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1. Elderberries Events - Last Minute Reminder!

Speaking engagements :

- May 04 : Citadel High - two assemblies totalling about 700 students
- May 21 : GSA biennial conference sponsored by the Youth Project (held at Dalhousie)
- May 21 : Halifax West High School - two classes

Potluck Social : Sunday, May 08, 2016, 2:00 to 4:30 pm, The Penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace

Doors open at 2:00; presentation begins at 2:30. Elderberries is a free organization open to all LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. All are welcome to attend our socials, but be warned - we will be bringing around membership application forms (and our free-will-offering tin box)!

Accessibility :

The Penthouse is wheelchair accessible. Parking is often available in the surrounding streets, or there is a pay-for-parking lot directly across from the front door. Please be considerate of members with sensitivities : no alcohol, no scented products, no peanuts, no pets. Service dogs welcome.

Program :

If you would love to garden, but keep putting it off because you don't have the space ... or maybe it's the time ... or perhaps it's the energy you lack ... fear not! There is a garden for you! Avid gardener Joanne Bealy will advise you on starting your very own glorious and nutritious summer garden, large or small. Come with questions!

Potluck :

Please bring something you would enjoy eating and sharing - home-made and store-bought items are both welcome. Don't forget any serving utensils your dish requires - knife for cutting cake, salad serving spoons, etc. Coffee and tea are provided courtesy of Northwood. Kitchen facilities are not available, so finger foods and room temperature items are best.

Next month : Sunday JUNE 12

Earlier this year, long-term LGBT activist Reverend Brent Hawkes was charged in Nova Scotia with the crimes of indecent assault and gross indecency in connection with an alleged assault against a minor that occurred between 1974 and 1975. Lawyers Doug Elliott and Bruce Walker will talk about how Canada's Criminal Code both in the 1970s and the present has influenced the way charges like these are handled, and their impact on LGBT people including Mr Hawkes.

2. Other May events :

By Tuesday May 10 : 2016 Census

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census should be taken." No, that's not quite it ... In these days Statistics Canada sends out the Census, and they want to hear back from you **by May 10**. So dig out that notification form from your inbox and get busy - and the government's blessing be upon those who have responded already, even unto the newly returned **long form census**, for which thou hast voted last October.

Wednesday, May 11, noon, Halifax Central Library. Tired of feeling tired? with Dr Nadia Tumeahanka

Tymoshenko.

As part of Naturopathic Medicine Week, Dr Tymoshenko's presentation will focus on how food sensitivities may underlie your feelings of fatigue, brain fog and weight loss resistance.

Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 pm, Captain William Spry Library. How to Support Healthy Digestion, with Dr Sherisse O'Leary.

Part of Naturopathic Medicine Week.

Friday May 13, 2:30 - 4:00 pm, Keshen Goodman Library. Hello iPad!

Your new iPad got you outsmarted? Learn some basic functions and features, plus how to download library books. Registration required : 902-490-6410.

Sunday May 15, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Open Hearth Park, 190 Ferry Street, Sydney. International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia

Hosted by Pride Cape Breton Society.

Saturday, May 21, 1:30 pm. Sackville Public Library. Movie : Spotlight.

True story of *Boston Globe* reporters who investigated allegations of abuse in the Catholic Church.

Sunday May 22, 3:00 pm, Just Us Coffee House, 5896 Spring Garden Road : Rad Pride organizing meeting

Has Halifax Pride been looking a little corporate to you? Much as we appreciate the participation of banks, insurance companies, and the like, who show their LGBT-positive orientation by walking with us in the Pride Parade and sponsoring LGBT events, sometimes there seems to be something missing.

Maybe it's RAD Pride, a collectively organized series of annual events aimed at providing a more inclusive, accessible, and critical alternative to mainstream Pride events in Halifax. Whether you have lots of organizing experience to offer, or you'd just like to get involved in something different and more political, Rad Pride may be for you. This first meeting will include : brainstorming a theme for Pride Week, brainstorming events, setting up committees, scheduling future meetings.

Expect a time commitment (perhaps weekly meetings) as collective decision-making tends to be time-consuming. More questions? E-mail radpridehalifax@gmail.com

Accessibility : ramp access to main floor, gender-neutral and wheelchair-accessible washrooms.

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Cole Harbour Public Library. Popular food fads : fact or fiction?

In partnership with Dartmouth Community Health Team. Registration required : 902-460-4555.

Friday, May 27, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Keshen Goodman Public Library. Facebook for beginners.

Demonstration of Facebook and an introduction to protecting your privacy on social networking sites. Registration required : 902-490-6410

3. International news

Bangla Desh : Two men, including Julhas Mannan, editor of Bangladesh's only LGBT magazine *Rupban*, were hacked to death in a Dhaka apartment building on April 26. The building's security guard was also wounded. A group affiliated with Al-Qaeda has claimed responsibility for the murders. The killings have been denounced by *Al-Jazeera* as attacks on freedom of speech.

And watch for Part 2 of this Newsletter, for which time ran out, but Your Editor will be working on it next week. She has in mind the following scintillating topics :

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Pride

Venus Envy

"Complaint letter"

Baseball

And yet another editorial farewell letter, in which Yer Editor will once again, and for the very last time, blame everone else for the editorial shortcomings of yer beloved Newsletter, and will announce her retirement to the sunny shores of historical fiction creation. I mean it this time.

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