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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



fellowship and friendly give-and-take, even when faced with difficult issues and decisions. There's no sugarcoating the fact that being a board member involves a regular commitment of time and energy for a two-year term. It can be a very fulfilling task, and a truly meaningful experience. Don't take our word for it. Ask anyone who has served on the board about what it is like. We are confident their response will be very positive.

If you think you are ready to help continue the work of leading this organization into the future, let us know.

All you need to do to declare your candidacy is to send a short description of why you want to be on the board and what you will bring to it. Send it to me at hpenas@gmail.com. If you have any questions, speak to any current board member.

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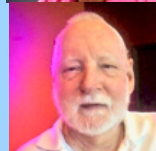
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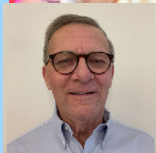
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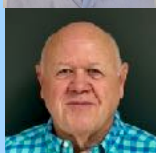
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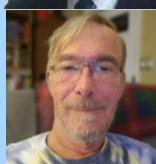
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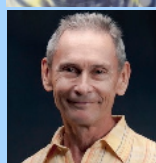
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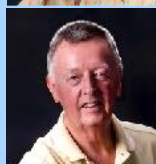
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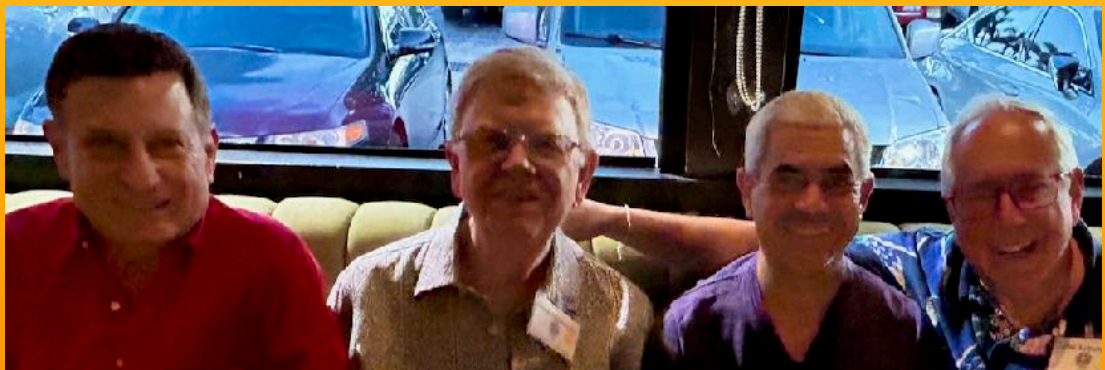
The deadline for sending in your intent to run for the board is **March 7, 2023**.

Once this deadline has been met, we will create a slate of candidates to be sent to you so you can consider how you will cast your vote. Additional information and voting instructions will be sent to you in a timely fashion. ♦

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS



HOLIDAY REVELERS



MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES

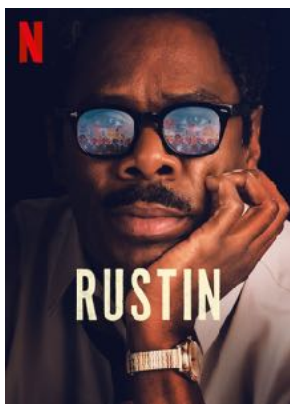
FRIDAY, February 21st 1:30 PM

at The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event

Featured Movie - "RUSTIN"



The architect of 1963's momentous March on Washington, Bayard Rustin was one of the greatest activists and organizers the world has ever known. He challenged authority, never apologized for who he was, what he

believed, or who he desired as an out gay man. And he did not back down. He made history, and in turn, he was forgotten.

Directed by DGA Award and five-time Tony Award winner George C. Wolfe and starring Emmy Award winner Colman Domingo, Rustin shines a long overdue spotlight on the extraordinary man who, alongside giants like the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Adam Clayton Powell Jr., and Ella Baker, dared to imagine a different world, and inspired a movement in a march toward freedom.



Movie Short - "FLOWERS"

Over a weekend in spring, a high school boy reconnects with an old friend and begins to discover what it really means to be in love. 2023 Best Short Film award to Nick Hansell (writer/director), and award for Best Performance to Rocco Roberts at the East London LGBTQ+ Film Festival.

Free Movies Dec 20th



30
Moviegoers

March Hero

By Ken South



The Hero column will be back next month. Stay tuned!



HOLIDAY REVELERS

PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



The Water Gardens at Fairchild

**FAIRCHILD TROPICAL
BOTANIC GARDENS EXCURSION**
SATURDAY, February 22nd at 10:00 am

10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables, FL 33156
305-667-1651

We will be organizing carpools.

Seniors receive a 30% discount on admission @ \$17.95. Narrated tram tours of the gardens are included. This is a handicap-accessible excursion.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens has garden walking paths surrounded by the wonders and beauty of nature and see butterflies and birds at every turn. Experience their butterfly and hummingbird exhibit and the Wings of the Tropics. Walking the grounds will introduce you to a large variety of tropical plants and their amazing array of sizes, shapes and colors. The Garden includes many collections and exhibits as well as native habitats brought together in a unified landscape design that flows from one area to another.

Contact Ed Slough wildhybrid@aol.com if you wish to attend. Ed will also endeavor to arrange carpools and transportation for those who need transportation.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 491
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Erwin Aupperle
Barry Carter
Jose Ducos
Carlos Garcia

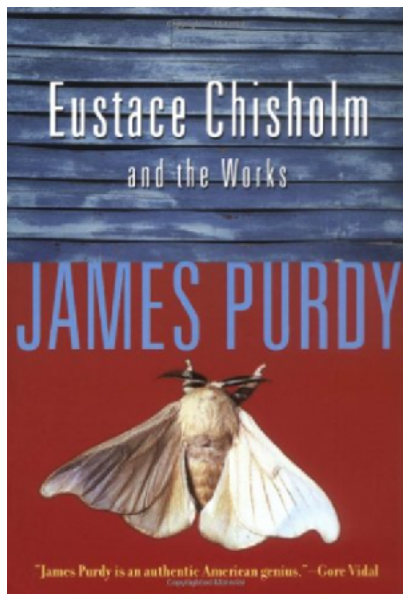
Keith Jennings
Mark Kirschieper
Joseph Nesbitt
Milton Stern



Nick Angelo, Guest Speaker at the January
2025 General Meeting

Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



No James Purdy novel has dazzled contemporary writers more than "***Eustace Chisholm and the Works***," a haunting tale of unrequited love in an indifferent world. A seedy Depression-era boarding house in Chicago plays host to a game of emotional chairs in a novel initially condemned for its frank depiction of abortion, homosexuality, and life on the margins of American society.

The book, originally published in 1967, casts a set of characters displaced by economic distress who coalesce around the embittered poet Eustace Chisholm. He acts as a sort of Greek chorus for the doomed and destructive relationship that is instigated when landlord Daniel Haws falls in love with the young college student Amos Ratcliffe.

Building to a shocking conclusion, *Eustace Chisholm and the Works* is a dark and Gothic look at the strange and terrible power of love amid a "psychic American landscape of deluded innocence, sexual obsession, violence, and isolation."

"*Eustace Chisholm and the Works*" will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, February 8 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)

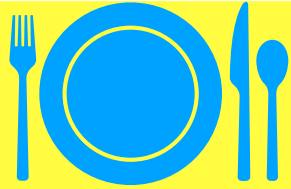
Congratulations to the
January 50-50 Winner



UPCOMING:

MARCH MEETING:

The selection for the
March 8, 2025
discussion is
"***The Foghorn
Echoes***" by Danny
Ramadan



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, February 2, 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, February 12, @ 5:30 PM
Peter Pan Diner
1216 E Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale FL 33334
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER RUN

Thursday, February 13, 1:00 pm
Egg & You
2621 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33306
Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email him at dutchwood@att.net to make sure you have a seat for this enjoyable afternoon.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, February 26th, 5:00 pm
Tropics Grille in Wilton Manors
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
If you are going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 27, 1:00 pm
P.F.Chang's
2418 East Sunrise Blvd., 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 at Peter Pan Diner



Wednesday,
February 12, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
1216 E Oakland Park Blvd, Fort
Lauderdale FL 33334

Peter Pan has a great 'early bird' menu with 18 three course dinners with coffee or tea for \$15- \$17. They also have a separate room for large groups like ours.

Please let Ed Slough know if you plan on attending: wildhybrid@aol.com



Christmas Day Lunch at Red Lobster



New Years Day Luncheon at Black Rock



93
Attended

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Marvin Fishberg	2/1
Robert Giarratana	2/3
Seymour Cassorla	2/3
Wresch Dawidjan	2/3
Lewis Ray Gambrell	2/5
Matthew Gill	2/5
Dirk Van Nieuwenhuys	2/7
Gary Lawson	2/10
Edward Slough	2/11
Robert Connell	2/12
Richard Rooney	2/12
Rob Chambers	2/12
Rick Maher	2/14
David Messina	2/14
Michael Odell	2/15
Harry Manadjian	2/17
Arthur Lorch	2/17
Kenneth Bailey	2/17

John Lloyd	2/18
Mark Barron	2/20
Richard Buchanan	2/20
Peter Kaufman	2/21
William Daniel	2/21
Charles Pack	2/21
Stuart Geller	2/21
Arthur Donley	2/22
Salvatore Masotto	2/22
Ralph Ferrara	2/22
Scott Hawes	2/23
Thomas Calcutta	2/24
John Fredricksen	2/25
William White	2/26
Steve Dobberstein	2/27
Donn Rubin	2/28
Lawrence Leach	2/28

Luis Granada & Carlos Gonzalez	2/22/1977	48 years
Don Perkins & Wil Niebles	2/15/2005	20 years
John Bolinger & Jim Richardson	2/20/2007	18 years
Bill Collins & Steve Pavone	2/13/2009	16 years
Billy Boguski & Tony Palazolo	2/14/2017	8 years
Danny Olinger & Lou Heidel	2/13/2019	6 years



Join us Wednesday, February 26th
Night Out at Tropics"

Tropics Grille in Wilton Manors, FL located at 2000 Wilton Drive

- Drinks/cocktails from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm at 'Happy Hour' prices
- Dinner at 5:30 pm
- SAGE/Prime Gentlemen members are welcome, including all our friends
- 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM Tennis BP	27 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	28 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	29 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	30 7:30 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Luncheon, p8 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	31	1
2 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8	3 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	4 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	5 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	6 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	7	8 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group, p7
9 8:00 AM Tennis BP	10 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	11 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	12 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 5:30 PM Early Bird Dinner, p8	13 7:30 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Diner Run, P8 2:00 PM Computer PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	14 2:00 PM History Group ZM	15
16 8:00 AM Tennis BP	17 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	18 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	19 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	20 7:30 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	21 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	22 10:00 AM Fairchild Tropical Garden Excursion
23 8:00 AM Tennis BP	24 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	25 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	26 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 5:00 PM Tropics Grille Night Out, p8	27 7:30 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Luncheon, p8 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	28 2:00 PM History Group ZM	1

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.



December Holidays Celebration at Tamarindo

