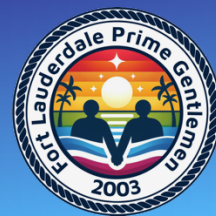




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FELLOWSHIP IN THE PRIME GENTLEMEN COMMUNITY

By Gustavo Marchini

In a world that often feels disconnected, fellowship brings people together. Since joining the Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, I've seen firsthand how this group fosters support, friendship, and belonging. Whether it's welcoming new members, attending events, or simply checking in on each other, we embody the spirit of standing together. Fellowship is about creating shared joy. That's why we already have different types of activities like tennis, book club, film day and excursions to strengthen connections. Whether dining out in or engaging on social media, every effort helps ensure no one feels left out.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



On Monday, March 17, nearly 50 members gathered to enjoy a complimentary Chinese banquet at an exceptional local restaurant. This special meal was generously arranged and hosted by our very own Stanley Lou, and attendance was by invitation only.

As a 501(c)(7) nonprofit social organization, we operate solely on membership dues to cover all of our event costs. To ensure we remain compliant with Florida state regulations, it's essential that our treasury funds are allocated carefully to cover both bills and member-related expenses.

This is why we subsidize events like our Anniversary and Holiday Dinners.

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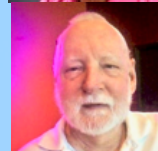
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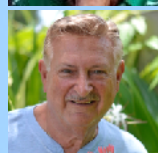


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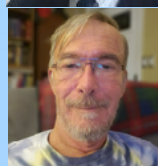
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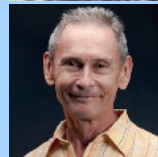
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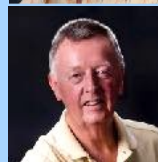
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PRESIDENT

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By doing so, we provide our members with cost savings while also fulfilling our financial obligations. For the past 21 years, this approach has allowed us to balance our budget and continue providing great experiences for our community.

The purpose of the March 17 dinner, an annual tradition, is to honor the dedicated members who volunteer their time and

efforts to make our events and activities a success. These individuals include board members, group leaders, food servers, A/V technicians, the Surfer, website and Facebook page editors, and our event hosts for lunches, dinners, movies, and excursions, among many others. A full list of these hardworking volunteers can be found in this issue of the Surfer, so you'll know exactly who to thank for their invaluable contributions. ♦

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Like any group, we face challenges—keeping members engaged and ensuring open communication—but fellowship means adapting and growing together. By embracing new ideas and fostering inclusivity, we continue to build a welcoming, vibrant community.

The Prime Gentlemen is more than just a social group; it's a testament to the power of togetherness. In a world that can feel isolating, knowing you have a community that cares makes all the difference. How do you see fellowship in your own life?

Let's keep building bridges—one connection at a time. ♦

PRIME GENTLEMEN VOLUNTEERS

Bruce Parrish
Chet St. Clair
Clark Raby
Dave Brackett
Dennis Camara
Doug Kent
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Ed Vallecorsa
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*These are the
guys who pitch
in to make it all
happen.*

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FRIDAY, April 18th 1:30 PM

at The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN
EVENT

Featured Movie - "GLADIATOR II"

Like an ancient road, 'Gladiator II,' a sequel arriving 24 years after the Oscar-winning *Gladiator* covers some familiar ground. Director Ridley Scott's historical epic ramps-up swords-and-sandals violence, delivering a visual spectacle of decapitation, dismemberment, and free-for-alls that include battles at sea.

Set 16 years after Maximus's death appeared to set Rome to rights, *Gladiator II* opens with the empire once again in turmoil. Its rulers --- twins this time --- are again corrupt, and its senate likewise ineffectual. Palace plotting once again mingles with and laments about the glory of Rome while the weary, impoverished

public sops up the distracting circus of Gladiator fights and revelry.

24 years ago, Maximus won over the Roman mobs by famously bellowing: "Are you not entertained?" 'Gladiator II' is entertaining too, with all the expected beefcake eye-candy.

Movie Short - "CHANCE"

Trevor's life has become a void, following the passing of his wife and long-term companion Doris. Days run into weeks, as Trevor slowly finds himself isolated and alone, and unconcernedly slipping towards death. A chance encounter in the park with a mysterious stranger --- Amir --- equally troubled by his own dark past, jarringly reawakens him, and stirs-up unexpected passions. An award-winning and inspiring film about interracial romance and overcoming adversity.. ♦



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Mahoney
John Seader

OUR TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP
495



April Hero

By Ken South



March Hero PART II

In the small community of Little Falls (NW of Albany in Upstate NY) on June 8th, Ed Vallecorsa was born, the first child in the family. He was joined later by two sisters and a brother who sadly passed away at the young age of 13. Ed spent his elementary and high school years in Little Falls, graduating from HS in 1965. While in high school, he participated in both the band and orchestra, playing percussion, and in athletics, playing baseball and basketball.

He went on to earn a degree in Health & Physical Education at the State University College at Brockport, NY, graduating in 1970. For the next 33 years, he taught Physical Education at the Herkimer Central School. He also coached the school's basketball, track and field, and cross-country running. During this time, his divorced mother lived with him. Then, at 55 years old in 2002, he decided to retire from teaching.

Ed met his partner, Bill, in 2002. Bill worked in the snack bar restaurant at the Cooperstown Tennis and Boating Club. So, Ed commuted from Herkimer to assist him at the club during the summer months. After they visited Marco Island, FL, in the winter of 2002. They decided to move there permanently as partners in 2004. Unfortunately, Bill passed away in 2012 when Ed became roommates with Bob, who was Bill's friend. They lived on Marco Island another 6 years before moving to Naples, FL in 2016. While there, later that year. Ed met Mike, his current partner. In 2023, Bob moved to Tennessee, and Ed moved to Coral Springs, FL, to share Mike's home.

Ed enjoys his participation in many Prime Gentlemen activities and is especially helpful in the setup for the monthly general meetings at the Pride Center. ♦



PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



MAD ARTS MUSEUM

MAD ARTS
MUSEUM
SATURDAY, April
26th at 11:00 AM

481 S Federal
Hwy, Dania
Beach, FL 33004

We will be meeting at the entrance @ 11:00 AM. Ed has arranged a narrated tour of the museum for our group. Admission is \$20.

Mad Arts is a museum, a community hub, and a laboratory for art and technology. Facilitating visionary exhibitions and projects by individuals, collectives and companies, Mad Arts operates out of its flagship headquarters, a 50,000-square foot space in South Florida. There are more than 20 exhibitions from a diverse range of artistic voices and perspectives across the arts and technology sectors on a local, national and international level.

The Dania Beach museum is dedicated to showcasing and exploring immersive art, digital technologies, and outdoor activations. Boasting an outdoor garden of more than triple the current gallery space enables Mad Arts to present an ambitious tech-driven program.

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. ♦

The New Prime Gentlemen Lanyard and Badge

By Jim Richardson

By now, many of you have your new rainbow-colored lanyard imprinted with “PRIME GENTLEMEN” and your new, 4x3 large print name tag in a heavy plastic holder.

The intention is that you wear the lanyard with the badge at each function that involves Prime Gentlemen.

BOARD MEMBERS will be wearing a bright PINK name tag.

YELLOW badges are for **VOLUNTEERS**.

CURRENT members should pick up your lanyard from Jim Hartman or Jim Medeiros at the monthly meeting – the first Sunday of each month at the Pride Center from 2-5PM.

NEW members can contact Jim Richardson at: membership@ftlprimegentlemen.org and we'll work out a way for you to get yours.

Let's get out there and spread the news – we are an active and vibrant organization with lots of social activities.

Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara

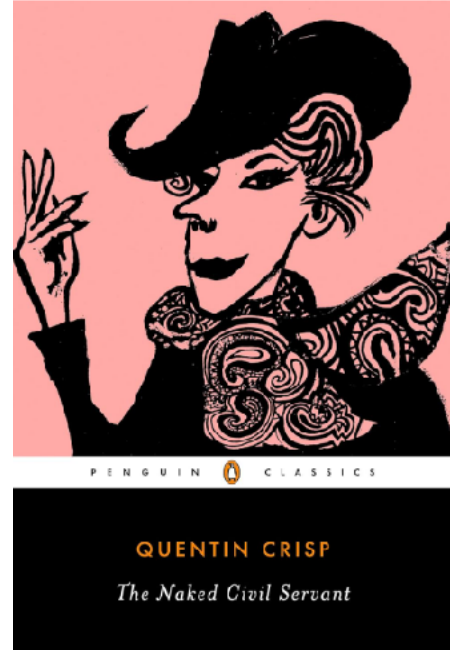


The Naked Civil Servant, by Quentin Crisp, is a comical and poignant memoir of a gay man living life as he pleased in the 1930s. Punctiliously polite and urbanely offensive, Crisp's singular vita induces a desolate shudder. A fabulously plumed and heavily mascara-ed ostrich, Quentin Crisp recounts a life spent as a homosexual provocateur in the streets of London where he walked with the infinite care of a man deliberately adorned to attract the taunts, kicks, and blows of the uncomprehending.

In 1931, gay liberation was not a movement—it was simply unthinkable. But in that year, Quentin Crisp made the courageous decision to "come out" as a homosexual. This exhibitionist with the henna-dyed hair was harassed, ridiculed, and beaten. Nevertheless, he claimed his right to be himself—whatever the consequences.

The book is both a comic masterpiece and a unique testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

The Naked Civil Servant will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, April 12 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)◆



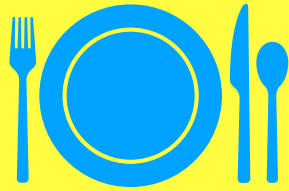
UPCOMING:
MAY MEETING:
The selection for the
May 10, 2025
discussion is ***The
Love of Singular
Men***, by Victor
Heringer

**THE LOVE
OF
SINGULAR
MEN**

**VICTOR
HERINGER**

**Congratulations to the
March 50-50 Winner**





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, April 6, 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, April 9, @ 5:00 PM
Black Rock
6200 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER RUN

Thursday, April 10, 1:00 pm
Lester's Diner
1924 East Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060
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.

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, April 16, @ 5:30 PM
Bangkok Bistro Thai and Sushi
1527 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, April 23, 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, April 24, 1:00 pm
Rendez-Vous Bakery and Bistro
1576 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park, FL 33334
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!

PRIME GENTLEMEN CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD



March Hero
Ed Vallecorsa



Early Bird Dinner
Wednesday, April 9
@ 5:00 PM



Black Rock
6200 N. Federal Hwy Fort Lauderdale,
FL 33308
954.368.2525

This event is for members of SAGE, Prime gentlemen, and their friends. If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

FTLPG DINNER PARTY

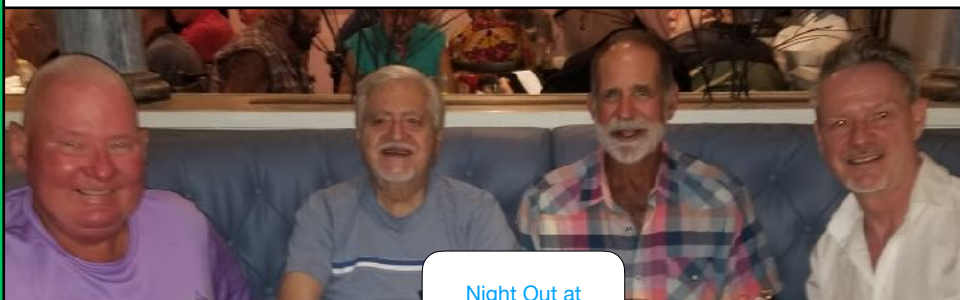
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Join us for a night filled with fun
RSVP wildhybrid@aol.com



WED
5:30PM

See you at Bangkok Bistro
Thai and Sushi
1527 N Federal Highway
Fort Lauderdale FL, 33304



Night Out at
Tropics

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Seidle	4/2
Rick Hurd	4/2
Joseph Nesbitt	4/3
Danny Olinger	4/4
Michael Nelson	4/4
Stanley Lou	4/5
Thomas Moran	4/7
Gary Miller	4/7
Roger Allee	4/8
Daniel Curran	4/9
Christopher Brown	4/11
Harold Schmitt	4/13
Harvey Stoler	4/13
Robert Bragg	4/16
Jose Solernou	4/17
Luiz Ramos	4/17

MD Hussain	4/17
Paul Lavin	4/18
Giacomo Castagna	4/19
Robert Walsh	4/20
Michael Keller	4/21
William Farrington	4/21
Norman Okroy	4/21
Christopher Burt	4/22
Tom Pence	4/23
Marck Santee	4/23
James Restricks	4/23
Richard Mariano	4/24
Michael Cochran	4/27
Gary Peters	4/29
Mark Goldstein	4/30

Frank Struck & Frank Corbett	4/17/1977	48 years
Peter Gavigan & Thomas Mack	4/29/1979	46 years
Bill Sandrik & Henry Smith	4/30/1983	42 years
John Dool & Ric Buchanan	4/01/1995	30 years
Mike Martin & Rick Martin	4/25/2002	23 years
Jim Gunter & David Heikkila	4/18/2016	9 years
Don Klein & Jocko Castagna	4/15/2018	7 years
Efrain Campomenosi & Charley Egan	4/15/2018	7 years



*Lou Wangberg speaking
at the General
Membership Meeting*

Join us Wednesday, April 23rd
Night Out at Tropics"

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

- Drinks/cocktails from 5:00 to 5:30 PM with 'Happy Hour' prices, and dinner at 5:30 PM.
- Tropics has offered all dinners at half-price on Wednesday for SAGE and our guests only.
- You need not be a SAGE member to attend. All are welcome, including all our friends from Prime Gentlemen.
- **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.

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PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Tennis BP	31 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	1 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	2 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	3 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	4	5
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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
- VC = Volen Center, 1515 W Palmetto Park Rd, 33486
- ZM = See weekly email Bulletin for link.



NEW CALENDAR ENTRY

SOBA SAGE on the Border/Alternatives

Mondays, 11:00am – 12:15pm

Volen Center (VC)

1515 W Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33486

SCENES FROM MARCH ACTIVITIES

Peter Pan
Earlybird Dinner



General
Membership
Meeting



Fairchild
Gardens
Excursion



Night Out at
Tropics



Fairchild
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