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Hundreds Attend Halifax IDAH Rally

by Wayves Staff

The sky had a melancholic shade of grey when the rainbow community of Halifax and surrounding areas gathered together on May 17 to mark the International Day Against Homophobia with a rally at Halifax City Hall.

The rally emerged as a response to the front cover of a Halifax newspaper showing Liberal Ashley MacIsaac kissing his fiancé, and the “barrage of absolutely vile language” this photograph evoked in the public. It was not a direct reaction to the murders of two Nova Scotian gay men that occurred earlier in May, said Hugo Dann, organizer of the rally, to clarify this misconception of the general media.

But the loss of the two members of the rainbow community was

surely an important aspect of the rally. Their names were included in a list of nine Maritimers thought to be killed in hate crimes since 1990. The names were read out loud, followed by an overwhelming silence, which reminded everyone that we live in a country where being who we are can still be dangerous. Ryan MacGrath faded into the silence with a most beautiful song, hugs were given and tears were shed.

Among the 300+ attendees were some supportive public officials including Mayor Peter Kelly, NS Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, HRM Councillors Dawn Sloane and Krista Snow, Progressive Conservative candidate Andrew Black, and HRM Police Chief Frank Beazley.

Of particular note were the young people from the Gay Straight

Alliance (GSA), who presented Lindsay Willow with a cheque for nearly \$3K toward the legal fees she incurred in her successful battle with the Halifax Regional School Board in the Human Rights Commission hearing over homophobic abuse that she had experienced as a teacher.

The youth were not silent at the rally; they performed a contagious chant, cheering on the crowd with rainbow pom-poms: “U-G-L-Y, homophobia has got to die”...”H-A-T-E, homophobes you don’t fool me”...”F-R-E-E, this is what we need to be”. At the end the whole crowd joined in, shouting “Hey-hey, ho-ho, homophobia’s got to go!”

The powerful speeches given by Rev. Darlene Young of Safe Harbour MCC, and Lindsay Willow, last year’s Parade Marshal in the

Halifax Pride Parade, underlined that this public gathering was important but cannot suffice in the long run to overcome homophobia. Continuous action has to be undertaken to confront politicians and religious leaders with the detrimental effects homophobia has on our community. As Ms. Willow pointed out, it is especially the youth, which needs support in schools and social places so that they can grow up without living in fear because of who they are.

Another strong point made by the speakers was that in order to successfully overcome homophobia, our community needs to work hand in hand with the straight community because it is “their voices that will be heard.”

The IDAH rally was considered a great success by many (see quotes below), and is planned to be a yearly event from now on (see interview with Hugo Dann). Let us all make this a challenging event to ensure a better life for all.

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Sydney, NS**

**August 12-19
Saint John, NB**

**September 8-16
Moncton, NB**

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Interview With Rally Organizer Hugo Dann

The ongoing discussion about the IDAH rally and the effects of homophobia in and outside of our community compelled Wayves to talk to Mr Dann a few weeks after the event.

Wayves: The IDAH rally was an important event which got everybody thinking about homophobia, its effects on one’s personal life and the community as a whole. Of course, not all issues can be addressed in such an event. What were the points that you felt were not covered by you or

the other speakers? Are there any specific political agendas you would like to see pushed forward in the nearest future?

Dann: I chose to talk about how the murders had impacted on the rally, especially as regards the media frenzy, and I wanted to talk about internalized homophobia, my own

and the community’s. It was interesting to me that so many people were opposed to the idea of a kiss-in; that it was either too confrontational or too indiscreet. But Darlene and Lindsay and Dylan all picked up on the things

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ACNS Bid For Life



BMO ACNS Bid For Life May 17: ACNS Fundraising Committee L-R, Jim Hanifen, Eric Ross, Jessica Wall, Steve McLean, Rob Isbister Jan Galipeau. Story Page 6. Photo: Rob Isbister

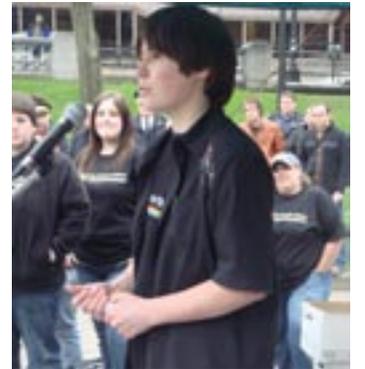
Our Eldon Hay Celebrates 50 Years!

Wayves joins many others across Atlantic Canada in congratulating Eldon Hay on the anniversary of the 50th year of his ordination in the United Church. Eldon was the founding leader of PFLAG Canada Moncton, PFLAG Canada Amherst; and he was PFLAG Canada's first national president.



In this photo, we see Eldon and life partner Anne Pirie. And it shows Eldon as he appears at Pride Marches - with his hat, cape and staff - a getup used initially when Eldon was the Parade Marshall at the first Moncton Pride Day in June 2000. Eldon was subsequently Parade Marshal at Halifax and Saint John Pride Day Marches.

"If the Day Against Homophobia helped just one person realize the horrible results from [hate crimes] then we accomplished a huge task". Parade Coordinator Halifax Pride '07, Andy Hewlett, Additional members with him: Kimberley Fowlow, Shannon Coombs, Gerrit Volkmann



"I think that whenever we hear that somebody in our community has been wronged, let's scream at the top of our lungs, "we need you to stand up because it is your voice that people are going to listen to." -Halifax Regional School Board Teacher Lindsay Willow

"[I am] proud of who we are because older generations made it possible for us to come out." GSA member Dylan Chase

was Scott Brison? His silence during the whole period of the police investigation was very troubling to me. Of course, they'll all plead that they didn't hear about it in time, to which I have to reply that it's not just up to us to invite them. They need to get their constituency offices engaged with any and all issues that affect the LGBT community. Two murders couldn't even manage to accomplish that, which is truly depressing, but it shows us where we are on the radar!

On a positive note, I was truly impressed and moved by Halifax Police Chief Frank Beazly. He showed up with a whole bunch of Deputy Chiefs, all in full dress uniform, and they stayed for the whole thing. Actually, a highlight for me was a conversation I had with one of the Deputy Chiefs afterwards -- this man completely got it and wanted to share that! [There] we were, both men in our 40's, both parents - one gay, one straight - but able to find common cause in wanting to see an end to homophobia.

Wayves: Where do you see the IDAH Rally going? Will it be a yearly event? Who's going to step up to be in charge?

Dann: Yes, it will become an annual thing, and it will be taken up by the larger community. It's a natural fit for NSRAP, and it's a natural for the forum of community groups that will hopefully come about from March's Town Hall, and it's a natural for Amnesty International. Because of time, because of the media madness, I missed contacting some key groups who could have added a lot, like IS-CANS and Healing Our Nations.

Oh well, again next year! And let's see 3,000 people in Grand Parade!!!



"Go from here and continue to confront [intolerance] right to the politicians and religious leaders...we will not be silenced" - Rev. Darlene Young, MCC Safe Harbour



"I too believe that we need to seek out support of our heterosexual friends in order to make fast and lasting changes. I don't think the IDAH is enough to turn haters into lovers however it may be enough to turn lovers into even stronger ones." Singer/Songwriter/Artist Ryan MacGrath



"IDAH was a tremendously empowering event." Media Public Relations Halifax Pride 2007, Fierté Canada Pride President Raymond Taavel



Nova Scotia Liberal Leader, Stephen McNeil



HRM Councillor Krista Snow District 2

IDAH Interview Cont'd



Hugo Dann IDAH Rally Organizer

that I would have wanted to talk about if the murders hadn't happened: Darlene was really activist, challenging the crowd, and Dylan related a personal encounter with homophobia, and Lindsay talked about how we also have to address our own prejudices, racism and other -isms that our community is not exempt from. I felt incredibly proud to be with all these articulate and powerful speakers, and I was delighted that I got heckled; it showed me people weren't just

objectives got left behind. I really had hoped to start advocating, pressuring - however one wants to phrase it - the provincial government to fund an in-depth study of the real cost of homophobia in Nova Scotia, just like Quebec has just done. What are the financial costs for something like Lindsay's human rights challenge? Enormous for taxpayers, but also the legal fees that she's still paying for! Think of the personal costs: the suicides, the depression and substance abuse, the societal costs of kids being forced out of their homes and schools: all because of hate! It staggers the mind.

Wayves: What is your opinion on presence/absence of political, religious leaders, etc? Were you satisfied with who showed up? Or was the output generally unsuccessful?



HRM Mayor Peter Kelly

Dann: I didn't get to see Mayor Kelly, but I was glad he was there along with some City Councillors. I was glad that all parties in the Legislature were represented, at least the Conservatives sent a candidate, my friend Andrew Black. I did get a really nice voicemail from Minister David Morse, from the provincial Cabinet, saying that he wished he could have attended. Sadly, only Alexa McDonough (NDP) responded from the Federal level. Of course, one doesn't expect Peter MacKay to turn up or even send a message, but where



HRM Police Chief Frank Beazly, HRM Councillor Dawn Sloane, District 12

listening, they were really thinking critically about what was being said.

I think it was important that we had that time for healing, we needed to let out the pressure that had been building over that whole period. However, politically some

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ISCANS Helping Others in Our Community

by HMISM Empress VII Of Halifax And All Of Nova Scotia, Natassha N!

ISCANS has been continuing to keep busy throughout the month of June, presenting out of town performances in both Lunenburg, Nova Scotia (at the Pearl Theater), and in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where proceeds from each show were split between ISCANS Reign VII charities and the Sexual Health Center of Lunenburg County (Lunenburg event) and the Abegweit Rainbow Collective (PEI event), respectively.

In recent years, trips to other (often rural) areas in the Maritimes have proved exciting fundraising opportunities for Halifax's Court. Even with these out of town trips, fundraising efforts have certainly by no means declined, with drag shows and other fundraisers being held on a weekly basis in support of ISCANS charities (Manna For Health, ACNS Emergency Relief Fund, Metro Turning Point Shelter, and Byrony House For Battered Women and Children). You might not have a lot of money, but you'd be surprised at how you can help us help others in our community:

- Bring us your loose change that may be collecting in a dish, your car or just about anywhere. Pennies, nickels and dimes are still legal tender, and rolled or not, donating

them to us and our charities is a great way of both housecleaning and doing something positive.

- Make a one time donation. If you are interested in what we are doing and how we are doing, but do not have an interest in becoming a member, consider making a one time donation to our charities.

- Volunteer! Whether it be offering your time to work the door at one of our drag shows, or to help us wash cars at one of our upcoming charity car washes, volunteering can be a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people. In addition, you are helping us make our jobs a little bit less hectic, and you'll be part of events that raise real money to make someone's life in our community a little easier.

For more information about these and other opportunities, please contact Jason Keddy, our Minister Of Communications, at moc@imperialcourtns.com, or visit our website at <http://www.imperialcourtns.com>. We can be found almost every Sunday (after 10 p.m.) at local gay establishments hosting our fundraisers, should you be interested in making a donation. Please see our website's calendar for more information on where to find us. Have a great month!

ECRSA July Games Schedule

The games of the East Coast Rainbow Softball Association (ECRSA) are in full swing. They are a great opportunity for you to spend a leisurely Sunday afternoon lying on the grass and watching the LGBTQ players give their best. Come out and enjoy some fun sports at our upcoming games:

Sun July 8 (St. Francis Field)
4:00 p.m. -- MOLLYZ vs. C-VISION
5:20 p.m. -- PIRATES vs. BLUE MOON

Sun July 15 (The Commons Field #9 - Canada Games Diamond)
10:30 a.m. -- MOLLYZ vs. PIRATES
11:45 a.m. -- C-VISION vs. BLUE MOON
1:00 p.m. -- Halifax Pride Main Event: 4th Annual Dykes vs. Divas Game

Sun July 29 (St. Francis Field)
4:00 p.m. -- BLUE MOON vs. PIRATES
5:20 p.m. -- C-VISION vs. MOLLYZ

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Check out ECRSA's website (<http://www.ecrsa.ca>) for a complete games schedule and additional information.
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Down East

Don't Miss The Many Pride Festivals Around Atlantic Canada This Summer



PEI July 7-15

PEI Pride Week will be held July 7 - 14, 2007. This year our theme is Carousel of Colors. The week will begin with a camp-out at Vista Bay Golf course. Participants can pitch a tent, socialize and enjoy a day of golfing. That evening the lodge will host an evening of karaoke. Sunday's events will include a church service and pot luck dinner.

On Monday join us for our official flag raising in Charlottetown

or Summerside. That evening will be Steak and Fries and Trivia with Trish the Dish. Lots of laughs and prizes to be had. Tuesday night get our your pride colors and join us in a Pride pubcrawl. There will be games and prizes! On Wednesday night put on your whitest and brightest and blaze your way down to the

bowling alley for a rousing evening of glo-bowling. Thursday night will be our annual Pride Show and silent auction. Friday night is our Pitch for Pride softball game - guys versus gals; drag encouraged! Finish up the week on Saturday with the official Pride Parade, Festival on the Waterfront and Pride Dance at the Delta.

If you would like to help out with Pride or would like to perform in the show or waterfront, please contact us at pridepei@isn.

net or phone (902) 388-0969. Please note that these events are subject to change. More information will be available on our website www.peipride.com as it is finalized

St. John's July 23-29

by Danny Smith

"The Gay San Francisco of the East Coast!" Well, that's what Fodor's claims St John's to be, so we should do them proud. Celebrate St. John's Pride 2007 between July 23 and 29.

This year's theme is "One. Together." We are celebrating you, the individual, who fights every day to debunk myths, who rises against adversity, and who is unique and special. We are also celebrating the community. Together, we are stronger than the sum of our parts, and we are a momentum

for change. This year, you will be able to participate in some of your favorite events, such as the Pride Dance, the Interfaith Session, the Middle Cove Bonfire, and the Pride March. We are also introducing new events, such as a boat tour aboard the Nouvelle Orleans at Pier 7 Harbour Cruises. And of course, the local clubs will have their share of events too.

For the most up-to-date list of events, check out the official St. John's Pride website at <http://www.stjohnspride.net>.

Get involved. We need more volunteers to help out with events. If, however, you are unable to donate your time, then perhaps

you could donate some dollars instead. To enquire about volun-



teer opportunities or to ask how to make a donation, contact us at info@stjohnspride.net.

So mark it down on your calendars: St. John's Pride 2007, July 23 to July 29. Celebrate on your own and celebrate together.

Cape Breton Aug 11-18

by Peter Steele

We're Back! Yes, it's been quite some time since we've had something to say, but the newly organized Pride Cape Breton Society is up and running, and well into its plans for an eight-day Pride Week, August 11 to 18.

No doubt people have wondered what happened to our community here in Cape Breton. Truth of the matter is, the active members of the old Cape Breton Pride group left the organization after Pride Week 2005. As with most volunteer groups, you get the chosen few who do all the work, but when you end up with half the executive members who fail to do their fair share and refusing to be accountable, there's a profound lack of guidance and enthusiasm to keep an organization together.

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dedicated solely to the well-being and unity of the Island's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Its 6-member board is made up of dedicated, hard working volunteers from the last organization, and previous Pride Week organizers. The membership includes myself (Peter Steele) and Pam Steele (no relation) who share Co-Chair duties, Steve Fong (Secretary), Darren McKinnon (Treasurer), and members John Griffin and Marina Ross. Since organizing in October of last year, we have been putting plans together for our August Pride Week festival, bringing aspects of previous festivals that have had great success.

In addition to our planning process, we've been hosting monthly dances at the Southend Community Centre in Sydney. Turnout for the dances has increased with each dance, and we've been seeing more and more new people show up at each dance. Dances have previously been held the second Saturday of each month, but are now being hosted the last Saturday of the month. With much interest from the community to be involved in more activities than these monthly socials, plans are coming together as well to offer our community members more activities such as baseball, hiking, pool and a garden club. This year's Pride Week festival will be held in August following Sydney's annual Action Week events. We've

chosen to move our festival to this date for a few reasons. An August festival would make it easier for people in our community to visit other Maritime cities hosting Pride Week festivals, and of course easier for other community members to visit Cape Breton Island for our own festival. August has also been a typical time when many ex-Cape Bretoners return home to visit, so the post-Action Week festival is a more appropriate time for them to enjoy the many events our festival has to offer.

This year's Pride Week theme is Out With Friends, and kicks off Saturday, August 11 with Midnight Bowling at Sydney's Heather Lanes beginning at 9:30 p.m. This event has proven to be a great way to bring both the gay and straight communities together for a fun-filled evening. In the past, this has also proven to be a great fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each, and tickets will be sold during the night for a chance at the prize wheel. Free pizza is also on the menu!

Our annual Pride Parade takes place Sunday, August 12 at 1 p.m. The parade will travel through the downtown area ending at Louisa Field in Sydney's north end for our post-parade party. A free barbecue and games for children will highlight the afternoon. Any organizations wishing to take part in our parade, or set up a kiosk at Louisa Field, is asked to be in touch with us.

Monday night, August 13 will see Miss Onya Inya back by popular demand as she hosts this year's installment of Gay Bingo at the Southend Community Centre. For a night of hilarity and great prizes, this event is not to be missed. Bingo cards are just \$1 each, and the games begin at 9 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 14 we host our Movie Night at the Southend Community Centre. Three movies will be offered for screening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and our first movie will be for all ages, with the final two for those 19 years and older.

On Wednesday night, August 15, it's our annual MusicFest and Pub Night at the Southend Community Centre. Come out and enjoy the sounds and talents of some of Cape Breton Island's most talented performers. Admission is by donation.

On Thursday, August 16, the Southend Community Centre will be the center for an afternoon and evening of Family Fun. There'll be games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment for the whole



family.

On Friday, August 17, we'll host our annual Beach Party beginning at 2 p.m. This year's gathering will take place at Morrison Beach near Framboise. Bring your beach chairs and your sun screen, and we'll supply the marshmallows!

Maybe we can even help apply that sun screen for you!

On Saturday night, August 18, we wrap up the week's events with our annual Pride Dance at the Horizon Achievement Centre in Sydney. Beginning at 9 p.m. and running until 2 p.m., admission is just \$6, and door prizes will be given out throughout the night.

Please check out our website, <http://www.pridecapebreton.com> for more details of our events, including maps to the various venues. Be sure to check our site regularly to see what we're up to throughout the year. While you're there, check out our message board; your comments are always welcome!

Saint John Aug 12-19

Catherine and her committee worked very hard last year to pull off a great and memorable Pride Week 2006, and I have no doubt that they will surpass the community's expectations again this year. Ross Leavitt is looking after the crown event, the Parade, which will be spectacular under his reign. He and his husband Wayne have a very long and tireless track record of successes within the Saint John LGBTQ community. It is because of them and people like Catherine and Bridget, and Jim and Carl, that we are having Pride Week 2007 and the four before this one.

This year Saint John will be celebrating its 5th year. Our Pride

Festival is a chance for persons of differing sexual orientations and gender identities and all our allies to come together and celebrate the diversity of our community. By celebrating together we remember our past, affirm our future and provide important visibility which

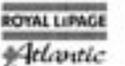
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Happy Pride Tom!

I know that Pride celebrations happen in May in Belgium but that's far too early in the year to be practical here. You'd run the risk of frost on your nipple ring. But ah, July - height of summer. Glorious days! In spring one feels the first tentative tender kiss of the sun; by July you get summer's hot tongue right down your throat.

Speaking of hot times, did I ever tell you about the real estate agent I once spent some time with? One blazing summer afternoon he took me to see an unoccupied luxurious home that had just come on the market. We were upstairs where he was about to give me an in depth demonstration of the importance of "Location, Location, Location" when another agent pulled into the driveway with prospective buyers. We nearly broke our necks trying to get dressed while racing down the back stairs and then laughed so hard in the car we almost went off the road on the way back. Fond summer memories.

Another July highlight is Rufus Wainwright's birthday on the 22nd. Rufus has become a great favourite of my Irish friend, Earring Go Bragh, so we will probably have a marathon Rufus CD fest along with appropriate quantities of cold drinks to mark the occasion. Earring was something of a late bloomer - queerly speaking - but he's catching up fast.

On the topic of blooms - I was going to plant flowers in rainbow colours along my deck this year - you know, sort of flower power Pride - red geraniums, orange marigolds, yellow petunias etc. but then I got stuck on green. I mean all plants have green but are there green flowers? Then I couldn't find any blue flowers I liked either so I bought pink begonias instead and pink isn't one of the rainbow colours although it is certainly a gay colour and so the whole idea kind of fell apart. The planters and pots look great anyway with their cheery flowers. With my watering can in one hand and martini glass in the other I could pose for the summer cover of Gayboy magazine. Well... as long as I had the right make up and wardrobe people, a skilled photographer and a compassionate air brush technician. Sigh. The years between chicken and chicken hawk pass so quickly.

Not that I'm trying to be a role model. Kind of impossible when there are so many different kinds of queers out there. We're all members of the same tribe but lots of different clans. There's the drag clan, the gym boys, the bull dyke band, two-spirits, the leather kin, yuppies and guppies, the lipstick lesbian lodge and more. Not to mention the shamans and elders. It may take a village to raise a child but you need the Village People to raise a gay one. The days of Pride are the time to remind ourselves of the value of diversity. Our

individuality is our strength. Queers are not just like everyone else - Thank the Goddess! We are different from straight people and different from each other too. I reject the whole idea of homogeneous homos, the rainbow is a spectrum not a single colour. Besides it is so easy to slide from "fitting in" to "hiding." There has to be room for all of us or there won't be room for any of us.

And the world needs us, they follow where we lead.

Remember when no one but gay men wore earrings and Birkenstocks were worn only by the kind of woman who didn't shave her legs? The status quo needs shaking up and we can support and promote that change. Not only do we think outside the box - we change the box to a many sided container, paint every wall a different shade and refuse to hide it away in the closet. Normal is just a concept and beige is not truly a colour.

Some of us found our first real sense of family in the gay community - rescued from the orphanage of pity and contempt which was deemed the appropriate place for our kind out in the "normal" world. Freedom to be ourselves finally and to belong to a family. Not a support group or special interest club, but a family. Okay maybe we are a family straight out of a play by Tennessee Williams (I like to call him Great Uncle Homo) but how we love all the eccentric aunts and neurotic cousins and the weirdly appealing relatives so throbbing with life they vibrate like harp strings. Oh, the drama and the frustration and the joy of being part of this family!

Let us not forget, Oscar and Gertrude are our ancestors. Imagine someone telling them not to rock the boat, or to try and blend in! Pride is a time to remember the past but plunge headlong into the future. Many are resistant to change but not me. This old dog is always eager for new tricks.

Gotta run - Ab Fab reruns are on!
Love ya!

Crawford

BMO ACNS Successful Bid For Life

On May 17, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia hosted the BMO Financial Group Bid for Life! Dinner & Auction at the Casino Nova Scotia.

This year's event sold out quickly, and saw a 50% increase in tickets sold. The event was a great success, and the AIDS Coalition would like to extend tremendous thanks to BMO Financial Group, Casino Nova Scotia, Chester & Company, AVW-TELAV, FX101.9, MAC Cosmetics, Jeffery Cowling & Associates and Crabapple Cottage Floral & Gifts. We would also like

to extend our thanks to our table sponsors, CIBC Wood Gundy, O'Regans, The Great West life Assurance Company - Sharon J.M. Kinsman and Servay Independent Research. ACNS would like to thank all of the incredible Artists, Crafts People and Businesses for their continued support and generosity. Thank-you to our guests, hosts Elizabeth Logan and Don Connolly (CBC's Information Radio), and Mannheim Auctions for joining us and supporting this important event.

Women In Motion Dance

by Vicki Froats

Hundreds of women from all over the Maritime provinces danced the night away at Beach Party Dance held at the Holiday Inn on Robie Street. The gala event was brought to Halifax by Superior Travel, Women In Motion. The Commons Room was filled to capacity. Tunes from the last five decades kept the dance floor lively, and a great time was had by all.

Some quotes from the dance floor were:

- "We enjoyed the dance. Felt the venue was great. I liked that you could sit separate from the dancing. It was remote enough that you were not bothered by the hotel patrons, and of course nice clean washrooms."

- "They did what hasn't been accomplished in a long time...had a suitable venue for a dance and a good selection of music."

- "The music was great and the place was air conditioned, and the people were ready for a good time."

To say that the dance was a success is an understatement.

Superior Travel, Women in Motion is a locally owned company by women FOR women specializing in travel, tours and events. The dance was the first planned event. Other things to look forward to are wine tours, golf getaways, a dance on September 28, and a News Year's Gala.

On a larger scale, Women in Motion will soon be taking bookings for women only all inclusive travel to the Mayan Rivera for April 2008. Women In Motion intend on posting their events on <http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents>. If you would like to be included on their email list you can contact them at WIM@ns.sympatico.ca.



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Counselling Gay Youth Workshop

On June 1 AIDS New Brunswick and River Valley Health, Public Health hosted the workshop "Counselling Gay Youth" in Fredericton, NB. More than one hundred people from across the province attended the workshop amid a display of rainbow colored paraphernalia. Facilitator Stephane Proulx led participants through the workshop, which explored the historical dimensions of homophobia, counselling issues and creating safe environments for GLBTQ youth.

Gay and questioning youth require social and emotional supports to live healthy lives; youth without such supports are at a higher risk to be harassed, develop mental health problems, and to engage in risky sexual behaviour. In recognition of these needs, the goal of the workshop was to assist potential front line support people—nurses, social workers, teachers, and others—in becoming more aware and welcoming of gay and questioning youth.

Mollyz: Spins New Website, Pours Pride Beer

Melinda-Lyzette Melanson, otherwise known as Mollyz, has a new website for her diner and it's as fresh and tasty as one of her salads. She's quite proud of it and invites everyone to come and have a look.

The new site improves on the old by providing expanded, well-organized information as well as photo galleries and listings for current and upcoming events. The menus are available for viewing and, if you wish, printing. Mollyz has been branching out lately: a section with her complete catering menu and photographs has been added to the new site. The main and menu pages feature rotating photos of the various dishes and delights to be found in her establishment. Mollyz is now available for private and corporate catering.

Mollyz loves it when her name

appears in the food section of the newspaper and has thus indulged herself by adding to her website an area for reviews and testimonials. Be sure to leave your own feedback and don't forget to visit her "About Mollyz" page to read about her illustrious and salty history.

The new site will be up by the end of June. Visit Mollyz Diner on the web at <http://www.mollyzdiner.ca>.

Mollyz and Propeller Celebrate Pride

Propeller celebrates their 10th Birthday during Halifax Pride 2007 with Atlantic Canada's only Queer Beer. Menz Pale Ale will be available in limited quantities in "BIG" 650 ml bottles exclusively at Menz Bar. Starts July 15.

FCP: Creating Strong Voice For Canadian Prides

By Ralph Higgins

Gay Pride is big business in Canada these days. For example, a recent advertisement reports CTV as a major sponsor of the Toronto Pride celebrations. Not that long ago the idea of a national television network actively, publicly supporting queer activities would have been unimaginable.

These days not only are Pride celebrations continuing to grow in larger centres like Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Halifax (now the fourth largest in the country), but also taking place in small towns and rural areas throughout Canada where the GLBTQ crowd gathers for marches, pot luck suppers and special screenings of movies. Slowly disappearing is the notion that one must move away to the anonymity of a city in order to be openly, freely queer.

One of the people actively engaged in promoting this growth is Raymond Taavel, newly elected President of Fierté Canada Pride. Originally from Sault Ste. Marie, in northern Ontario, Taavel has made the Maritimes his home for the last fifteen years, and has become a well-known figure in the queer community here. He is an integral part of the Wayves team, is this year's media liaison for Halifax Pride, and most queer activities in the port city benefit from Raymond's enthusiasm and experience.

I spoke with Raymond Taavel about Fierté Canada Pride and the role he wants it to play in Canada's burgeoning queer landscape. A key element, he said, was the need for "a national voice to present the

concerns of the GLBTQ community to other national organizations including government branches," and the commitment of FCP "for a network of support and information for smaller communities and groups, to help them get started, share organizational ideas etc."

In addition, he hopes that having a national committee will make it easier to "seek out funding opportunities federally for and on behalf of Pride organizations," which might not otherwise have knowledge or access. It is important as well to maintain a strong, visible presence for all queer Canadians.

FCP is also working to "develop programs like a national insurance program Pride groups can opt into, and to set up a website that can provide a lot of the 'how to' and resource information and make it available to members." What this means is that even a very small group can have the experience and support of the larger community in establishing Pride activities in their local areas.

Fierté Canada Pride is the Canadian branch of InterPride (www.interpride.org), which works on an international level to achieve these goals. Their stated mission is to promote lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Pride, to increase networking and communication among Pride organizations, to encourage diverse communities to hold and attend Pride events and to act as a source of education. InterPride includes representatives from many countries—including Canada, Switzerland, New Zealand

and Iceland.

As Taavel explains, FCP works quite independently, making "decisions that affect us" queer Canadians, but having access and communication with other groups on an international level too.

Just as InterPride is divided into world regions (Canada is Region 7), FCP operates in six areas: Pacific, Arctic, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada. Each has a regional director that sits on the Fierté Canada Pride board. The director for Atlantic Canada is Ramona Westgate of Pictou County Nova Scotia. She can be contacted at atlantic@fiertecanadapride.ca, and Raymond would be delighted to hear from you at president@fiertecanadapride.ca.



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Dawn's Early Light

Dear Dawn,

My partner just came out that she's transsexual. When I first heard what she said, I thought she was joking. I've always tried to have an open mind and never judge anyone but I'm really struggling with this. I don't want to tell her how hard this is for me because I know what a struggle she is having. I love her and will stand by her no matter what, but I'm so damn confused. She's been working with a really good therapist to help her through the transition period, and in two months she will be starting hormones. She is also going to start asking people to refer to her as "he" and she will be changing her name. I'm okay with all that but what happens to us sexually? I've been trying to read as much as possible - learn everything I can, but I can't find anything but porn on transsexual sex. Will she still be attracted to me? Will I still find him attractive? What should I do?

Dazed and confused

Dear Dazed,

You certainly have your work cut out for you. Finding credible information on transsexuals can be very hard. There hasn't been much research done--unfortunately this is just another sign of the systemic discrimination that follows the trans community everywhere. However, there are many examples of highly credible researchers who have produced

"...gender and sexuality can be very fluid, and the labels you once held might be more flexible than you realized"

excellent pieces. You can begin your search at www.rainbow-health.ca for Canadian reports and links or check out www.glaa.org for American and international reports and links. In terms of your question regarding sex and sexual attraction, I'm afraid I can't be of much help other than to say that you have to be patient and take things slowly. Her feel-

ings might change and so might yours or maybe not. Maybe the two of you will fall in love even deeper and find out that gender and sexuality can be very fluid and that the labels you once held might be more flexible than you realized. There are a few reputable sources for information regarding trans sex--start at Venus Envy in Halifax (www.venusenvy.ca) and go from there.

If she is important to you and you really do want to be there for her no matter what, then you will have to be very honest, open and willing to work through any difficult feelings you face. You are right though, she does have a lot on her plate, and I'm glad to hear she is getting support. Hopefully it is from someone who can truly help and has access to the information. It's very important that you, too, find a therapist or some other form of support to help you get through this.

This can be a confusing, scary time but it doesn't have to be. Your partner is finally becoming who she truly is, celebrate that and enjoy getting to know her all over again.

Best of luck to you both,
Dawn

Come To The Light!

Dawn wants to hear from you. Let Dawn shed some light on your personal problems. Contact her at dawn@wayves.ca.



Atlantic Prides

con't from Pg 5
advances the struggle for equality for all.

One of the Pride Committee's new initiatives this year is to partner with the Saint John Theatre Company's Second Stage. We met with Second Stage's Jay Rawding twice to brainstorm about what we might be able to do. With your assistance what we are proposing is a one-hour show that will highlight significant moments in our lives. What we need from you is real stories about some aspect of your life that you would consider worth sharing (a maximum of two), which has something to do with your sexual orientation or gender identity in the form of a short story about an incident or event (5-10 minutes) that had an impact on your life. All the stories will go to Jay for him to make the overall decision about what stories will be included.

Tentative events include the following:

Sun Aug 12 - a.m.: Church service at Centenary Queen Square Church at 125 Wentworth Street;

2-4 p.m.: Theatre on the Edge will present a series of vignettes depicting aspects of peoples' lives in our community. Venue TBA,

Mon Aug 13 - Noon: Flag Raising at City Hall;

TBA: Proclamation at Common Council Meeting

Wed Aug 15 - TBA: Music Nite at Mahogany Manor (like a Kitchen Party)

Thu Aug 16 - TBA: Movie nite at UNBSJ Oland Hall (in coopera-

tion with UNBSJ Q-Collective).

Fri Aug 17 - TBA: Cruise, Dinner & Show on the Voyager II.

Sat Aug 18 - 9-11 a.m.: Breakfast at Mahogany Manor;

11 a.m.-noon: Auction at Mahogany Manor;

1 p.m.: Parade from Queen Square South;

9 p.m.-1:30 a.m.: Pride Dance, Venue TBA

Moncton Sept 8-16

A summer pride promotion, "SOCO," will be happening on Fridays at Triangles (<http://www.trianglesbar.com>), starting on July 6. The River of Pride committee invites you for a cool, specially priced Southern Comfort drink and a chance to win a S.C. mini fridge. The draw will take place at the Mardi Gras dance September 14, during pride week. The "Purple" colour party will be happening July 7, sponsored by Finlandia, Triangles and Moosehead. The grand "ALL" colour party is set for August 4. July 1 is the final deadline for activities to be included in the official pride program. A committee delegation plans to distribute the programs at all pride celebrations happening throughout the Maritimes in July and August. Mark down September 15 in your pride calendar to be in Moncton, a biantot. Check out www.fiertemonctonpride.ca for the latest developments. Volunteers are invited to sign up online.



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Taking On Diversity A Word From Pride Co-chair Tamara Matheson

It was another long Pride Committee meeting, filled with debate. The length of my work day was starting to take its toll when the spotlight fell on me. "I want to hear from the Co-Chairs! What is your vision of Pride? What should the theme be?" Luckily my answer came quickly, I only had to look around the room to see it.

Diversity is a huge part of our community. Other communities may come together through shared interest, income, age, race, religion or gender. However the Pride Community remains diverse in all of these and more. You would think that, for us especially, valuing diversity would have become second nature. However, we need to hear each other's stories to understand the need to continue

to educate ourselves and the community at large.

I wanted a Pride Week where everyone was not only welcome but valued. Since I had heard so many stories that stemmed from ignorance, I wanted a Pride Week that celebrated our differences. I wasn't the only one in the room who saw the importance of such a theme; without even a little debate, the Pride team had come to a consensus.

Our theme and the vision that would inspire and motivate us through the months leading up to Pride 2007 would be Diversity. Just don't ask us to agree on a single way to define it. We would rather share and celebrate one another's unique perspectives.

What Colour Is Your Ribbon?

Blue and deep for the tears shed by a mother
As her child lay dying, shot
in the streets

Dark as the night sky filled with missiles and
death As a father shelters his family with his
arms crying in anger, fear and rage

Orange as the fire that fuels hate
and consumes so many

Green as the grass on the ground
where the still body laid flag clutched
in hand

Grey as the sky when there is no
new dawn to take away the pain

Lavender as the scarfs worn while
the rocks flew by

Red as the blood spilled when no
step wavered

Brown as the dirt where feet ran
seeking freedom from chains

So many ribbons, too many deaths,
so little time

My ribbon would be pink as a
child's smile who has never heard
the words of hate and ignorance
uttered

Or the glorious bright yellow of a
new day and one more chance to
see a change

Or maybe it is layered like a rain-
bow that holds all color united
within its splendor

I ask what colour is your ribbon?

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Your Halifax Pride Committee 2007: Back Row (L-R): Trent Slaunwhite, Volunteers, Kimberly Fowlow, Treasurer, Kachiri Beleza, Member at Large, Middle Row (L-R) Shannon Coombs, Secretary, Lee Anne Poole, Events, Michael Davies-Cole, Co-chair, Tamara Matheson, Co-chair, Andy Hewlett, Parade, Hugo Dann, Member at Large, Front Centre: Raymond Taavel, Media Public Relations

Parade Route Saturday July 21



A Week of Diverse Events

This is my second year as Events Coordinator for Halifax Pride and it has been an honour to be part of such a diverse and exciting festival! Over 19 years, the creativity, dedication and commitment of the Halifax Pride Board, along with the volunteers, spectators and supporters, continue to be outstanding. It is thanks to all the members of our diverse community that Halifax Pride is what it is today: continuously bigger, better and bolder,

year after year!

From July 15 to 22, Halifax residents and visitors can attend: the Fourth Annual Dykes vs. Divas Ball Game; the second Noon Time-Out lecture series; OUTrageous! A Night of Queer Comedy; Reel Out, an LGBTQ Film Festival; and much, much more! Pride Week is an amazing combination of sports, music, dance, film, education, conversation, and fun!

Concert on the Commons: Rouge Fatale Steps Into the Pride Limelight



Amid all the buzz surrounding Pride 2007, perhaps the foremost question in many people's minds has been that of who will succeed Lulu LaRude as the hostess of Halifax's biggest queer party, the post-parade Concert on the Commons. Now that rising, young star Rouge Fatale has been named, Wayves wanted to find out how she was feeling about it all, and whether she could reveal any hints about what audiences might anticipate. We asked her first to tell us a bit about herself.

Wayves: Where does Miss Rouge Fatale actually hail from?

"Rouge is originally from Cape Breton. I was dared to do the Miss Gay Sydney Pageant. It took place in a church basement! Anyway, I had everything I needed except eyelashes, so we were all in Shopper's Drug Mart, picking up eyeliner and stuff, and these queens I was with were saying, 'You've got to have a name!' They were throwing out these names at me, and they were all terrible - and I didn't even like drag queens then! Little did I know they were going to take over my life! - Anyway, I looked over at all the hair colour products and I saw (she intones in a rich French accent) Rouge Passion and Noir Fatale. So I put the two together, and she's been haunting me ever since."

Wayves: Did you have a drag mother?

"Juicy Fruit was one of the first queens to help me out. She didn't do my makeup or anything, like

they usually do. Later on I was adopted, I had the ultimate queen for my adoptive drag mother... Lulu."

Wayves: Which brings us to the big question: How does it feel?

"To be taking over from her? Well... not taking over. No one could take over from Lulu! To step into her shoes?"

Wayves: How about to step into the spotlight?

"Overwhelming! It was... Honestly? I cried. I was helping Lee-Anne out with a bunch of stuff for planning the concert and I asked her if she'd thought of anyone yet. When she said yes, and that the whole Pride Committee felt really good about the choice, I was so excited, because I knew what a tough job it was and I thought maybe it was Cathy Jones or someone... and Lee-Anne said, 'Sooooo, we were wondering if you'd be interested'. And I was just totally speechless. It means so much to me, with Lulu being a fellow Cape Bretoner, and a comedy Queen... It makes me even more scared. I'm having nightmares."

Wayves: Classic actors' nightmares? Being naked on stage?

"Well I think everybody's seen that by now! More like just saying something really dumb, and everyone just stopping and 8,000 people staring at me!"

Wayves: We're sure you'll be fabulous!

"Well, thank you!"

Wayves: Can you give us any hints about what the Concert will be like?

"We're still a bit in the dark, just because some plans are still being finalized. We're talking about getting all the Queens together in groups, and trios, and more like a big show instead of just solos - I'm not sure if I'll even be doing a solo. Anyway, I've been talking to the girls, and we're starting to get excited. I know there are going to be bands, and the drag numbers will be more integrated in with the other acts: there'll be movement, there'll be dance... it's going to be like a real, big show!"

During Pride 2007, we can share the best Queer art and culture Halifax has to offer. We've named just a few options for you here. New events are being confirmed and added daily, so keep checking our

website (www.halifaxpride.com) for up to date information, and be sure to pick up a free Halifax Pride Events Guide (hitting the streets on Thursday, July 12th). I

look forward to seeing everyone out supporting one another and celebrating our many accomplishments. Happy Pride!

Lee-Anne Poole, Events Coordinator Halifax Pride 2007



Halifax Pride Ride 15 with the Bent Rims!

Dykes Vs. Divas Baseball Game

This Ain't Your Typical Rose garden Tour 2pm-6pm (rain or shine)
Pride Family Picnic:TBA

Outrageous A Night of Queer Comedy 8PM
Casino NS, \$15

16
Proclamation and Flag Raising
Grand Parade Square,
Time: TBA
Toys for Gay Boys
6:30pm @ Venus Envy
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Walking the Pride Flag

Are you interested in becoming a part of history? Are you longing to march through the streets of Halifax and express your Pride? Is there diversity in your life and do you have a story that you want to share? If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes!" then Halifax Pride wants to know!

We're looking for members of our Rainbow community to participate in the 2007 Pride Parade

by carrying the Pride Flag. This is a unique opportunity for new and seasoned members from our fabulous community to join the Parade. If you're interested in taking on the honour of carrying our colorful flag, then we want to hear from YOU!! Write us a few lines about why you want to be a part of the Parade or what Pride means to you.

Send your thoughts or your

story to the Parade Coordinator, Andy Hewlett, at parade@halifaxpride.com. Don't worry if you feel too shy to write your story, just send us your name: we need lots of willing hands to uphold our beautiful Rainbow Flag this Pride Day!! We look forward to hearing from you! Happy Pride, Halifax!!!!



Reel Out! Film Fest 2: The Sequel

Last year's Reel Out! Film Fest was the first to be curated and produced by filmmaker Thom Fitzgerald (The Hanging Garden, 3 Needles). Films from 7 countries were shown in a week-long festival, presenting diverse filmmakers and stories from within our global LGBTQ* community.

Last year opened with an outdoor, waterfront screening of Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert, and closed with the ribald comedy Another Gay Movie. The festival was a victim of its own success, with hundreds being turned away from sold-out screenings.

One year later, Fitzgerald is back on board, and Reel Out! 2: The Sequel! will present a strong and eclectic program of international feature films as a part of Pride Week from July 15-22. To solve the sold-out dilemma, this

year tickets will be available in advance over the internet, so check <http://www.halifaxpride.com> regularly for the most up to date Reel Out! film selections and ticket infos.

Calling All Volunteers...

Hello, my name is Trent, and I'm the Volunteer Coordinator for Pride 2007. This year's Pride Week promises to be bigger and better than ever, and the dedication of the Pride Committee is a testament to that. However, the real success of the Festival depends on the many volunteers who donate their time, energy, and hard work for Pride. If you support Halifax Pride and would like to be involved, then please consider becoming a volunteer. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and to help support our community. It's a lot of fun too; we promise! Our volunteers provide the backbone that help make Pride the great success it is, so on behalf of the whole Committee, I want to offer you all a big thank you in advance. Happy Pride, Halifax!

If you want to volunteer with Halifax Pride, please visit the website at www.halifaxpride.com, click on Volunteers on the home page, then click on Volunteer Form. Fill in the required fields and the form will be sent to the Volunteer Coordinator. You can also email Trent at volunteers@halifaxpride.com.



Halifax Pride Parade

By Andy Hewlett, Parade Coordinator

The 2007 Halifax Pride Parade on Saturday, July 21, will be our brightest and biggest yet. Our theme is Diversity and we are aiming to have a diverse mix of people, not only to showcase their Pride by marching, but by lining the streets to cheer us on!

Parade marshalling begins at 12:30 p.m. on Maitland Street (between Cornwallis St. and Prince William). Parade start time is 2:00 p.m. Sharp! The parade will take the same route as last year, heading downtown along Brunswick Street to Spring Garden Road, traveling up to South Park, on to Bell Road, Ahern and ending on Cogswell at the North Commons. Make sure you pick your favorite spot on one of these streets to catch the best parade that Halifax has to offer!

To register a float in the parade, check out our website at <http://www.halifaxpride.com> and download the registration form. You can also contact the Parade Coordinator at parade@halifaxpride.com, or by calling (902) 405-9968. Individuals and small groups (fewer than 10 people) march for free. Businesses that don't have a partnership package with Halifax Pride at \$500 or more must pay a \$50 fee. Community Groups and Not-for-Profit Organizations are asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$25.

As we prepare for this parade to express our rights and freedom, our pride and love for one another, let's do so with a bang! Wave your flag high on Pride day. The Halifax Pride Committee can't wait to see you there! Happy Pride, Halifax!



Calendar Image by Mike Davies-Cole

Pride Bus Rides Again!

By Alan Stewart

The Pride Bus rides again for its fourth year! The Pride Bus is placed in the parade by its sponsors not only to be a visual statement of support for the GLBTQQ Liberation Movement, but also to provide transportation for those who are not able to walk in the parade but would like to be part of it.

We have room for only two wheelchair-confined persons, and those who are interested should register early with Maria at the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (902-425-4882). Other wheelchair occupants can be accommodated if they are able to move into a bus seat, and their chairs can be folded and stored in the back of the bus. Lots of seating is available for others, who

may be elderly or have difficulty with mobility. The sponsors of the Pride Bus are the Nova Scotia Government & General Employees Union, Metro Transit, Amalgamated Transit Union and the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia.



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The Nature Of Queer III – The Mother Effect

By Gerrit Volkmann

There are a lot of things that can influence a fetus during pregnancy: smoking, alcohol and drugs can cause disabilities and miscarriage. Certain diets might boost the IQ of the child. Some people are even convinced that exposing the fetus to music or literature makes for a more creative mind.

Research on the biology of sexual behaviour further provides clues that sexual orientation is yet another factor determined inside the womb. Two popular theories out there try to explain how fetuses may be predisposed to a certain sexual orientation.

The first theory is referred to as "maternal immunization" and is based on the so called "fraternal

birth order effect." The bottom line of this effect is that the more older biological brothers exist in a family, the greater the possibility that the next born boy is going to be gay. Statistics suggest that approximately 1 in 7 gay men owes his sexual orientation to this effect. A similar effect could not be found for lesbian, bisexual or straight people.

But how does this effect come about? Well, the immune system of a pregnant woman is able to recognize male and female fetuses, and because the biological sex of the male fetus is different from the mother, she sees the male fetus as "non-self." Her immune system reacts and produces antibodies. But in contrast to other non-self

organisms like bacteria or viruses, these "anti-male antibodies" do not result in eradication of the male fetus from the woman's body. The antibodies are thought to interact with the developing brain of the male fetus, pushing its sexual orientation away from straight to gay. Every successful birth of a boy increases these antibodies, and thus the chance of the next one to be gay in later life.

The second theory is termed "prenatal androgen model." Herein, sexual orientation is thought to be affected by the levels of androgen hormones (e.g., testosterone) during pregnancy. A female fetus exposed to large amounts of androgens inside the womb is very likely to become a lesbian in later life. In

the case of male homosexuality, it seems to be less simple because experimental data suggest that both reduced and elevated androgen levels predispose a male fetus to become gay.

But in terms of sexual orientation and genetics (see last Wayves issue), the prenatal androgen theory makes a lot of sense. Androgens are known to be important factors in our cells; they are able to turn genes on and off. Androgens thus might interact with the "gay genes," and only certain concentrations lead to activation of these genes.

Even though both theories have not been 100% confirmed, pseudo-scientists are already eager enough to develop goodies for the mommy who doesn't want the fruit of

her loins to be gay, lesbian or bi. Hormone patches are envisioned, which interfere with any fluctuations of androgen levels, keeping them stable and the baby straight.

While this sounds rather funny and scientifically unrealistic to me, it is nonetheless alarming. It shows how knowledge about our very existence can be prone to misuse. As heinous as it is to abort an unborn child because it does not have the desired gender, so is any intervention with the development of an otherwise physically healthy fetus.

The scientific community has to make sure that such misuse never happens. Where would mankind be without sexual diversity?

Anchored in Sobriety: 19th Courage Roundup

By Bill

The 19th Annual Courage Roundup will be held on August 10-12 in the Universalist Unitarian Church at 5500 Inglis St in Halifax. Courage is sponsored by gay men and lesbians in AA, but all AA's & Al-Anons are welcome. It's open to anyone who has a drinking problem or is affected by the alcoholism of others.

The weekend includes speaker meetings, workshop discussions of recovery topics, fellowship and understanding in a relaxed and peaceful setting in south-end Halifax.

This year's theme is called "Anchored in Sobriety." Courage is a small and intimate roundup, which typically 30 to 40 people attend. It is the only gay and lesbian AA roundup in Atlantic Canada. There are other gay AA roundups in many Canadian and American cities. For a list of gay/lesbian AA roundups and for regular gay/lesbian AA meetings, check out the website of the International Advisory Committee of Homosexual Men & Women in AA at <http://www.iac-aa.org>.

Some people believe special interest AA gatherings are unnecessary; for others, they have been an essential lifeline. The IAC website addresses the issue of gay AA, and the following is part of a longer article.

"Homosexual (i.e., gay and lesbian) alcoholics have found help and recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous from its very early days. Bill

W. refers to them in Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and in a 1958 letter expresses deep sympathy and concern. The dedication and talents of gay and lesbian AA members have often led them into service, where they have contributed enormously in all capacities including Delegate and Trustee. Almost never overt in their lifestyle, they have been completely accepted." [...] "Criticism has been heard that the largest of these roundups in New York and San Francisco, drawing around 2,000 people, have gotten far afield from AA in their workshops. But other recent local gatherings of gay AA's have been "pure, basic AA—absolutely marvelous!" according to one discriminating member."

Registration for the 19th Annual Courage Roundup is \$25.00, which includes lunch on Saturday, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Supper on Saturday at a nearby restaurant (open just for the roundup) is extra, \$12 (estimate). Registration opens at 5 p.m. on Friday.

To learn more about the Courage Roundup, phone 902-463-7895 or 425-8383, write to Courage449@yahoo.com, or check out the website at <http://www.rationalunacy.com/courageroundup>. To pre-register, please send your cheque or money order to: Courage Round Up, c/o 1916 - 1333 South Park St., Halifax, NS, B3J 2K9.

For information on the weekly gay/lesbian AA meeting in Halifax,

see Wayves Groups & Services. To find an AA meeting right now, call 902-461-1119, or see AA or Alcoholics Anonymous in your phonebook for other cities.

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Chef's Corner



Local strawberries are back, and you need to take advantage while you can. They aren't available for much more than three weeks (late June - mid-July). If you miss out, the second chance won't be until late summer. I think our berries from either crop are heavenly. No matter when they appear, they are leaps and bounds better than the GM berries flown in from the USA. You know the ones, all the same shape and size, distinctive white interiors, no flavour and woody texture.... We have all bought them midwinter because they looked so good. So be thankful that the little gems are back, and take advantage of nature's best while you can. Makes you long for shortcakes, doesn't it?

Chef Darren is Chef and Co-owner of Chives Canadian Bistro, Halifax's newest two star restaurant, 1537 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S. For reservation call (902) 420-9626, www.chives.ca.

Local Cabernet Glazed Strawberries

Ingredients:

2 pints fresh strawberries (hulled, washed and quartered) 1/4 cup water
1 cup sugar 1/2 cup cabernet wine
1 tsp lemon juice zest of 1/2 orange

Method

1. Place sugar, water and lemon juice into a heavy bottomed, high sided pot on high heat. Boil out mixture, without stirring, until sugar caramelises. (Do not turn away once it starts, it happens quickly!)
2. When sugar has caramelised, remove from heat and add wine in three small stages (wine will bubble and hiss—this is normal; be careful not to burn yourself!)
3. Return to med-high heat and add 1/3 of the berries and cook until they are soft (approx. 5 min).
4. Place the mixture into a food processor on high until smooth. Pass through fine sieve to remove seeds, add orange zest, cover and cool to room temperature.
5. Pour the sauce over the remaining berries, stir, and serve on shortcake, over ice cream, lemon tart, chocolate pate, or whomever your heart desires. Enjoy!

Joshua Then And Now

One Man's Journey From Addiction To Faith



By Bill McKinnon

Joshua Love was addicted to crystal meth and alcohol, and is an HIV positive gay man who has struggled with a troubled and fearful life even though his achievements are many.

Six years ago, Joshua hit his bottom of desperation and fear. Then he reached out to a friend for help and experienced a spiritual awakening, which led him away from fear and from drugs and alcohol to a life of value and service to God, and to hundreds of people in need.

He is now Denominational Program Director for HIV/AIDS and

Drug Literacy for the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), and is a passionate advocate for LGBT health, HIV/AIDS awareness, and drug use and addictions awareness. His calling includes helping those suffering from HIV/AIDS in Africa, and traveling around North America to inspire addicts and victims of HIV/AIDS to help themselves. Joshua's credentials and experience are extensive, and he has served MCC and participated in LGBTI development and wellness for more than 15 years.

Last year Joshua Love shot and produced a documentary film on MCC's mission work in Zimbabwe at the Mother of Peace Orphanage. The film is called "We Who Are One Body: A Spiritual Walk With AIDS." For more about the film see <http://www.mccchurch.org/eseries/scriptcontent/index.cfm>.

On the weekend of May 25-27, Joshua visited Halifax at the request of Safe Harbour, MCC. The theme of his visit was "Promoting health and spiritual well-being in a time of AIDS and addictions." On Friday night he attended a meet-and-greet at Bloomfield Centre. On Saturday morning, he attended a barbecue at St. George's Round Church for clients of community HIV and addictions support groups, and later a gathering of youth for pizza, pop and bowl-

ing at St. Andrew's United Church. On Sunday, Joshua spoke at Safe Harbour's 11 a.m. service, and went to a potluck supper and dialogue at St. John's United Church later that day.

In Joshua's talk at Safe Harbour, he praised the organizers for welcoming the people who came to the barbecue. Some were from the needle exchange, from shelters, and off the street—many of whom are exiles.

He recalled how when at 15 he realized he was gay, he was no longer welcome in his church, and how today so many who are addicts, HIV positive, or just gay, are excluded from churches—even when they die. These are exiles, rejects, outcasts. He paralleled the plight of today's exiles with the life of a man who also faced rejection, exile and death from society, and organized religion 2,000 years ago.

Six years ago in Joshua's desperation, a spirit filled in the gaps in his soul, as someone was "there for him" in love and prayer, when he called out for help. So he no longer had to be an exile; he was an outcast no more.

Joshua challenged his listeners to be there for other exiles; for many of us are stuck on the banks



BBQ at St. George's Anglican Church with Joshua Love
Photo: Bill McKinnon

as the river of life flows by. Are we willing to wade out among society's outcasts with a rescuing hand? Are we afraid or are we willing to risk by reaching out? As we, the children of God, are liberated from fear, so too can we in turn transmit that freedom to others; so they also need no longer be exiles awash in the world's contempt and indifference; they no longer need to fear the current of despair dragging them under.

Spend time with Joshua Love and he will convince you that you're important, you matter and he cares. His ability to see value in others is a model for living for us to follow; he's a power of example. Although he stayed only a few days in Halifax, I believe that Joshua helped many people.

Joshua's visit to Nova Scotia was enabled by the churches named in the forgoing, by the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Mollyz Diner, My Mothers Bloomers, the Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on AIDS, and the Marriott Halifax Harbourfront Hotel.

Originally from Texas, Joshua now lives in Denver, Colorado. To reach him by phone, call 213-321-3975, email JoshuaLove@MCCchurch.net, or check out MCC's website, <http://www.MCCchurch.org/HIV>. For more about Safe Harbour, see Wayves Groups & Services.

The title of this article is a take-off from the book title "Joshua Then and Now" (Mordecai Richler, 1981).

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Thursday, July 19th, 7pm - Reading Out Loud VI

For the sixth year, Venus Envy and the Halifax Regional Library present Reading OUT Loud, a celebration of GLBT lit. Join host Jane Kansas and other Hali-famous queer folks as they share their favourite stories. Readers this year include Mike Davies-Cole, Candy Palmater, JT Davis and Nairne Holtz. Spring Garden Branch Library - lower level. Free!

WAYVES GROUPS AND SERVICES

Atlantic Canada

AtlanticCanadianLesbians: Online Group For Lesbians from the Atlantic Provinces. email: AtlanticCanadianLesbians@groups.msn.com web: groups.msn.com/AtlanticCanadianLesbians

AtlanticPoz: A new discussion group is for individuals living with HIV in Atlantic Canada. web: health.groups.yahoo.com/group/atlanticpoz/

Egale President & Atlantic Director, St. John's, NL: (709) 690-5244 email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.egale.ca

Gay Men's Gathering: at PO Box 36054, Halifax., B3J 3S9

GaySpaces: Free postings of GLBT-friendly places to live in Atlantic Canada. email: info@gayspaces.org web: www.gayspaces.org

Gender Expressions Atlantic: Support for transgendered individuals ranging from Crossdressers to Transsexuals. email: gender_expressions@hotmail.com web: www.geocities.com/gender_expressions/ (No scheduled meeting. Occasional social events, by invitation only.)

Halifax Transquys: support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. at Please write for further information on our upcoming meetings and social events.

Healing Our Nations, Dartmouth: Healing Our Nations is an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS service organization that serves the Atlantic region. (902) 492-4255 email: director@accesswave.ca web: www.healingournations.ca (Healing Our Nations staff meet once on a weekly basis. Training offered on request at no charge for Aboriginal peoples and/or organizations.) at 15 Alderney Dr., Suite 3, Dartmouth, NS. B2Y2N2

Maritime Transgender Workplace Solutions Project, Upper Musquodoboit: Transgender Issues Workshops and information resource. (902)568-2935 email: denisesined@ns.sympatico.ca web: www3.ns.sympatico.ca/winpapernews (No meetings, Workshops by arrangements, information source when requested. Newsletter Odds & Sods bi-weekly)

Mr Atlantic Canada Leather Society, assorted cities: Dedicated to developing gay leather communities in the Atlantic region. email: chinman52@hotmail.com

Names Project (AIDS Memorial Quilt): panels - helping create, and lending. 902-454-5158 email: larrybaxter@ns.sympatico.ca web: www.quilt.ca (Call if interested in volunteering or making a panel) at 3544 Acadia St. Halifax, NS B3K 3P2

Project E: Presentation for youth, on gender expression, myth busters, proper terminology and other facts. web: www.freewebs.com/xprojecte/ at available via web page

Propitation: A fellowship of gay and lesbian Anglicans and their friends. 416-977-4359 email: propitation@hotmail.com (We meet in members homes on a Saturday or Sunday Evening once every other month for Evening Prayer Discussion, refreshments and fellowship.) at --contact for meeting location. We prefer our heritage, worship, and Spirituality of the Book of Common Prayer. We are troubled by such right wing organizations as the prayer book society and Essentials.

Wayves Magazine: Atlantic Canada's queer news and lifestyle magazine! email: submissions@wayves.ca web: wayves.ca (Editorial meeting one Monday night a month; layout one Sunday a month; see the Calendar on our web page) at downtown Halifax - email us for details

New Brunswick (506)

Affirming United Church - Centenary - Queen Square United Church, Saint John: invites you to worship! 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com web: www.cqsunited.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30am) at 215 Wentworth St, Saint John, NB

AIDS New Brunswick / SIDA Nouveau-Brunswick, Fredericton: committed to facilitating community-based responses to the issues of HIV/AIDS. 459-7518 email: sidaids@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.aidsnb.com (Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:30PM)

AIDS Saint John, Saint John: improve quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV, reduce the spread through education 652-2437 email: aidssj@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidsaintjohn.com

East Coast Bears, Fredericton: adult men who are, or like, masculine, hairy men. 506-455-2856 email: info@eastcoastbears.com web: www.eastcoastbears.com (See webpage for schedule.)

Fredericton Lesbians and Gays, Fredericton: Occasional social events and Email listserv. email: jamesw@stu.ca web: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/3074

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG), Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area): A bilingual volunteer association serving gay men, lesbians and bisexuals of northern New Brunswick. email: info@gngnb.ca web: www.gngnb.ca (Dances are held at GNG club every Saturday night. See www.gngnb.ca for a list of upcoming events.) at 702 rue Principale, Petit-Rocher NB. Look for rainbow flag and/or door with pink triangle at rear of parking lot.

Integrity, Fredericton: Supports and encourages Gays and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. web: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity/ (Watch our website for details of 2007 planned events, (coming soon). Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation.) at St John's Anglican Church, 59 Broad Road, Oromocto, New Brunswick.

Moncton Line Dancing, Moncton: LINE DANCING for all levels from beginner to advanced. No partner required. No dress code. , meets every Wednesday (8:30pm sharp) at Triangles Bar, corner of St. George and Archibald.

Moncton Transgender Support Group, Moncton: Transgenderers, their allies, families and friends. email: ellisk@nbnet.nb.ca (Meets Monthly, email for

time and place.)

PFLAG Canada - Fredericton, Fredericton: all welcome. email: pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/Pflagfredericton/, meets 4th Wednesday (7-9 pm (except December: 2nd Wednesday)) at Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton 874 York St. Fredericton NB E3B 3R8

PFLAG Canada - Moncton, Moncton: GLBTT2IQQ persons and their parents, families and friends. (506) 869-8191 email: monctonnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (occasionally on the 2nd Monday - please call) at 7:30-9:30 PM at U. de M. in Rm 302, Adrien-J.-Cornier Building.

PFLAG Canada - Sackville/Amherst, Sackville NB/ Amherst NS: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm) at Meeting location alternates monthly between Sackville: United Church Parlours, 112 Main Street, and Amherst: Maggie's Place, 12 LaPlanche Street

PFLAG Canada - Saint John NB, Saint John: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. 648-9700 email: wandr@nbnet.nb.ca, tiggerj@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.pflag.ca/saintjohn.htm (1st Friday of each month September - June at 7pm. No meeting in July & August.) at 116 Coburg Street in Saint John, New Brunswick in the Community Health Centre next to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Port City Rainbow Pride, Saint John: Pride Celebrations Committee. email: events@portcityrainbowpride.com web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com

River Of Pride, Moncton: Organizes, promotes and produces Moncton's Pride events!. email: monctonpride2007@gmail.com web: www.fier-temonctonpride.ca, meets 1st Tuesday, and last Tuesday (contact ilaisha@nbnet.nb.ca for further meeting and event dates) at Triangles bar 234 St.George St. Moncton NB

Safe Spaces Fundy Region, Saint John: Committed to ending discrimination around issues of sexual orientation in youth. email: safespaces@gmail.com web: www.safespacesfundy.com (See our webpage for schedule of meetings and socials etc @ www.safespacesfundy.com)

Safe Spaces Moncton, Moncton: Safe Spaces offers support & counselling to GLBTQ Youth between 14-25. 869-6224 email: safespaces@nb.aibn.com web: www.safespaces.ca

Safe Spaces Moncton Region, Moncton: Support Groups for GLBTQ Youth (14-25 years old). 506-854-3049 email: info@safespaces.ca web: www.safespaces.ca

Saint John LGBTQ Lending Library, Saint John: over 300 fiction and non-fiction titles. 634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com (open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to noon.) at the office of Centenary Queen Square United Church at 215 Wentworth Street.

SIDA AIDS Moncton, Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends. education and awareness. 859-9616 email: sidaidsm@nbnet.nb.ca web: www.sida-aidsmoncton.com at 165A Gordon St., Moncton, NB, E1C 1N1

Spectrum, Fredericton: social and support group for students, staff and faculty at UNB and STU. email: spectrum@unb.ca web: www.unb.ca/clubs/spectrum, meets every Tuesday (7 pm) at SUB 203

The UNBSJ Q-Collective, Saint John: A social and support organization for UNBSJ students, staff and faculty. 506-648-5737 or 648-9227 email: QCollect@UNBSJ.ca web: www.UNBSJ.ca (The UNBSJ Q-Collective is interested in hearing from other university LGBTQ organisations and would like to possibly meet or collaborate.) at various locations; event particulars will be emailed to anyone who registers with the UNBSJ Q-Collective and/or who gets the UNBSJ weekly "E News". Past events include the annual Rainbow Peace March, guest speakers, movie nights, participate in Maritime Pride Parades, Supporters of PFLAG Canada's "Communities Encourage Campaign" and "Champions Against Homophobia".

UN sur DIX - l'Association des étudiant.e.s GLB de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton: Visé à éduquer, à sensibiliser et à offrir des ressources dans la langue française. email: unsurdix@umoncton.ca web: www.umoncton.ca/unsurdix/ (Visitez le site Web ou envoyez un courriel pour en apprendre davantage au sujet du travail que nous accomplissons.)

UNB/STU Women's Collective, Fredericton: Women of all ages and orientations. , meets every Monday at 5pm at the University Women's Centre at the SUB

Woodstock GLBT Youth Advocate and Family OutReach, Woodstock: Books, movies, advice, directions, contacts, and support etc. for the family. 328-4868 email: richardb@nbnet.nb.ca

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

AIDS Committee of Newfoundland & Labrador, St. John's: HIV/AIDS education and support for male/female/transgendered, all ages. Newfoundland and Labrador 579-8656 email: info@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net

Conception Bay North AIDS Interest Group, Conception Bay: Conception Bay North AIDS Interest Group is a volunteer organization, education and prevention 709-596-4433 email: cbn.aids.intgr@nf.sympatico.ca web: www.cbnaig.org (Taylor Bldg., Carbonare Road, P.O. Box 993, Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, A0A 2M0)

Gay Urban Youth Zone Project, St John's: designed to increase HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and STI knowledge and awareness 579-8656 (ext. 28) email: chris@acnl.net web: www.acnl.net at Tommy Sexton Centre 47 Janeway Place Pleasantville, across from the old Janeway Hospital AIDS Committee of Newfoundland and Labrador

LBGT-MUN Resource Centre, St John's: LBGT-MUN

is an information/resource, service, and peer support centre staffed by trained volunteers!. 737-7619 email: lbgtmun@mun.ca web: www.mun.ca/lbg/ (Open Monday-Friday 9-4. Biweekly meetings for members and volunteers.) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Phillip Drive. Call us! Get involved! LBGT-MUN: "A Positive Place, for Positive People!"

PFLAG Canada - St. John's: Information or referral to one of our parents. email: gemma@egale.ca web: www.pflag.ca

St. John's Pride, St. John's: St. John's Official Pride Organization. 709-746-6564 email: info@stjohnspride.net web: www.stjohnspride.net

Nova Scotia (902)

Acadia Pride, Wolfville: Acadia's GLBT group. 585-2165 email: acadiapride@acadiau.ca web: euler.acadiau.ca/~apride/, meets every Monday (7:30pm (during academic year)) at Beverage Forum (old SUB)

Acadia Women's Centre, Wolfville: 585-2140 email: 057996c@acadiau.ca web: axe.acadiau.ca/women-centre (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

Affirm United, Halifax Metro: GLBT & Friends support, action and worshiping community within the United Church. 902-461-4528 email: alstew@eastlink.ca at Box 33067, Halifax, NS B3L 4T6

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton, Sydney: Support, advocacy, prevention/education for those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Free condoms!. (902) 567-1766 email: joannerolls@accb.ns.ca ;christineporter@accb.ns.ca web: www.accb.ns.ca, meets 1st Tuesday (6:00pm Board Meetings - Anonymous HIV Testing Available - See website for full calendar of events.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6H1

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, Halifax: non-profit, community-based AIDS organization, provincially mandated. (902)429-7922 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous, Halifax: Live & Let Live AA Group for GLBT community- (902) 463-7895 email: courage449@yahoo.com web: www.rationalunacy.com/cout, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St Matthews Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax (Use side door near Maritime Centre at bottom of stairs)

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing, Halifax: 455-9656

Bedford United Church, HRM/ Bedford: An Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Canada - ALL welcome. 835-8497 email: bedfordunited@eastlink.ca web: www.bedfordunited.com, meets every Sunday (9 am service - Casual and contemporary service. 11 am service - Quieter and more reverent in tone.) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

BLT-Womyn of Halifax, Halifax: Bi Sexualls, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Discussion Group. Sue's # 499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax (Every second Sunday evening 6pm - 7:30pm) at Dalhousie Women's Centre 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Bluenose Bears, Halifax: Club for bears and those who like them. 463-4312 email: bluenosebears@accesswave.ca, meets 3rd Wednesday

Cape Breton University Sexual Diversity Centre, Sydney: We provide a welcoming environment for GLBTQ people and their Allies. 902-563-1481 email: sdc@cbusu.com (M-F 9-4pm. Call or drop by for event listings, Ally Training, and Anti-Heterosexism/Homophobia Workshops!) at the Students' Union Building, Cape Breton University.

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre, Truro: Provides support and information to anyone (GLBTQ included) affected by sexual assault and abuse. 902-897-4366 email: trurosexualassault@hotmail.com (80 Glenwood Drive, Truro, N.S., B2N 1P3 Mon-Fri 9:30-4:30)

Cumberland Pride Support Group, Amherst: For gay,lesbian,bisexual,transgender and transsexual individuals of cumberland county. 660-5004 email: gaylords_1975@hotmail, meets 3rd Thursday (7:30 PM) at 7 kent drive, amherst, n.s. exit 3, victoria st., 3rd street on right.

DalOUT, Halifax: LGBTQ Society at Dalhousie. 494-2190 email: dalout@dal.ca web: societies.dsu.ca/dalout, meets every Thursday (During the academic year we meet at about 7pm each Thursday night.) at Dalhousie University, check OUT our website or contact us for details

Family Pride Camping Association (Rainbow Spirit), Halifax: FPCA plans events for GLBT families with kids of all ages. From Camping weekends to bowling events. email: info@fpca.ca web: www.fpca.ca (Contact us if you are interested in helping out or would like to be contacted when we have events.)

GAY, LESBIAN & BISEXUAL YOUTH GROUP AT Q.E.H.: Jeanie Buffet, Counsellor, at 421-6797

GLB CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE (SUNS): 494-6654 at c/o the Students' Union of NS

Group Harrison Society, Cape Breton: Dances, Socials & Support Group for Cape Bretoners. (902)270-6969 email: groupharrisonsociety@yahoo.ca web: www.geocities.com/groupharrisonsociety, meets last Saturday (of every month Admission \$6.50 -\$5.50 for members- Best light and sound show around! Restricted 19 yrs and over) at Steel Workers Hall, Sydney

HalGal, Halifax: Low-traffic Yahoo group that provides events and information for queer women in the Halifax area. email: hal-gal@yahoogroups.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal/

Halifax Front Runners, Halifax: Running/walking club. 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/halifax/, meets every Saturday, and every Tuesday, and every Thursday (Sat: 9:30am, Tue: 6:00 pm, Thu: 6:00pm) at Main gates of the Halifax Public Gardens, corner of Spring

Garden Road and South Park Street.

Halifax Rainbow Speakers, Halifax: Speakers available, contact us if you are interested in joining also. 494-6662 web: www.thenovascotiapublicinterestresearchgroup.dal.ca (Call for times & locations)

Imperial and Sovereign Court of Atlantic Nova Society, Halifax: Fundraising. 902-449-7612 web: www.imperialcourtns.com, meets 1st Sunday, and 2nd Sunday (Executive Meetings Are Currently Held Every Second Sunday) at Meeting Locations Vary

Intensity Dance, Halifax: non-profit dance collective and presenting organization. email: intensitydance@yahoo.com web: intensitydance.tripod.com

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax: support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under from across Nova Scotia. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (support and connection across, Week one: Monday - Transgender Discussion group 7-9 pm; Tuesday - 18 & under Discussion group 6-8 pm; Week two: Tues. Drop-in - 6-8 pm; Wed. - Movie Night 7-9 pm. Week three: Mon. Transgender Discussion group - 7-9 pm; Wed. Activity Night. Week four: Tues. Theme Drop-in - 6-9 pm; Wed. Movie Night - 7-9 pm. A youth food bank and STI testing on site. Please refer to website for times and details.) at 2281 Brunswick Street.

LGB Youth Support Group Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: fun social/support group for under 25 through the Sexual Health Ctr & LGBYouth Project. 527-2868 email: LunCo@NSSexualHealth.ca (Postponed until further notice: Volunteer facilitators needed! (over age 25))

Manna For Health, Halifax: A special needs referral food bank for those living with life threatening illness. 429-7670

Northern AIDS Connection Society, Truro: HIV prevention education initiative serving counties Colchester, Pictou, Cumberland & East Hants. 895-0931 email: nacsns@hotmail.com web: nacsns.tripod.com (Our Board of Directors meet bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Annual General Meeting held regularly in June. See webpage for contact numbers in your area of northern Nova Scotia.) at 33 Pleasant Street, Truro, N.S.

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Halifax: fostering change through networking, education, outreach & community education. 902-444-7887 email: nsrap@nsrap.ca web: www.nsrap.ca at TBA

Outlaw, Halifax: Queer Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School. (Meetings vary. Please email if interested.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue. Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PFLAG Canada - Amherst/Sackville: Support and education for GLBTT2IQQ persons, friends & family. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, meets 2nd Monday (Contact us for meeting details.) at Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street

PFLAG Canada - Halifax, Halifax: support and education for parents, family and friends. (902) 443-3747 email: ab274@cbeucto.ns.ca (September-March: 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4 PM April-June: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7-9 PM) at individual homes

PFLAG Canada - Middleton, Middleton: Parents & friends. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html, meets last Friday (7-9pm) at the Wilmot Community Centre civic address 13972 Highway #1 wilmot. Wilmot is located just between kingston and Middleton. The hall depending on direction that your coming from. Left if your coming from the East side and Right if your coming from the West direction.

PFLAG Canada - Sydney, Sydney: PFLAG Sydney provides support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. Karen 564-8728 email: sydneysns@pflagcanada.ca, meets last Sunday (of the month at 7:30pm. No meetings for July and August.) at Family Place Resource Centre 106 Townsend Street, Sydney NS

PFLAG Truro: 662.3774

Positive Connections: Teleconferenced support groups for people living with AIDS. email: connections@acns.ns.ca, meets every Monday (evening 7:00pm - 8:00pm) at by phone. No long distance charges. For more info call 425-4882 ext 228 or 1-800-566-2437 ext 228 or e-mail.

Pride Cape Breton Society, Sydney: Dances and Social Events. Monthly dances are Adults Only! Check website for other events. (902) 539-4627 web: www.pridecapebreton.com (Dances on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Check website for dance theme!) at Southend Community Centre. Maps are at our website.

Pride Guide Publishing: publisher of community focused maps, directories, event programs and more. 902-423-6999 email: prideguide@eastlink.ca

Pride of Pictou County, New Glasgow: All GBLT in Pictou County. 695-5222 web: www.PrideofPictou-County.ca (see web page for meeting info)

Quakers, Halifax: Quakerism emphasizes that we all manifest the Divine. 429-2904 web: halifax.quaker.ca, meets every Sunday at Library at Atlantic School of Theology, Franklyn St. All very welcome.

Queer Play, Halifax: A Queer performing arts group in Halifax NS. email: queerplay@gmail.com

Rainbow Playtime, Halifax: Food & social meetings for same sex families with tots or couples considering parenthood. 461-9414

Red Door, The, Kentville: Youth health adolescent center counselling, for up to age 30, all ages STD testing. 679-1411 (Monday through Friday, 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday open to 6:00) at 28 Webster Court

RESPECT, Truro: Students Making Healthy Decisions. 902-893-6300 email: respect@nsac.ca (P.O. Box 550, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3)

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environ-

ment), Truro: Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. 902-893-6300 email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca (Meeting are as requested.Membership changes each academic year.)

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GBLT community. Everyone is welcome!. 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets every Sunday (11 am) at 2786 Agricola St. Bloomfield Centre, Suite #108

Saint Mary's Campus Outreach Society:

Second Story Women's Centre, Lunenburg: We offer a meeting space for women, support counselling, programs, and referrals. (902)640-3044 email: secstory@eastlink.ca web: www.secstory.com at Second Story Women's Centre is located at 22 King Street, Post Office Centre, Lunenburg.

Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland County, Cumberland County: We provide sexuality information and education in an environment that respects and supports choice. 667-7500 email: shccc@ns.aliantzinc.ca web: cumberlandcounty.cfsh.info at 12 LaPlanche St., Amherst Monday - Thursday, 9 - 5 (by chance or appt.) Confidential, hassle-free. Free condoms

Sexual Health Centre Lunenburg County, Bridgewater: Confidential information, support & services for all ages & genders. Free condoms & info pamphlets. 527-2868 email: LunCo@NSSexualHealth.ca web: www.LunCo.cfsh.info (Open by chance or by appointment) at 4 Hillcrest Street Unit 8, Bridgewater. (On the corner of Dufferin and Hillcrest Streets). Closed during summers.

South Shore Pride Social Club, Bridgewater: for 19 & older. 685-3297 email: info@southshorepride.ca web: www.southshorepride.ca (No meetings at this time.) at We hold dances on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00PM to 1:00AM. No dance in July. Door prizes and 50/50 draw and a major prize draw at June dance. Cash Bar. Call or email for location.

Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche: We are an affirming centre, welcoming all gay, lesbian, and transgendered people. 1.800.218.2220 email: tatacent@tatacentre.ca web: www.tatacentre.ca

Team Halifax, Halifax: All GLBT over 18, athletes and performance artists, as well as anyone willing to help out. 422-9510 web: www.teamhalifax.com (No fixed schedule at this time, look on website for further details.)

The Rainbow - Atlantic Awareness Society, (Cape Breton/Halifax/Annapolis Valley): email: tpineo@hotmail.com web: To be released

Tightrope, Halifax: leather & denim brotherhood. See our monthly events listing at http://gay.hfxns.org/LocalEvents. 455-0623, ask for Don, meets 3rd Saturday

Truro Pride, Truro: A group supporting GLBT individuals in the Colchester County. 902-895-0931 email: truropride@hotmail.com, meets every Wednesday (6:30 p.m.) at Coffee and conversation every Wednesday evening at the FairTrade Cafe on Prince Street, between Commercial and Dominion Streets. The group is open to all and the cafe is a gay friendly environment. For information call the Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or email truropride@hotmail.com The Truro Pride also hosts dances and other activities, ask for details.

Universalist Unitarian Church, Halifax: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500, meets every Sunday (10:30) at 5500 Inglis St

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House, Kingston: socials for gay men; gay & lesbian dances 19+. 902-765-2821 email: memembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: facetwithpride.tripod.com (Coffee every Thursday 7-9pm, Dances on the first Saturday of the month, for the exception of in November. There is two dances held in October, On the First Saturday and the Last Saturday of that Month and NO Dance in November.) at email or call for locations or special events or themes

Venus Envy Bursary Society: An annual award open to all women studying in NS. web: www.venusenvy.ca/halifax

X-Pride, Antigonish: social & support group at X. 867- 5007 web: www.stfx.ca/people/xpride

Prince Edward Island (902)

Abegweit Rainbow Collective, Charlottetown: Serving GLBTTQ Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcepi.ca web: www.arcepi.ca, meets 2nd Tuesday (of each month) at ARC Offices at 144 Prince Street, 3rd floor

AIDS PEI, Charlottetown: 566-2437 email: info@aidspei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 144 Prince Street

Gay PEI Mailing List, province-wide: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI. email: gay-pei-owner@yahoogroups.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei (It's an electronic list, there aren't meetings. You can join and start posting at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pei at any time. All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.)

GLBT Youth group, Charlottetown: Safe Space Drop-Ins. 367-3408 or toll free 1 877 380 5776 email: youth@arcepi.ca web: youth.arcepi.ca at 144 Prince St. We have a lending library, books, movies, magazines and a place to hang out and chat. Special events planned throughout the year.

Narcotics Anonymous, Charlottetown: a fellowship of recovering drug addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. 566-9733 or 1-800-205-8402 (Mondays & Fridays 8:00pm) at 178 Fitzroy St

PEI Pride, Charlottetown: Organizing The Island Pride Festival July 7th -14th, 2007. (902) 388-0969 email: pridepei@isn.net web: www.peipride.com

Events >>

Amherst

Second Monday

PFLAG Amherst/Sackville - in Amherst one month, Sackville the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

First and Third Wednesdays

Amherst and Area, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Group Meeting, 7-9pm. Anyone who is GLBT or questioning their sexuality in the Amherst, Oxford, Springhill, Pugwash and Parrsboro areas is welcome, this is a safe space where anyone can come and feel safe in talking about their sexuality and just being themselves without fear of ridicule or harassment. lgby_pamherst@hotmail.com, all emails confidential.

Third Thursday of each month

Cumberland Pride Support Group: Social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals in Amherst, Nova Scotia. Meets the third Thursday of each month. Contact information: Gerard Veldhoven at 902-660-5004 or E-mail: gaylords_1975@hotmail.com

Annapolis Valley

Every Thursday

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm and also on the first Saturday of every month hosts a Gay/Lesbian dance for ages 19 and up from 9pm-1am. If you need more information concerning themes or other events that may take place call 902-765-2821 or email menembracingmen@yahoo.ca

Every Sunday

Valley Girls is a social group for lesbians in the Annapolis Valley. Coffee Group on Sundays. For more information e-mail the group at Valley_Girls@yahoo.com

Bridgewater

Third Saturday of each month

Wileville Dance. Smoke free. For more details

call 685-3297 or email info@southshorepride.ca or www.southshorepride.ca

Cape Breton

June 24, July 29, August 26

Meetings will be in the same place (Family Place Resource Centre), same day (Sundays) and same time (7:30 - 9:30 pm). All are welcome. If you know of anyone who would benefit from our meetings - they can contact us at sydneyneyns@pflagcanada.ca, sexual diversity centre 563-1481, Celeste 563-1389 or B. Durdle 563-1443.

Every 2nd Saturday

Pride Cape Breton Society hosts community dances at the Southend Community Centre in Sydney; admission just \$5., and open to those 19 yrs. of age and older.

Cape Breton Pride

Aug 11th

with Midnight Bowling at Sydney's Heather Lanes beginning at 9:30pm. This event has proven to be a great way to bring both the gay and straight communities together for a fun-filled evening. In the past, this has also proven to be a great fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each, and tickets will be sold during the night for a chance at the prize wheel. Free pizza is also on the menu!

Aug 12th

Our annual Pride Parade takes place at 1pm. The parade will travel through the downtown area ending at Louisa Field in Sydney's northend for our post-parade party. A free bar-b-que and games for children will highlight the afternoon. Any organizations wishing to take part in our parade, or set up a kiosk at Louisa Field is asked to be in touch with us.

Aug 13

Monday night, August 13th will see Miss Onya Inya back by popular demand as she hosts this year's instalment of Gay Bingo at the Southend Community Centre. For a night of hilarity and

great prizes, this event is not to be missed. Bingo cards are just \$1 each, and the games begin at 9pm.

Aug 14

On Tuesday, August 14th we host our Movie Night at the Southend Community Centre. Three movies will be offered for screening beginning at 6:30pm. Admission is free, and our first movie will be for all ages, with the final two for those 19 years and older.

Aug 15

Annual MusicFest and Pub Night at the Southend Community Centre. Come out and enjoy the sounds and talents of some of Cape Breton Island's most talented performers. Admission is by donation.

Aug 16

The Southend Community Centre will be the center for an afternoon and evening of Family Fun. There'll be games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment for the whole family.

Aug 17

Annual Beach Party beginning at 2pm. This year's gathering will take place at Morrison Beach near Framboise. Bring your beach chairs and your sun screen, and we'll supply the marshmallows! Maybe we can even help apply that sun screen for you!

Aug 18

We wrap up the week's events with our annual Pride Dance at the Horizon Achievement Centre in Sydney. Beginning at 9pm and running until 2pm, admission is just \$6, and door prizes will be given out throughout the night.

Please check out our website, www.pridecapebreton.com for more details of our events, including maps to the various venues. Be sure to check our site regularly to see what we're up to throughout the year. While you're there, check out our message board; your comments are always welcomed!

Charlottetown

...see Prince Edward Island

Fredericton

Every Tuesday

Spectrum, UNB and STU's social and support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, etc. students. As a group, our aim is to create a safe and supportive space for those who are questioning or discovering their sexuality, as well as providing a social outlet for members of the campus LGBTQ community. While our membership is primarily composed of UNB and STU students, everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. 7 pm, Top floor of SUB 203 (in the Sexuality Centre, across from the Ballroom) Everyone is welcome! For more information please contact us at spectrum@unb.ca

Every Wednesday

UNB/STU Women's Collective, at the University Women's Centre in the SUB, 5pm. Contact Lyndsey Gallant at gvnkr@stu.ca or call 450-3870.

Third Sunday of each month

GLB ANGLICANS AND FRIENDS Integrity is a non profit organization of Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and Friends. Membership in Integrity is not indicative of sexual orientation. Integrity Fredericton was formed in October 2004 and supports and encourages Gay Men and Lesbians in their spiritual lives. A Eucharist followed by a coffee hour discussion is held at 4:00 PM on the third Sunday of each month at St. John's, 58 Broad Road, Oromocto. For more details check out website: www.anglicanbeads.com/Integrity

Fourth Wednesday of each month

PFLAG Fredericton meets at 7 PM at the Unitarian Fellowship, 874 York Street. Everyone welcome. Discussion, guest speakers, support and special events. For more information email pflagfredericton@yahoo.ca. Confidentiality assured.

Fredericton Bar &

Business Calendar

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Fridays and Saturdays - Happy hour 4-9, All-extended-mix mainstream club music 9-2.

Sundays - New Brunswick's one and only T-dance! All-anthem dance music, 4-7.

Halifax

Every Sunday

Bedford United Church. 1200 Bedford Highway, Bedford. We are an Affirming Congregation and welcome everyone. Services at 9 am (Casual & Contemporary) and 11 am (Quieter & More Reverent in tone) Starting June 24-Sept. 9, one 10 am service. For more info, call 835-8497.

Every Sunday

Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church, Halifax: A Christian Church with an affirming ministry to the GBLT community. Everyone is welcome! 453-9249 email: safeharbour@eastlink.ca web: safeharbourmcc.com, meets at 11 am at 2786 Agricola St. Bloomfield Centre, Suite #108

Second Sunday of each month

Play Group for Queer Families! 3-5pm Board Room (Play Room) at Needham Community Recreation Centre, 3372 Devonshire St (north end Halifax, near intersection of Duffus & Novalea, bus routes 7 & 9) Bring a snack for your child(ren). We will be collecting money from each family to cover the cost of the room rental, likely

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First and Third Mondays

Young people's group, at Safe Harbour, at 7 pm, Bloomfield Centre 2786 Agricola Street, Suite 108. The group watches an LGBT movie with some spiritual or other worthwhile value, eats some pizza and discusses the movie. Everyone age 30 and under is welcome.

First and Third Tuesdays

Formerly known as the Queer/Straight Alliance, Mount Pride in the GLBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University. We are an active and online group that meets bi-weekly on tuesdays at 12 noon in the diversity center in Roseria on campus, and online at mountpride@yahoo.com. Possible events that are being planned for the winter semester include sexuality awareness week, movies nights, potlucks, guest speakers, and many more. There are always spontaneous meals and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join.

First and Third Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project Social Drop-in Nights. This is an unstructured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever, 6-9pm, 25 and under, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Tuesdays

LGB Youth Project 18 and under Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

First and Third Sundays

BLT-WOMYN OF HALIFAX DISCUSSION GROUP! This is a Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered womyn's Only! -Free Group, NO Dues, NO Fee's- MEETINGS are every second SUNDAY. @6pm - 7:30pm(Please remember when applying to this group, send full name and a contact number or call sue at 499-0335, everthing is kept PRIVATE!) LOCATION: DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) HOW TO JOIN THIS GROUP: Come to a discussion night or send us your e-mail address or call a moderator (Sue @ 499-0335). If you have any questions. A discussion group for Bi-sexual, Lesbian, Transgendered women, who will meet to have open discussions, in a positive environment. To discuss topics concerning ourselves and our community. This is a bi-weekly meeting on Sundays. <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/> or sueandrews1964@hotmail.com

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First and Third Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project Movie Night, 25 and under, starting at 7pm. 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

LGB Youth Project ages 18-25 Support meetings. This is a structured environment, with facilitators present to keep discussions on track, while at the same time helping to lead the discussion in the directions that the youth wish to go, as well as making sure the group guidelines are enforced. The discussions focus on the youth present having a say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed, 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick Street. Contact 429-5429, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, www.youthproject.ns.ca

Second Wednesday of each month

Spirituality for Lesbians, 7:30-9PM. We seek to deepen our relationship with God, knowing that God loves us and calls us into life just as he has created us. Persons of every or no denomination are welcome. For info about the place of the next meeting call 459-2649 and leave name and number. Personal mailbox: confidentiality assured.

July 5, 19, Aug 2, 16, 30, Sept 13, 27

Anonymous HIV Testing, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia 1657 Barrington St, Suite 321, 5-8pm. 425-4882 for an appointment.

July 8, 22, Aug 5, 19, Sept 2, 16, 30

Koinonia Ecumenical Church - Meaning 'community'. Services bi-weekly at 12:30pm at Halifax Feast downtown. Pastor Elaine, 876-8771 or koinonia@ns.sympatico.ca

July 16

Toys for Gay Boys offers a look at the wonderful world of sex toys geared specifically towards boys who do boys! We'll talk about anal toys, masturbators, cock toys, lube, and some sensation toys. Discussion will include a refresher on boy bits and safer toy sex. Arrive early to get a seat! 1.5 hours Jul 16, 2007 @ 6:30pm - for men - Free!

July 17

Sex Toys 101 for Queer Girls - We've modified our very popular Sex Toys 101 workshop to make this class specific to women lovin' women. We've taken out the boy toys and added info about harnesses, double dils, and safer lesbian sex. Open to all women who have sex (or want to have sex) with other women, regardless of your identity. Arrive early to get a seat! 1.5 hours Jul 17, 2007 @ 6:30pm - for women - Free!

July 19

Reading Out Loud! Venus Envy presents the 5th annual Reading Out Loud, a celebration of GLBT literature. Join us as Halifax famous and infamous queer folks share some of their favourite stories. Hosted by Jane Kansas. Location: Public Library, Spring Garden Branch, July 19, 2007 @ 7pm Free!

July 21

2007 Halifax Pride Parade! Marshalling begins at 12:30pm on Maitland Street (behind Cornwallis and Prince William). Parade start time is 2:00pm SHARP. Our parade will take the same route as last year by heading downtown along Brunswick Street to Spring Garden Road, traveling up to South Park, on to Bell Rd, Ahern and ends on Cogswell at The North Commons. Make sure you pick your favorite spot on one of these streets to catch the best Parade that Halifax has to offer! To register a float in the Parade, check out our website at www.halifaxpride.com and download the registration form. You can also contact our Parade Coordinator, Andy Hewlett, at parade@halifaxpride.com or by calling him at (909) 405-9968. Individuals and small groups (fewer than 10 people) can march for free. Business' that doesn't have a partnership package with Halifax Pride at \$500 or more must pay a \$50 fee. Community Groups and Not-for-Profit Organizations are asked to make a voluntary contribution of \$25.

July 21

Annual Pride Sale at Venus Envy - Once again all your favorite rainbow gear and sex toys will be 20% off at Venus Envy July 21st, 10am-6pm Also, check out our tables on the commons for more great pride deals!

July 30

Erotic Talk—Talking Dirty for Women - Know what you want, but not sure how to get it? Whether you're not sure what words to use, or how to start spilling them out of your mouth, this workshop will give you ideas on how to make talking about sex just as great as doing it. 1.5 hours Jul 30, 2007 @ 6:30pm /for women/ \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00)

Halifax Youth Project Calendar

Youth Project events operate in a 4-week schedule. To find out what week we're operating in, please see our website or contact us! www.youthproject.ns.ca, youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca, 429-5429

Week 1

Monday - Transgender Discussion Group: A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what trans youth have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. A place to talk about trans issues and make new friends! 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.
Tuesday - Discussion Group (ages 18 and under) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick St.
Wednesday - Discussion Group (ages 18-25) A structured environment with facilitators present to keep discussion on track, while at the same time helping to lead discussion in the direction that the youth wish to go. The discussions focus on what the youth present have to say, rather than the facilitators lecturing about whatever topic is being discussed. 7-9 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 2

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event. It's a chance to hang out with old friends,

make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick street
Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 3

Tuesday - Guest Speaker & Discussion night (ages 25 & under) A new speaker every week to educate & spark discussion. This is a structured environment. 7-9pm, 2281 Brunswick street
Wednesday - Activity night (ages 25 & under) A chance to have fun and perhaps learn something new. Activities will be on this night lasting two and a half months. First activity class IMPROV classes. 6-8pm, 2281 Brunswick St

Week 4

Tuesday - Social Drop-in Themed Nights (ages 25 and under) This is a facilitated but less structured event with a fun & exciting theme. It's a chance to hang out with old friends, make some new ones, and just talk about whatever. 6-8 pm, 2281 Brunswick street
Wednesday - LBG Youth Project Movie Night (ages 25 & under) come out for a movie & popcorn! 7 pm, 2281 Brunswick St

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Monday July 16,(9:30pm-1:30am) KINKY Karaoke with Mistress KARA (Extra Prizes!)
Wednesday July 18,(9:30pm-1:30am)SUPER KARAOKE with Bear777 (More Prizes, More Specials)
Thursday July 19,(7:30pm-10:30pm) BO is Back! Special Performance
Friday July 20
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*BLACK & BLUE PARTY - Dress for the Occasion!
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Moncton

Every Thursday
LGBT AND FRIENDS VOLLEY BALL, resumes September 13th! École carrefour de l'acadie gym. No experience required. Info : Rodge 383-1410 or Oscar 855-1328. \$5.00 / player includes refreshments.

Tous les jeudis

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Third Monday of each month

PFLAG Moncton has monthly support meeting from 7:30-9:30 in room 302 of the Adrien-J.-Cormier bldg at U de M campus. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

Second and Fourth Mondays

SAFE SPACES MEETING, 7pm. Support group for GLB youth, 14-25. For more info, 869-6224 or safespaces@nb.aibn.com

Last Saturday

Moncton Leather Chapter Leather Nights at Triangles! With the interest and number of people that have started wearing Leather in Moncton, it only seems natural to have a monthly Leather Night so that any man or woman can wear their Leather and know that they will not be alone in doing so when they go to Triangles.

Sept 23

AIDS Walk for Life Moncton. Funds raised by individuals or teams will be used to provide HIV prevention programs and services is Southeast New Brunswick. For further information or to register, contact Judy at SIDA/AIDS Moncton at (506) 859-9616 or e-mail sidaidsm@sida-aidsmoncton.com

Moncton Bar & Business Calendar

TRIANGLES
234 St. George St, open Tues-Sun 8pm-2am
Tuesday & Wednesday: Free Pool, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night
Wednesday: Learn to Line Dance - no charge!
Thursday: Karaoke Mystery Song - \$25 added each week until the correct song is picked!
Beer / Bar Shots \$3 until midnight, Shooters \$2.75 all night
Friday & Saturday: Dance Music with DJ daBoss, Summer Special Beer with Shooter \$4 11pm-midnight
Sunday: Request all your

Charmed Lives: Gay Spirit In Storytelling

Edited by Toby Johnson and Steve Berman

White Crane Wisdom Series by Lethe Press, <http://www.lethepressbooks.com>

ISBN 1-59021-016-6 (alternate, search)

Review by Ralph Higgins

Queer lives are tribal. Our strongest connections are often not with our biological family but rather with the gay men and women who found for themselves, and then offered to us, acceptance, sanctuary and community. Our characters have been tempered by the fires of adversity, and our strength grows as we face hostility, ignorance and even death - when we face them together. The tribe provides a place where we belong, a sense that we are where we are supposed to be. Yet, because the tribe is relatively new, the wisdom of the elders, the shared stories and experiences of our fellow tribe members are not widely known.

The telling of stories is essential, and Toby Johnson and Steve Berman in "Charmed Lives: Gay Spirit in Storytelling" have compiled a collection of stories, poems, personal accounts and essays showing the fundamental connections that unite our experiences; connections between lovers, between friends, between generations, between the teller of stories and the listener. And throughout all the tales it is the personalities of the characters that capture us, their spirit that enters us, that becomes part of our experience like shared memories, just as the people - both real and imagined - become part of our family tree. They



make us feel glad and proud to belong to the same tribe.

These stories are very moving. They will move you to laughter, to tears and will move your heart to beat a little faster, stronger. These are stories about love - a basic human need, but one that we still have trouble accepting for ourselves, with all its joys, sorrows and pleasures. With so few role models that show our queer reality, these stories are essential reading.

The contributors - too many to list here - are from a wide range of backgrounds and interests. There are stories flavoured with science fiction, with the old west, with supernatural spirits; and there are essays and musings reflecting different philosophies and religious leanings. Wild imaginings and the day-to-day routine all have a place in these pages. The focus is not on the obstacles and difficulties of gay life but on the fact that our lives are indeed charmed ones. "Charmed Lives: Gay Spirit in Storytelling" reminds us of the richness of our queer existence and of how very lucky we are.

(See webpage for meetings www.peipride.com) at 286 Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown, PE or phone (902) 388-0969

PFLAG Canada - PEI, Island wide: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI. 902-887-3620 email: pflagpei@eastlink.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca, meets 3rd Tuesday at Ferry Road Centre, 24 Ferry Road, Cornwall, PE

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UPEI Rainbow Alliance, Charlottetown: Fellowship, information, social events, awareness-raising. All welcome. email: rainbow@upepei.ca web: upeira.ca/index.php at see UPEI Women's Centre for more info

Pitch for Pride softball game. Guys versus the gals; drag encouraged! Finish up the week on Saturday with the Official Pride Parade, Festival on the Waterfront and Pride Dance at the Delta. If you would like to help out with Pride or would like to perform in the show or waterfront, please contact us at pridepei@isn.net Or phone (902) 388-0969. Please note that these events are subject to change. More information will be available on our website www.peipride.com as it is finalized.

Sackville

Second Monday

PFLAG Sackville / Amherst - in Sackville one month, Amherst the next. 506-536-4245 email: jhammock@mta.ca, Sackville: 165 Main Street. Amherst: 12 La Planche Street.

Saint John

Third Saturday

Gay Men's Supper Club, 220 Germain St. <http://www.portcityrainbowpride.com/> for more information.

Saint John Bar & Business Calendar

CLUB MONTREAL

Wednesdays: No cover, free pool

Thursdays: No cover, karaoke with prizes

Fridays: No cover, open turntables

Saturdays: \$5 cover after 10 PM

Sundays: No cover, free pool

Your birthday: no cover, one free drink, just show your ID!

St. John's

July 23-29

Pride 2007 For the most updated list of events, check out the official St. John's Pride website at www.stjohnspride.net. Get involved. We need more volunteers to help out with events. Simply email us at info@stjohnspride.net and we'll get back to you. If you are unable to donate your time, then perhaps, you could donate some dollars in your place. To make a donation contact us at info@stjohnspride.net and we will set it up with you.

favourite songs with DJ daBoss, Beer / Bar Shots / Shooters \$3 all night

Check out our monthly events page at www.trianglesbar.com, and send comments & suggestions to thegirls@nb.sympatico.ca

Our colour parties are back - watch for the blue party, coming up June 2. Check our website for upcoming Colour Party dates.

Prince Edward Island Pride

July 7-14

PEI Pride Week will be held July 7th -14th, 2007. This year our theme is Carousel of Colors. The week will begin with a camp-out at Vista Bay Golf course. Participants can pitch a tent, socialize and enjoy a day of golfing. That evening the lodge will host an evening of karaoke. Sunday's events will include a Church Service and Pot luck dinner. On Monday Join us for our official flag raising in Charlottetown or Summerside. That evening will be Steak and Fries and Trivia with Trish the Dish. Lots of laughs and prizes to be had. Tuesday night get our your pride colors and join us in a Pride pubcrawl. There will be games and prizes! On Wednesday night put on your whitest and brightest and blaze your way down to the bowling alley for a rousing evening of glo-bowling. Thursday night will be our annual Pride Show and silent auction. Friday night is our

St. John's - LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

Coffee House: Every Friday, 12-2 (LBGT Office, 6th Floor UC, 6002) Every Friday we invite anyone and everyone to come to LBGT and enjoy a cup of Coffee or Tea (regular or herbal) with us (members, non-members, etc). It's a great chance to vent, meet some new people, etc. Our office is located in UC-6022.

Every Second Friday

General Meeting every second week. They take place at UC-6022 at 11:00am.

St. John's Bar & Business Calendar

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Winter Hours

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Sydney

...see Cape Breton

Truro

Every Wednesday

Truro Pride: GLBT support group in Colchester County, Nova Scotia. (Coffee hour at the Fair Trade Café on 535 Prince Street in Truro, every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. For information call Northern AIDS Connection Society at 902-895-0931 or email truopride@hotmail.com

WAYVES DATES!

Check out the front of the magazine for Wayves deadlines and meeting dates -- all are welcome!

Wileville

...see Bridgewater

Wolfville

Every Second Tuesday

Kings County Prostate Cancer Support Group, 7-9 pm in the East Kings Memorial Public Health Centre on Earncliffe Ave in Wolfville. You can ask questions you forgot to ask the doctor or nurse and you can think aloud to help you make your decisions. There is growing evidence that your participation in a group of people who have gone through the processes you are now facing is mentally beneficial and may well contribute to your recovery from prostate cancer interventions. We are an easy-going informal group of 12 men, some of whom bring their spouses/partners to our monthly meetings. Know that you are truly welcome to join us and if you need more information please get in touch with me by e mail dickgroot2003@yahoo.ca or by phone 542 6125. Our correspondence address is the same as my home address: 210 Main Street, Wolfville NS B4P 1C4.

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Opinion

Have We No Pride?

by Calandra Smith

I just learned that Montréal will have no Pride parade this year since Divers/Cité has dropped Pride from their mandate, and Fierté Montréal Pride, which had quickly organized to fill the gap, went down in flames nearly as quickly.

On another front it appears that Gay Shame events have been going on for years in some large cities such as San Francisco, New York, and more recently in Toronto, apparently to register protest against the growing commercialism of Pride celebrations.

I am feeling quite proud - if I can use that word without paying royalties, since the word 'Pride' was trademarked several years ago in a somewhat ironic attempt to prevent commercial exploitation - that Halifax Pride has been particularly challenged this year.

I would like to suggest that the time has come for Pride in Halifax either to give up the ghost entirely or accept the challenge to transition into something else, which would hopefully be more representative of true Diversity (Halifax's 2007 theme). I don't believe my personal and increasing resistance to

Pride is just sour grapes, but there is certainly that element if I am completely honest.

I don't know what it would feel like to be part of a really marginalized community under the BGLT umbrella, but I do feel at times that we are contributing to our own marginalization by continuing to celebrate Pride in ways that perpetuate the old stereotypes.

Despite the fact that the GLBT (and beyond) community/ies have been critiqued for ghettoizing themselves, by queering, for instance, I can't help but notice that a queer girl in Halifax has a hard time even locating, let alone connecting with, any others outside of the odd women's dance or bathhouse event, this lending a whole air of desperate futility to the exercise.

How do we (re-?)build community? How do we make it more inclusive, more diverse and, in short, less marginalized?

Wayves itself has experienced challenges in recruiting and retaining fresh blood, so I believe this is a topic ripe for exploration.

Having said that, I remain open to other suggestions (preferably but

not restricted to those of a sexual nature).

At the time of writing I am planning on holding a Diversity Dialogue workshop on the Monday of Halifax Pride week (July 16, 2007, time and location TBA).

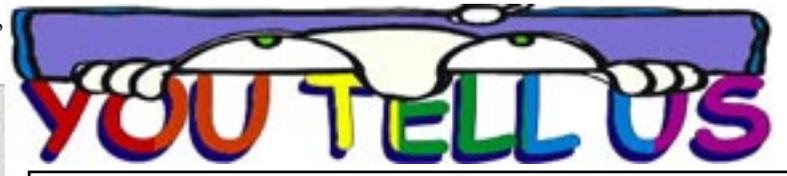


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You are invited to email me at calsmith@eastlink.ca if you are interested in participating in any capacity, and I am open to chang-

ing the workshop to something else entirely if I can identify a desire/need for such, so don't be shy to tell me what you want.



Last Month's question:

Should the Human Rights Commission in your home province be funded to conduct a similar study of homophobia where you live?

Wayves received 9 responses to last month's question: Should your province conduct a survey of homophobia: 1 No, 1 Not Sure, and 7 Yes. With three comments:

No: ... A better option for a survey would be to ask a question that would determine if folks have 'open' access to the services and support they require.

NotSure: I find that the province is very homophobic, and living in a small community, I find it upsetting that people say they are fine with me being gay and yet say never kiss in public and don't make a scene. I know for a fact that homophobia is strong and people are very set in their ways.... It doesn't matter if you are gay or not love is love and it is a beautiful thing and that knowledge is power and if people knew how much I love my girlfriend then perhaps they wouldn't treat us bad and I could show her affection in public without worrying about being hurt or her getting hurt. Yes: Why not? It is a great idea to see what people actually do think.

This Month's question:

Are you planning on being actively involved in one or more of your community's GLBT organizations in 2008? You tell Us! at www.wayves.ca.

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