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Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara

Initially, the Book Discussion Group was exclusively a SAGE-sponsored activity. During the pandemic, several groups that had been exclusively either a Prime Gentlemen activity or a SAGE activity were merged to form joint activities. Since the Book Group merger in January 2024, several Prime Gentlemen members are now regular attendees at the monthly Book Group discussions.

Originally called "The Book Bunch", the Book Group was the first activity established by SAGE of South Florida. It held its first meeting in September of 1995. From its inception, the group has adhered to two fundamental criteria: books must have been published in paperback (though many are now read on an eBook device) and

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



On Sunday, December 22, we'll celebrate our 21st Holiday Dinner. In the early days, our gatherings were small, and we held them in cozy venues since we had far fewer members. One cherished tradition has always been the White Elephant Exchange, which remains the highlight of the event.

Here's how it works: Every attendee brings a wrapped gift and, in turn, receives one. The gifts should be funny, outrageous, and inexpensive. In the past, an M.C. would call each member to the gift table to choose a present. Members would select a gift by hefting it, shaking it, or even smelling it to guess what it might be. After unwrapping, they would reveal their treasure, and the process would repeat until everyone had a gift and the table was empty.

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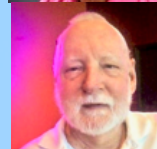
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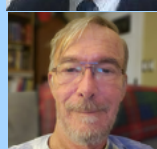
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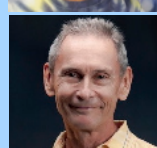
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they should be of relevance to the LGBTQ+ community, without mandating classification as 'gay books.' Over the years, the group has explored various genres, including history, biographies, memoirs, as well as a diverse range of fiction such as mysteries, romance, detective stories, science fiction, and historical fiction. Members actively propose future reading titles, and periodic group votes shape the agenda for the months ahead.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library on Sunrise Boulevard. In the early years, meetings took place in-person only. However, with the onset of COVID, meetings were held on Zoom only during the pandemic. Currently, a Zoom hybrid format is utilized, with some members attending in-person at the library while others join online with Zoom.

Please consider joining the discussion with the group. There is no charge, and reservations are not required!

PRESIDENT

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The fun really kicked in once everyone had their gifts. People would go around the room, trying to trade for something they liked better or protect their beloved gift from being swapped. This lively exchange could take quite some time!

As our group grew, the original format became too lengthy, so we've made some changes. Now, our elves will distribute gifts randomly to each table. Once the gifts are opened, you can try to exchange yours with anyone at your table. If someone requests your gift, you must relinquish it, but you're still free to negotiate exchanges with others.

When you arrive at The Tamarindo Harbour Italian Restaurant on December 22, look for the gift table. There, you'll receive a poker chip in exchange for your wrapped gift. When the exchange begins and the elves come to your table, you'll need to give up your chip to receive a gift.

The best way to ensure you have the most fun is to bring a gift so you can get one in return!



TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 473

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Francis Gallagher	Richard Moses
Mark Goldstein	Richard Palmer
Rodrigo Gutierrez	Franco Rene
James Marcus	Taiji Saito
Carl Korynas	Walter Secada
Paul Lemire	Richard Vodicka
George Mihalakos	Robert Walsh

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES

FRIDAY, December 20th at 1:30 PM

The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and Prime Gentlemen Event

Featured Movie - "OUR SON"



Billy Porter stars as Gabriel, an aspiring artist struggling to find creative and personal spark while caring for the young son he shares with his ambitious partner, Nicky (Luke Evans). Stress and anxiety flare as their relationship gets to an unrepairable place, forcing the couple to head for a divorce. Thus begins the journey to find themselves and support their eight year old son, Owen. Both Gabriel and Nicky love Owen more than anything. Their custody battle forces both of them to confront the changing reality of their love for each other and for their son. The families and the friends were depicted as warm, real life portraits of people trying to help while also being honest with people they love. This is a deftly and delicately directed movie.

Movie Short - "DUDES"

When a jock comes out as a gay to his closest friends, each of the bros has a different reaction to the big news. This film captures the fears people have about coming out.



Those conversations, the looks, the jokes and questions, are not something gay people look forward to going through.

This movie captures the responses of straight men who learn that their 'bro' is gay. To all the gays in the closet, you are not obligated to come out to everyone, You can choose who to tell. It's your decision and yours alone.

Free Movie Oct 11th



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Moviegoers

December Hero

By Ken South



Mr. December was born in 1947. That same year, the Voice of America began. The Voice of America was founded to transmit radio broadcasts into Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Also in 1947:

The 19th Academy Awards, hosted by Jack Benny, was held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles and the *Best Years of Our Lives* won the most awards with seven, including Best Motion Picture.

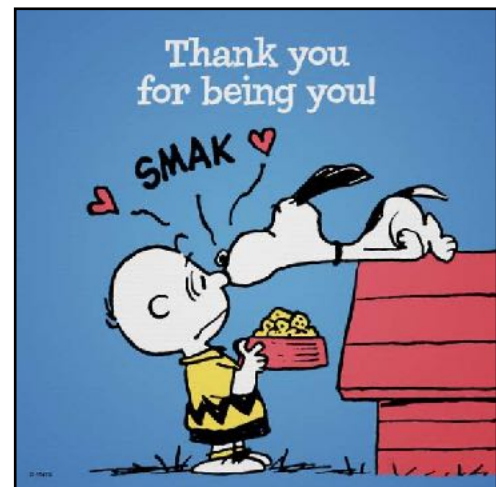
A supposed downed extraterrestrial spacecraft is reportedly found near Roswell, New Mexico, while the games of the World Series that year were broadcast on television for the first time, with the Yankees defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The first practical electronic transistor was demonstrated at AT&T's Bell Labs.

Britain's Earl Mountbatten was appointed the last viceroy of India to oversee its move to independence

John D. Rockefeller Jr. donated a NYC East River site to build the UN.

Read the January 2025 Edition to find out who is this Mystery Hero!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS



Night Out @ Tropics Oct. 23rd / 23 attended



Holidays Dinner

Sunday, December 22nd 2024

5:00 pm Happy Hour Prices 5:30 pm Dinner

Tamarindo Harbor Grill & Bar

tamarindoharbor.com

1025 N Federal Hwy, Ft. Lauderdale 33304



Menu

Caesar Salad

1-Shrimp with Garlic \$16.00

2-Lasagna Bolognese \$13.00

3-Chicken Parmigiana \$13.00

4-Grilled Pork Chop \$12.00

Tiramisu



Cash Bar (soft drinks/coffee/tea/water included with dinner)
(Tax & Gratuity & club discount included)

To reserve and pay with a credit card, click on

<https://wp.ftlprimegentlemen.org/event/holidays-dinner/>

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Bring a wrapped gift you would like to "pass along"



If you must cancel and to get a refund, call Ken South
301.461.4516 (South2222@gmail.com)
no later than 5 PM the day before the dinner.



Excursion to Morikami Japanese Gardens Oct 25th / 28 attended



Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



The Christmas season in Florida isn't a traditional winter wonderland. Instead of chestnuts roasting over an open fire, we're likely to find rising temperatures over ocean waves. Rather than forming snow angels, some Florida residents have tried the same activity outdoors on a sandy beach. (NOT recommended for anyone sensitive to sand trapped in their swimsuit.) A popular holiday pursuit is to attend a boat parade. With more than 8,000 miles of Florida shoreline, there's always a floating light show nearby. Locally, this includes Fort Lauderdale's Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade, dubbed "The Greatest Show on H2O".



For many years, the Book Discussion Group has celebrated a holiday tradition of gathering for a luncheon at Rosie's Bar and Grill on Wilton Drive. The luncheon is held in lieu of the December discussion meeting, so no book is discussed.

This tradition will continue on Saturday, December 14 when group members (both current and potential) will gather at 11:00 AM. If you plan to attend, please send a confirmation email to booksatstonewall@aol.com.



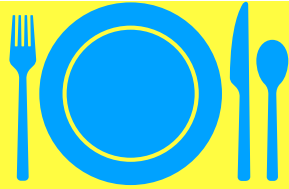
Congratulation to the
November 50-50 Winner



UPCOMING MEETING
Saturday, January 11 Discussion

The selection for the January 11
meeting is
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous
by Ocean Vuong





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, December 1, 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, December 11, 4:45 pm
Smokey Bones Fort Lauderdale
6500 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER RUN

Thursday, December 12, 1:00 pm
Lester's Diner
1924 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email him at dutchwod@att.net to make sure you have a seat for this enjoyable afternoon.

HOLIDAYS DINNER

Sunday, December 22, 5:00 pm
Tamarindo Harbour Italian Grill & Bar
1025 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
To reserve and pay with a credit card, go to ftlprimegentlemen.org and click on Reservations.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

No Night Out at Tropics Grill this month. Enjoy the Holidays

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Wednesday, December 25, 1:00 pm
Red Lobster
5950 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
See Page 9 for details.

LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 26, 1:00 pm
J. Marks
1245 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Mark your calendar now and remember to call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your spot.

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!

Early Bird Dinner



Wednesday,
December 11th 2024 @ 5:30 PM
6500 N. Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Smokey Bones has a special --- Buy-One-Get One FREE [BOGO] half rack of Danish baby back ribs, each with two sides, and garlic bread for \$14.99. Their basic burger plus a side is \$13.49 or a pulled chicken sandwich with one side is \$11.49. And a 22 ounce draft beer is \$2.99. [Smokey Bones Full Menu](#)

This event is for members of SAGE, Prime Gentlemen, and their friends. You need not be a member of either group to join us for a dinner out. Everyone is welcome. Please let Ed Slough know if you plan on attending: wildhybrid@aol.com



RED LOBSTER



Wednesday,
December 25th 2024 @ 1:00 PM
5950 N Federal Hwy, Fort
Lauderdale, FL 33308

Ed Slough has planned a Christmas day midday meal for the 3 years before the Covid lockdown, and for the three years after so that everyone will have the opportunity to celebrate with friends. Red Lobster is offering their full menu at regular prices.

Contact Ed Slough if you would like to join our Christmas holiday dinner group wildhybrid@aol.com

NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH BLACK ROCK BAR and GRILL

Wednesday, January 1st 2025 @ 1:00 PM
6200 N. Federal Hwy Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Black Rock has extended their 'Early Bird' menu for our group on New Year's day providing us with many thrifty options. Contact Ed Slough if you would like to join our Christmas holiday dinner group wildhybrid@aol.com

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

John Kardys	12/1	Ken South	12/16
Donald Carbon	12/3	Wayne Howington	12/19
Gene Nixon	12/3	Victor Patane	12/20
William Collins	12/4	Richard Huitema	12/20
Steven Depenning	12/4	Henry Penas	12/20
Ernest Goldsmith	12/5	Lyle Blocker	12/21
Leonard Roche	12/6	Peter Thyne	12/22
Stephen Tessino	12/7	William Sandrik	12/22
Sebastian Barbosa	12/9	Richard McNany	12/23
George Bradshaw	12/10	John Hasandras	12/24
Gerry Zaebst	12/11	Joel Cyr	12/24
Robert Ottman	12/13	Don Roofner	12/26
Philip Santomaso	12/13	Kenneth Langbauer	12/27
Hans Siegenthaler	12/14	Charles Geldernick	12/27
Jerry Ganz	12/14	August Azzarello	12/28
Lewis Shena	12/14	Boyce Brawley	12/28
Lamar Stockman	12/15	Steven Rowe	12/29
Kevin Brown	12/16	Richard Keaton	12/29
Jimmy Carden	12/16	Mark Britton	12/29

Wayne Mitteer & Stephen Cornwall	12/6/1974	50 years
Auggie Azzarello & Stew Pepper	12/20/1999	25 years
Gustavo Marchini & Jim Bowling	12/19/2016	8 years
Bernard Donohue & Bob Blazina	12/13/2017	7 years
Chris Benfante & Rob Kohl-Benfante	12/12/2021	3 years



The irony for mankind
is that a computer
program asks a human
to prove that they're
not a robot.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8	2 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	3 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	4 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	5 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	6	7
8 8:00 AM Tennis BP	9 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	10 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	11 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 4:45 PM Early Bird Dinner, p8	12 7:30 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Diner Run, P8 2:00 PM Computer PC 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	13 2:00 PM History Group ZM	14 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group
15 8:00 AM Tennis BP	16 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	17 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	18 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	19 7:30 AM Tennis BP 12:30 PM Board ZM 2:00 PM Collectors Group 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	20 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	21
22 8:00 AM Tennis BP 5:00 PM Holidays Dinner	23 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	24 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	25 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Christmas Day Dinner 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:00 PM No Tropics Grille Night Out, p8	26 7:30 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Luncheon, p8 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	27 2:00 PM History Group (No Meeting)	28
29 8:00 AM Tennis BP 12:00 PM Haulover HA	30 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	31 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	1 1:00 PM New Years Day Lunch	2 2:00 PM Collectors PC	3	4

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LOCATION CODES**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.

NOV 3RD GENERAL MEETING THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

