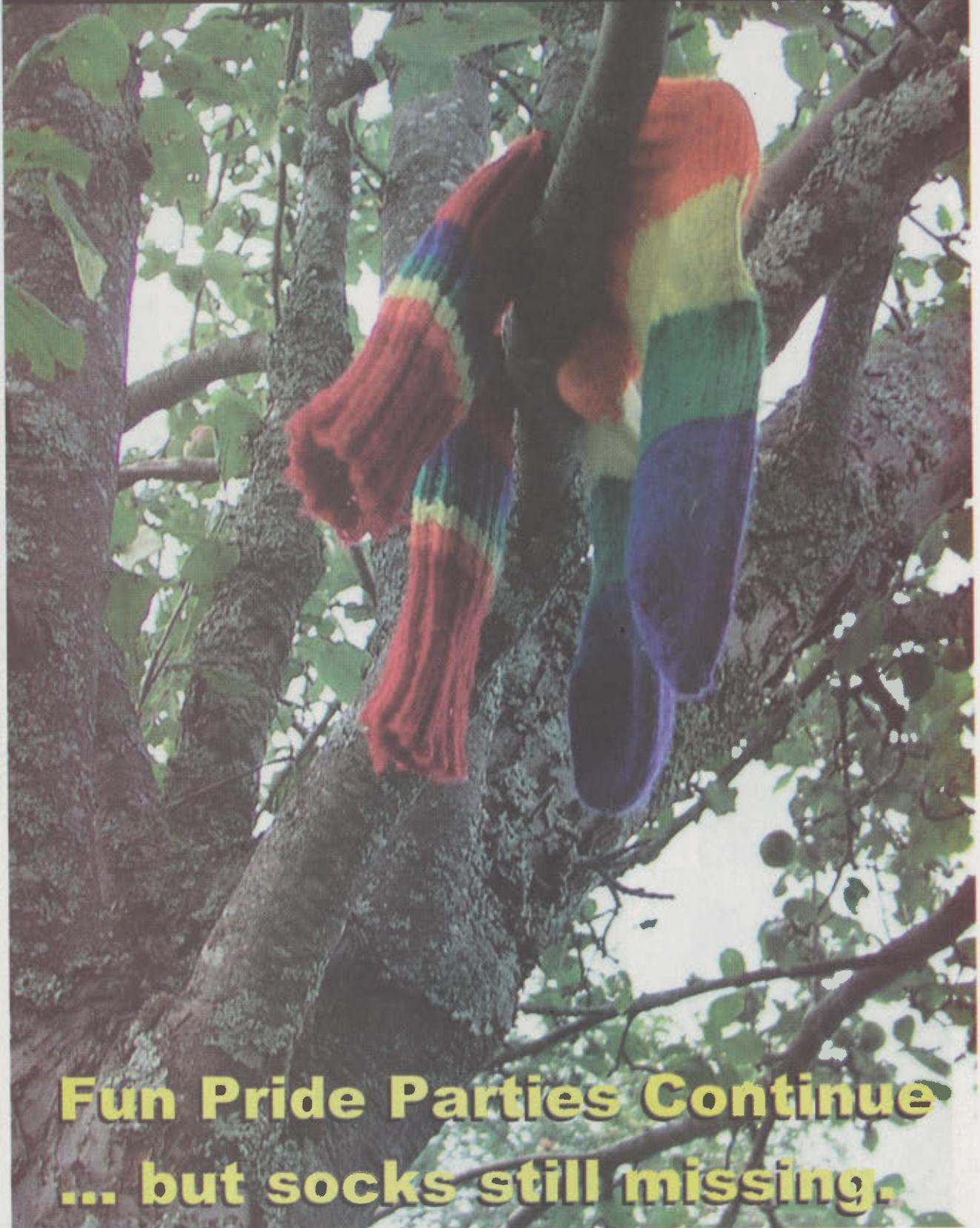


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No Pride in Prison

by Kaley Kennedy



The following is the written text of a speech I delivered at this year's Dyke and Trans March. The Crime Stopper's fake jail cell in the Pride Parade particularly highlights how the struggles of queer, trans, and gender non-conforming people who are incarcerated are invisible in the broader LGBT community.

Today, I'm going to talk about something we talk about a lot at marches and protests: justice for our communities. I'm also going to talk about something we don't talk about very much; I'm going to talk about prisons. I'm going to talk about how queer and trans people are often criminalized and about what it's like to be behind the walls of a prison when you're a woman, or when you're queer, or when you're trans or gender non-conforming. I'm going to talk about how prisons don't mean justice for our communities, and they definitely don't mean liberation for queer and trans people.

Struggles for equality, justice, and dignity for queer and trans people continue to be waged. Sometimes, it can seem like the law and the police have the answer. If bashing was a hate crime and penalties were stiffer, maybe we would see fewer of our people experiencing violence. But we need to think about who derives safety from the police, and how systemic violence including sexism, homophobia, transphobia, racism, anti-poor ideologies, and colonialism is maintained and defended by the police.

When families are evicted from their homes, it's the police that do the evicting. When aboriginal women and sex workers face violence, rape, and murder, RCMP officers make jokes behind closed doors. When people with HIV and AIDS don't disclose, the police are there to lock them up. When queer people come to Canada, fleeing homophobia, the government can say they're lying and deport them. When migrant women without immigration status

seek solace from sexual violence, rape, or domestic violence, Canada Border Service Agents wait for them outside shelters to detain and deport them. All around us, there are ways that the criminal legal system defends and perpetrates violence against our communities, and against other marginalized communities—especially racialized communities, migrant populations, and indigenous peoples.

Issues of violence and marginalization are so messily intertwined. When we think about homophobic and transphobic bullying, we should also think about all the young people who've fled dangerous homes and dangerous schools and are living on the edge. Maybe they're selling drugs or shoplifting to get by. And because homophobia and transphobia and discrimination against youth permeate through our society, a young queer gets stopped and the police search them, and it's illegal, but it happens, and they're holding and then they're in Waterville, and when they get out they still don't have any supports, only now their resume shows a mysterious two year disappearance. When we think about violence against women, we should also think about the trans woman doing sex work who gets picked up in a sweep. And because she hasn't had Sex Reassignment Surgery and can't afford hormones right now, she's placed in a men's prison. She's strip searched by men. She's denied a bra. She is put in segregation because her "safety" is a concern because she's a woman in a man's prison.

These issues are issues in our communities and we need to treat them that way. We know that trans people, queer women, and gender non-conforming people still face barriers to gainful employment, to living wages, to work that respects our identities. We still struggle to find supportive, knowledgeable health care professionals, and we face disproportionate levels of incarceration, criminalization, and struggles with addictions. In our prisons, people who have faced homophobia and transphobia and sexism their whole lives are punished for it. They're re-traumatized, and they're denied the most basic of rights.

The policing of gender is nowhere as strong than behind prison walls. There are men's prisons and women's prisons. There is no gender spectrum in the prison system. There are no gender neutral bathrooms, no spaces for the people who live outside the bound of those two very small boxes: M and F. In 1993, a trans woman incarcerated for life, Synthia Kavanagh, filed three complaints with the Human Rights Tribunal of Canada for her incarceration in a male prison. Eight years later, the human rights tribunal found in response to her case:

• Trans people can be housed by their assigned sex and not their gender identity if they have not had sex reassignment surgery. Despite



This is the unbelievably offensive Crimestoppers float in Halifax's Pride Parade, July 28, 2012.

this, the the Correctional Service of Canada needs to do everything possible to accommodate transgendered people in prison, such as protecting them from sexual attacks and harassment.

- Trans people and their housing needs should be assessed individually in consultation with a physician expert in the treatment of gender dysphoria.
- Policy should permit incarcerated individuals who had completed the qualifying period for sex reassignment surgery before going to jail to have the necessary surgery while in prison, if surgery was recommended by their physicians. CSC is expected to cover the costs of SRS if it is recommended by their physicians. In 2010, Vic Toews, then Minister of Public Safety halted this coverage despite a federal court ruling that says SRS should be covered. This decision ensures that trans and gender non-conforming people, particularly trans women, continue to be subjected to transphobic violence in the prison system including trans women being strip searched by male employees and being housed with men, trans people being denied gender appropriate health care, and often being housed in protective custody or segregation in order to address violence from

the general population. But what if you're not trans in the way that the medical system determines, maybe you're not trans at all, but you're gender non-conforming—you don't adhere to strict gender roles. I know there are probably several dykes here today who love their boxer briefs. If you're a woman in prison and you like boxer briefs—too bad. Boxer briefs are men's underwear, and cross dressing is against prison policy. Maybe this seems so small, but not even being able to have the comfort of appropriate underwear is emblematic of a system that aims to control your every move. And on top of all this—sex, consensual sex between inmates or even with yourself—is against the rules. No sex with other folks in prison. No jerking off. No reading or looking at porn. Sex is forbidden.

Rape, though—rape happens. And while rape in Canadian prisons is less common than our neighbours to the south, why would we even use that as a relative measure. One rape in prison is too many. And when we talk about sexualized violence, we don't talk about prison rape. In fact, the Correctional Service of Canada and Statistics Canada don't even have figures on sexual victimization in prisons.

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Atlantic News

Happy Valley Pride

by Denise Cole

Safe Alliance hosts its third year of PRIDE celebrations in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.



Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador is a place of pride, diversity, and determination. The Safe Alliance, a volunteer led LGBTQQ support/awareness group in Labrador, was very excited about the success of this year's PRIDE activities.

For Safe Alliance, PRIDE is the motto, which means "Promoting Respect, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equality" and it was this message that the community heard as 3 events were successfully hosted July 20-21, 2012.

The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay supported PRIDE through the signing of a proclamation that highlighted the LGBTQQ community and proudly flew the Rainbow Flag from July 6 until after PRIDE weekend on July 23.

PRIDE in the Park enjoyed its 3rd annual celebration in the form of a family fun day with live music, barbecue, information booths, and games for all ages. Over 250 people attended this free event held in Kinsmen Park. Organizers were very happy with the support and turn out, with Northmart (a local business) fully sponsoring the barbecue.

Safe Alliance launched two new events this year for PRIDE which proved very worthwhile and well attended: PRIDE Party was on July 20 and PRIDE March took place on July 21.

PRIDE Party was the first-ever 19+ dance party for LGBTQQ and their supporters in Happy Valley-Goose Bay which took place at Maxwell's night club, where over 100 people attended for prizes, dancing, and awesome music by the Jacinda Beals Band. Jacinda has been a huge supporter of LGBTQQ over the years and the main entertainer for Safe Alliance events, as a strong lesbian role model in the area and heavily involved in community causes.

PRIDE March was the first of its kind in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and this historic walk of solidarity was attended by approximately 30 people, that included local MHA Keith Russell! The march went from EJ Broomfield Arena to Kinsmen Park. The rainbow colours were everywhere; horns were honking and people cheering! Organizers were proud and moved by the show of support in the community.

Safe Alliance would like to thank the many volunteers and strong supporters of PRIDE activities each year in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and hope to continue with more activities throughout the year to highlight

LGBTQQ issues and bring the community together for the inclusiveness of all. The PRIDE motto speaks to all individuals and does not come with labels, only respectful openness. For

more information please visit Safe Alliance on Facebook or via email at safealliance.pride@gmail.com.

Youth Project Foster Care Project

The Youth Project is doing an exciting project in partnership with the Department of Community Services to look at Foster Care/Residential Housing for LGBTQ youth. Together we are hoping to create safer spaces!

We need to hear from those who have experience in the system—youth, former youth, foster parents, staff—so we can keep this project relevant to the people it serves.

We would like to chat with anyone willing to share their experiences with us—at a time and place that works for them. They can reach us through e-mail at youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca or by phone at 902-429-5429.

Manna Update

by Judy Dudar, Board Member, St John's United Church

When Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church closed its doors, one of the important services that grew out of it, Manna for Health, was left without the institutional support that it needed. The key people involved approached St. John's United Church to consider being the umbrella to shelter this important food bank and St. John's agreed. Some of the clients who live with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses will have barely been aware of the transition, but members of St. John's have been working with the Manna volunteers since autumn 2011. Generous Merry Christmas and Happy New Year contributions made their way to Manna's bank account, and appropriate food that is collected on Sundays makes its way to the Manna shelves at the Bloomfield Centre, augmenting that received from Feed Nova Scotia. St. John's had special food and personal care item drives during Lent.

Manna's finances are currently in a healthy state. ISCANS continues its support, and we offer a hearty thank-you to the Court, and those who enable the Court to carry out its fundraising activities. In addition, many thanks are extended to all those who have contributed in so many ways. We couldn't continue this important ministry without your ongoing support—you make it happen! Manna is operated entirely by volunteers,

and we would like to thank those volunteers for their tireless dedication to the community.

Now it is September, and September is AIDS Walk month! For years, St. John's has been an enthusiastic supporter of the walk, thanks to the dedication of Alan Stewart. He sat regularly in our pews after he descended from the bell tower each Sunday morning, content with having awoken our neighbours to the sound of hymns that he pounded out on our big bells. But on September Sundays he made his way to the front of the sanctuary and waved the AIDS Walk pledge sheets for us to sign. When we did, most of us didn't know what purpose the money collected served. Now, though, with our new connection with Manna for Health, we do, and working for Manna has stepped up our enthusiasm! As Manna provides services directly to the HIV/AIDS community, the Manna team is considered a Partner Team—one of very few such teams. With such a designation, 60% of all funds raised by the Manna team is disbursed directly back to Manna for its use at the food bank. The AIDS Walk funds have been a major source of Manna's resources. Manna's Partner Team designation is a great incentive for the congregation of St John's to be more involved in the Walk, as Manna is now a St John's United ministry. We are pleased that Sam Wilson has agreed to be the Manna Team Leader, carrying on with the job he has so capably done for several years. St. John's walkers, and walkers supported by St. John's, will be at the Commons on Sunday, September 23, walking in the Manna team, on the AIDS Walk For Life. All participation and donations will be greatly appreciated.

Dal Students Call for Transgender Equality in NS

HALIFAX, NS—DalOUT, the award winning LGBTQ society, is calling on the government to amend the Human Rights Act to include gender identity and gender orientation as prohibited grounds for discrimination. The student society is doing a series of actions to promote equal human rights for gender variant and transgendered students, and all Nova Scotians generally.

"Students who are transgender, gender-variant, intersex, or gender non-conforming face barriers in the form of discrimination. Legal protection from discrimination does not exist in areas such as employment, tenancy, access to services, or participating in volunteer organizations. In 2012, nobody should face discrimination just because of who they are," says John Hutton, representative for the LGBTQ community on the Dalhousie Student Union.

DalOUT is encouraging the public to contact Ross Landry, the NS Minister of Justice, to call for legislation in the fall to amend the Human Rights Act. The society's website has been updated to include a pre-written email that people can send. DalOUT marched in the LGBTQ Pride Parade on Saturday, July 28th with the theme "Trans Rights are Human Rights."

"It's time for the NDP government to take concrete steps forward

for equality for trans people. Ontario just passed legislation to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and gender orientation with all-party support, and the federal NDP has been vocal on the issue federally," says Hutton. "The trans community expects support from the provincial government, and that means making legislative amendments to the Human Rights Act a priority."

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) is supporting the action and will be in attendance. The Union's council recently passed a motion to support DalOUT's call for change and will be marching in the parade with DalOUT.

"High tuition fees aren't the only barrier to accessible education," says Aaron Beale, External Vice President of the Dalhousie Student Union. "Students already struggle with high loads of debt. Having to face discrimination as well is unjust. The DSU is proud to be supporting the trans community in demanding equal rights for all."

For more information please contact:

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Website: <http://DalOUT.ca> Phone: 902-460-8875.

Northern AIDS Connection Society Colchester

Youth PhotoVoice has started again for a new year. What is PhotoVoice? PhotoVoice is commonly used in the fields of community development, public health, and education which combine photography with grassroots social action. Youth participants are asked to represent their point of view by taking photographs, discussing them together, developing narratives or titles to go with their photos. It is often used among marginalized individuals, and is intended to give insight into how they conceptualize their circumstances and their hopes for the future. Thanks to a Canadian AIDS Foundation grant NACS is able to take the highly successful Youth PhotoVoice Project to Cumberland and Pictou Counties this fall—check out our new website: www.northernaidsconnectionsociety.ca. We would love to have your feedback. Also on the site is a link for 'Message Board.' You can log on and ask questions or post comments we're happy to reply. There is some great dialogue happening don't miss out. Also on our website or through our office we have a NEW Gay Men's Health brochure. Coming up soon is the ScotiaBank AIDS Walk for Life, September 23rd in one of 3 locations: Truro, Amherst or New Glasgow. We encourage you to log on www.aidswalkforlife.ca to sponsor a walker or even better come join us. You can collect pledges, form a team where if you raise \$100 or more we give you 50% back to do AIDS or STI work in your area. Don't just stand there! We have free t-shirts, entertainment, barbecue—it's a great time. For more information please contact our office. A big thank you to Sobey's for their sponsorship of this event.

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More Protection for Transgendered!

"This is really a matter of equality," says Kevin Kindred, chairman of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project (NSRAP). "All Nova Scotians deserve equal protection under the law and right now those protections aren't clearly in place for transgendered people."

While Nova Scotia's Human Rights Act currently protects sex and sexual orientation, gender identity is not included. According to Kindred, this leaves transgender people open to discrimination and harassment. "This government has said it is committed to making our communities safer for all Nova Scotians," he said. "For transgender people, that safety includes having a Human Rights Act that tells the province that they deserve to be treated equally to anyone else."

The Human Rights Act offers legal protection in a variety of areas including workplace discrimination, housing discrimination, and discrimination in providing services.

The movement to protect gender identity and gender expression isn't limited to Nova Scotia. The Northwest Territories included gender identity in its human rights law in 2002. Ontario and Manitoba have both recently updated their provincial laws to include similar protections. Federally, an NDP private member's bill is working its way through Parliament, and thus far has passed second reading—with support even from some members of the Conservative party.

NSRAP is collecting signatures for a petition it plans to present to Justice Minister Ross Landry. Several hundred signatures have been collected and Kindred expects many more. Pride attendees can find the petition at many Pride events, including the Parade, as well as at Venus Envy or the Youth Project.

NSRAP marched in the Halifax Pride parade on Saturday, July 28th, to raise awareness of the need to amend the Human Rights Act. "This is how Pride began in Halifax twenty-five years ago, by demanding human rights protections for all" concludes Kindred, "We are all human and all deserve to be treated equally under the law."

Transmasculine Campout

This summer Transmasculine Camp Out hosted its 3rd annual camping event in the second week of August. Transmasculine Camp Out is a camp organized by and for the transgender male community of Nova Scotia. This year they welcomed a new partnership with the Transgender Day of Celebration Picnic and Camping Event, an Atlantic Canadian camp for all transgender people and their allies. Both camps are non-profit and were hosted together during the weekend of August 10-12th at Mer-

maid and the Cow Campground, a local lesbian-owned and operated campground in Scotsburn, Nova Scotia. The weekend was open for all to attend, not just the transgender community. Friends, family, partners, allies, were all invited to come out for this exciting weekend of fun.

The Transmasculine Camp Out was born out of a need to bring the transmasculine people of Nova Scotia together, to foster what could truly be called a community. The camp offers a safe space for attendees to meet and talk about key issues within Nova Scotia and strategize solutions together, as well as relax, sunbathe, or swim in the pool—shirts/binders optional. There were workshops, networking, and community-building activities throughout the weekend. Most activities were open to attendees of both camps to hang out together, however there were still some spaces and discussions for the transmasculine folks only, to ensure their comfort in being able to open up and discuss more personal matters if desired.

The Transgender Day of Celebration Picnic and Camping Event is an opportunity for all transgender people; transfeminine, transmasculine, and gender variant people to appreciate and be proud of their transgender identity, as well as a chance for their partners, friends, families, and allies to share in that celebration. Both camps work both independently as well as cooperatively to create a safe and happy event where everyone can benefit. The purpose behind our partnership is to strengthen the connections within the communities, as well as further the discussion on local issues. With this weekend, we hoped to see growth within our community that will plant roots in our province for years to come.

For more info please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/cr6v2x3>

Transmasculine Camp Out e-mail: transmasculine@hotmail.ca

Transgender Day of Celebration Picnic and Camping Event e-mail: saramuki1@gmail.com

Saint John Pride Week — Loud and Proud

by Brian Boyd

Saint John Pride Week ran from August 19th to the 25th, the 10th year for the festival. A full week of events was scheduled, more family oriented than ever before.

On Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., was the Pride Church Service at 164 Germain St, followed by the Drag vs Lesbian ball game and a T dance at Pump Nightclub at 4 p.m.. Monday was our flag raising, with Mayor Mel Norton raising the flag, and, new this

The Sanctuary Garden

by Bethana Sullivan

As a member of the LGBTQ community, which is a circle within a circle within a circle and so on and so on, what does that mean today in my life, in your life? What are the questions being asked today about and within our community? As I listen and look around, I hear of: concerns about safety—physical, and emotional; fear of being silenced as one ages and increased dependency looms large. I hear how some youth look on older gay members with distrust, and disdain, while older ones speak of gay youth with longing and puzzlement. I hear how some women, and some men, are busy raising families, getting married, getting divorced; I hear still of the silent ones, afraid to be 'out.'

Underneath it all I hear of the fear of being 'left out' of the community, of being silenced, of the longing to be 'connected' and even more so, to be 'interconnected' within the circles of our lives. It seemed for a long time that a goal for the LGBTQ community was to live safely in open community. The desire to be free to live an honest and connected life within the broad framework of humanity has been the goal of many oppressed communities. It is the reason for immigration and emigration—seeking within and without those places of freedom from oppression and disconnection. In a world of imperfection within perfection there has grown more and more freedom to be who we are, though not entirely.

The image above speaks to that longing to be held within community, to be connected to the source of growth and power. It is grounded in a philosophy of separate but equal within a hierarchy of limited power. The reality is that we live as separate and unequal communities despite all the work going on to change and grow—we work to change values, attitudes,

mores; to make laws and policies to enforce what those values, attitudes and mores hold to be true. And so it goes on, strengthen here, weaken there, peace here, war there; it is still a time of dichotomies.

And so it goes with our leaders. We love our leaders or we hate them. We think they know what to do for us or we don't. We need to be told what to do or we don't; the worst the risk the greater the need for central control, or we fight it. As situations grow in complexity so does the belief that power needs to be held by the few, thus reducing some of the complexity.

But this is all in the service of a worldview that has seen its time. Instead of separate and unequal within the sphere of life it is the time of connectedness and interconnectedness. It is connectedness between the outer world of substance and the inner world of experience, and, ultimately, connectedness among people, and between humans and the larger world; the time of advocating for a space to be ourselves is becoming the time of working together to create a shared space of interdependence.

We become like the tree of life, all parts full of the whole and the whole full of the parts, the holotrophic vision of consciousness as written about by Stanislaw Grof, or as fractal theory or chaos theory elucidate it. The characteristics of the new time include unpredictability, uncertainty, deepening consciousness, emerging forms and changing leadership. A major shift is towards 'leader as host,' one who facilitates meaningful conversation among diverse parts of the whole as a way to 'new insights and possibilities for action' (Wheatley, M. Leader to Leader, No. 62, Fall 2011).

Maybe the question to ask now is "Is what I am about to do strengthening the web of connection or weakening it?"

year, a coffee house for teens held at the Public Library in Market Square from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.. Tuesday also had something new with the Pride Community Auction and Social at Mahogany Manor. Wednesday was movie night at Pump Nightclub at 8 p.m.; Thursday, Pride Karaoke from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Friday, the Pride Drag Show and Blackout Party at Pride Nightclub starting at 8pm., and Saturday the 10th Annual Pride Parade at 2 p.m., followed by a community BBQ and festival at Lord Beaverbrook Arena. It was a full week of events with something for everyone. Our new website, thanks to Christopher Carson, is up and running; check it out. www.pridesaintjohn.ca. I hope every city has a great Pride week and all support each other.

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Roxi Dior

"It was a pleasure to be involved with Moncton Pride for the first time this year! All week we were amazed by the number of people supporting and attending all of the events—it was such a great feeling! The community really pulled together to provide entertaining and attractive events that drew in the crowds, and I am so honoured to be able to say I was a part of it. I hope all of Moncton—queer and straight alike—enjoyed this week of pride and acceptance as much as I did," said Corey Richard Hunter, who performs as Roxi Dior.



Greg Daborn



White Part - Pride Dance

There will be more about Moncton's Pride celebrations next month.

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NSRAP Report Pride Across Nova Scotia

by Kirk Furlotte

Summer brings about Pride and NSRAP was happy to participate in several celebrations across Nova Scotia. Prior to the kick-off of Pride season, NSRAP decided to begin a petition to lobby the provincial government to amend the Human Rights Act to include gender identity and gender expression. Adding these protected classes would guarantee legal protections for people who are transgender, gender non-conforming, intersex and gender variant.

With petitions in hand, we began collecting signatures in the Annapolis Valley. The Wolfville Farmers' Market invited NSRAP to host a booth during their first-ever Pride Night. The evening was quite the success, it was one of their busiest nights ever. Our board member Brenda Merritt, along with help from local volunteer Megan, collected signatures, enrolled new members and spoke with locals about LGBTQ concerns.

In Halifax, our first foray into signature collection was at the annual Dykes vs. Divas game where NSRAP chair, Kevin Kindred, collected over 200 signatures in just a few hours. During Halifax Pride, NSRAP hosted the annual timeOUT lecture series in participation with the Halifax Public Libraries. Our petition was there as well, with attendees signing before and after the lectures. This year's line-up of speakers was a wonderful mix of our community's strengths. It started on Tuesday with a panel of activists speaking about the evolution of Pride. Board members Andrew Jantzen and Rebecca Rose were joined by Chris Aucoin to speak of their experiences with Pride celebrations in Halifax and elsewhere. Wednesday saw a healing circle organized by Gabe Saulnier from Healing Our Nations. Attendees shared their pain and offered their hopes while learning about aboriginal healing and the power of two-spirited individuals. On Thursday, Erin Fredericks and Amy Warren from Dalhousie University lead a series of discussions on their findings into the relationship between LGBTQ women and health care providers. The series closed on Friday with NSRAP chair (and timeOUT lecture organ-

izer) Kevin Kindred speaking about the 30th anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms. The Charter is often credited with how it benefitted the queer rights movement but Kevin also spoke to how it changed the movement; often pushing it from radical and grassroots to organized and formalized.

At the Halifax Pride parade, our board members teamed up with Trans Family Nova Scotia and community volunteers to raise awareness of the need to amend the Human Rights. We were not alone, a number of other community groups, such as DalOUT, were also advocating for better protection for trans rights. We distributed pamphlets detailing our push for these vital protections and providing a link to our Web site for more information. Following the parade, we collected signatures at our community fair booth. Not content to wait for the masses to come to them, our volunteers pushed our petition out to as many people as possible. We also directed people towards Egale who were collecting signatures for a federal-level petition in support of trans rights. On Pride Day in Halifax, we collected over 1,100 signatures!

Our Pride season didn't wrap up there: we had an entry in the Pride Cape Breton parade and collected more signatures afterwards at their community barbecue. We also extend a special note of thanks to the Youth Project and Venus Envy for hosting petitions to collect even more signatures.

We didn't start our petition with a target number of signatures; we wanted to demonstrate the public support for extending legal protections from discrimination to all Nova Scotians. We wanted to raise the issue in the media at a time the spotlight was on LGBTQ issues. We wanted to give everyone the chance to fight for trans rights.

NSRAP will present our petitions to the Justice Department in the fall. Thanks to everyone who signed and demonstrated support for the equal treatment of all Nova Scotians.

Kirk Furlotte is the administrative coordinator for NSRAP. To find out more about NSRAP, visit nsrap.ca, [facebook.com/nsrap](https://www.facebook.com/nsrap) or twitter.com/nsrap.

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Hey Tom

Okay, I admit it: I'm crabby. It's Sunday morning, I didn't sleep well, I have a busy week coming up for which I feel ill-prepared, my sexual hook-up from last night was a no-show, it is raining, and Facebook is forcing me to move into Timeline. Sigh. Not a splendid start to the day. The new job is making me a bit nervous but this is expected and I know that this too will pass. The guy who didn't make an appearance last night is much more of an issue. This is the second time in two weeks that a man has made the first contact with me, professed his interest in me and then, doesn't follow through. First guy sounded great—we exchanged emails, chatted on the phone, made plans to meet and then when I drove into the city he was not home and I was left to talk to his answering machine. Four messages I left for him and then when I sent him an email days later asking whether he got my phone calls, replied, "Oh yeah, I got called into work at the last minute. Sorry." Sorry? If they ever perfect the scratch and sniff email, this one will definitely reek of bullshit.

Then buddy from last night, on the phone says, "When I say I will do something, I do it. So I can promise you that I will be there at 9 p.m. You have my word." So, I cancel my other engagements (stop laughing, I could have had some), tidy up the apartment, shower and shave and make myself ready, select brand name briefs to wear—and make sure they don't have holes or stains in them and properly showcase my man parts—slightly dim the lights, put on suitable background music (God, it sounds like a seduction scene from the 1940s with Myrna Loy) and wait. And wait. And wait. Feeling increasingly like a fool, like Maggie Smith in *My House in Umbria* where she plays the romantic novelist who drinks gin and tonic in the morning and makes a pass at an American man who finds her ludicrous.

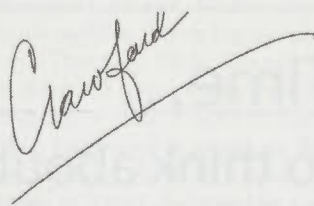
But online seems to be the main way of making contact these days. I did once try speed dating—I thought it said speedo dating, which led to some slight awkwardness at the registration desk when I showed up wearing skimpy trunks and a towel over my shoulder.

Ah well, I'm much less devastated now than I would have been in my twenties. Everything was so intense then, the slightest event had world-shattering implications, like Kristen Stewart cheating on what's-his-name. Oh the drama! None of it on a movie screen obviously since this would require an emotional range of which

none of the cast is capable. Come to think of it, shouldn't KS have had the affair with Taylor Lautner, to keep in the family, so to speak? That would have been a public relations wet dream.

Speaking of which—public relations I mean, not wet dreams—I've decided that famous people are now easily divided into two categories. The first is for people who have achieved celebrity based on something they've actually done through talent like Michael Phelps, Helen Mirren, Morgan Freeman or Adele, and the second is for people who are what I call PR celebrities, like the *Twilight* cast, Madonna, the winners of American Idol, Doctor Phil, Stephen Harper and the "Real Housewives" of anywhere. This group's skill is self-promotion and feeding on the gullibility of the public. Two very distinct kinds of achievement. Ah, but perhaps this is sheer arrogance on my part, Tom, thinking that I have the answers that have eluded the *hoi-polloi* of our society. I think it is wisdom but I acknowledge the possibility—slight though it may be—that I am wrong. I read a Facebook posting the other day that excoriated the young generation for being lazy, unrealistic, slovenly, disconnected and so on and so on. Now this was posted by someone of our generation, Tom! (Well, closer to your age than mine but you take my point.) I can well remember when members of my age group were called lazy hippies with filthy long hair, no morals, slothful and when we did get involved in politics or world affairs, we were told we were meddling in things we couldn't understand. When did we start rewriting our past, Tom? When did we turn such a hypocritical eye on those who came after us? Instead of saying, I gave up on my dreams, we now say, I took on responsibility. We now label as virtuous our laying of our ideals on the altar of harsh reality. We scold our young people for not listening to us and our infinite understanding, but do we take instruction from those who are in their 60s or 80s? When we think we have all the answers we stop learning, and I, for one, ain't there yet!

Gotta run, Tommo. I recorded six hours of Doctor Who. Now there is a man who has seen some shit!
Love ya!




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- he's in what's called the "acute" stage of HIV infection, when the viral load is sky high;
- he's not yet on treatments that could significantly reduce his viral load (most infectious time);
- and he's likely taking more sexual risks because he assumes he's not posing any harm to anyone (other than perhaps himself).

It's estimated that 20% of HIV positive gay and bisexual men do not know they are infected.

The best way to interrupt this trend of the newly HIV infected who do not know their status being the source of other new HIV infections is to have all sexually active men get tested on a regular basis. The sooner you/he knows, the sooner treatment can begin and other steps taken! That's why the Gay Men's Health project (and a host of community partners) recently launched a campaign to encourage gay, bisexual and bi-curious men to have a sexual health check-up. We recommend that *all* sexually active gay/bi/bi-curious men get tested at least annually for HIV as well as for Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

We've included other STI (sexually transmitted infection) tests in this recommendation because having any other STI increases the risk of contracting HIV by up to five times. As well, if you are HIV positive (on treatment, or not) having an additional STI greatly increases your HIV

viral load and your infectiousness so long as that STI is untreated. You can easily have HIV or an STI without any obvious symptoms so testing is the only sure way to know—and you need to know. Not having symptoms does *not* mean that you do not have HIV or another STI, or that it's not doing you harm.

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If you have questions about any of this contact the Gay Men's Health Coordinator at GMHC@acns.ns.ca, or phone 902-425-4882, ext. 222 or 1-800-566-2437, ext. 222 (in Nova Scotia). If you have questions about where you can get tests done in your area (including anonymous HIV tests, or non-nominal ("without name") HIV and STI tests), contact the Gay Men's Health Coordinator at ACNS (in Nova Scotia) or your local AIDS organization.

Wanna Play Doctor?

Volunteers are needed for the Gay Men's Health Project's latest campaign. We're looking for gay and bisexual men 19 and over to do bar and/or community event healthy sexuality outreach in Halifax. Men between 19 and 25 are especially needed. The average commitment (per event) would be between 2-4 hours and you can work just one or every one! You don't need to be a "sexpert" as any training needed is provided. Contact Chris Aucoin, Gay Men's Health Coordinator of the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia: gmhc@acns.ns.ca, (902) 425-4882, ext 222. Come have some fun, meet some good people and make a difference in your community.

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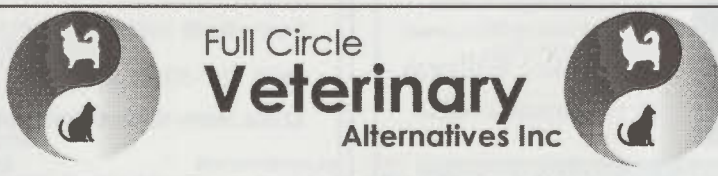
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Assembling before the Parade.



The New New Glaswegian

by Gerard Veldhoven

Gay Iraqis Eligible For Asylum In The Netherlands

Word comes from Bulgaria that an attempt to hold Pride celebrations last year was interrupted by a crowd determined to wipe out this event by attacking and beating up parade participants. The same extremist group was given a permit from city officials to organize this hate-filled action again. A priest is supporting the action by suggesting people throw stones at the celebrants. The Bulgarian queer population continues their fight for equality.

Tennis star Billie Jean King and Glee's Jane Lynch are among those that launched a political action committee, raising cash and campaigning on Gay and Women's rights in the United States. The aim is to raise a million dollars. The money will be used to back candidates who support equality and campaign against those suppressing queer rights and wish to ban same-sex marriage. LPAC chair, Sarah Schmidt, says the Republican Party continues its attack against the queer community. Apparently, LPAC has lots of support, as one in six Barack Obama supporters are openly gay and have already given the organization \$500,000.

Meanwhile, news is circulating that the Boys Scouts of America continues to ban queer members. According to the Associated Press, the group's national spokesperson, Deron Smith, said the 11 member special committee "unanimously came to the conclusion that this policy is the absolute best policy for the Boy Scouts." There is mounting public opposition to this decision. In contrast, Scouts Canada fully accepts gays as troop members and leaders. As a matter of fact, we have the world's first queer scout troop. Named "Scouts Canada's Rover Crew 129," the group marched proudly in Toronto's Pride Parade, drawing cheers from many of the 800,000 people there for the world's first OFFICIAL queer scout troop. Scouts Canada authorized the troop's investiture early in July.

In another development, we learn that Anderson Cooper made it official. He revealed publicly that he is gay. Of course to many of

our readers and the queer community at large, it is not a huge revelation. However, it is extremely helpful as celebrities have a far reaching and positive effect, especially regarding our young brothers and sisters, with the message that's it is okay to be queer.

American evangelicals continue to encourage homophobia in Uganda. The Anti Homosexuality Bill has stalled in committee. The death sentence clause has been removed. However, gay rights activists in Uganda say homophobia is on the rise at a meteoric speed because of the influence of the evangelical churches headed by right wing Americans. Meanwhile, the government is banning 38 non-governmental organizations it accuses of "promoting homosexuality." David Bahati, the back-bencher in the Musevi government, who introduced this horrendous bill, is confident it will pass. The queer community has cause for concern as the sweep to eradicate their existence is real.

The Dutch immigration minister, Gerd Leers, said lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Iraq may seek asylum in the Netherlands. The situation is so grave that armed militia target the queer community. The Dutch foreign affairs department has been highly critical of the treatment of the LGBT community in Iraq. The war-torn nation is one of a number of countries where it is against the law to be queer and is punishable by life imprisonment or death.

Ukraine's parliament proceeded to debate a bill that would ban "propaganda of homosexuality" among minors by imposing fines and criminal responsibility on those believed to disseminate positive information about homosexuality. Homophobic violence against the queer community is on the rise. An attempt to have a pride parade in June failed as organizers were afraid participants would be attacked by radical groups. After the cancellations two queer leaders were violently beaten. Ukrainians have been increasingly hostile against gays and lesbians.



No Pride in Prison

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Talking about prisons and policing means talking not only about "our people," queers, trans folks, people who don't fit in to rigid roles of the gender binary and heterosexuality, but also the people who have hurt us and hurt our communities—homophobic people, people who bash gays, people who commit violence against women, rapists. I can't believe in a world that addresses problems by tearing people from their communities, by putting people in cages, by subjecting people to more and more violence, and so my understanding of justice has to mean justice for those people too.

There are lots of things that you can do to challenge the prison system and policing in our society. Look around you, and see how surveillance and policing is becoming integrated more and more into our lives. Maybe you've seen the body scanners at the airport. Those scanners can out trans folks in the interest of supposed safety. Take interest in the security measures used at your kids schools, how searches and surveillance are being normalized. Speak out against treating youth like criminals. Stand up against prison expansion in your

community. If you're a member of a union, try and talk to your co-workers about standing up against building more prisons, even if it means a few more jobs. Get to know your neighbours. Build community wherever you can. Speak out against government policies and laws that criminalize the poor, that criminalize people living with HIV and AIDS, that subject people changing their names to fingerprinting, that cut our public services. Defend programs in your community for youth, for aboriginal people, for people living with addictions, for those experiencing mental health issues.

There are a million ways to fight for a world without prisons and if

we are committed to a project of collective liberation—for people of all sexualities and all genders—then prisons are our enemy. Prisons are the front-line of the battle to maintain the rigid M and F, to maintain the idea of the "man and women and baby make three" family. Everyday, as we speak, behind prison walls gender roles are heavily policed, and straying from those roles can lead to segregation or beatings; rape is used as a tool to maintain cisgendered and hetero supremacy, and more and more of our queer and trans siblings are being mistreated. And you know, we don't spend a whole lot of time thinking about folks in prison. We don't spend time thinking about how we can reach through those prison

walls to say, we're here. Even if you can't see us, we are here and we think that addressing social problems with violence and with cages is the greatest injustice.

Kaley Kennedy is a young queer lady and prisoner justice activist. She has written on and spoken about the realities of Canadian prisons for a variety of audiences

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The Red Ribbon

by Ted Gaudet

This year marks 21 years since the creation/adoption of the red ribbon and the most visible means that connects so many to the AIDS movement.

The Red Ribbon Project was created by the New York-based Visual AIDS Artists Caucus in 1991. The artists who formed the Visual AIDS Artists Caucus wished to create a visual symbol to demonstrate compassion for people living with AIDS and their caregivers. Inspired by the yellow ribbons honoring American soldiers serving in the Gulf war, the colour red symbolizes: red, like love, as a symbol of passion and tolerance towards those affected; red, like blood, representing the pain caused



by the many people that died of AIDS; red, like the anger about the helplessness by which we are facing a disease for which there is still no chance for a cure; red as a sign of warning not to carelessly ignore one of the biggest problems of our time.

First worn publicly by Jeremy Irons at the 1991 Tony Awards, the ribbon soon became renowned as an international symbol of AIDS awareness, becoming a politically correct fashion accessory on the lapels of celebrities. At the Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert held at Wembley Stadium, in London on Easter Sunday, 1992, more than 100,000 red ribbons were distributed among the audience, with performers such as George Michael wearing one. To symbolize the United States' commitment to combat the world AIDS epidemic, President George W. Bush's administration began displaying a 28-foot AIDS Ribbon

on the White House's iconic North Portico on World AIDS Day 2007. The display, now an annual tradition, quickly garnered attention, as it was the first banner, sign or symbol to prominently hang from the White House since Abraham Lincoln lived in the building. The Red Ribbon is displayed prominently throughout Ottawa and other regions of Canada during various promotional events throughout the year.

The red ribbon began to decline in popularity around the early 2000's and although it still appears on many websites, its actual display in public has curtailed significantly. This may be due to a general growing disinterest, disillusionment, or exhaustion amongst the general public with AIDS activism and AIDS organisations. I personally think that the Red Ribbon continues to be a powerful force in the fight to increase public awareness of HIV/AIDS and in the lobbying efforts to increase funding for AIDS services and research. The Red Ribbon carries no copyrights, therefore feel free to make your own and/or contact your local AIDS service organization to get one—they have a variety from which to choose and it helps to increase awareness about HIV/AIDS and show support.

The 416er

by Randall Perry

Year Two Begins...

At the beginning of every school year there's always a clutch of kids who, to the chagrin of their peers, are just a touch too enthusiastic about going back to class. I was one of those annoying kids—this will come as no surprise to those who've known me since I was a chubby, clumsy child with really huge glasses.

Every year since, around the first of August, I anticipate the sudden switch from summer to "back-to-school" season. Walking through stores and seeing the piles of new school supplies I feel a familiar little thrill of anticipation. I find myself inexorably drawn in and I'm suddenly lost in my nostalgia, fingering the caps of the pens and inhaling the scent of fresh notebook paper.

It's coming up on Labour Day, nicknamed "Canadian New Year" by some because of its ring of newness and return to "regular" life, as it were, after summer break. September heralds the last third of the year, the one period rife with regimented festivals and happenings: Thanksgiving, Hallowe'en, Christmas.

As much as I enjoy summer, of all the seasons I love autumn the best—Toronto International Film Festival, Word on the Street, International Festival of Authors, Taste of the Kingsway, Nuit Blanche, to name but a few of my favourites.

As of the end of August I will be in Toronto a full year. I must be honest: it's not been a cakewalk. I knew there would be a healthy dose of reality along with the fantasy of living here again. My glasses were still tinged with a last bit of rose when I stepped off the plane a year ago.

The best way to describe it is: I've yet to find my groove. For some reason I don't feel like I fit into the city. Not yet, anyway. I understand this isn't unusual. A friend from the Maritimes, living here now almost three years, told me it took him a full year and a half before he really felt at home.

The problem lies mostly with me. It takes me a long time to feel "at home," no matter where I live, and I usually don't stick around long enough to make a place my own. I've moved 13 times in the past 23 years; when I do set up a more

than temporary house, it takes me a long time to settle and stop living out of boxes.

I suck at relationships, too, even though I'm a friendly, outgoing person. When it comes to meeting potential boyfriends, I have a tremendous capacity (legendary among those who know me best) for self-doubt and self-sabotage. I can count the number of dates I've had in the past year on one hand, all of which have been, subtly or crashingly, disasters.

(I also have an unfortunate tendency to fall for men who are physically or emotionally unavailable, so it sometimes feels like all the best guys are already taken.)

My friends say I need to relax and stop trying to control everything around me. I need to let go and stop being such an obstinate son of a bitch. But it's a goddamn scary, difficult thing to do!

To balance off the stuff that makes me want to bang my head against the wall, there's been a measure of success—my job and I seem compatible, I'm back in school following my passion for books and publishing, and I've entered a new, rich creative period of my life. I've attended fabulous festivals and enjoyed celebrations of all sizes and themes. I've made some new, trustworthy friends.

School starts up for me on September 10. The next sixteen months will be intense as I continue working full-time while going to school at night and continue building my writing career. Somehow, in the midst of all that, I still need to figure out where I'm going and where I fit—in the city, in the world. In my skin.

Let's see how year two goes. I'll keep you posted.

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AIDS Moncton: offers support to people living with HIV and their families and friends, education and awareness 506-859-9616 email: sidaidsm@sida-aidsmoncton.com web: www.sida-aidsmoncton.com at (506-859-4726 fax) 80 Weldon St, Moncton, NB, E1C 5V8

PFLAG: Supporting all people with questions or concerns about sexual orientation and gender identity issues 382-7145 email: monctonnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/moncton.html, meets 3rd Monday (Occasionally on the 2nd Monday, Â please call) at YMCA, 30 War Veterans Avenue

River of Pride-riviere de fierte INC. of Greater Moncton: The organization meets regularly, to discuss upcoming events and activities, everyone is welcome to attend. check out time / location posted on the website. Media and general inquiries, including registration of volunteers and parade participation, can be made from the website or by email. email: riverofpride@hotmail.com web: www.fiertemonctonpride.ca (See webpage for schedule.)

Transgendered Peer Support Group: Open to all M2F, F2M, Andro and trans-supporters from across Atlantic Canada. email: be_tgmoncton@live.com

Un sur Dix - University of Moncton Association for the LGBT community and their allies (not only for students): The mission is to ensure the well-being of the community and to end homophobia (mainly a french association, but also organizes some bilingual activities). For more information, please visit the website. email: unsurdix@umoncton.ca web: etudiants.umoncton.ca/umcm-unsurdix

Petit-Rocher (Bathurst area)

Gais.es Nor Gays Inc. (GNG): 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.

Sackville NB/Amherst NS

Catalyst: Catalyst, Mount Allison's Queer-Straight Alliance, provides support & information for all Mt. A students, staff, and faculty through meetings, seminars, and social events. Everyone is welcome. email: catalyst@mta.ca web: www.mta.ca/clubs/catalyst/ (Catalyst meets approximately every week from Sept-Dec and Jan-April. For meeting info contact the president at catalyst@mta.ca or the Students' Administrative Council at sac@mta.ca.)

PFLAG: Support and education for GLBTQ2IQQ persons, friends & family 536-4245 email: sacknb@pflagcanada.ca, meets 4th Monday (7:30 to 9:30pm, no meeting in July and August) at St Anthony's Presbyterian Church, 36 Bridge St.

Saint John

Affirming United Church - Centenary - Queen Square United Church: invites you to worship! 506-634-8288 email: cqsunited@nb.aibn.com web: www.cqsunited.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30am) at 215 Wentworth St, Saint John, NB

AIDS Saint John: To improve the quality of life for those infected & affected by HIV/AIDS, and to reduce the spread of HIV through education and a needle exchange program. Call the office for details. 652-2437 email: aidsnj@nb.aibn.com web: www.aidsaintjohn.com

Gay Men, Âs Supper Club: web: www.portcityrainbowpride.com, meets 3rd Saturday (See webpage for more information) at 220 Germain St. Saint John New Brunswick

PFLAG: Provides support to anyone dealing with issues of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. (506)648-9700 or 648-9227 email: saintjohnnb@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/saintjohn, meets 1st Friday (1st Friday of each month September - June from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. 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: Pride Celebrations Committee

Saint John LGBTQ Lending Library: 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.

The UNBSJ Q-Collective: A social and support organization for UNBSJ students, staff and faculty. 506-648-5737 web: www.unbsj.ca/clubs/qcollective (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, 'ÂE News,Â. Past events include the annual Rainbow Peace March, guest speakers, movie nights, participation in Maritime Pride Parades, Supporters of PFLAG Canada's "Communities Encourage Campaign" and "Champions Against Homophobia".

Woodstock

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

Newfoundland & Lab (709)

Frontrunners Newfoundland and Labrador: Running/walking club. 722-5791 or 753-9529 email: tonybrathwaite@bellaliant.net, jennifer.mccreath@yahoo.com (meeting times can be flexible to accommodate new runners.)

St. John's

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

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

LBGTQ Youth Group: A monthly gathering for queer, allied, questioning, and any interested youth. We offer social events such as bowling, movie nights, and coffee houses. Contact group coordinator Rob Sinnott at the number listed, email, or visit the web page for more info. 699-0509 email: lbgqt@nlsexualhealthcentre.org web: nlsexualhealthcentre.org

PFLAG Canada - St. John's NL Chapter: Monthly Chapter meetings, support and information for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, two-spirit, intersex, queer and questioning persons and their parents, families and friends. 699-0509 email: stjohnsnl@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca (We will aim to hold Chapter Meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Please check www.pflagcanada.ca for schedule and any changes.) at Community Connections, 9 Cathedral Street, St. John's NL.

St. John's Pride Inc: The officially-registered non-profit Pride company for St. John's email: stjohnspride@yahoo.ca web: www.stjohnspride.org

Nova Scotia (902)

Hepatitis Outreach Society: Since 1999 the Hepatitis Outreach Society has been providing support, education and prevention information for those infected and affected by hepatitis in the province of Nova Scotia. 420-1767 in HRM or 1-800-521-0572 email: info@HepatitisOutreach.com web: www.HepatitisOutreach.com at Our office is located at 2973 Oxford Street, between Liverpool and Cork streets. Please call to make an appointment or email Program@HepatitisOutreach.com.

South Shore Rainbow Families: South Shore Rainbow Families is a group created by and for LGBTQ families (this is inclusive of LGBTQ parents and their children, as well as LGBTQ children and their parents), allies, prospective parents, and all other supporters, regardless of family size, ethnicity, culture, faith, or income level. South Shore Rainbow Families would like to strive to cultivate and promote a healthy and strong community through maintaining an active online community and holding, 'ÂFamily Fun,Â events in the area. email: southshorerainbowfami

lies@hotmail.com web: www.facebook.com/groups/122754554526294/

SUNS GLB Constituency Committee: 494-6654 at c/o the Students' Union of NS

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

Amherst

Sexual Health Centre Cumberland County: Open and inclusive services: information, education, workshops, free condoms. 667-7500 email: shccc@ns.aliantzinc.ca web: cumberlandcounty.cfsi.info (9 - 5 drop-in or appt) at 11 Elmwood Drive (Side entrance). Confidential, hassle-free. Free condoms.

Annapolis Valley

Valley Gay Men's Coffee House: Meets Thursday evenings at 7pm for coffee and socializing and host a gay/lesbian/bi and all genders 19+ dance on the first Saturday of each month from 9pm-1am. No Dance in November in lieu of two dances held in October. 825-3197,363-2055 email: menembracingmen@hotmail.com (email or call for locations or special events or themes)

Antigonish

Rainbow Warriors: Rainbow Warriors is a youth-run support group for LGBTQ youth and allies in Antigonish. We hold social events such as picnics and game nights, have educational discussions around topics such as stereotypes/assumptions and transsexuality, and raise awareness in the surrounding community by participating in functions such as the Highland Games Parade and the Farmers' Market. While our group is youth-focused everyone is regardless of age, and gender identity or sexual orientation! Find our group on Facebook "Rainbow Warriors - AHAH!" email: antigonishrainbowwarriors@gmail.com, meets every Monday (3:00-5:00pm) at The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, located in the Kirk Building at 219 Main Street, Suite 204 (above Tim Hortons).

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

Bridgewater

Sexual Health Centre for Lunenburg County: Confidential info, education & support for everyone. Safer sex supplies, library, pamphlets, workshops 527-2868 email: LunCo@NS-SexualHealth.ca web: www.theSHaC.org (Hours vary. Open by appointment or by chance. Please call ahead.) at 4 Hillcrest Street Unit 8, Bridgewater. (On the corner of Dufferin and Hillcrest Streets). Closed during summers.

Halifax

Affirm United: GLBT & Friends support, action and worshipping community within the United Church 461-4528 email: alstew@eastlink.ca

AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia: non-profit, community-based AIDS organization, provincially mandated. Provides direct service and support for people living with HIV/AIDS and also offers various prevention programs across NS. You can reach us locally to HRM at 425-4882 or across the province at 1-800-566-2437. (902)425-4882 email: acns@acns.ns.ca web: www.acns.ns.ca

Alcoholics Anonymous: Live & Let Live AA Group for LGBT community (902) 425-8383/422-4972 email: courage449@yahoo.com, meets every Monday (at 8pm) at St Matthews United Church, 1479 Barrington St, Halifax (Use side door near Maritime Centre at bottom of stairs)

Anonymous HIV/AIDS Testing: 455-9656

Bedford United Church: An Affirming Ministry 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, with free coffee and muf -fins before church to take into this service. 11 am service: Quieter and more reverent in tone, coffee after service. During the summer months, we have one 10 am service but occasionally during the year we change our service times for special occasions, so please call to confirm service times) at 1200 Bedford Hwy at Sullivan's Hill, near Atlantic Gardens

BLT-Womyn of Halifax: Bi Sexauls, Lesbian, Transgender Womyn's Discussion Group Online Sue's # 499-0335 email: sueandrews1964@hotmail.com web:

ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/blt-womynof-halifax/ (No Meetings at Present! Please call if you have any questions, 499-0335 sue) at Dalhousie Women's Centre 6286 South Street (Beside Dalplex Driveway) Cancelled at the present time.

DalOUT: DalOUT is the award-winning LGBTQ society at Dalhousie University. We pride ourselves on hosting fun, engaging and educational events for the entire Halifax community. email: dalout@dal.ca web: www.dalout.ca, meets 2nd Thursday, and 4th Thursday (from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.) at the Dalhousie Student Union Building (6136 University Ave., Room 321)

Frontrunners Halifax: Running/walking club 422-7579 email: Bruce.Greenfield@dal.ca web: www.frontrunners.org/clubs/index.php?club=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 Men's Prostate Cancer Support Group: Prostate Cancer Canada Network is launching a support group for gay men and their families. Our meetings are informal and provide a forum for personal discussion with prostate cancer survivors, those newly diagnosed and their caregivers. For more information or to become a member contact Peter Mallette at 902-420-9449 or peter.mallette@prostatecancer.ca 902-420-9449 email: peter.mallette@prostatecancer.ca Prostate Cancer Canada Atlantic 5121 Sackville Street Suite 101 Halifax B3J 1K1

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

Get Out, 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.

Girl-ish Productions: Girl-ish puts on hot and heavy bi-monthly-ish dance parties for queer-ish folks and their friends. web: www.girl-ish.ca

Hal-Gal Mailing List: Low-traffic Yahoo group providing events and information for queer women in the Halifax area. email: hal-gal@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/hal-gal/ (Join the list to keep in touch or post your events.)

Halifax Sexual Health Centre: Anonymous HIV testing, open and inclusive sexual health clinical services, education and workshops. Everyone welcome. Confidential and non-judgmental. 455-9656 web: www.HSHC.ca

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

Integrity: Integrity is an organization of GLBT Anglicans and their friends, to encourage Christian gay men and lesbians in their spiritual life; to support the Church in its commitment to seek and serve Christ in all people; and to reach out to the GLBT community in Christian love and service. (902) 425-8383 web: www.integrity-canada.org, meets 3rd Sunday (4:00pm) at All Saints Cathedral

Koinonia Ecumenical Church: Meaning, 'Âcommunity,Â. Koinonia is an ecumenical faith community offering open membership, equal marriage, practicing bible, church, religious and soul freedom, as well as open table communion. Koinonia offers Spiritual Care. Crisis support visitation and counselling for an honorarium. ALL are Welcome who celebrate God's Covenant to Love All of God's Creation. We are a registered charitable organization accepting donations from all who believe in the promotion of our all-inclusive community of faith. Contact Rev. Elaine @ 902-876-8771 for more information, or mail your contribution to 2410 St. Margaret's Bay Road Halifax N.S. B3T 1H1 with your name and address so we can issue your tax receipt. 876-8771 email: koinonia@eastlink.ca (we gather bi-weekly at 12:30pm - 1:30 followed by a time of fellowship) at Petrie's Halifax Feast Dinner Theatre, Maritime Centre - entrance on the corner of Barrington & Salter Streets

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

MomSquared: CALLING ALL LESBIAN MOMS. I know you're out there! A group for lesbian moms to connect and provide support and friendship to each other as well as friendship and interaction for our children. email: ilovey2moms@

Groups & Services continued

gmail.com web: momsquared.weebly.com

Mount Pride: LGBTQ group at Mount Saint Vincent University email: mountpride@mountstudents.ca, meets last Monday (at 2:00pm.) at Meetings in the Diversity Center in Roseria. Possible events that are being planned for the year include sexuality awareness, movies nights, social events, guest speakers, and many more. There are always LGBTQ community events to be involved with and events that are always fun. This group is open to anyone who would like to join. Also, join the "Mount Pride" Facebook group!

Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project: NSRAP, the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project: for 15 years the leading advocate for Nova Scotia's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community. Fostering change in our communities through education, outreach, and political action. 444.3206 email: nsrap@nsrap.ca web: www.nsrp.ca at TBA

Outlaw: GLBTQ & Allies Law Students Association at Dalhousie Law School email: schulich.outlaw@gmail.com web: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2416842853 (Meetings vary. Please email for further information or check out our Facebook group.) at Dalhousie Law School. 6061 University Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

PFLAG: Support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. These meetings are open to all. For more information please feel free to contact Michelle Malette by phone or email. Hope you'll join us! 431-8500 email: halifaxns@pflagcanada.ca, meets 1st Thursday (We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm 902-431-8500) at Youth Project, 2281 Brunswick St, Halifax

Play Group for Queer Families: 422-8780 (3-5pm) at 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.

Pride Week: Producers of Atlantic Canada's largest LGBTQ cultural festival. 431-1194 email: info@halifaxpride.ca web: www.halifaxpride.ca

prideHealth: prideHealth is a program of Capital Health and the IWK Health Centre. If you are a member of the pride community and need support with any kind of health care call Anita our Clinical Nursing Specialist, number below. She is available free of charge, offers complete confidentiality, and can also give you support if you are experiencing homo or transphobia. prideHealth- improving safe access to health care. 220.0643

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

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

SMU-Q: A student-driven society that provides positive support, advocacy, activities, and education through the dissemination of information to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, queer, questioning, intersexual, and ally persons of Saint Mary's University and the LGBTQIA community at large. 902-496-8216 email: info@smuq.ca web: www.smuq.ca (See our facebook group http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysUniversityQ and website for details on upcoming events) at Saint Mary's University

Spirituality For Lesbians: 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. 459-2649, meets 2nd Wednesday (7:30-9PM, phone for meeting locations)

Team 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 Youth Project: Support, education and social activities for youth 25 and under across Nova Scotia. Weekly events, plus a youth food bank and Health nurse on site. 429-5429 email: youthproject@youthproject.ns.ca web: www.youthproject.ns.ca (Please see our website for an up-to-date calendar of events.)

Trans Family Nova Scotia: Trans Family is an open & supportive space welcoming families, friends and allies as well as trans and genderqueer folk themselves. If you are unable to join us at a meeting for any reason, we can you help source resources and refer you to other appropriate organizations to help meet your needs. For more information, please feel free to call or email Michelle. 902-431-8500 email: transfamily@eastlink.ca, meets 3rd Monday (6:30 to 8:30 pm) at The Youth Project 2281 Brunswick St., Halifax

Universalist Unitarian Church: an inclusive liberal religious community 429-5500 email: uuchurch@eastlink.ca web: UUCH.ca, meets every Sunday (10:30; see website for special events) at 5500 Inglis St

Kentville

Red Door: Youth Health & Support Centre. Information and services for sexual health. Ages 13 - 30. 679-1411 web: thereddoor.ca (Monday to Friday 2pm to 6pm) at 150 Park Street

Lunenburg

Second Story Women's Centre: 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.

Middleton

PFLAG: Information and support for GLBT community and their friends and families. 902-825-0548 email: middletonns@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca/middleton.html (Check online for meeting times and locations- or phone 825-0548)

New Glasgow

Pictou County Centre for Sexual Health: Providing comprehensive and accessible sexual and reproductive health services in a safe, confidential and non-judgemental manner for women and men of all ages. PCCSH is affiliated with the Nova Scotia Association of Sexual Health and the Canadian Federation of Sexual Health. They are a pro-choice and GLBTQ friendly organization. 695-3366 email: psexualhealth@hotmail.com web: www.pictoucountysexualhealth.com

Pictou County Women's Centre: Offering Individual Support Counselling and Crisis Intervention, Information and Referral, Advocacy and Accompaniment, Programs and Community Education 755-4647 email: pcwc@womenscentre.ca

New Minas / Annapolis Valley

Valley Youth Project: Sexual Orientation. Gender Identity. Allies. Youth. email: valleyyouthproject@gmail.com (6-8:30 most Wednesdays through May) at New Minas Civic Center, 9209 Commercial St. Ages 25 & under. Free bus tickets available. Free food. Fun activities. Join us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Valley-Youth-Project/2241849495

Sydney

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton: Support, advocacy, prevention/education for those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. Free condoms! Queer Advocacy and Educa-

tion, Needle Distribution, Food Bank, Coffee, Safe Space for those infected or affected. (902) 567-1766 Toll Free 1-877-597-9255 email: christineporter@acbc.ns.ca web: www.acbc.ns.ca (Free Anonymous Testing 1-902-567-1123 Monday and Tuesday each week from 8:30 to 4:30 and Thursdays from 8:30 to Noon. Check our Website for events and updates.) at 150 Bentinck St, Sydney, N.S. B1P 1G6

Cape Breton University Sexual Diversity Centre: We provide a welcoming environment for GLBTQ people and their Allies. 902-563-1481 email: sdc@cbu.ns.ca (Monday to Thursday 8:30-5 or by appointment) at the Students' Union Building, Cape Breton University.

PFLAG: Peer support & education on issues of sexual orientation & gender identity. email: sydney@pflagcanada.ca, meets last Sunday (of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. No meetings for June, July or August.) at Family Place Resource Centre, 714 Alexandra Street

Pride Cape Breton Society: Dances and Social Events. Monthly dances are Adults Only! Check website community events. (902) 539-4627 email: info@pridecapebreton.com web: www.pridecapebreton.com (Dances on the last Saturday of every month. Check website for dance and special event dates!) at Southend Community Centre. Maps are at our website.

Tatamagouche

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

Truro

Central Nova Women's Resource Centre: Resources, programs and services available for all women identified women. Advocacy and support - with outreach to rural areas. Also, see our Facebook group. Central Nova Women's Resource Centre http://cnwrc.weebly.com, cnwrc@eastlink.ca 535 Prince Street, Truro, NS B2N 1E8 (902) 895-4295 web: cnwrc.weebly.com

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre: Provides support and information to anyone (GLBTQ included) affected by sexual assault and abuse. 902-897-4366 email: trurosexualassault@hotmail.com (Centre Hours Mon-Thurs 9:30-4:30) at 80 Glenwood Drive, Truro Nova Scotia

Hepatitis C Aware: a project of Northern AIDS Connection Society (NACS) working to educate members of the communities in Colchester, Cumberland, East Hants and Pictou counties on Hepatitis C. 1-866-940-AIDS email: nacs@eastlink.ca

Northern AIDS Connection Society: HIV prevention education initiative serving Colchester, Cumberland, East Hants & Pictou counties. We are located

at 33 Pleasant Street, Truro, NS. Phone 895-0931 email: nacs@eastlink.ca web: northernaidconnectionsociety.ca (Our Board of Directors meet bi-monthly. Annual General Meeting held regularly in June. See webpage for contact information and upcoming events.)

Rainbow Proud: Rainbow Proud supports the LGBT** community of Truro and surrounding areas. Our small group of volunteers work hard to put events together for everyone's enjoyment. Any feedback will be considered and can be sent to our email address. We hope you continue to come celebrate our community together. email: rainbowproud@hotmail.com web: rainbowproudnovascotia.ca (See webpage for schedule.)

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

SAAFE (Supporting An Alternative Friendly Environment): Social/support group at the NS Agricultural College. 893-6300 email: lyoung@nsac.ns.ca (Meetings as requested. Membership changes each academic year.)

Wolfville

Acadia Women's Centre: 585-2140 email: womens.centre@acadiau.ca (Acadia SUB Second Level Balcony)

Yarmouth

South West Nova Pride: We are first & foremost a social group for SW Nova Scotia. All GLBT people of any age and in any stage of coming out are invited, we have a monthly gathering at Sobeys community room on Starrs Rd. in Yarmouth at 7:00 PM on the 2nd last Friday of each month. We create a monthly calendar of events for such things as pool, potluck parties, day trips or what ever members like to do. So come join us have fun and meet other GLBT people. 902-749-0977 email: dianefcc@eastlink.ca web: yarmouthpride.weebly.com/ (Check out our our facebook at South West Nova Pride.)

Prince Edward Island (902)

Gay PEI Mailing List: Electronic mailing list for all GLBT, questioning and friendly, focus is on PEI email: gay-pe-owner@yahoo.com web: groups.yahoo.com/group/gay-pe/ at All first posts are moderated to stop spambots, otherwise, it's an open list.

GLBT Youth group: Safe Space Drop-Ins 367-3408 or toll free 1 877 380 5776 (E-mail us for further details.) at 144 Prince St.


PFLAG Canada - PEI: Providing support, education and advocacy for GLBT persons, their families and friends in PEI 902-887-3620 email: pei@pflagcanada.ca web: www.pflagcanada.ca (Meetings take place on an as needs basis.) at Check with Mary or Bill Kendrick on this month's location by calling 902-887-3620.

Charlottetown

AIDS PEI: AIDS PEI offers HIV prevention and support services to all residents of PEI. 902-566-2437 email: info@aid-spei.com web: www.aidspei.com at 375 University Ave, Unit 2, Charlottetown PE, C1A 4N4

ARC -- Abegweit Rainbow Collective: Serving GLBT Islanders, their friends and families. 894-5776 email: info@arcofpei.com web: www.arcofpei.com, meets 1st Monday (6:00pm at 375 University Ave Suite # 2 Charlottetown, PE)

Free To Be Me - GLBTQ Alcoholics Anonymous: non-profit AA group with a GLBTQ focus.



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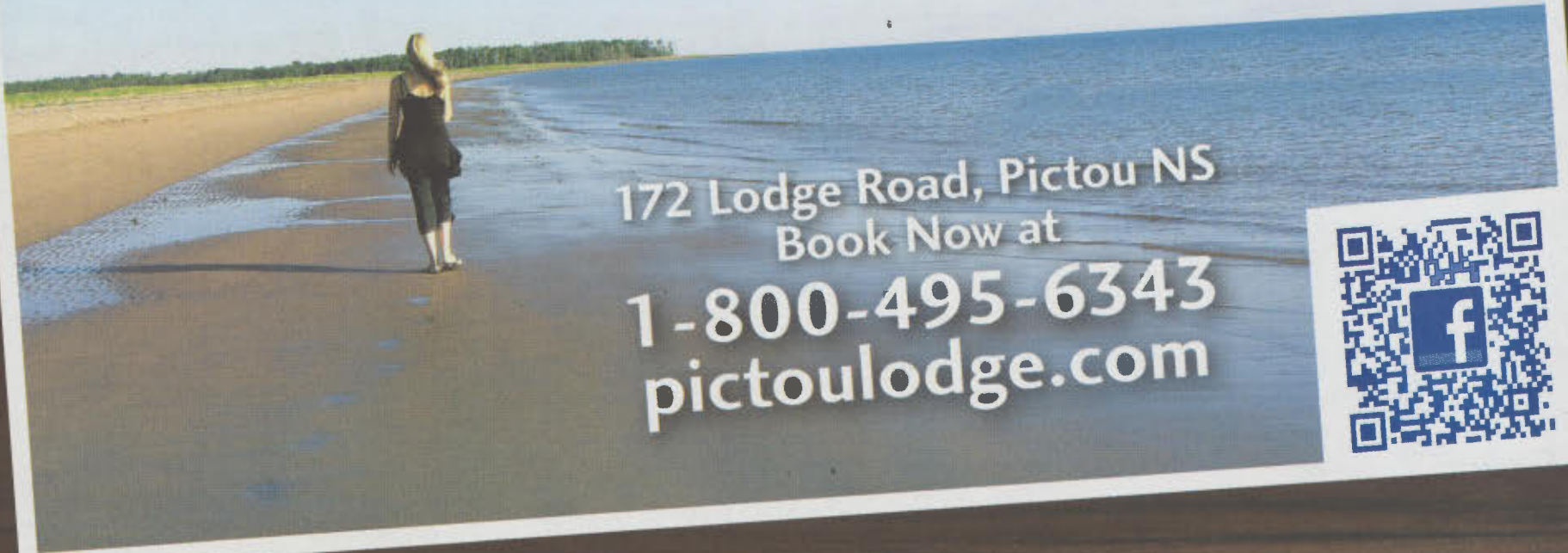


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