



Surfer

JULY 2025



ACTIVITIES

WALKING GROUP —

By Dennis Camara

Walking with us is a great way to socialize and meet new people. For seniors like ourselves, walking offers numerous physical, mental, and social benefits. It can improve cardiovascular health, manage weight, enhance balance and coordination, and reduce the risk of falls and chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease. Walking also promotes mental well-being, reduces anxiety and depression, and can slow down cognitive decline.

We encourage our walkers to stay hydrated. We escape the hottest part of the day by waiting until later in the day to walk. We meet 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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



By the time you read this, we will have had our 22nd Anniversary Luncheon. It was an afternoon of networking, dining, and door prize gift certificates. Additionally, it marked the induction of our new 2025-2027 Board of Directors. Three former Directors stepped down from the board to make room for three new ones.

Jim Flora has been a board member since 2016. He oversaw various activities during his tenure, including serving as treasurer. His contributions at our meetings will be missed.

Dick Huitema has been a board member since 2023 and remains active helping to set up and tear down our Sunday Membership meetings. He also provides technical and administrative support for the PG/SAGE movies. His well-considered opinions on

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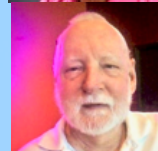
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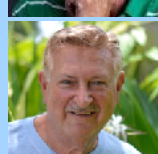


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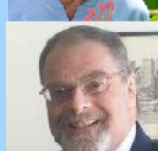
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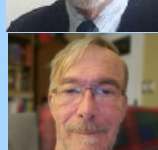
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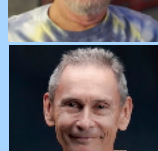
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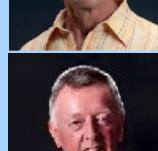
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PRESIDENT

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various topics will be missed.

Tom Daniel has been our board secretary since 2023. He kept us focused and produced our monthly minutes concisely and clearly. As this is an officer position on the board, we will need to elect a new secretary from among the nine board members.

Our three new board members are Alex Meyer, who is our current webmaster, Gustavo Marchini, who is our Social Media coordinator, and Michael Nelson, whose skills and attributes remain to be discovered.

At the June board meeting, the current board convened, and addressed current business, and adjourned. The new board

then convened for the purpose of the only item on the agenda—the election of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President, and adjourned. The new board's first regular meeting will take place on the third Thursday of July via Zoom.

Code of Conduct: As a member, you now have the ability to create a personal page on our webpage. Once established, you can create a profile, indicate your interests, and view the profiles of other members who have created their own pages. This replaces the rosters we sent out twice a year.

This ability comes with some responsibility. The information you find there is not meant to be shared with non-members or members who have not created profiles. ♦

ACTIVITIES

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

We have 5 walking routes which range between 1 and 2 miles, in a park-like setting where walkers can enjoy fresh air, the serenity of lakes, streams, and plenty of wildlife. 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

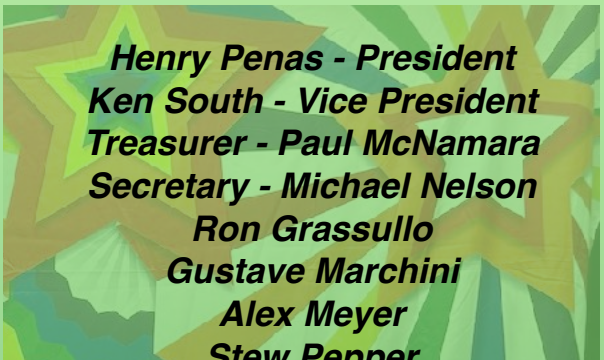
who doesn't want to walk the full distance.

Palm Aire is an easy drive from Fort Lauderdale, Wilton Manors, and Oakland Park.

We have had as many as 28 walkers. We now have a core group of around 10 "regulars" and about 10 to 15 walkers on any given Thursday.

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. ♦

Introducing the Members of Our New Board



Henry Penas - President
Ken South - Vice President
Treasurer - Paul McNamara
Secretary - Michael Nelson
Ron Grassullo
Gustavo Marchini
Alex Meyer
Stew Pepper
Jim Richardson

CONGRATULATIONS



**OUR TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP**
499

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FRIDAY, July 18th 1:30 PM

at The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN
EVENT



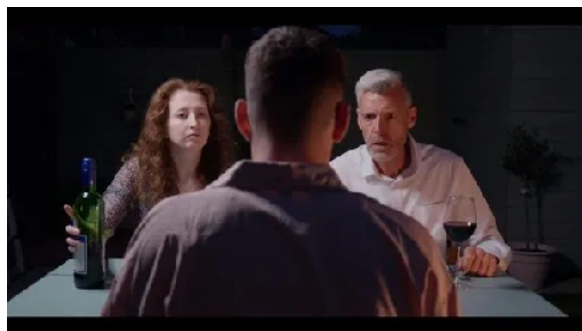
Featured Movie “THE WEDDING BANQUET”

The film is about a lovable rich kid named Min, and his boyfriend Chris, who has commitment issues. They are housemates with

Lee and Angela, a couple crazy about each other, desperately trying for a baby through IVF treatments. This quartet will come to be seen as a chosen family navigating cultural identity, queerness and family expectations. Min, an heir to his Korean family's fortune and business, pops the question to Chris, only to be turned down. And Min is threatened by an expiring visa. So Min makes a proposal: a greencard marriage with their friend Angela in exchange for her partner Lee's expensive IVF.

“The Wedding Banquet” is a generous, gentle, funny and, finally, moving

depiction of finding family and love. The performances are uniformly fine, and the movie is very thoughtful, amusing and entertaining.



Movie Short “ORANGE CHEESECAKE”

Joe is invited for dinner at his estranged father's house. He brings orange cheesecake, and is greeted by his dad's new girlfriend. But throughout the night, tensions rise as his dad's true intentions are revealed. You will be fighting the urge to smack his father across the face!!! ♦

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Charlie Morriss
Chris Gonzales
Frank Marino
Scott Boston
Alan Dupre
Thomas Benson-Wright
Jerry Lizzie
Ralph Gaskins
Juan Avila
Richard Newman
Leon Garner
Scott Sullam
Robert Bragg
James Beier
Albert Reeves
Ellis Squires
George Sauvigne

July Hero

By Ken South



On January 20, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn in for a historic third term. The Senate passed the Lend-Lease law, and Orson Welles' film, *Citizen Kane*, premiered in New York City. At California's March Field, entertainer Bob Hope performed his first USO Show, and The United States Army Air Force came into being, taking over from the former United States Army Air Corps. The first liberty ship, the SS *Patrick Henry*, was launched in Baltimore. Walt

Disney's fourth animated film, *Dumbo*, was released to recoup the initial financial losses of both *Pinocchio* and *Fantasia* of the year prior. President Roosevelt signed a bill establishing the 4th Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. Winston Churchill became the first British Prime Minister to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress. And, on December 7, 1941, (a date which will live in infamy) there was a deliberate attack on the US Naval Base at Pearl Harbor by the Empire of Japan, which destroyed most of the American ships and planes anchored there.

And, on January 15th of 1941, Mr. July was born to his family, the oldest of two boys, in Key West, FL. He attended elementary and high school there, graduating in 1959. He was a member of the HS band, and enjoyed a trip to Havana Cuba, to boot!

Later in 1959 he moved to Miami, where he was employed by Eastern Airlines. He worked for the airline until its closing in 1991. While there, he met his first partner, James Heffernan - a policeman- and they were together for 48 years, James died of cancer in 2020.

Mr. July and Jim moved back to Key West in 2000 and began an adventure in the hospitality business. He became one of the first owners of the LaTeDa guest house and the Lime House Inn. For several years, after 1991, he also lived and owned the Golden Lantern (Home of Southern Decadence) in New Orleans.

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Early Bird Dinner
Smoky Bones May 14th - 44 attended



PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



EXCURSION TO BOCA RATON MUSEUM OF ART SATURDAY, JULY 26th @ 11 AM

501 Plaza Real Mizner Park
Boca Raton, FL 33432



There will be carpools for those needing a ride. This event is wheelchair accessible. Admission is \$12. We will be having lunch at a nearby restaurant. We will meet at the entrance at 11 AM.

The Boca Raton
Museum of Art

encompasses a creative campus that includes the Museum in Mizner Park and the Art School. The Museum has provided seven decades of cultural and artistic service to the community and to visitors from around the world. The Boca Raton Museum maintains two Sculpture Gardens for the exhibition of monumental works by an array of international artists.

If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

HERO

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In 2005 Mr. July returned to Florida, to Wilton Manors, where he got involved in many real-estate ventures. In 2011, Mr. July met his current partner, Alex, at the Tropics Piano Bar and Restaurant. The couple were married in NYC in 2013.

He and Alex bought the Tropics business in 2014 and spent a good deal of time restoring it to full functioning. They also bought one of the last original houses on Bourbon Street in New Orleans and restored it. To recover from the intense years, 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. ♦



Podcast

The Surfer Podcast

Gustavo Marchini

Following

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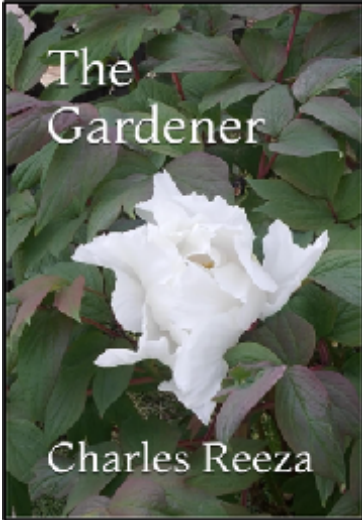
The Surfer Podcast is your monthly audio companion to the Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen newsletter. It brings the stories, events, and voices of our vibrant community to life—celebrating friendship, connection, and the joy of growing older together. Whether you're a longtime member or a curious listener, you'll love the warmth, wit, and wisdom in every episode.

**Congratulations
to our 50/50
Winner**



Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



The protagonist in ***The Gardener***, by Charles Reeza, is Adam. Adam is an introvert. He lives alone, and he's doing everything he can to keep it that way. "I prefer plants to people," he tells his only friend, Donna. "It's just the way I am."

An accountant by day, he spends his free time tending his impressive garden and reading grim 19th century novels from the private library in his Victorian house. His cautious, predictable life is governed by a set of sensible rules, just the way he likes it.

One winter day, a young man shows up to ask about the apartment for rent above the garage. Adam quickly decides Sam is not a suitable applicant, no matter how polite and attractive he is. Unless, just once, Adam bends his rules. How bad could it be? Adam would never let things get out of control . . . would he?

With a full cast of well-developed characters, *The Gardener* depicts a journey of self-discovery that explores the many variations of love, relationships, commitment, fidelity, and family.

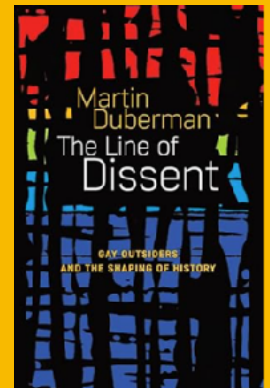
The Gardener will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, July 12 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom via this link: [Book Discussion Group](#). (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Pass code: 076609). ♦

UPCOMING: AUGUST MEETING:

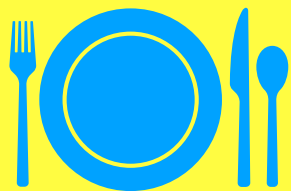
The selection
for the
August 9, 2025
discussion is:

***The Line of
Dissent: Gay
Outsiders and
the Shaping of
History,***

By Martin
Duberman



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OUR JULY BIRTHDAY BOYS**



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, Jul 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, Jul 9, 5:00 pm
Zuckerello's
3017 E Commercial Blvd., 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, Jul 10, 1:00 pm
Ramblewood Diner
8203 West Atlantic, Coral Springs, FL 33071
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, Jul 16, Two Seating Times:
First dinner: 5:00 PM, Second dinner: 7:00 PM
Amado Market, 2410 Wilton Dr, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
If you're going, RSVP early by emailing gustavomarchini@hotmail.com.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, Jul 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, Jul 31, 1:00 pm
Sicilian Oven
2761 East Oakland Park Blvd., in Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
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!



Early Bird Dinner Wednesday, July 9th @ 5:00 PM

Zuckerello's
3017 E Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL
33308

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.

General Membership Meeting



FORT LAUDERDALE PRIME GENTLEMEN DINNER PARTY

JUL
16

See you at
Amado Market
2410 Wilton Dr, Wilton
Manors, FL 33305



7/16
WED
5:00PM OR
7:00PM



#FTLPG

Join us for a night filled
with fun RSVP
Gustavomarchini@hotmail.com

Weiner Museum of
Decorative Arts Excursion



General Membership
Meeting



FREE Movies
March 16th 42 Movie
Attendees



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Robert Bozek	7/21	Donn Murphy
7/2	Kenneth Westlake	7/21	Daniel Rosenblatt
7/2	James McWilliams	7/22	Hans Hilgefert
7/3	Gregory Coyle	7/22	Richard Palmer
7/6	Ralph Tanzi	7/23	David Treece
7/7	Dennis St. Jean	7/24	Roland Laperle
7/8	Roman Cisneros	7/26	John Reid
7/12	Chuck Carroll	7/26	Ken Gault
7/14	Arthur Marquardt	7/27	Thomas Valentino
7/14	John Hamwey	7/27	Ken Mylott
7/16	Michael Nelson	7/29	Bill McDaris
7/18	Lloyd Schell	7/30	Richard Padilla
7/18	John Dowd	7/31	Louis Burkhardt
7/18	Louis Heidel	7/31	Richard Sgritta
7/19	Mel Beluscak	7/31	Myron Mikailian
7/20	Walter Rhodes	7/31	Frank Heister
7/20	Charles Munster		

7/14/2014	Michael Goodnight and Richard Goodnight	11
7/4/2011	John Hughes and Peter Kelly	14
7/4/2010	David Labbe and Stuart Geller	15
7/16/1997	Bruce Vinion and Kevin Brown	28
7/2/1989	Deric Bownds and Len Walker	36
7/15/1985	Michael Loscalzo and Henry Bernstein	40
7/15/1975	Norman Peters and William Woodward	50
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Join us Wednesday,
July 23rd
Night Out at Tropics



**Tropics Grille in
Wilton Manors, FL
located at 2000 Wilton Drive 33305**

- Drinks/cocktails from 5:00 to 5:30 PM with 'Happy Hour' prices, and dinner at 5:30 PM
Total menu is half-price!
- Please email Ed to let him know if you plan to attend. Ed Slough: wildhybrid@aol.com

July Hero
Godfrey
Thompson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Eastern Time Time Zone

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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.

