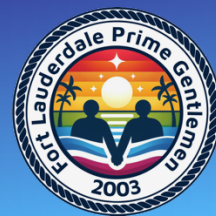




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MAY 2025



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FALL FOLAGE CRUISE

By Auggie Azzarello



The stunning scenery and mesmerizing foliage of Canada's eastern coast and the US region of New England is a major draw card for many a traveler. The northern hemisphere's autumn is a particularly popular time to travel to the region, with acres upon acres of forests turning into every conceivable shade of orange and red.

Embark on a cruise to visit Canada and New England on 26 OCT 2025 for 7 nights.

The itinerary includes:

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PORTLAND, MAINE

SAINT JOHN, NB (BAY OF FUNDY)

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Two of my favorite roles as president are hosting the Monthly Membership Meeting and the Mixer.

I love chatting with as many members as I can before the meeting begins. There's something special about standing at the lectern, looking out over a sea of smiling, handsome faces. It often takes a few tries to bring the room to order—and that's a good thing. The energy, the laughter, the conversations—it's all part of what makes our group so vibrant. Honestly, I'm always a bit reluctant to interrupt it to begin the meeting. People arrive at the meeting between 1:30 and 2:30 pm.

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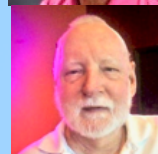
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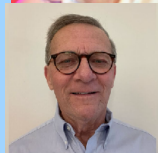
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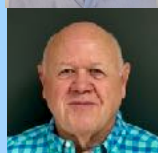
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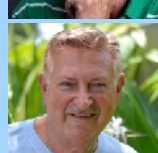


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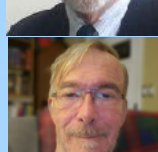
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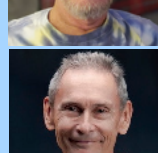
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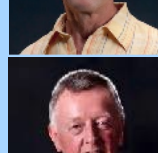
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PRESIDENT

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Thanks to our amazing volunteers, the meetings practically run themselves. Some arrive early to set up tables and chairs, and decorate. Others collect and organize food donations, serve, and replenish dishes throughout the afternoon. At check-in, a dedicated team greets you with name tags, handles dues and reservations, and sells raffle tickets.

Our meetings include a full agenda: guest speakers, announcements, committee

updates, member anniversaries, birthday singalongs, new member welcomes, and the ever-popular 50/50 raffle. As I look out over the room, it's clear—everyone is having a great time. That good spirit carries through dinner and well beyond.

The Mixers are no different. Members start arriving between 4:30 and 6:00 pm, most proudly wearing their Prime Gentlemen lanyards. And for those who forget, a quick trip back to the car fixes that. The lively conversation and camaraderie never stop.

Life is good! ♦

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The cruise combines picturesque landscapes, with quaint coastal towns, and the chance to see some amazing wildlife with whale spotting from late spring to early autumn.

Prices start at just \$774 per person for an inside state room (based on double occupancy). This price includes all taxes and fees. Ask about other types of state rooms available.

Contact AUGGIE AZZARELLO for more information 602-469-0058. ♦

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAY BOYS



MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FRIDAY, May 16th 1:30 PM

at The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN

EVENT

Featured Movie “CONCLAVE”



The year’s most surprising twist ending is in a film about the selection of a new pope. *Conclave* showcases the gaudy ritual and ornate displays of Roman Catholicism, while also offering an intimate (and wholly imagined) look at the backroom dealings and catty confrontations that go into the election of the supreme pontiff. The film’s ending is certain to catch audiences off-guard. The movie ends with the election of a pope who is not a woman, but whose anatomy and existence “between certainties” allows for a far broader perspective on gender than traditionalist Catholics would have. *Conclave* seems to suggest that “the world only spins forward.” It’s a

hopeful and perhaps overly optimistic notion, to be sure.

Movie Short “ALL THE YOUNG DUDES”



Georgia, USA, 1973. Glam rocker Billy rebels against his conservative high school, inspiring admiration from an unlikely ally with a desire to walk on the wild side. Finding a kindred spirit when you feel alone in the world is everything! ♦

Allegro hosting a PG Social



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Robert Castoro
Kurt Faudel
John Gambino
David Inwood
John Morris
Manabendra Ray
Joseph Skarzynski

OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
488

May Hero

By Ken South



May Hero



The last Rolling Stones concert tour to include Brian Jones, who founded and named the band, commenced on April 17, 1967 in Zurich, Switzerland. Iconic for its floating steel roof and brightly colored panels, the Pavillon Le Corbusier completed in 1967, is the last building Le Corbusier designed before his death in 1965. Habib Bank AG Zurich, was established in Switzerland in 1967, and has grown into a global institution with a presence in 11 countries spanning across four continents. The 1st International Seminar on

Biomechanics was also held in Zurich in 1967. And Zurich hosted a large Marc Chagall exhibition at the Kunsthaus Zürich, the largest art museum in Switzerland.

Zurich was also the site, on October 8, 1967, of the birth of Mr. May. He was the youngest sibling, arriving after three sisters and one brother, and one foster sister. Mr. M was “the baby” of the family. He spent his elementary school years in Zurich. At 14, in 1981, he traveled to the south of France with a friend. They lived on the street for 15 months. He then went back in Switzerland where he attended a high school in Gruyere, up into university years, and graduated in 1988 with a concentration in mathematics. He then went to the university where he studied electro-engineering.

For the next 7 years he learned much at his first job, in a Swiss bank in its IT department. He then found employment with Swiss Air in the employee training department and left in 2000.

1988 in Switzerland was an uncomfortable time for Gays, though it was this time of life for Mr. M to personally come out, there was considerable social unrest in the country. The next several decades, however, saw Switzerland become one of the most progressive countries with regard to GLBT rights in all of Europe.

Mr. M worked at another Swiss bank for the next two years and then on to a Tele Communications Company until 2010. In 1992 Mr. M met his first boyfriend, Otto, an older gentleman, who sadly passed in 2010.

In October 2009 he began a worldwide position at a telecom equipment manufacturer. After his second partner, Paul passed in 2010. He was able to change his position to work 6 months in America and 6 months in Switzerland. During one of these trips, Mr. M discovered Tropics in Wilton Manors, where he met his current husband, Godfrey

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PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



WEINER MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS

SATURDAY, May 24th at 10:00 AM

3250 North 29th Avenue
Hollywood, FL 33020

We will be meeting at the entrance @ 10 AM on Saturday, May 24th. Carpools will be organized. This is a wheelchair accessible destination. And we will be enjoying lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Admission Charges

\$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors

\$5 Military, & Students (with ID)

Free for Children 5 & Under

Free parking - Wheelchair Accessible

WMODA is a non-profit museum founded in 2014 by Arthur Wiener and his family to inspire appreciation and understanding of ceramics and glass as art forms. This remarkable legacy enables us to celebrate an important aspect of our cultural heritage in an exciting and enjoyable environment.

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. ♦

HERO

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Mr. M moved to the US in August 2012 to Wilton Manors, and worked for a company in Miramar, FL. The couple married in 2013. He and Godfrey bought the Tropics business in 2014 and spent a good deal of time restoring it to full functioning following the mismanagement of the previous owners. To recover from the intense months of the re-organization of the business, the couple decided to move to Palm Springs in 2018 for some much-needed R&R. Following the six-year "retreat" they returned to Ft. Lauderdale.

Mr. May was very active at the Palm Springs Prime Timers club, especially helping them with their IT restoration, and he was elected President of Prime Timers of the Desert in 2022 and began the reorganization of the Prime Timers of the Desert. ♦

**Congratulations
to our 50/50
Winner**



Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara

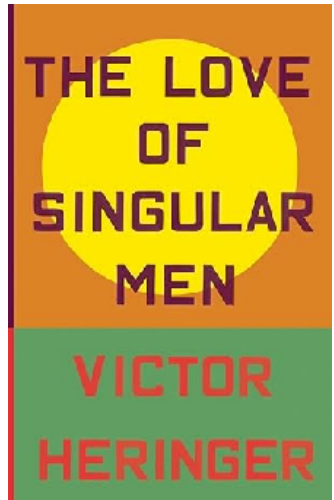


The Love of Singular Men by the writer Victor Heringer is a beautifully written book, an exploration of Brazil's socio-political landscape of the 1970s and the 2010s.

One hot Brazilian summer, Camilo meets Cosme and the two teenage boys discover a new kind of tenderness. But an act of violence will shatter their intimate world and change the trajectory of their young lives. The author tells a story of the 1970s and 2010s Brazil from the perspective of a young teenage boy whose life was ruled by violence and tragedy – it was “colonized by it.” This book explores the social fabric of Brazil in its unique diversity and complexity. We witness how the neighborhoods have changed over the course of thirty years.

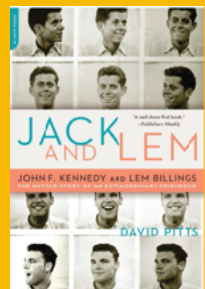
At once an incisive exploration of Brazilian society and a tender account of first love, first grief, and revenge, *The Love of Singular Men* is a powerful and exhilarating novel that sparkles with wit and playful ingenuity throughout.

Love of Singular Men will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, May 10 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:



UPCOMING: JUNE MEETING:

The selection for the June 14, 2025 discussion is *Jack and Lem*, by David Pitts



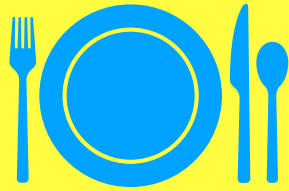
SAVE THE DATE:

JUNE 21, 2025



On Saturday, June 21 the Prime Gentlemen will celebrate our 22nd anniversary with a luncheon. Stay tuned for further information.





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, May 4, 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

DINER RUN

Thursday, May 8, 1:00 pm
Peter Pan Diner
1216 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334
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.

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, May 14, @ 5:30 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.

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, May 21, @ 5:30 pm
Pompano Pizza & Italian Eatery
1606 S. Cypress Rd, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
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, May 28, 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, May 29, 1:00 pm
Il Mulino Italian Restaurant
1800 E. 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, FL 33305
No reservations; just pay for your drink(s) and enjoy the buffet!

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 Pompano Pizza &
Italian Eatery
1606 S Cypress Rd,
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Early Bird Dinner
Wednesday, May 14 @ 5:30 PM



Smokey Bones
6500 N. Federal
Hwy
Fort Lauderdale, FL
33306

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.

May Hero
Alex Meyer



General Membership Meeting



With profound sadness we remember and honor our members



**John
Alcacer**
**October
22, 1930 –
March 19,
2025**

John Alcacer passed away on March 19, 2025. He was affectionately known by his Silver Daddy handle, "Tango John."

Born in Argentina, John had a distinguished career as a civil engineer.

John found a second family in the Prime Gentlemen (Timers) community. He often referred to us as "his second family of wonderful people and friends." John was a valued member of the community since 2011 and was honored as Man of the Month in April 2012. John was a good friend, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him. He will be missed.



**David
Cingel**
**May
23,
1945 –
March
28,
2025**

David Cingel. David, along with his husband, Mars Oraa, has been a valued member of our community since 2010.

David had a diverse and remarkable career. He began as a debt collector and a traveling salesman, and later, perhaps most ironically, as a janitor at the bank where he eventually became the CEO and Chairman in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

David pursued a new passion and became a certified personal trainer at Bally's Gym. He shared his expertise as a guest speaker at one of our Membership Meetings, demonstrating proper exercise techniques for older men.

In June 2019, David was honored as our "Man of the Month." Please keep Mars in your thoughts during this difficult time. David and Mars shared 26 years together, and their bond was a testament to love and dedication.



**Bill
Kelloway**
**July 1,
1932 -
March 21,
2025**

William (Bill) Kelloway passed away peacefully March 21, 2025. He died of complications due to COVID. He had been hospitalized at Holy Cross Hospital for one week and transferred to a rehabilitation center with the goal of regaining his strength and walking sufficiently to return home. Close friends were at his side, as well as the hospice nurse. He died peacefully.

Bill requested to be cremated, and his remains buried in the Edison Cemetery, Lowell, MA., in a family plot next to his parents. The celebration of life with be announced at a later date.

Bill was a leading figure with the Prime Gentlemen. He was one of the members who helped form the group in Fort Lauderdale. Prior to that, he helped establish the Prime Timers Group in Boston. Several years ago, he was honored by the group in Boston and given a plaque which he hung in a prominent place on his wall. Bill was a very social individual and enjoyed the companionship of others. It was with great joy that he celebrated his 90th birthday at the Prime Gentlemen's annual meeting on June 23, 2022. He was Man of the month in March of 2020.



**Rich
Rooney**
**February
12, 1934 –
March 15,
2025**

Rich Rooney passed away peacefully at home on March 14, 2025. He was surrounded by his friends and his partner, Herb Souza. Rich had been a dedicated member of Prime Gentlemen since joining in February 2005.

Born and raised in New York City, Rich attended City College, where he pursued a degree in Meteorology. In 1957, he was drafted into the military and took a position with the U.S. Oceanographic Office, where he received training in military oceanography. Rich was known for his easygoing nature, friendly demeanor, and wry sense of humor. He was honored as Man of the Month in September 2013. Rich will always be remembered fondly and deeply missed by

those of us who had the privilege of knowing him. Please keep Herb in your thoughts during this difficult time.

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Allan Dewes & Austin Lee
William Tadros & Bob Woodman
Joey Mehring & Mike Lascale

5/19/1995 30 years
5/20/2002 23 years
5/2/2015 10 years



Join us Wednesday, May 28th
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.

General Membership
Meeting Speaker from
Emerald Elite



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