Greetings cherished Elderberries!

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#### **1. OUR FEBRUARY POTLUCK**

WHEN: Sunday February 11th 2pm to 4 pm.

WHERE: The Penthouse of the Northwood Centre Penthouse 2016 Northwood Terrace TOPIC: Scott MacNeil's memories of gay life and activism in Halifax. See the description below

by Dan MacKay.

For the February meeting, we have something completely different! It's the launch of a major historical work by one of our members, Scott MacNeil. The piece is entitled, "Reflections In A Mirror Ball."

Clocking in at a hefty 7500 words, Scott's piece documents in delightful detail his extensive connections to the LGBT community, to the early clubs, GAE and the launch of a community for people living with HIV with lots of facts, and lots more anecdotes that some old-timers will remember, and some new-times will be surprised by.

The piece is published in the Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia. We'll have photos from the piece up on a slide show at the event, and we'll read some pieces.

We will be inviting other groups in to the "Book Launch" so please bring an extra portion or two in your Pot Luck offering, we'll have a few extra old-timers from the LGBT Community in Halifax - and maybe a few new-timers too!

The Penthouse is wheelchair accessible. Please : no alcohol, no peanuts, no scents, no pets. Service animals welcome.





## 2. OUR JANUARY POTLUCK

Patricia Martinson read excerpts from her long career in the British Merchant Navy. She asked others to read sections. Later she was persuaded to read a few. Her delivery was very evocative and moving. Some of it has been recorded and archived.

#### Some comments by Anita Martinez

Here are a couple photos from the meeting..and a photo she loves of herself..oddly enough it is a photo of her coming out of the dentist office after having 6 teeth removed...it is cold..it is snowing and she is smiling...she was thrilled by the way, with the turn out for that meeting of the Elderberries...it certainly turned out way better than she was expecting...it inspired her to once again have a large group closer to summer where she will read again..maybe at the Museum this time...she is working on that now.







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# 3. ELDERBERRIES MUGS ARE AVAILABLE

Coffee mugs are now on sale with the Elderberries logo on the front and Grey Power Ribbon on the back.

They cost \$15.00 a piece plus mailing or can be bought at the potlucks. The inscription says: We are old.

We are tired. We can get away with things. So... don't piss us off!

Contact us first and we'll forward your requests to the person in charge.









