

# Elderberries Newsletter

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## 1 - This Month's Events

**Where:** The Penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace, Halifax (directions below.)

**When:** March 10th 1 pm to 2.00 pm

**Topic:** The Elderberries Annual General Meeting: reports and Board Elections. All welcome.

2 pm - 4:30 pm Pride & Elderberries Afternoon Tea. Your chance for a face to face meeting with the Halifax PRIDE Team, to discuss ways to make the festival more inclusive for BLQT elders

**Food & Drink:** Pride will be offering plenty of food, coffee, tea and beverages.

**Directions:** Enter Northwood via the door at North Street & Northwood Terrace. Take any of the three elevators on your left to "P" the Penthouse. We have that whole space for the afternoon.



## 2 -- Last Month's Salon

Linda Furlought gave an informative talk about Northwood's in house radio broadcasting. The daily show is also aired on Eastlink's channel 10 from 10 am to noon. Each day features a different genre. Fans call in from PEI, CB and NS. We were pleased to have a lot of visitors from the OWLs (Older Wiser Lesbians) group join us. For once the males were far outnumbered. It was a chatty, friendly session. Afterwards we got a tour of the broadcasting studio and office, on the main floor.



### 3 -- April: Health!

We're still in the planning phases, but April's Salon will be co-hosted by Capitol Health's PrideHealth team and will not surprisingly, be on the topic of health and things that relate to it. PrideHealth staff will be on hand to hear about your experiences, both good and bad, with the healthcare system (privately or with the group) and offer advice (again, privately or shared) about everything from housing to hair loss.



### 4 -- A Visit to John Martin Jr. High

On February 12th five members of the Speaker Bureau had a forty minute Q & A with students about our life experiences. Teachers had students write their questions anonymously on small cards, for us to answer. Many of the questions were concerned with coming out. We were surprised how quiet and attentive they were. Shown (left to right) Barend, Daniel (teacher), Eric, Allison, Mike and Anita.



## 5 -- "Silverbacks" wanted for Queer Baby Play Group

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The next event is at the Glitter Bean on March 7th from noon to 2:00. There's no need to register, just show up. There's much more information on the GayHalifax Events page,

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



## 6 -- Allergy Policy

If you have allergies -- to dogs, cats, cellphone signals, peanuts, tree nuts, pineapple, shellfish, pork products, deodorant, shampoo, perfume, fluorescent lights, mustard, anything -- and are planning to attend an Elderberries event, please tell us and we will notify our members a few days before the meeting.

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee compliance (or an allergen-free trip through Northwood to our space) but generally, our members will read and heed.

Everyone, always, however, appreciates a no-scent policy.



## 7 -- LGBT Events in March 2019

**After Hours** Saturday March 9, 7 - 9 pm The Halifax Gay Mens chorus will make its first public appearance with the Aeolian Singers at their fundraiser at Bethany United Church Hall. (See poster for details.)

### Meetup LGBT Halifax groups

Find your tribe of like minded spirits. There are various interest groups meeting at different times. [www.meetup.com/Halifax-45-LGBTQ-Commingle-group/](http://www.meetup.com/Halifax-45-LGBTQ-Commingle-group/)

**You can find *all* local GBLT Events in one place!**

Check out: <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents> or google "gay halifax local events"



*After Hours*  
A FUNDRAISER FOR  
THE AEOLIAN SINGERS

Music, snacks, cash bar & auction items!  
*with special musical guests*  
Karen Myatt, Holly Arsenault  
Daniel Matto & Halifax Gay Men's Chorus

**Saturday, March 9 | 7 - 9 pm**  
Bethany United Church Fellowship Hall

TICKETS: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door  
available from choir members, online  
or call (902) 229-0044



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## 8 -- Mary Ann Mancini

5 September, 1952 - 14 February 2019

Everyone who was active at the beginning of an LGBT community in Halifax knew Mary Ann. She was magazine layout artist and editor of *The Voice*, Atlantic Canada's first gay newspaper, an addictions counsellor, member of GAE, Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie and Sparrow. Ever the activist, she tirelessly participated in marches and protests, and attended the First Atlantic Conference and CGLRC National Conference and was on call with the Halifax Police to help with LGBT suicide calls. There is much more about her on the Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia. Google "Gay Halifax Mary Ann Mancini".

The Elderberries Board sends condolences to the rest of her chosen, and biological families.



