



Saint John Walks ACNS Walks, New Employees, New Digs for Life



How hot was hot?

by SarahRose Werner

By the time all expected pledges are in, the 14th Annual AIDS Walk for Life in Saint John will have raised more than \$13,000. This marks an im-

portant turning point for AIDS Saint John, because it's the first year since 2003 that Walk revenues have increased from the previous year instead of declining.

The Walk plays a critical role in raising the funds we need to get our work done. We cover 40-50% of our budget with fundraising events and donations. Money raised in the Walk stays in Health Region 2 (St. Stephen to Sussex) and goes toward the cost of providing direct support services, including counseling and the needle exchange. These services can not be covered with the funds we receive from Health Canada.

Who raised this \$13,000? This year, the Walk drew approximately 150 participants and 12 teams, including three school teams – École Millidgeville North, Hampton High and Harbourview High – and two “faith-based” teams, the Sisters of Charity & Associates and Centenary Queen Square United Church. Two of our “corporate” teams, Wyndham

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In late July, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia officially opened its new doors in Halifax at 1675 Bedford Row. For 10 years, ACNS's home was a small office suite in the Roy Building on Barrington Street, so naturally the news of moving to a new and much larger space was exciting for everyone involved with the organization!

Located in an historic waterfront building, 1675 Bedford Row offers a bright and cheery new home for ACNS. Highlights include a large and open reception area and the beautiful Terry Martin Memorial safe social space for PHA's, which features large comfy couches that were generously donated by people in the community, a large meeting and activity table, a computer (with internet access) and printer, a large TV with a DVD player, and a variety of games. Also available in the new space is a communal kitchen, the ACNS resource centre (featuring the largest selection of HIV/AIDS material in Eastern Canada), large common areas and offices. A second floor offers additional staff offices, a large board room area, a private massage room and a washroom.

The ACNS office has a private entry on the tree-lined street as

well as large windows throughout. Guests are greeted by an open and bright reception space, and programming held in the PHA space is complemented by the beautiful sunshine and trees just outside the main windows. This new & exciting space will help ACNS offer new services and much-needed program expansion in the future!

PHA Meeting at ACNS! In the fall of 2006, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS) embarked on a process of examining new avenues and possible ways to increase our ability to communicate with our membership in an ongoing way. This process led us to the development and distribution of Positive Dispatch, a quarterly newsletter highlighting our programs and services and featuring articles from PHAs and other organizations such as the Canadian Treatment Information Exchange. Early in the



ACNS Opens New Doors at 1675 Bedford Row

spring of 2007, ACNS completed a survey sent to all Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) who have accessed our services. The purpose of the survey was to gain more information about the changing

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Circle November 14th

A number of community groups are partnering to put on the next in a series of Town Halls, to discuss the needs of the Rainbow Community in Halifax and in Nova Scotia.

The most recent Town Hall, put on by Halifax Pride in March, allowed for a wide-ranging discussion of issues facing the community. This follow-up event is designed to take a deeper look at several specific issues, while leaving room for open discussion as well.

“We really hope to build on the success of the last Town Hall,” said Hugo Dann, Interim Chair of Halifax Pride, “by walking away

with specific tasks for community groups to work on.”

With the assistance of a professional facilitator, the evening will start with introductions, and then break into small group discussions around three topics: (1) How could a community health program be delivered? (2) How might a Rainbow Community Centre benefit the community? (3) How can Wayves be more relevant to you?

The attendees will then reconvene in a large group to discuss these or other issues facing the community. Finally, there will be an opportunity for networking and socializing, and discovering more about various community groups.

“It can be difficult sometimes to discover what's on the community's minds,” said Sue Andrews, on behalf of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Pride Community Centre Society. “These Town Halls allow our groups to learn more about the work we should be doing, and also give the community the chance to reflect on its own needs.”

The Rainbow Community Town Hall will take place from 6-9pm on November 14, at the Halifax Harbourfront Marriott. The event is sponsored by Halifax Pride, prideHealth, NSRAP, the Nova Scotia Rainbow Pride Community Centre Society, and Wayves.

Halifax in Zurich

Halifax Pride was one of five Canadian delegations that attended the World Interpride conference was held October 11-14 in Zurich, Switzerland. Gerrit Volkman, Halifax Pride committee board member, was in attendance as Halifax's representative at the international conference.

The yearly conference draws Pride organization representatives from around the globe and is an opportunity to share ideas, address organizational and funding challenges and relate to a broad cross section of GLBT* human rights issues around the world. Several workshops and seminars were offered at the conference including GLBT* human rights

abuses in Eastern Europe, Religion and Homosexuality, Attracting gay travelers to Pride festivals, Diversity and HIV/AIDS at Prides.

Canada's national FCP/Interpride conference will be hosted in Charlottetown the Spring 2008 and the next world Interpride conference will be hosted in Vancouver in October 2008.



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Worldwide and Old Navy (aka The Gap) were able to boost the pledges they raised with matching donations from their employers. Other corporate teams included Actual Reality, the Aliant CrusAIDers, and the Bayview Credit Union Tax Department. Of course, the ever-amazing Dickinson Family was there, and AIDS Saint John's own board, staff and volunteers also worked hard to gather pledges.

Walkers were welcomed with brief speeches by Saint John Mayor Norm MacFarlane; the Honourary Chair of the Walk, two-time past president James Noble; and AIDS Saint John volunteer Judith Meinert. After this – enough with the talk, already! – Sr. Irene Buechler led the crowd in a line-dancing warm-up. And talk about



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Old Navy Team warming up – after days of cool, foggy weather, the sunny, hazy, late September afternoon

that greeted the Walkers outside was almost too hot to handle. One Walker coped by emptying

the contents of his water bottle over his head!

We'd like to thank all the volunteers whose work helped make this event a success, as well as our local sponsors: the Bargain Shop, Coca-Cola, the Hardman Group, the Hilton, Rehab Alternatives, Riley Home Health Care and Tim Horton's.

What's next? This year we raised more than \$13,000. For next

Thank You Norval!

By Daniel MacKay
The Wayves team would like to thank CEF Consultants and Norval Collins for twenty years of invaluable sponsorship.

Norval has been helping the magazine in so many ways, it's hard to count them all; not the least of which was free use of his office and computers and for storage of Wayves layout materials. Norval also wrote articles and took pictures on request like any of the other "staffers".

All of this happened at CEF which often became the waypoint for diskettes (remember those?) finished magazines, and anything else that needed dropping off or picking up.

Norval also cooked many Lay-

out Day dinners -- he'd bring soup, sandwiches, chili and cornbread to the office, we'd clear the layout table, have a great meal and we'd go back to making the local news (at the time would fit on to two pages) and he'd help out with double checking to make sure all the advertisements got into the magazine.

So, after twenty years, Norval's office is moving to smaller quarters-- where there no longer will be room for Wayves. Until we find new place, Wayves will be moving Layout day temporarily to Shambhala Sun Magazine offices at 1660 Hollis Street.

Thanks again Norval for twenty years of service to your community and to Wayves magazine.

year, we're planning a "15 for 15" campaign, challenging Walkers to raise at least \$15,000 for our 15th Annual AIDS Walk for Life. Stay tuned!



Above: Saint John Mayor Norm MacFarlane. Right: Volunteer Coordinator Nicky Nickerson and walker Theresa Hunt



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MONCTON, September 10 — The Board of Directors of PFLAG Canada is pleased to announce that Helen Hesse of Winnipeg, Manitoba has succeeded Dennis Stimson of Ottawa, Ontario as President of the Board of Directors. Following the PFLAG Canada AGM on August 27, 2007, Hesse was elected by the Board of Directors to complete Dennis Stimson's 2-year term as President. Stimson had resigned from the position for personal reasons, but continues as Director for Region 3—Ontario North.

Hesse is a founding Director of PFLAG Canada, representing Region 2—Prairies & Nunavut, and served as Secretary of the Board for over four years. PFLAG Canada's first woman president, Hesse is retired from a varied career. She has worked as an adult educator in languages and computer skills, insolvency administrator and tax preparer, and continues to do accounting for family and friends. She currently volunteers with PFLAG Canada, and enjoys hiking, cycling, attending cultural events, travelling, and spending time with her spouse, four children and one grandchild.

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Springhill Mayor Jumps on the Bandwagon

by Gerard Veldhoven, Chair, Cumberland Pride
Mayor Guy Brown of Springhill announced that he will fly the Pride flag should the request be made. He told the "Springhill Record" (September 19) that equal rights is a non-issue. This is great news that followed the decision by the Town of Amherst to proclaim Pride Week and to fly the flag once the request has been received. Cumberland Pride is on top of this

and will act early next spring.

While Truro Town Council decided to continue banning the flying of the Pride flag, we live in high hopes that The Human Rights Commission will act soon and this unfortunate episode will see its demise. So far, two towns in Cumberland County have indicated unwavering support for the gay and lesbian community.

The following quote is from Mayor Brown in the Springhill

Record: "Let me tell you, if the gay community wants to come to Springhill and hold any type of convention or have a meeting, then as far as I'm concerned I will fly the gay pride flag. It would go up in a minute."

This is in stark contrast to Bill Mills' homophobic statements. However, Truro's queer community will shortly see a change in direction, and Truro Pride will triumph in its determination. Other towns

in this county have yet to indicate how they will react if approached by our group. In due time requests will be made to Oxford, Pugwash and Parrsboro.

We are looking forward to an interesting and productive year ahead in Cumberland County. Developments with other groups are in the works, so stay tuned to Wayves.

On Sunday, our community was "proudly" invited to join the Central United Church congregation at their morning service. Family day at the Delta Beausejour swimming pool was greatly appreciated by both parents and children and was

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Moncton Pride News

As *HERE MONCTON*, NB's weekly newspaper, hit the streets on September 5, with its "Kiss My Pride" cover, telephones started to ring. After a year of planning, fundraising, and outreach, reality set in for River of Pride commit-

tee members as several print, radio and television media wanted interviews.

The official ribbon cutting took place at CEPS on the Universite de Moncton campus prior to the first activity—gayrobics—followed

by another first—gays at the City Market. Preceding the white ball, a kick-off bbq, hosted by Ms. and Mr. Leather Moncton, was well supported, resulting in a \$500 donation to the Pride Committee coffers.

Fraud Alert

Wayves has learned that a phone scam artist is again at work in the community. Reportedly the caller, identifying himself as either a prominent member of the community or a person living with AIDS,

will ask for money either to travel to somewhere or to come home. If you receive ANY suspicious call asking for money get details, dial *57 after hanging up to mark the call for police trace, and phone the

Halifax Police Fraud Department at 902-869-5105 case #06-138594.

This is an almost annual occurrence; for a history of it, go to gay.hfxns.org and search for "fraud" in the page's search box.

Truro Town Hall Talks

by Kevin Kindred

On September 22, Truro Pride and the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP) put on a "Town Hall on Religious Freedoms and Equality Rights," in order to facilitate a community discussion of the potential "clash" of religious and equality rights. About fifty people were in attendance, and, based on the nature of the discussion and follow-up, the event was a great success.

The panelists included Elaine Craig, Dalhousie Law Professor and NSRAP Board member; Nancy Erhard, who teaches Comparative Religious Ethics at Saint Mary's University; and Rev. Eldon Hay, a United Church Minister and longtime LGBT rights activist.

The panelists each made short statements setting out their perspective, but most of their time was spent listening to, and responding to comments, from members of the community in attendance.

"The idea for this Town Hall came in response to the Town's decision not to fly the Pride Flag, and the debate that raised in the Community," said Charles Thomson, who organized the event. "But the discussion was much broader than that. We heard a lot about the law, about religion, and about people's personal views on the equality and freedom."

The discussion lasted over two hours, with many community members staying behind to talk

to the panelists afterwards. In attendance were LGBT community members, representatives of religious groups, several town officials (including Mayor Bill Mills), and many other interested citizens of Truro and surrounding areas.

"I was really impressed by the level of the discussion," said NSRAP Chair Kevin Kindred, who moderated the event. "I can't think of another event I've been to where people came together, not necessarily to agree on a controversial issue, but to sincerely learn and listen to each other."

"I hope it's something that we can make happen in other communities," he added.

The next meetings are September 23, October 7 and 21 - every second Sunday. You can take part online or come to a meeting, whatever you prefer. Visit the BLT web site: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynofhalifax/ or e-mail sueandrews1964@hotmail.com if you have any questions! The BLT Contact Line number is 499-0335.

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H.B. #3 BLT!

by Sue Andrews

The BLT is going into its third year, and the new name and great new location were a success in the growth of BLT. The BLT women work together as a team, empowering each other and the community through unconditional acceptance, support, and helping to build self-esteem.

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positive, environment in which members of the bisexual, lesbian and transgendered community can come together to exchange ideas and discuss concerns openly and freely, bringing the community to a higher level of pride, diversity, strength and unity!

We have gone from having 36 members in our first year to having over 125 at the end of our second year! We meet every second week at the DWC-Dalhousie Womens Center, 6286 South Street, Halifax.

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We're replacing it with changes to our distribution network. If you'd like to tell your friends from away where to get Wayves, see <http://www.wayves.ca>.

Dawn's Early Light

Dear Dawn,
I find that I have a substantial connection between alcohol and sex. I find myself planning sex in connection with drinking, and vice versa. I don't think I'm an alcoholic - wine, beer, rum, other spirits sit in my fridge, on the counter, for days or weeks, and I only ever drink socially otherwise, but it bothers me that I connect these two things so much.

Signed, How do I know if I have a problem?

Dear How Do I know,
I'm so glad you asked. In all the years I've been counseling - that is

the one question people ask and my reply is always the same. Do you think you have a problem? I can't answer that for you.

However, lets talk about the label "alcoholic." In our community we know that labels can sometimes carry stigma and stereotypes. Folks with addiction issues come in all walks of life, they are as diverse as the issues they face. There are those that drink everyday and then there are

those who might only binge drink once in a while. Some may be very successful in many areas of their lives and not even think they have a problem until their health fails.

The connection of using a substance and sex is more common then you might think.

The differences are endless. But the most important difference between them is not how much alcohol they consume or how often. It is what harm is being caused to them or others emotionally, physically or

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.

only then can you begin to address any underlying issue. How you do this is entirely up to you. What I will tell you is that when/if you do work through this the sex you can have sober is completely mind blowing and worth all the hard work.

In the mean time check gaylife.about.com and look up addiction.

Good Luck and let us know how you are, — Dawn

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followed by a softball game.

Representatives from Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview Councils took part in the official Pride flag-raising, and flew our flag proudly at their respective city/town halls throughout the week. It was the largest community participation ever at the flag-raising, and bode well for the coming week. After

hors d'oeuvres and wine at Kramers, it was off to the Youth bowling social.

Well supported activities throughout the week included swimming, volleyball, hockey, gay bingo, and karaoke, adding to the enthusiastic build-up to Pride weekend.

Party-Gras got things going

with retro music on Friday. As the skies opened up on Saturday afternoon, downtown Moncton (as Martha Wash would sing) was "raining lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders." However, the weather did not affect the energy of the parade or the rally at which parade marshall Cherie McLeod, Executive Director of PFLAG

Canada, gave an inspiring address. Entertainment was provided by Jamie of the "Trans-Sisters" from Fredericton and local band "The Strombachs." After a wet and wild day, it was a hot and dry night at the Pride Ball.

As an encore, a sumptuous brunch and tea party was held to close out Pride festivities.

Thanks to all sponsors and supporters from the community by helping Pride 2007 achieve its goal of "Moving Walls."

The River of Pride Committee will hold its annual public general meeting on Wednesday November 7 at 7:00pm at Triangles, to report on this year's success and begin preparation for 2008 with the election of new officers.

Next year's Pride festivities are scheduled for September 6-14. The 2008 parade will be on Saturday September 13.

Please consult our fab website, www.fiertemonctonpride.ca for update and pics of pride.

If YOU have some time, ideas, expertise, we need YOUR talent to help organize our 2008 Pride

activities. You're welcome to join us at our annual general meeting Wednesday November 7, 2007 at Triangles at 7pm. We are seeking candidates for our Executive as well as At-Large members to head the youth, volunteer, fundraising, decorating, translation, parade, and public relation sub-committees.

Si VOUS avez du temps, des idees, de l'expertise, nous avons besoins de VOUS d'etre sur notre comite d'organization 2008. Soyez le bienvenue a notre reunion annuel mercredi le 7 novembre 2007 19h00 a Triangle. Nous cherchons en plus de l'Executive, des membres Generales qui prendrais en charge des sous-comites des jeunes, volontaires, levee de fonds, traduction, decorations, parade ainsi que les relations publiques.

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The NARTH Vader Challenge

By Jack Halifax

When I read in Wayves about Michael Glatze I felt bad for him and all of those who looked up to him and were disappointed by his decision. And I wished that there were not organizations that would support this type "not wanting to be gay anymore." I know from personal experience that it only leads to more suffering and prolonging acceptance of yourself for who you are. While I wish they did not exist either in religious or secular form, they do and I do not fear them as they do me. The National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality has as its mandate the belief that their clients can "diminish their homosexuality and...develop their heterosexual potential"

And they (NARTH) "call on [their] fellow mental-health association to stop falsely claiming to have 'scientific knowledge' that settles the issue of homosexuality." And in their position statement they very clearly describe homophobia: The term "homophobia" ... denotes a person who has a phobia--or irrational fear--of homosexuality. Principled disagreement, therefore, cannot be labeled "homophobia." (Just Google NARTH and see for yourself.)

They are very concise in this, it seems to me, to avoid being considered homophobic themselves. It is my intent not only to challenge this thought but also to invite them to take what I'm calling the NARTH Vader challenge. If their intentions are truly scientifically based and not based on religious conviction and/or their own fear

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and insecurity about their own sexuality, then this would be a scientific cakewalk.

Their 50-year mission has been to show that the removal of homosexuality from the DSM (The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders which is a reference book for mental health professionals) was a conspiracy of the gay agenda. While this organization is not religious based, it has on its' board a long list of PhD's from religious universities who site impartial control groups and poor

peer reviews of studies in defense of homosexual sanity.

THE NARTH VADER CHALLENGE: To boldly go where no NARTH member has gone before, and put their money where their mouth is, and swear a cock has never been there. If they have had homosexual relations but have been converted, then they should take the light-sabre challenge. The scientific parameters of the challenge are based on the study published in the Journal of Abnormal Psychology (Aug 1996) "Is homophobia associated with homosexual arousal?" The study from researchers at the University of Georgia showed that "homophobic men showed an increase in penile erection to male homosexual stimuli." All that they have to do to convince me that they are not homophobic and promoting hate in the name of therapy, is to have their light- sabres measured while viewing homosexual stimuli.

I don't think I would be able to convince one member of the board

of this organization to submit his or herself to scientific study that includes viewing homosexual stimuli certainly they would object on scientific grounds, not an irrationally based fear of homosexuals.

I respect Michael Glatze in his own spiritual journey: however he should not use the platform gained as a prominent member of the gay youth culture to give credence to or promote his own path. Youth are especially vulnerable to being led in the wrong direction, or worse yet to end their own lives in despair as academics and religious leaders debate the stability of our sexuality.

My advice to anyone, young or old attempting to navigate the waters of psychology, spirituality and sexuality, is to keep your head above the bullshit. Conquer your fears, end the hate and become a Jedi, a Unitarian, a Buddhist, or whatever you have to keep your sanity, your spirit and your sexuality intact. And please, if you know anyone who has been able to "change their sexual adaptation," ask them whether or not they would pass the light-sabre challenge.



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By Ralph Higgins

On September 5, a grade nine student at Central Kings Rural High in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was threatened and called names by a group of bullies for wearing a pink shirt on his first day of school. Two grade twelve students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, decided this was unacceptable and that homophobia did not reflect the spirit of their school. They bought shirts of several kinds from a local discount store - all in beautiful pink! Via the internet and by word of mouth they spread their idea to create a sea of pink. They asked the grade nine student who had been the victim to wear his pink polo shirt again but he was too frightened so they made sure to put one aside for him. On September 7 his school mates witnessed a powerful moment as he went from having a depressed, downcast look to having a huge smile when he saw that over half of the student body of 830 was wearing pink. They were wearing pink shirts, tank tops, and headbands-many with handwritten slogans on them.

The local media got a hold of the story, businesses put up signs applauding the boys' efforts, schools all over the province held their own pink days, and radio and television came calling - including CBC, CBS, a Montreal talk radio show, and a Spanish newspaper. Even Ellen DeGeneres expressed interest. On September 25, Premier Rodney MacDonald, wearing a pink tie and using a pink pen, signed a declaration naming the second Thursday of the school year as Stand Up Against Bullying

Day. Shepherd and Price, in spite of becoming media celebrities, are quick to turn the attention from themselves back to the issue of bullying and homophobia.

The sexual orientation of the grade nine student is not relevant. It was enough for the bullies to perceive him as gay to make him a target. For many queer students and--even those who are thought to be--feelings of isolation and vulnerability are a daily reality. Several years ago, an American survey showed that almost 100% of students heard homophobic remarks at school and almost

half reported hearing them from staff. Are the statistics the same in Canada nowadays? We'd like to think not but wishful thinking won't bring about change. In a

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Hey Tommo,

Remember all the walks that you and I and various members of your fag hag harem used to take to Cape Split? Well, yesterday B. and Milosh and I made the trek out there. Amazing day and after ravenously eating lunch and wishing we'd brought some wine, I wandered about a bit as B. and Milosh relaxed side by side on the picnic blanket chatting and absorbing the sunny peacefulness of the day. A woman stopped by and asked if she could take their picture. Clearly she was taken both with them and the charm of the setting. A lovely moment but I couldn't help but wonder how she would have felt if they had been kissing each other, casually and affectionately as several straight couples were doing. Would this have been considered a natural response to being together in that calm quiet beauty or would she have called it "flaunting their lifestyle" as the mildest show of tenderness is often described?

Then, I came home and was reading an article about whether we still need Pride Parades since we have been granted the right to marry and therefore must have achieved our goal. (Apparently we had only one!) The language used is very significant: "granted" as if we were children whose parents have oh so kindly given us a special treat and for which we should be grateful rather than the recognition that an inequality existed that has now been corrected. The message is clear: Look, we gave you what you wanted, can't you be quiet now and go away?

Many would like us to be silent and unseen. When Ashley MacIsaac or Scott Brison's weddings appear in the paper, inevitably someone will say, "I'm not homophobic. I accept homosexuals (so kind and generous of you!) but why do they have to push it in our faces?" So, the concept of same sex relationships is acceptable, just not the reality. Queers are tolerable as long as they tone it down a bit, a kind of diluted version - queer lite! "I like gays as long as they don't act gay in public."

In other words, take the "sexual" out of homosexual. If gay men collect Royal Doulton and watch Martha Stewart and lesbians own bookstores and raise cats and organic vegetables, no disturbances are created in the public psyche. Straight sexual images abound and are used to sell everything from toothpaste to automobiles but put two men together in any way that suggests they'd like to be sharing more than a cup of coffee and howls of outrage will rise up and accusations of depravity, pornography and every possible variety of sexual aberration will fill the air. The double standard used against gay men and women makes me want to scream as does the notion that queers should occupy some higher moral ground and

be chaste, docile and obedient to the wishes of everyone else and never do anything which might create discomfort in anyone, anywhere, anytime. So far what we've gotten is not acceptance, only partial tolerance. We don't have to go back in the closet but they'd appreciate it if we could just stay in the house out of sight.

Gays also perpetuate the prejudice when we use phrases like "straight acting" or "not into the gay scene" in personal ads. These phrases show we are looking to "pass" which is just another word for hiding, afraid to be visible, disguising our real selves.

Of course there is already such a skewed notion of sexuality and polarized gender roles that I sometimes wonder how we managed to overpopulate the planet. The idea persists that sex is wrong and that men are the carriers of this sin and need the civilizing influence of women to restrain them - without which apocalyptic wickedness will be loosed upon the world. I've had straight friends tell me very seriously that they believe that women put up with sex in order to get to the affection and snuggling after, while men only submit to romance and cuddling if it will get them sex. The assumption is that women aren't interested in sex and men are interested in nothing else. According to this notion, two men together - big sexual beasts that they are - must constantly be going at it like weasels in heat. And the inference for lesbians is clear - they must be celibate sisters relieved to be rid of the burden of sex. In the nineteenth century, for example, some countries had laws against two men having sexual relations but no penalties for lesbians since people like Queen Victoria refused to believe that two women would be engaged in such activity.

Queer men and women are sexual - happily, joyously, freely so - and our sexuality can range from tender expressions of love and affirmation to playful, enthusiastic, uninhibited acts of pure pleasure which are both sensual and consensual. Why should we be asked to pretend otherwise?

We've still got a long road ahead and it is too soon to stop chanting: We're here! We're Queer! Get used to it!

Love ya!



We Will Remember

By Denise Holliday

November 19, 2007 is National Transgender Remembrance Day. As a marginalized group, we suffer a suicide rate six times that of North America. Canadian transgendered are rarely reported as murdered because for years, if your birth certificate said male or female, that alone was reported. To my knowledge, only Ireland instructs its police force to identify transgendered-related deaths and violence as such. Currently, we are without any official protection against hate crimes or harassment in or out of the work place. Beatings go unreported, and suicides are not identified as transgender issues.

At one point in the last year, I knew five transgendered people I considered suicide risks. Two completed the task, not because they wanted to die but because society would not allow them to live. Around the world, we are beaten to death, continually shot until the body is unrecognizable, and dismembered and drowned. These crimes often go unsolved. Sometimes we are called gay, and that is enough in some countries to imprison or hang us. Many businesses avoid hiring us in case there are issues. If we are denied the ability to earn a living, we become visible targets forced to live on the crumbs from the welfare state, and often get involved in the sex trade to survive.

We are regularly denied access to our loved ones, churches, homes, finances and careers. We of-

ten lose over 95% of social friends upon coming out. Surveys covering Canada, the U.S. and Britain established that over 51% of post-op transsexuals had attempted suicide at least once, 13% more than twice. Transphobia kills on a daily basis. Please let us live and remember those who have died.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who have been killed because of anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held annually in November to honour Rita Hester, whose murder in 1998 inspired the "Remembering Our Dead" web project, and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Since then, the event has grown to encompass memorials in dozens of cities across the world.

On the remembrance site, www.gender.org/remember/day, there are true stories about murdered transgender people. Most disturbingly, a father in South America held a knife to his wife's throat, making her cut their child's throat and throw the body into the street with the trash. They arrested the woman for murder, and the husband walked away. The child's crime was being born Intersexed, something CBC said happens to 1 in 250 children born in Canada.

Please give some thought to the many transgendered victims of violence. For information regarding transgender issues, feel free to contact me at denisesined@sympatico.ca.

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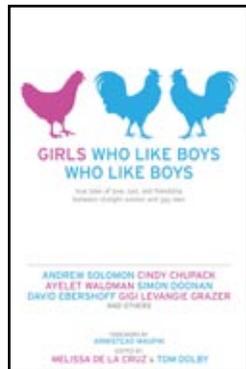
Book Reviews

Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys

True Tales of Love, Lust and Friendship Between Straight Women and Gay Men

Edited by Melissa de la Cruz and Tom Dolby

Dutton Books, distributed by Penguin Group (Canada)



Review by Ralph Higgins

The relationship between fags and their hags is a unique one, a kind of sisterhood that crosses gender lines, a loving deep friendship and nonsexual coupling that benefits both the queer men and their straight gal pals. In *Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys*, editors Melissa de la Cruz and Tom Dolby – themselves best friends – have gathered a wide spectrum of writers to tell their true life experiences that explore and exalt this important connection. Novelists Ayelet Waldman and David Ebershoff, and television writer/producer Cindy Chupack are among the contributors.

Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys is a how-to book detailing the essential elements of friendship. (1) Loyalty—we can argue with each other but we stand firmly side by

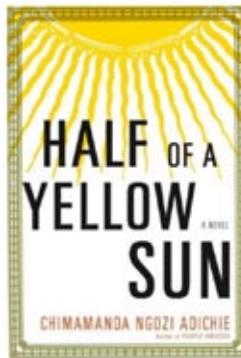
side to face the rest of the world. (2) Honesty—even when it hurts, as in, “That man is not right for you,” or “Not that belt with that outfit.” (3) Forgiveness—for sarcasm meant to be wit and for treating important issues too lightly. (4) Mental health care—as in, “Honey, you need to put on something hot and go out dancing!”

Truth and honesty are key notes in this book and all of the authors tell their stories with a direct simplicity that makes each one like a mini documentary. There are common elements in the stories, yet each is as individual as the friendships themselves. There are poignant tales of loss, of unrequited lust, and of laugh-out-loud hilarious situations, but all are really just love stories. The love that started as a spark of friendship and became a sparkler of fabulousness for these lucky friends who sustain each other when life knocks them down and who always have champagne ready to celebrate every victory and achievement. All the big issues are covered – death, divorce, sex, fashion – and every reader will see his or her life reflected in this wonderful collection.

A portion of the proceeds from *Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys* will be donated to the Trevor Project, the crisis and suicide prevention helpline for GLBT youth.

Half of A Yellow Sun

By Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Review by Mary Kathryn Arnold
Half of A Yellow Sun tells the story of the Nigerian-Biafran War (1967-70) through the lives of two sisters, using the lenses of gender,



race, and class, but focusing on loyalty, betrayal and love.

The book opens in the early sixties, shortly after Nigeria achieved independence, a time of uneasy peace between the Christian South (Igbo and Yoruba tribes) and Muslim North (Hausa and Fulani tribes). We meet the novel's two main characters, elite daughters of an influential Igbo chief, beautiful, curvy, vivacious Olanna, and tall

skinny Kainene, with a crackling wit and a head for business, as well as a young nobody from the bush, plucked out of his village to become a houseboy in the the university town of Nsukka. Through these contrasting points of view we get a nuanced picture of Nigerian life, from the highest to the lowest class.

The second section jumps to 1966, the year of the short-lived Igbo military coup followed by a bloodier countercoup staged by the Northern tribes, in which as many as 30,000 Igbo were massacred. The survivors were driven South, where Igbo Colonel Emeka Ojukwu declared Biafra an independent republic in an effort to stop the genocide – taking Nigeria's richest oil regions with him -- sparking a tragic war in which the British supported the Northern Hausa and Falani with weapons and food, starving out the newly-founded Biafra.

The haunting images of starving

children, which the world retains of the Biafran War, are given historical, emotional, political and social context in this ambitious book. The novel addresses hot-button issues like interracial romance, and gang rape, and confronts issues of cultural appropriation, or who gets to tell whose story. Segments of another book, “The World Was Silent When We Died,” whose authorship is only gradually revealed, are intercut throughout, while Frederick Douglas' narrative “American Slave” also plays an integral role, providing a link between Africa in the twentieth century and America in the nineteenth.

Half of a Yellow Sun is one of the most honest and evocative depictions of what it is to have a sister that I've ever read. A brutal and unflinching look at the ravages of war, Adichie's wonderful novel is nonetheless full of life, wisdom, and beauty, seen in light and shadow, and so much in between.

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New ACNS Resource Centre

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the face of HIV/AIDS continues to change in Nova Scotia.

ACNS continues to explore new ways to support and encourage dialogue with our membership and to continue this trend, we invite our members to an informal meeting at ACNS in November to discuss what we have learned from the survey and to talk about relevant programs and services. ACNS members who are interested in attending this meeting should call 902-425-4882, ext. 225 (or toll-free at 1-800-566-2437) for additional information. It is our hope that meetings and opportunities, such as this one to discuss programs and services, will help ACNS continue to offer new and relevant programming to our membership.

Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) survey review in November. Those members interested in attending a meeting to discuss the survey results in November should call 902-425-4882, ext. 225 (or toll-free at 1-800-566-2437)



ACNS Staff: Back row (l to r) Jessica Wall, Ned MacInni, Cybelle Reiber, Angus Campbell. Front (l to r) Ella Tweedie, Maria MacIntosh, Tammy Barbour

Grand Opening

Grand Opening Holiday Open House ACNS will be holding the Grand Opening of our new space in conjunction with our Annual

Holiday Season Open House on Tuesday, December 11 from 3pm until 6pm. Bring yourself, your friends and family! This gathering is open to everyone involved with ACNS in any way, and to the public.

Do you bake? Have a great tried and true cookie recipe? At our Grand Opening Holiday Season Open House, there will be a friendly homemade cookie competition for those who would like to bring homemade cookies! The winner will receive bragging rights for the year! And remember, "A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand!"

New Employees

ACNS welcomes two new members to the staff team: Tammy Barbour in the position of Program Coordinator and Angus Campbell as the new Gay Men's Health Coordinator.

Tammy Barbour has a University Degree in Sociology/Law that began her professional work within the Human Services and Health Related environments. She also completed the Community Economic Development Program with the Atlantic CED Institute and Saint Mary's University.

She has worked with organizations such as the Micmac Native Friendship Centre, Healing Our Nations, St. Paul's Family Resources Institute, Dartmouth Family Centre, and the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. At these organizations she gained a vast amount of knowledge and experience relating to Program Development, Management, monitoring and evaluation.

Tammy Barbour says, "I am extremely honored to have this opportunity to utilize my professional skills and experiences, as well as some personal ones. I look

ACNS Walks, New Employees, New Digs

forward to learn and work with the people who make ACNS possible. My extension is 226/ email: pc@acns.ns.ca. Please feel free to contact me with any and all related information. I am eager and look forward to ensuring ACNS continues to provide appropriate, relevant and responsive information, supports and services to the community we serve."

Angus Campbell is the new Gay Men's Health Coordinator at the

responsibilities include HIV/AIDS prevention programs for gay men and others, skills building workshops on Homophobia and other relevant topics, and ongoing development and collaboration with community partners.

"I would like to thank my predecessor, Hugo Dann, for all his assistance and I wish him much

success in his new endeavor. I know I have big shoes to fill and I promise to do my very best to serve our members, our community and our partners.

"If you have any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions, please feel free to call me



Mac Cosmetics Top Team 2007, Mz Vickie Top Walker 2007

Walk for Life Raises \$54,000

AIDS Walk for Life Halifax 2007 raises over \$54,000! On Sunday, September 23, ACNS hosted the 2007 AIDS Walk for Life on the Halifax Central Commons. This year, hundreds of walkers came together on the hot and sunny first day of autumn to walk in support of those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. The registration tents were lined with red ribbons, and red balloons peppered the area where walkers (and their pets!) enjoyed the sunshine & AIDS Walk for Life celebrations.

Through the incredible support of individual walkers and teams, over \$54,000 was raised in support of ACNS programs and services. This number is a 10% increase over last year's Walk! The AIDS Walk for Life will also benefit ACNS's incredible Partner Organizations. They will receive 65% of the money raised to support programming in their own organizations. This year, our Partners were: Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, Direction 180, Halifax Sexual Health Centre, Healing Our Nations, Manna for Health, Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Stepping Stone and the LGBT Youth Project.

The AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia would like to extend our gratitude to our generous AIDS Walk for Life 2007 Sponsors: Colonial Honda, Q104, Daynite Media, The Coast, WestJet, WCS Event Tents and Sobey's! Many thanks to our Donors, Walkers & Teams, Volunteers, Staff, Board and everyone else for an incredibly successful year!



Top left: Stella Oram & Fred Connors, Middle left: Leopardess, Strongman and Stella Oram, Above: Cotton Candy Anyone?, Below left: Fabulous Photographers

ward to meeting you."

Circus Sideshow

Circus Sideshow Party, a fundraiser for the MAC Cosmetics Halifax AIDS Walk Team! Two years ago, Ginette Cyr and Stella Oram, MAC Cosmetic employees, approached FRED Salon with a fundraising idea for their AIDS Walk team. They would sell tickets to an outrageous, themed party with entertainment, DJs, and a silent auction, with 100% of the funds going to ACNS.

Fred Connors and Joel Flewelling of FRED Salon were very supportive and provided the venue, staffing and promotion for the event. Ginette and Stella, doing this on their own, with no budget, relied entirely on the support of local companies, co-workers, and friends who generously donated their time and services. The first year's event, held in 2006, "Burlesque" raised \$5,000. This year's event, "Circus Sideshow," held on September 16 raised over \$10,000 and involved 46 volunteers.

Energized by their success and growth, there's talk of doing it again next year! This is the promising start for a one-of-a-kind event for Halifax—one that could generate funds annually for the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia.



AIDS Walk for Life 2007 photos by Rob Isbister.

I.S.C.A.N.S. Coronation 2007 Is In Full Swing!

Their Most Imperial Sovereign Majesties Emperor and Empress 7 of Halifax Cousin Cletus Bent-Dover and Natassha N, along with the Executive of ISCANS invite you all to celebrate the success of Reign 7 and to welcome in the new Monarchs for Reign 8. Coronation 2007-Debutantes and Debauchery...Rhett and Scarlett Go Beyond The Red Door is ISCANS biggest fundraiser of the year, and promises to be an exciting event, with many out of town guests attending from cities such as Antigonish, Hamilton, London, Toronto, Regina, Winnipeg, and Surrey, just to name a few. This event will be held at The Holiday Inn Select, 1980 Robie Street (corner of Robie and Quinpool Rd.). Tickets are now on sale for \$50.00 at Blue Moon, from any member of the ISCANS executive, and both candidates for Empress 8. You can also use PayPal from our court website (<http://www.imperialcourtns.com>), or you can purchase them at the door.

Coronation Week holds many events leading up to Coronation—Mz. Skag Drag Pageant at Menz Bar (Oct. 28th, 9pm, \$3.00 cover), “The Last Suppa of Reign 7” at Blue Moon (Oct 30th, 9pm, Silver Collection to aide Reign 8’s fundraising) State Dinner at the Casino Buffet (Oct. 31, 7pm, \$25.00 in advance only) November 1st and 2nd bring the Intown show (Reflections, 9pm, \$5.00 at door) and Out of Town Show (Blue Moon, 9pm, \$5.00 at door) and then on Nov. 4th, the Reigning Emperor will host “Tough Drag” at Blue Moon, 10:30pm, \$5.00 at the door. So as you can see, a full week of events for everyone!



Candidates for Empress 8 of Halifax Boom Boom Lubalicious and Mame St. Claire had a great campaign and wish to thank all of you who have supported their efforts to be elected the 8th Empress of Halifax.



Voting has taken place, the votes have been tallied, and the candidates are just waiting for the results! Both Boom Boom and Mame can claim many years of community service and participation within ISCANS, and both showed a great deal of support of each other during their campaigns. Please join the ISCANS Executive and Emperor and Empress 7 in congratulating them both for a great campaign, and the best of luck to them both!

We hope to see you all at Coronation 2007!



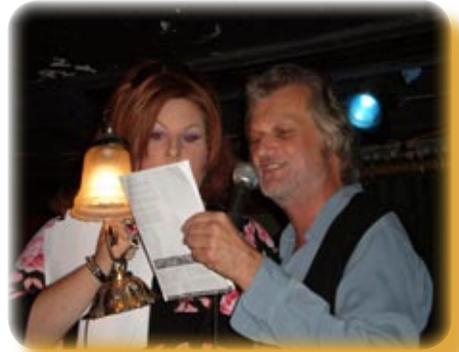
Writer Julie Vandervoort reads an excerpt from her work "Postcards from a Bicycle Tour."



Glenn Walton reads Donald Noyes' "A Celebration", HRM District 10 Counsellor Mary Wile (right)



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Hugo Dann wows the crowd with Joel Arseneau's "You don't need 'em"



Punoqun/Unbound 2007 writers Jeff Higgins, (above), and Donald Noyes (right), Wayves Publisher Dan MacKay (below)



Punoqun/Unbound 2007 was launched at the Seahorse Tavern, Halifax, September 28. This new works collection of prose and poetry from Atlantic Canadian Queer writers can be picked up at Venus Envy on Barrington Street or The Bookmark on Spring Garden Road. For more information about Punoqun or it's writers please email us at punoqun@wayves.ca. Thank you all who participated and attended for your support. Thanks to the Seahorse Tavern. (Candy Palmater was also a guest reader. No photo available. Our apologies.)



The crowd at the Seahorse Tavern



Wayves volunteers Calandra Smith and Randall Perry



MC Rouge Fatale accompanies Ryan McGrath as he entertains the audience



(l to r) Maggie Haywood (Venus Envy), Wayves volunteers Gerrit Volkmann, Hugo Dann and Raymond Taavel

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hostile school environment it is little wonder that queer students are more likely to drop out, are less likely to join sports teams or school clubs, and are several times more likely to commit suicide.

Safe Spaces Moncton, as part of the National Safe Spaces Project (www.safespaces.ca), is fighting to

change that with their Ally Card Program. The Ally Card is used to identify spaces which are safe. Their website describes an ally as "someone who accepts, appreciates and celebrates the diversity of people and works alongside others to help end discrimination and fear. Allies work to make the world a safer space for everyone."

Similar programs are in place in Nova Scotia.

As Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." As the Safe Spaces program and Shepherd and Price have clearly demonstrated, even small actions can have a dramatically positive impact.

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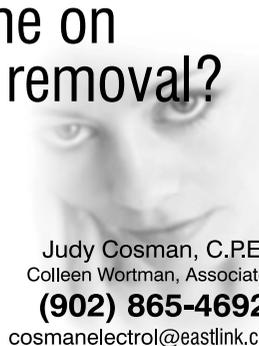
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Halifax Transguys: support group for transmen at any point in transition, locally and in Atlantic Canada. at Please write for further information on our upcoming meetings and social events.

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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: Transgenders, 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.-Cormier 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 No meeting in July and August.) 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/saint-john.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.fiertemonctonpride.ca, meets 1st Tuesday, and last Tuesday (contact laisha@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 GLBTQ 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 organisation 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., Carbonear 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/lbgt/ (Open Monday-Friday 9-4. Biweekly meetings for members and volunteers.) at Smallwood/University Center, UC-6022. Building located on Prince Philip 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: acadia@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/womencentre (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

Affirm United, Halifax Metro: GLBT & Friends support, action and worshipping 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.rationallunacy.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 Sexu-als, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Discussion Group. Sue's # 499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web: ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynof-halifax/ (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 (GBLTQ 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, Amherst & Area: for: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and transsexual individuals. 660-5004 email: cumberlandpride@hotmail.com, meets 3rd Thursday (7:30 PM)

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.)

Frontrunners Halifax, 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.

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

Get Out, Halifax!: Halifax: Recreation activities (team activities, cycling, running, rowing - you name it) for metro & beyond! web: www.getouthalifax.ca at Visit and get on the email list for more info.

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 Mailing List, Halifax: events and information for queer/lesbian/bi/trans women and their allies in Halifax. web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal

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: intensity-dance.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 & LGB Youth Project. 527-2868 email: LunCo@NSSSexualHealth.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@chebucto.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: sydney@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.PrideofPictouCounty.ca (see web page for meeting info)

Quakers, Halifax: Quakerism emphasizes that we all manifest the Divine. 429-2904 web: hal-

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. Igby_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

The Annapolis Valley Gay Mens Coffee House meets every Thursday Evening from 7-9pm. Also on the first Saturday of each month host an over 19 gay/lesbian Dance from 9pm-1am. October 6th and October 27th are the next two dances and there is NO dance in November. The 6th is the Thanks giving dance and 27th is the Halloween Costume Dance. Further info contact menembracingmen@hotmail.com or 902-765-2821.

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

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.

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.

November 3

The Queer & Other Folks Dance Committee and AIDS New Brunswick present: A Halloween Howl! Join us on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza. Doors open at 9:00 PM with dancing to DJ Pete's funky tunes until 1:00 AM. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available at the door. Proceeds go to AIDS New Brunswick's prevention education and support programs, including gay and lesbian health related resources. For more information call Morgan at 459-7518 or 1-800-561-4009.

Fredericton Bar & Business Calendar

BOOM! NIGHTCLUB

Fredericton NB, 474 Queen St. 463-boom

(2666) www.boomnightclub.ca

Thursdays: Three sum Thursday's 8-cl

Music: 3 Recent, 3 Retro, 3 Requests

Specials: \$3 Shooters, \$3 Beer, \$3 Energy

Drinks, \$7 Triples

Cover: None

Fridays: House Heaven 8-cl

Music: Mainstream club tracks and videos to

start your weekend off right.

Cover: \$3 after 11, \$4 after 12.

Saturdays: POWER 8-cl

Music: The only genuine big-city club scene in

the city.

Cover: \$4 after 11, \$4.50 after 12.

Sunday's double header: Sunday Social 4-7

Music: Laid back inviting social atmosphere

Cover: None

Sunday Open Turntables 10-cl

Music: Live DJ's spinning at crowd level

Specials: \$ 2.25 Select Beer 10-11, \$3 Select

Beer, \$3 Shooters, \$5.25 Doubles

Cover: \$2

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.

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 \$2-4 per week. For info, call 422-8780 or email lynnmacdonald@hfx.eastlink.ca

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, everything 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

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.

Nov 8, 22, Dec 6, 20, Jan 3, 17, 31

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

Nov 11, 25, Dec 9, 23, Jan 6, 20

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

November 3

Gina Darrt will be reading from her new book "Unexpected Ties". 6pm - free event. Gina Darrt is the author of two lesbian mysteries, Unexpected Sparks and Unexpected Ties. Born and raised in the Maritimes, she currently live in Truro with her two cats named Max and Nyetcka. In her writing she likes to explore the ongoing relationships between characters more than the meeting/falling in love phase. The boring stuff, in her words. @ Venus Envy

November 12

I'm Coming! A Guide to Women's Orgasm. Some women never experience orgasm, some can have orgasms once in awhile, or on their own, or never on their own, or ... you get the picture. The female orgasm can sometimes be rather elusive, and that can be okay, but it can also be very frustrating. This

session will look at some of the reasons women have difficulty with orgasm, offer suggestions around play to enhance sexual feelings, as well as covering important anatomical information. Discussion includes g-spot, clitoris, and tips to use both alone and with a partner. 2 hours Nov 12, 2007 @ 6:30pm for women \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) @ Venus Envy

November 20

Up Yours! Anal Pleasure and Health. Make friends with your butt! Join us in breaking myths and cultural taboos surrounding anal play. Also learn practical tips about lube, toys, safety and health. 1.5 hours Nov 20, 2007 @ 6:30pm for everyone \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) @ Venus Envy

November 21

Going Down: A Guide to Fellatio. If you're interested in licking boys' bits, but aren't sure where to start or what to do once you get going, this workshop is for you. From basic anatomy to tips for the advanced, this workshop will cover a wide range of information about giving head. 2 hours, Nov 21, 2007 @ 6:30pm for everyone \$20.00 (limited income \$10.00) @ Venus Envy

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

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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

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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.

November 7

RIVER OF PRIDE / RIVIERE DE FIERTE. If YOU have some time, ideas, expertise, we need YOUR talent to help organize our 2008 pride activities. Si VOUS avez du temps, des idées, de l'expertise , nous avons besoins de VOUS d'être sur notre comite d'organization 2008. Soyez le bienvenue a notre reunion annuel / You're welcome to join us at our annual general meeting: Triangles, 7 PM / 19h00. We are seeking candidates for our Executive as well as At-Large members to head the volunteer, fundraising, decorating, translation, parade, and public relation sub-committees. Nous cherchons en plus de l'Executive, des membres Generales qui prendrais en charge des sous-comites de volontaires, levee de fonds, traduction, décorations, parade ainsi que les relations publiques. YOUR 2007 COMMITTEE / VOTRE COMITE 2007

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 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.

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
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St. John's – LGBT-MUN

Every Friday

Coffee House: Every Friday, 12-2 (LGBT 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

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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 truropride@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.

Send events to submissions@wayves.ca now -- Event listings are free!

Make sure you include contact info!

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fax.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 Environment), 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: safeharbour-mcc.com, meets every Sunday (11 am) at Veith House, 3115 Veith Street, Halifax

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: cumberland-county.cfsi.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.cfsi.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: tatacenter@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 email: chebucto.ca/religion/UUCH, 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: menembracingmen@yahoo.ca web: faceitwithpride.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 GLBTQ Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcpei.ca web: www.arcpei.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@yahoo.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@arcpei.ca web: youth.arcpei.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 (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

PRIZMS, Charlottetown: PEI's first all dance party! Catering to the gay and lesbian community. email: PRIZMS@canada.com (please email for upcoming events and location information) at PRIZMS expose yourself to the high energy- highly social atmosphere. "PRIZMS - Dance in the Light" Email for upcoming events dates and places

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

Queerly Canadian Irshad Manji



Irshad Manji is best known in Canada for hosting the *Q Files* on TV Ontario, and as the author of *The Trouble With Islam Today*. Manji was awarded Oprah Winfrey's first annual Chutzpah Award for "audacity, nerve, boldness and conviction." Manji argues that the condemnation of homosexuality by most strains of traditional Islam is at odds with Qur'anic doctrine that "Allah makes excellent everything which He creates."

Chef's Corner

By Daniel MacKay

Chef Darren is busy harvesting the Beresford, NB, plum tomato crop. In his place I'm offering an old favourite for socials and potlucks. These mushroom croustades are easy, and get lots of ooohs and aaahs. You can make the little bowls and the filling the previous day and assemble them just before the party or assemble them in your host's kitchen. Adjust the amount of cayenne to taste; I've found that people like them best when the filling is a much spicier than you think is right when sampling it from a spoon..

Mushroom Croustades

From *All Occasion Cooking*,
Epilepsy Canada, 1981, via
Solar Nova Scotia

1 loaf white bread, sliced	2 tbl flour	
2 tbl soft butter	1 c heavy cream	
¼ cup butter	½ tsp salt	
3 tbl finely chopped shallots	⅛ tsp cayenne (or more)	
½ lb mushrooms, finely chopped	1 tbl chopped parsley	
	1 tbl chopped chives	3 tbl grated Parmesan cheese
	½ tsp lemon juice	



Cut 3" rounds from each slice of bread. Coat the inside of muffin tins with soft butter. Fit rounds into tins and bake at 400°F for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove and cool. (can be done the day before, store in an airtight container.) Melt ¼ cup butter. Sauté shallots over medium heat for 3 minutes. Stir in mushrooms and cook 10 to 15 minutes until moisture has evaporated. Sprinkle flour over mushrooms and stir. Add cream, all at once; bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer until thickened.

Add salt, cayenne, parsley, chives and lemon juice. This can be done ahead and refrigerated until ready to use.

Fill each croustade with mushroom filling, sprinkle with cheese and place on a cookie sheet. Heat in oven 350°F for 10 minutes. Serve hot.

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Editorial: The Baby And The Bathwater

For the better part of this year, Cruiseline has been running an ad campaign in queer magazines across Canada entitled "Size Matters". As shown on Wayves' back covers, this series of ads (created by a woman, as chance would have it!) has prompted a small firestorm of controversy from Halifax to Vancouver.

The images in these ads are frankly lustful, affectionate, and sometimes, very loving pictures of men with other men. While very sexual, there is no outright nudity – not even a butt cheek. However, all of Canada's queer media have been attacked for running these ads.

Wayves is no different and we have already run an editorial outlining why we run the Cruiseline

ads in our magazine. Still, just this month, yet again, we were made aware of two more incidents where Wayves was criticized for running the back cover ads.

In St. John's, Angela Crockwell of the Community Youth Network is clipping the back cover from Wayves, also censoring half of our editorial page. In Halifax, Janet Merrithew, the owner of Sweet Jane's, simply throws the entire magazine out.

In the first incident Ms. Crockwell, an educator, looked at the ads and decided that the images promoted sexually exploitative messages. With no research to back this up she proceeded to deface the magazine – to protect the youth in her care from seeing them. Her view was that there were sexually

exploited men answering Cruiseline phones to have (forced?) phone sex with callers. We have explained that this is not the case, but have yet to receive a reply to our e-mails.

In the second incident, Ms. Merrithew explained that she was worried about the magazine falling over so that the families that came to her candy store might see the "inappropriate" pictures. A very reasonable fear, until a very quick tour of her store unearthed several images of heterosexual situations at least as strong or stronger than the pictures on our back cover. Among these one featuring a completely nude male dancer (from the rear) performing a strip show for a very happy woman.

I doubt very much that either of these individuals thinks of them-

selves as homophobic. But neither can recognize that the problem they have with Cruiseline ads is simply that they are discomfited by images of men lustful for and loving other men. Why else would someone feel that our semi-nude back covers weren't fit for family viewing, but fully naked heterosexual males are? Why not at least verify the facts and ask us if their assumptions were correct?

In fact, why wasn't Wayves contacted directly? We discovered both situations by way of third parties. Wayves does not force people to carry our magazine; (and it bears pointing out that Wayves has been present at these two locations at their request) so why deface or destroy the magazine when a simple phone call or

e-mail would end their shipments and the problem.

Homophobia, dear readers, can be dark and hidden behind the best of intentions. Homophobia is a strong word, to be used with caution, but must be pointed out and discussed when discovered.

Cruiseline is a legal, gay-owned business. They are a non-profit who return all profits to the Canadian rainbow community. They support other queer non-profits, magazines in Toronto, Ottawa, and Vancouver, and many human rights challenges. They provided many of the dollars that brought us the right to marry. They will be welcome to our back cover for as long as they wish to buy it.

Opinion: Pray The Gay Away

By Joey D'amato-Basha

Remember Ted Haggard? You know, the evangelical preacher by day and boy-lovin', meth-bangin' party animal by night? He did it! And I'm willing to bet that the militant anti-gay US Senator Larry Craig will be on bended-knee after that scandal in the airport bathroom.

That's right – humiliated "straight" dudes renouncing their wicked, sinful love of cock is the hottest trend right now. And this time, keeping up with the Joneses just might save you from eternal damnation.

Now, I know what you sodomites must be thinking right now.

As though dodging persecution, choosing the right lip-gloss and sifting through a measly few percent of the population weren't enough, you've got to worry about Mister Brimstone And Treacle breathing down your neck, too!

Praying the gay away might sound like a lot of work, but it totally isn't. After all, Jesus really was the most fabulous guy to sashay on water – who wouldn't want to be like him? All you have to do is follow these five easy steps and you'll be filled with his love in no time.

1. Hair and Makeup

Think of it: what self-respecting creator of the universe is going to let you into his VIP club if you

don't wear too much gold, 'cause it makes you look like a hooker

ain't lookin' all that? Keeping up on hygiene should be a constant battle, because the big daddy upstairs is always watching: keep your nails short, never let your hair frizz out and whatever you do, avoid brown lipstick.

2. Faith, Hope and Love

In theory, yes, it's good to love everyone. But an honest-to-goodness

Christian knows where to draw the line: first off, married men are out of the question – even if you're horny and they have crystal. Also, avoid geriatrics and anyone who wears white jeans. You had better believe that God hates them.

3. Accessorize!

It's easy for the Mennonites to say that modest dress is the surest way to a pious life – they all look great in white. If wearing a giant, rhinestone-studded crucifix was good enough for Madonna in 1985, then it is good enough for you. Amen.

4. Get With The Lingo

"Real" God-fearing people

have their own way of talking. It's kind of like fag-speak, with only a few slight differences: instead of tramp, they say Jezebel; instead of K-hole, they say Purgatory; Mary is still Mary to them, and I think when they say convent, they really mean drag show, but I can't be sure.

5. The Golden Rule

After discussing this with colleagues and some really fabulous friends, I have come to the conclusion that the final and most important advice to give to you closeted Christians is this. It's more important than tolerance, pity and lip gloss combined: don't wear too much gold, 'cause it makes you look like a hooker. Praise the

Letters

Dear Wayves

So there I was, happily curled up with my supper and the latest issue of Wayves, which "exists to inform Atlantic Canadian lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people of activities in their communities, to promote those activities and to support their aims and objectives" and which "reserves the right to refuse material that might

be reasonably considered heterosexual, racist, sexist or an attack on individuals or communities."

You can imagine my surprise when on p. 15 I read the letter from Al Stewart of Toronto, who believes "heterosexuality is God's design" and wants to make sure Wayves readers know about Exodus International, "an organization for those in confusion and conflict

over same sex attraction."

I'm sure you had your reasons for publishing this letter. I just wish you had explained them in a disclaimer. I'm sure they would have made more interesting reading than the letter itself, which is standard love-the-sinner-hate-the-sin cant.

As I understand Wayves' mission, it is not a general-purpose news publication such as the Telegraph-Journal or the Chronicle Herald. It aims to serve a specific community. That's why I was surprised to find in its pages a letter expressing views that I suspect many – most? – members of the queer community would find offensive. And while there's something to be said for an even-handed editorial approach, I have to wonder how many evangelical Christian publications would post a letter from the local PFLAG Canada chapter inviting people to check out their website and attend their meetings.

The fundies and the 'phobes already have plenty of outlets for their opinions. If I want to read them, I'll take a couple of anti-nausea pills and search them out myself. I would prefer not to have them ambushing me from the pages of Wayves.

SarahRose Werner Saint John, New Brunswick

Dear Wayves,

I wrote this to CTV in response to the story they ran about street preacher Dan Lirette.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the story you ran on Dan Lirette. My name is Tina Hillier and I am a member of the gay community. I have helped organize the Gay Pride week here in Moncton for five out of the eight years that there has been a parade, and I have held the position of co-chair three times. I am a woman, a mother, a partner, a friend, a taxpayer, and I love the city of Moncton.

Dan has the gall to call us an abomination before God. At one time Dan frequented Triangles (Moncton's gay bar) and has hung out where some of the lower-than-low lives hang out. If you listen to his life story he says he found God in Madawaska Youth Correctional facility in 1992. So when he started going to Triangles in 1994 he must have fallen off the God wagon.

Dan continues to perpetuate the myth that all gay people are evil sinners just because they are gay. I have many Christian friends, and they are of the "people are people, live and let live" school of thought. Being gay is

not a road paved to hell, no matter what the Dan Lirette's of the world want you to believe. Anyone with half a clue knows this.

By the same token, while I don't see eye to eye with Dan Lirette, I don't agree with this Facebook group either (Gays Against Dan Lirette). They do NOT represent the gay community of Moncton, no more than Dan represents all the straight Christians. I don't need to hide behind a fake identity and create a group to tell Dan Lirette what I think of his idea of Christianity.

Tina Hillier Co-Chair Moncton's River of Pride Committee



Last month's question:

In the last Wayves issue we asked you dear readers "Are you planning to observe the Transgender Remembrance Day? And if so, how?"

The responses and comments this time were indeed brief: one Yes and one Not Sure. One person = commented: "Yes, yes we have marked it on the calendar... we will talk about this remembrance day at our next meeting." Another answered, "Not Sure. Never heard of it." On a final note we were struck by the dearth of responses which one could surmise as a lack of interest – this of course highlights the importance of observing Transgender Remembrance Day.

This month, we would like to know your views on this: If the right person came into your life and you chose to settle down with would you consider raising children, either biologically or through adoption?

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