due to whatchamacallits, you know, the things that grow over your eyes) I can't read as quickly as I used to. Also due to other whatchamacallits (you know, they make you forget the name of that person you haVE KNOWN SINCE HIGH sCHOOL) my social circle is shrinking. Also due to the third whatchamacallitz (you know, **they make your typping go all screwgee**), I fergit what I was meaning to say their anywayy.

Any typos, gramaticcal errors etc are due to loose Tories and NDPs wafting around in the ether with nothing to do since the last election. They are accustomed to having secretaries to correct their latters and memos, so they don't spell so good theirselves. I am going to write Scott Brison to find out where I can get a free supply of Tory-be-gone. (Aha, Al Stewart, I knew that would wake you up!)

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