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SEPTEMBER 2025



ACTIVITIES

Collectors
By Ron Grassullo &
Ed Witkowski



In September, the Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen's Collectors Group will be celebrating our 10th anniversary. It has been, and continues to be, a rewarding experience for founders, Ron Grassullo and Ed Witkowski. To all the loyal members who have been with us from the very start, and to all those who have joined us over the years, we thank you for making this group what it is today.

The Collectors Group meetings have evolved into show and tell sessions. They range in subject matter from specifics like glass, pottery, art deco, and collectible paper to theme areas such as Black Americana, family histories and eBay.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Have you ever seen those posts on Facebook of pictures of skate keys, cap guns, hair rollers, secret decoder rings? The caption usually says, "If you recognize this object, you're old". I used to be offended by them and then I realized it's probably somebody our age who is sharing a visual memory of something that other seniors would remember. It's a way to connect.

When I joined our organization, I learned that there were many people who liked older men. Some of them had become older men. I learned that there were men who were married to women, some for many years, and there were "gold star gays" (men who had never had sex with a woman). I learned about it because we talked about it.

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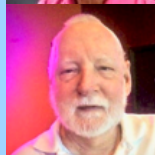
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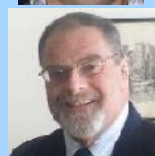
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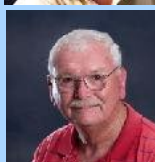
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As each person conducts his own show and tell, usually there is great interaction as to the origin, identification (especially with Google lens) and value of items plus discussion of current interests in today's collectible markets. Each of us learns a great deal because of these interactions. All our meetings are fun and lively. We videotape items featured at our sessions and show them at the Prime Gentlemen's monthly membership meetings.

Last year we had our first "theme" meeting, at which we shared pictures and discussions about the first car we owned. It was a lot of fun and very successful.

We take occasional field trips to museums and visit homes of members who showcase their collections. We also share the dates of flea markets and antique mall and depression glass shows with members.

You don't need to bring an item to meetings. Many people attend just to hear the information exchanged about items. Every meeting is a great learning experience. Both Prime Gentlemen and SAGE members are invited to join.

We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2:00pm in room 206 of the Pride Center. ♦

August General Membership Meeting



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But I also learned that we have more in common than I thought. We all lived through the same chunk of time and history. We saw the birth of Rock and Roll, Motown, and Disco. We idolized the same movie stars and watched the same early TV shows. We remember WW 2, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnamese War. We witnessed the space race, the birth of personal computers and the internet. We lived through the Civil Rights movement, the Women's movement and Gay Liberation. And we are still here to talk about it.

Over all those years we gained knowledge, insights and wisdom which we are willing to share with each other. We do it during coffee and conversation, at our monthly meeting and at all our weekly and monthly events. We connect! And that's a good thing.

Remember: M - I - C (see you later) K-E -Y (Why? Because we love you) M - O - U -S -E! ♦

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Steve Cooper
Ken Sabanosh
Bryan Parisi
Raul Caban
Paul Craffey
Ron Roberts
Sam Donofrio
William Haston
Bruce Ribbink
Michael Stanley
Michael Bee

Thomas Casserly
Sam Miller
Jim Krupka
Robert Barnett
Rick Cassity
Drew Hankins
Chuck McCarthy
Anthony Michel
Terry Howard
Javier Weicman
Richard Meyerson

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES

FRIDAY, September 19th @ 1:30 pm
at The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN EVENT

Featured Movie "A NICE INDIAN BOY"



"A Nice Indian Boy" is the warm hug of a film we didn't know we desperately needed. It's tender, hilarious, and deeply heartfelt - a love story that doesn't just center on queerness, but roots it in cultural collision and parental expectations. When Naveen brings his fiancée, Jay, a white man adopted by Indian parents, home to meet his traditional family, they must contend with accepting his white-orphan-artist boyfriend, and helping them plan the Indian wedding of their dreams.

"A Nice Indian Boy" is a romantic comedy with an uncommonly high level of compassion and commitment. It is a quietly confident film that unspools a tender love story between two men—and the

generations learning to accept them — with wit, nuance and no interest in cliché. No big twists or surprises, but solid performances and good chemistry between the leads.

Movie Short "DUSK"



Starring trans actors in both cis and trans roles, 'Dusk' is the award winning trans short that stormed the festival circuit, screening at 87 festivals internationally. Growing up in 1950s England in an intolerant and uninformed world, young Chris Winters struggles to fit into the gender roles dictated by wider society. A more than tough childhood left behind, Chris meets dream woman Julie, and life lightens a little, but the growing feeling that theirs is a life half lived haunts Chris.

Endlessly imagining what might have been, Chris is finally struck by the realization that for some decisions there is no right answer, and that it's those that truly define us. ♦

FREE MOVIE:
"WEDDING BANQUET"
JULY 18th
40 Attendees



September Hero

By Al Remer



Yookang Kim is Prime Gentlemen's "Man of the Month". Although Kim is actually his last name, he uses it as his first name as it's easier for people to pronounce, spell and remember. Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea where he lived the first 25 years of his life. He studied English from 7th grade through college where he majored in Mining Engineering. In 1972 Kim moved to Virginia and earned his master's degree in Urban Studies at Old Dominion University. Next, Kim moved to Washington DC and opened a kitchenware store. After 14 successful years, he moved to Ft. Lauderdale Florida to retire.

Kim had a wonderful relationship with his male soulmate of 46 years who died 2&1/2 years ago. Thus, Kim is available.

One of Kim's favorite things to do is travel. He has traveled all through the US and the world! In addition, Kim attends operas and plays. Among his many talents, Kim plays piano and guitar and loves popular and classical music. He is an excellent cook but maintains that these days he often eats out at many of the finest restaurants in the Ft. Lauderdale area. Socially, Kim has been a member of Prime Gentlemen for approximately 5 years and especially enjoys the Tuesday night mixers and dinners.

Currently, Kim has a beautiful condo on the Middle River which is adorned with many fantastic antiques and portraits (including ones of his deceased partner and himself). Kim's most prized possession is his 1926 Steinway Grand Player Piano which is extremely rare.

If you haven't gotten to know Kim, you are missing out on an intelligent, kind, witty, fun person with a good sense of humor. ♦

Luncheon Sicilian Oven July 31



PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



EXCURSION TO BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDENS

900 N Birch Rd, Fort
Lauderdale, FL 33304-3326

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
27th @ 11:00 am

Admission:

- ◆ Adults: \$25.00
- ◆ Broward County Residents
with ID: \$22.00

There will be carpools for those wanting a ride. We will meet at the entrance @ 11 AM. We will be having lunch at a nearby restaurant.

The Bonnet House is nestled on 35 acres of lush, tropical land, the estate is a peaceful retreat where history and ecology come to life. Step inside the historic house to discover the colorful world of Frederic and Evelyn Bartlett, who filled their home with art, stories, and a passion for creativity.

Wander through vibrant gardens, admire exotic plants, and watch for turtles, birds, and aquatic wildlife in the picturesque lakes and ponds.

Please notify Ed Slough if you would like to attend this excursion to Bonnet House wildhybrid@aol.com ◆

*Self-guided audio tours require the use of your mobile device. WiFi is available



*Tropical Tranquility in
Historic South Florida*

EARLYBIRD
DINNER
ZUCKERELLO'S
JULY 9TH
53 ATTENDED



Congratulations
to our 50/50
Winner

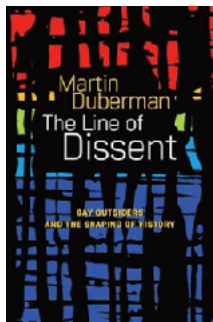


OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

498

Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



The selection for the September discussion is ***The Line of Dissent: Gay Outsiders and the Shaping of History***, by Martin Duberman.

The title of this essay collection, *The Line of Dissent*, suggests a common denominator for a truly diverse group of individuals— beyond the fact that all were amazing people who lived extraordinary lives. They were trailblazers who forged new ways of thinking or being, and all made major contributions to LGBT life and culture.

These essays (with a few exceptions) first appeared in *The Gay & Lesbian Review* — the first, in 1997, an in-depth profile of Edward Sagarin, author of *The Homosexual in America* (1951), dubbed “the Father of the Homophile Movement.” The latest, from 2022, provides new insights into the work of Alfred Kinsey, who pretty much invented the field of sex research, and his acolyte C.A. Tripp, author of the explosive 1975 book *The Homosexual Matrix*.

Between these scholarly bookends are activists, poets, artists, and daredevils. A three-part series on impresario Lincoln Kirstein reveals how he brought the art of ballet to America. Several profiles can be found at the intersection of the LGBT struggle and leftist politics. Another group includes visual artists such as painter Robert Rauschenberg and designer Ed Wormley, as well as poets like W. H. Auden and the Black activist Essex Hemphill. There’s even a chapter on lesbian speedboat racer Joe Carstairs, who burst all kinds of barriers when she won major trophies in the 1920s.

In short, it’s a wild ride covering a breathtaking swath of LGBT history, all brought to you in Martin Duberman’s informative, easygoing writing style.

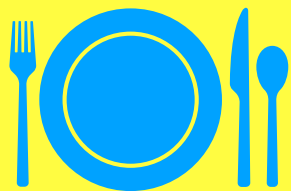
The Line of Dissent will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, September 13 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom: [Book Discussion Group](#). (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Pass code: 076609). ♦

UPCOMING: OCTOBER MEETING:

The selection for the October 11 , 2025 discussion is:

Before Night Falls, by Reinaldo Arenas





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, Sep 7, 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, Sep 10, 5:00 pm
Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill
4711 N Dixie Highway, Oakland Park, 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, Sep 11, 1:00 pm
Mom's Kitchen
1940 NE 45th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
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, Sep 17, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Only Thai
2100 E Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Please RSVP to gustavomarchini@hotmail.com by 15th September 2025 so we can confirm our reservation.

RSVP Due Date

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, Sep 24, 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, Sep 25, 1:00 pm
Anthony's Clam House
2861 Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
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, September 10 @ 5:00 pm

Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill
4711 North Dixie Highway Ste. C
Oakland Park, FL 33334

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.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAY BOYS**

FORT LAUDERDALE PRIME GENTLEMEN DINNER PARTY

SEP
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See you at
Only Thai Authentic Kitchen
2100 E Oakland Park Blvd
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306



**5 PM
AND
7 PM**



#FTLPG

Join us for a night filled
with fun RSVP
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**August General
Membership Meeting
Speaker - Ronnie Larsen**



**EXCURSION TO THE BOCA
RATON MUSEUM OF ART JULY
26th / 13 ATTENDED**

With profound sadness we remember and honor our members



Bill Sawyer
March 11, 1953 – August 2, 2025

We are saddened to share that fellow member Bill Sawyer passed away on August 2 while receiving care at home. His partner, Burke Larendine, was by his side.

Bill joined Prime Gentlemen in July 2015 and was an enthusiastic member of our bowling group until the onset of COVID. He enjoyed a long career as a TV Broadcasting Production Engineer, working with several Florida television stations.

Bill will be remembered as a kind, warm-hearted Southern gentleman, always a joy to be around. A memorial service will be held at Body of Christ Church in Oakland Park. We will share the details as soon as they are available.



William Tadros
June 30, 1935 – July 6, 2025

William Tadros, passed away on July 6 in the hospice unit at Holy Cross Hospital, with his partner, Bob Woodman, by his side. He will be laid to rest at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Fort Lauderdale.

Born in Egypt, William emigrated first to Australia and later to the United States, where he proudly became a U.S. citizen. He joined our group in 2005.

William was known for his generosity and outgoing spirit.

Bob would like William to be remembered for his kindness and his readiness to help others. Though they were opposites in many ways, William and Bob learned to embrace their differences, building a strong and joyful partnership that lasted 23 years.



Bruce Vinion
October 13, 1947 – July 23, 2025

Bruce Vinion, a beloved member of our club, passed away following a long illness, with his devoted partner of 28 years, Kevin Brown, by his side. Bruce and Kevin joined Prime Gentlemen in January 2020.

Bruce was an accomplished organist who also loved boating and camping. He was a member of The Woods Campground and was affectionately known as “Mother Bruce” — a reference to his being a wise, guiding elder statesman.

Celebrations of Bruce’s life will be announced soon and will take place in both Florida and Pennsylvania. The love between Bruce and Kevin was undeniable — their bond radiated in every shared glance and quiet moment.

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Ronnie Womack	9/18	Patrick Fischer
9/1	David Gripp	9/18	Clayton Raney
9/1	George Bergevine	9/18	Bruce Gorbelt
9/1	Warren Joseph	9/18	Jack Rosing
9/2	Salvatore Vetro	9/19	Austin Matthews
9/2	Erwin Aupperle	9/19	Paul Sheftman
9/4	Roger O'Shea	9/20	Ralph Gaskins
9/4	James Flora	9/21	David Bisbey
9/5	Gerard Gervais	9/21	Ruso Perkins
9/5	Harold Atchison	9/22	Frank Marino
9/7	Jorge Moreno	9/22	Vincent Sperruzzi
9/8	William Daugherty	9/22	John Martin
9/8	Alden Hurteau	9/23	Rick Cassity
9/9	Dan Krocak	9/24	Tom Bohn
9/9	Jack Almeleh	9/24	Daniel Weigleb
9/9	Louis Horvath	9/26	John Morris
9/9	John Dool	9/27	Brian McCarthy
9/10	Terry Regnier	9/27	Jerry Jensen
9/10	Juan Carlos Avila	9/27	John Maloni
9/13	Victor Bard	9/27	Michael Barcham
9/13	James LoBello	9/28	Christopher Benfante
9/14	Peter Roukis	9/28	Larry Ousley
9/14	Joseph Mehrling	9/29	Robert Bastien
9/15	Rene Franco	9/30	Joseph Guidetti
9/16	Gerhard Depken	9/30	Luiz Basile
9/16	Robert Morrow	9/30	Allen Koppang
9/18	Rick Martin		

9/22/202	David Leach and Richard Keaton	1
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Join us
Wednesday, September 24
Night Out at Tropics
Tropics Grille in Wilton Manors, FL
2000 Wilton Drive

- 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

Join the fun!

32 ATTENDED

**SAGE's "NIGHT
 OUT AT
 TROPICS" JULY
 23rd**

September 2025 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:00 AM Tennis BP	1 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	2 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	3 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	4 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors Group PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	5	6
7 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8	8 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	9 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	10 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 5:00 PM Early Bird Dinner, p8	11 8:00 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	12 2:00 PM History Group ZM	13 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group, p7
14 8:00 AM Tennis BP	15 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	16 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	17 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 5:00 PM Dinner Party, p9 7:00 PM Dinner Party, p9	18 8:00 AM Tennis BP 12:30 PM Board ZM 2:00 PM Collectors Group PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	19 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	20
21 8:00 AM Tennis BP	22 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	23 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	24 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM# 5:00 PM Tropics Grille Night Out, p8	25 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Luncheon, p8 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	26 2:00 PM History Group ZM	27 11:00 AM Excursion to Bonnet House
28 8:00 AM Tennis BP	29 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	30 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	1 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	2 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors Group PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	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
- VC = Volen Center, 1515 W Palmetto Park Rd, 33486
- ZM = See weekly email Bulletin for link.

