

# Elderberries Newsletter

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## 1 - From Your Chair

Hello cherished Elderberry!

Last month's event was Halifax Pride buying us lunch in trade for some feedback and opinions. This month, Pride Health is doing much the same.

Variety has always been at the core of our programming, and your Board normally works hard to mix up the different kinds of events. I would have preferred to have spaced out these events a bit, but in this case it wasn't possible.

I hope that you're enjoying the extra catering, and on behalf of our temporary hosts, thank you for participating.

The April event is about talking about health concerns, but we do not expect people to share openly, so to balance confidentiality and openness, we'll be sending out an anonymous questionnaire in advance.



## 2 - This Month's Event

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

**When:** Sunday, April 14th 2 - 4 pm

**Topic:** LGBT Elders Health Q, A & D! Questions, Answers, and Discussion! We each have a unique definition of health, influenced by our history, values, and more. We'll be gathering information, and talking about, what would be most helpful to improve the health of LGBT Elders in Halifax. To ensure confidentiality and openness, we'll be sending out an anonymous questionnaire in advance.

**Food & Drink:** Pride Health will be providing the food, Elderberries will be bringing a variety of 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.

### 3 - Annual General Meeting

The 2019 Annual General Meeting was held just before the March Salon and was very well attended. The various annual reports were presented and approved by the membership, and three new members of the board were elected as a slate (in the panel to the right, here.)

The Annual Report is available by request.

Your new Board will meet in the near future to figure out who will be doing what roles.

### 2019-2020 Elderberries Board

Allison Brewer  
Richard Crooks  
Pauline Fedrick  
Ann Gorman  
Barend Kamperman  
Daniel MacKay  
Scott MacNeil  
Anita Martinez  
Lynn Marie Murphy  
Mike Sangster  
Paula Wedge

### 4 - Last Month's Salon

In March, thirty participants from the Elderberries, OWLs and others, gathered to interact with Halifax Pride. Pride wanted us to share what works well in terms of interests and accessibility, and what could be improved.

The food theme was “Afternoon Tea” and Pride’s provided most of the food -- most of which was made by the Pride chair, Adam Reid himself! There was an abundance of victuals, including, by request, cucumber sandwiches with the crusts cut off! We even had Halifax’s Town Crier, Will Brewer there making proper proclamations for the occasion. Thank you, Halifax Pride!

Dalhousie professor and LGBT researcher Jacqui Gahagan also made a short presentation about the launch of two projects: an LGBT Archives to be housed at Dalhousie University, and a study of queer senior housing needs.



### 5 - Wanted: Military “Purge” Survivors”

**Ht qo** <Maya Eichler, maya.eichler@msvu.ca  
I’m trying to find members of the NS LGBTQ community who were affected by “The Purge” while serving in the military. I would like to include these perspectives in an upcoming book called Community Stories of War and Peace. The book tells a more complex and complete story of veteran experiences in Nova Scotia.





## 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.

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. Hint.



## 7 - LGBT Events in April 2019

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Find your tribe of like minded spirits. There are various interest groups meeting at different times. Once you're on meetup.com, look for the group:

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## 8 - Ed Savage

24 February 1967 - 5 March, 2019

We are saddened to report the sudden passing of tireless Halifax event organizer, fabulous drag queen and larger-than-life personality, Ed Savage.

A fuller biography can be found in the Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia. Click on <http://gay.hfxns.org/EdSavage> or search for "Gay Halifax Ed Savage."



## 9 - Members' Notices!

Do you have news? Got a grandkid, moving, planning a vacation, looking for shared accommodations? Your Elderberries Newsletter now has room for Hatch, Match & Dispatch announcements! If you have an announcement about a birth, a graduation, moving, wedding, of you, your partner, kids, your grandkids etc, just <Reply> with them, or send them to [elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com](mailto:elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com) !



