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MAY 2024



ACTIVITIES

WALKING GROUP

By Dennis Camara



It is hard to believe the Walking Group has been around for seven years. Fellow member Jim Hance had the idea to create the group as a way for the Prime Gentlemen in the area to exercise, meet new people, and to socialize. It certainly has been a success in meeting those objectives!

The Walking Group meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the north end of the Skolnick Center parking lot (800 SW 36th Avenue) in the Palm Aire neighborhood of Pompano Beach.

We typically gather about ten minutes early for an impromptu meet and greet and to discuss the chosen walking route for the night.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Is the Apocalypse coming? On Saturday, April 6 an earthquake struck Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and on Monday, April 8 a good portion of the United States saw a total solar eclipse. What's next boils, frogs, locusts? The great American humorist, Garrison Keillor gave a benefit concert for the church in New York City I attended at the time. As part of his routine, he said that God visited 10 plagues on New York, but nobody noticed! He really pegged the typical New Yorker.

I mention these two natural wonders because they are noteworthy, and not because horrible times are ahead.

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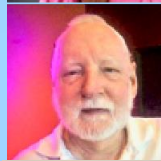
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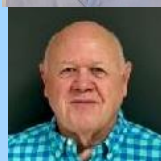
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We have 5 walking routes which range between 2 and 3 miles. The walking pace is leisurely. Benches are on every route in case someone needs to rest. Walking an abbreviated route is an option for anyone who doesn't want to walk the full distance.

Palm Aire is an easy drive from Fort Lauderdale, Wilton Manors, and Oakland Park. It provides a park-like setting where our walkers can enjoy fresh air and the serenity of lakes, streams, and plenty of wildlife.

We have had as many as 28 walkers during the worst of the pandemic when people could be outdoors in a safer environment. Now we have a core group of around 10 "regulars" and about 10 to 15 walkers on any given Thursday. The number of walkers wanes in the summer months and then builds as the "snowbirds" return.

If you would like to get out of the house one night during the week, meet and socialize with a friendly group of guys, and get some exercise while doing so, please join us. We would love to have you.

April Free Movie and Potluck



PRESIDENT

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Even though the daily news is sometimes as frightening as raining frogs and wide spread pestilence.

I believe that we should only worry about the things we have control of. Things like our health, our relationships with other people and enjoying the things that give us pleasure.

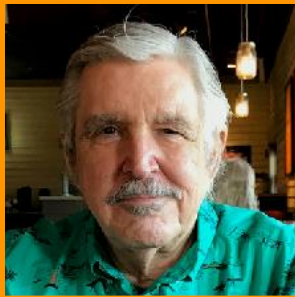
Personally, I get a great deal of comfort from the friendships I've made with fellow Prime Gentlemen. Observing and joining in the camaraderie I see at our mixers and the monthly membership meeting gives me a warm fuzzy feeling. I count myself very lucky to be part of all this.

We have a wonderful club made up of a wide variety of people who share many interests and concerns. There are as many personalities as there are members, but we all, I believe, need to be engaged with others, especially as we get older. The main reasons we exist as a group is to get out of our homes and socialize with others as much as we can. A quick glance at our monthly calendar reminds me that we have a wide array of opportunities to do that. I hope you all take as much advantage of them as you can.

**TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP 467**

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES: FRIDAY, May 17th at
1:30 pm @ the Pride Center
FREE POPCORN AND SODA
A SAGE and Prime Gentlemen Event



"**Nuovo Olimpo**" is a delightful and humane masterpiece that skillfully treads the delicate line between poetic expression and raw reality. It tells the story of two men who meet and fall in love in late-1970s Rome, only to be separated unexpectedly. Two young souls meet for four days and become bonded with their youthful fresh affection towards each other. In every single interaction, their profound love for each other is clearly visible.

The love scenes are tender and lyrical. But the ongoing situation makes them part. Then one fine day that takes almost 40 years.. an accident brings them together again.

"**Listen**" at Broadway Backwards 2024



"**Listen**" is going to go down in history as one of the best performances to ever come out of Broadway Backwards. THIS is what theater can be. So vulnerable, so honest, so moving! This is a blending of ASL [American Sign Language] and spoken word, demonstrating soul and meaning to both of them in an absolutely spectacular song, and having it both sung and signed made it more impactful and moving!

The Court at Palm Aire
2701 N Course Dr.
Pompano Beach FL 33069
Saturday, May 18th
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm



- BYOB Soft drinks/set-ups/ice & hot/cold hors d'oeuvres provided
- Dressing room/bath (bathing suits required)
- Guests are always welcome!!!
- To RSVP, send a note to: Southy2222@gmail.com
- First & last names please
- Use the ample guest parking!

May Hero

By Ken South



In 1950, President Harry Truman ordered the development of the hydrogen bomb, sent American military forces to aid in the defense of South Korea, and deployed military advisors to Vietnam to aid French forces. The first Diners Club card appeared, and the Brooklyn–Battery Tunnel is opened in New York City, while the game show, Truth or Consequences debuted on television.

Also that year, on February 1st, Mr. May was born in the Bronx, NY, the second oldest of four brothers. After a few years, the family moved to East Meadow, Long Island where Mr. M attended primary school and graduated from East Meadow High in 1968. He was an excellent student and enjoyed an active social life including participation on the tennis team, math club, chess team and was named President of the Honor Society. Mr. M also earned his Life award in the Boy Scouts and was on a little league team. There were monthly camping trips with his Boy Scout troop and his family camped frequently as well.

His choice of college was Stony Brook University, where he attended paying his own way by means of an ice cream route he started in high school. He majored in psychology and graduated in 1972. Like so many of his generation, the times were ripe with experimentation, and “sex, drugs and rock and roll” became the norm.

For graduate school, Mr. M. selected Yeshiva University in Manhattan. He completed all his requirements for a PhD in Psychology, shy a final dissertation, and left in 1976. Mr. M. was hired by the State of New York as a psychologist and began his career of 35 years in Dutchess County, NY. He worked in several different locations under the New York State, OMRDD Division (Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) providing a range of psychological services with different populations of clients including young people with learning disabilities.



During much of this time Mr. M. lived in several different neighborhoods in NYC, the lower east side, SOHO, NOHO, and later bought into a co-op in Jackson Heights, Queens. He remembers with fondness when he and a friend converted a school bus into a RV and traveled around the country. Once they went to a commune in Eureka, CA and when the bus broke down, decided to donate it to the community!

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In the early 80's he experienced the devastation of the AIDS epidemic on the gay community of New York. However, it was also during this time that he met "the love of his life" Vinny. They shared 13 wonderful years together, bought a co-op home in Long Beach, on the boardwalk (which he still owns today), and enjoyed all kinds of activities including much world travel to places like Amsterdam. However, his world was shattered when Vinny, who succumbed to pneumonia in 1991, died in 1995. Mr. M. became the brother who looked after his mother as her health declined and she moved into a senior community. She passed away in 2018 at the age of 96.

A highlight during the 80s, was when he met a gay man named Jimmy who became his lifelong friend. Jimmy and his partner, current Prime Gentlemen members, introduced Mr. M. to PG.

Do you now recognize this popular Prime Gentleman?



*MAY
EARLY BIRD
DINNER*

*Wednesday,
May 8th
5:30 pm*

**GG's of N.Y. Italian Restaurant
5440 N. State Road 7, North
Lauderdale, FL 33319
954.484.0400**

GG's has an extensive "early bird menu" with garlic rolls and salad served with every entree. There are six pasta dishes for \$15.95. Broiled Fillet GG's Style, Shrimp Scampi with mushrooms and Grilled Chicken Marsala are also available @ \$16.95 There are also 12 different subs available for \$12.95, and a meatball sub for \$11.95.

Download their 'Early Bird' menu using the link https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/bcc2a1d6-c17e-48c1-81ed-4073d8442102/downloads/early_bird.pdf?ver=1712164405280

This event was inspired by Chicago Patrick.

Please notify me if you would like to attend this dinner so I can notify GG's wildhybrid@aol.com

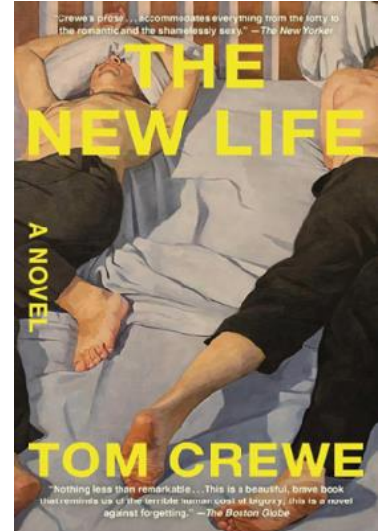
Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



In his auspicious debut, ***The New Life: A Novel***, British author Tom Crewe excavates the oppression and criminal punishment of gay men in 1890s England.

Set in London, the story depicts a collaboration between wealthy author John Addington, 49, and physician/essayist Henry Ellis, 30, on a book about the taboo subject of homosexuality. John and his wife are sexually estranged, and he brings his lover, Frank, 28, to live in his family house. Henry has an unconsummated marriage with Edith, who lives separately with her female lover. John's and Henry's completed study, *Sexual Inversion*, is full of anonymous case studies and testimonials, and it amounts to an argument for sexual freedom for gay men. Their decision to publish, especially so close to Oscar Wilde's highly publicized conviction for a same-sex affair, has far-reaching ramifications for John. The work, though, goes largely unnoticed until a London bookseller, who is being spied on for having radical beliefs, is arrested for selling the book, which, according to the charges, is "lewd, wicked, bawdy, scandalous, and obscene libel." As the bookseller's trial approaches, John's family life implodes; he becomes reckless, and his behavior panics Henry, who makes a decision that influences the trial.



Crewe uses meticulously researched period details to great effect and rounds out the narrative with solid characters and tight pacing. Readers will look forward to seeing what this talented author does next.

The New Life will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, May 11 from 11:00 am to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom via this link [Book Discussion Group](#) (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Pass code: 076609)



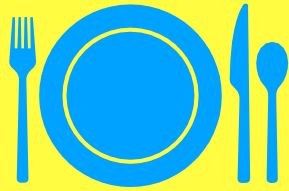
21st Anniversary Dinner/ Annual Banquet

Saturday, June 22, 2024
Tropical Acres
2500 Griffin Rd,
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312

UPCOMING:

The June 8 meeting
selection is
***My Search for Warren
Harding***, by Robert Plunket





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 pm
Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall
2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Bring a dish to share for our potluck meal

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 pm
GG's of N.Y. Italian Restaurant
5440 N. State Road 7, North Lauderdale, FL 33319 | 954.484.0400
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, May 9, 1:00 pm
Mom's Kitchen
1940 NE 45th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, May 15, 5:00 pm
Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill
4711 North Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park, FL 33334
Happy Hour Drinks; Dinner, 5:30 pm
Contact Ken South at SOUTHY2222@gmail.com to take advantage of this half-price Prime Gentlemen/SAGE deal! Bring a guest!

NIGHT OUT DINNER

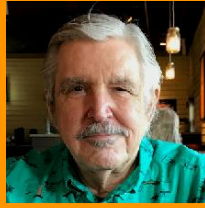
Wednesday, May 22, Happy Hour Drinks: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 5:30 pm
Tropics Grille
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Please email Ed to let him know if you plan to attend, so he can give Tropics a heads-up. Ed Slough: wildhybrid@aol.com

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, May 30, 1:00 pm
Bahama Breeze
3339 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat

MIXER

Every Tuesday, 5:00 pm
Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)



The Deering Estate Florida Historical Site

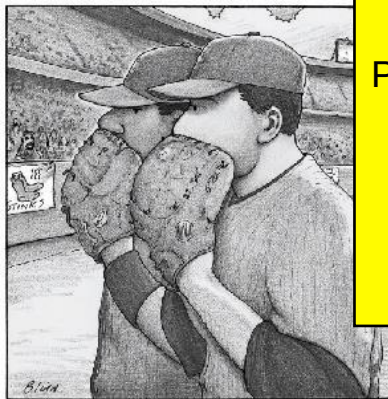
Join the excursion to "The Historic Deering Estate" on Saturday, May 25th @ 10:30 am. SAGE members are welcome.

The Deering Estate is located in Palmetto Bay, Florida, and is Miami's premier landmark showcasing the best of South Florida's historic architecture and natural environment.

We will be organizing car-pools and we have a special holiday admission price of \$5.

The excursion includes a nature tour and a special art exhibition. More information about the estate can be found at: [Deering Estate <https://deeringestate.org/>](https://deeringestate.org/)

Mr. May
Mark Fishberg



"Well, there's your problem right there—you need to sauté the onions in white wine before adding the ginger."

In the spirit of Cinco de Mayo
4711 North Dixie Hwy
Oakland Park, FL 33334

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 5 pm
Happy Hour prices

Order from the menu
Pay by separate check
(cash gets you home faster!)

Guests are always welcome!!!

To reserve your seat/s
write to: Southy2222@gmail.com
Please send first & last names!

If you must cancel,
call Ken South (301.461.4516) or write
SOUTHY2222@gmail.com, no later
than 5 pm the day before the dinner.

Please try to arrive by 5:30 pm so our
meals can be ordered properly.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Krieger	5/1	Gerald Bausman	5/14
John Shields	5/3	Dane Von Rhee	5/15
Joe McNally	5/4	Clark Powers	5/15
Eugene Bunge	5/4	Frank Piasecki	5/16
Ronn Schabinger	5/5	Deric Bownds	5/16
Jaisiri Jaiwatana	5/6	Alfredo Marchetti	5/18
Jesse Monteagudo	5/6	Paul McNamara	5/20
Jim Golly	5/6	Broderick Davis	5/23
James Medeiros	5/7	William Patterson	5/24
Iain MacArthur	5/7	Ryan Hudak	5/24
Denis McDougal	5/7	Raymond Couturier	5/26
James Chilson	5/8	Ildefonso Gonzalez	5/26
Roscoe Gore	5/9	Gregory Tefft	5/26
Thomas Casserly	5/9	Ken Harrison	5/26
Hector Vanegas	5/9	Jim Onoprienko	5/27
Pablo Guedez	5/13	Steve Cooper	5/28
Michael Loscalzo	5/13	Frank Corbett	5/29
Richard Goodnight	5/13	Ray Schlapher	5/30
Everet Rosne	5/13	Edward Stehle	5/30

William Tadros & Bob Woodman 5/20/2002 22 years

Join us Wednesday, May 22nd, for SAGE's
"Night Out at Tropics"

Tropics Grille in Wilton Manors, FL

2000 Wilton Drive

- Drinks/cocktails from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm at 'Happy Hour' prices
- Dinner at 5:30 pm
- You need not be a SAGE member to attend, all are welcome, including all our friends from Prime Gentlemen.
- You can check out their menu here: <https://tropicsgrillefl.com/menu/>
- **Please email Ed to let him know if you plan to attend. Ed Slough: wildhybrid@aol.com**



PLEASE NOTE: The omicron Covid variant is extremely contagious. You may be exposed if you choose to attend. If you are not fully vaccinated, you should carefully consider the risks.

May 2024 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00 AM Tennis BP	29 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	30 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	1 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	2 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	3	4
5 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8	6 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	7 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	8 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 5:30 PM Early Bird Dinner, p6, 8	9 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Diner Lunch, P8 2:00 PM Computer PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	10 2:00 PM History Group	11 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group, P7
12 8:00 AM Tennis BP	13 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	14 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	15 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 6:00 PM Monthly Dinner, P8	16 8:00 AM Tennis BP 12:30 PM Board ZM 2:00 PM Collectors Group 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	17 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	18 1:30 PM Pool Party at The Court, P4
19 8:00 AM Tennis BP	20 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	21 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	22 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 5:00 PM Tropics Grille Night Out, p8	23 8:00 AM Tennis BP 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	24 2:00 PM History Group	25 10:30 AM Excursion to "The Historic Deering Estate", P9 12:00 PM Haulover HA
26 8:00 AM Tennis BP	27 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	28 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	29 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	30 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Regular Lunch, p8 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	31	1

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AL = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063
BP = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069
HA = Haulover Beach, 10800 Collins Ave 33154
ML = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, 33305
PC = Pride Ctr, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy 33305
SC = Skolnick Ctr, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069
SL = Stonewall Lib, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311
TR = Tropics Bar & Grill, 2000 Wilton Dr 33305
ZM = See weekly email Bulletin for link.





21st Anniversary Dinner/Annual Banquet

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Tropical Acres

2500 Griffin Rd,

Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312

1:00 pm Cash Bar 1:30 pm Luncheon
(soft drinks & coffee/tea included)

Beginning on May 1, you can reserve and pay with a credit card, go to ftlprimegentlemen.org and click on "**Reservations.**"

NIGHT OUT AT TROPICS - MARCH 2024

15
Attended



Early Bird Dinner at Ambry April 10, 2024

