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Bowling at Margate Lanes

By Jim Webb

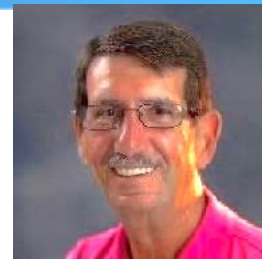
Strikes, spares—and yes, the occasional gutter ball—are all part of the fun when the Prime Gentlemen gather each Wednesday at 1:00 pm for an afternoon of bowling at AMF Margate Lanes, 2020 State Route 7 (US 441), Margate, FL.

The group bowls three games together, enjoying both the exercise and the fellowship that comes with friendly competition. Thanks to a special arrangement with Margate Lanes, our members pay just \$10.80 for three games, and also receive two free games to use on another day during the week. That's five games total for only \$10.80—a terrific value for some good-spirited recreation.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



There has been a major change to our monthly calendar. For over 22 years, we have held our Membership Meeting on the first Sunday of each month. ***Beginning this month, however, we will meet at 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month (October 11).*** 👁️👁️

This change comes as the Pride Center has lost its HIV funding and, as a result, has been forced to cut back on expenses. Three employees have been laid off, and the Center can no longer afford to operate on Sundays. Please be sure to adjust your social calendars accordingly.

In addition, we are excited to introduce some new events to our already full schedule.

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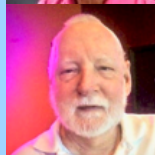
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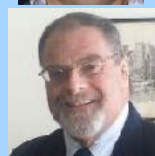
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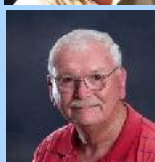
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PRESIDENT

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Singles Mixer

We are launching a new monthly Singles Mixer. The first event will take place on October 1 from 4 – 7pm. Full details will be available on our website and in the Surfer. Gustavo Marchini will coordinate this event—a long-requested addition that is finally becoming a reality.

Potluck Pool Parties (Gentlemen's Plunge)

Another new monthly feature will be our Potluck Pool Parties. The first was held on September 20 at the home of Alex Meyer and Godfrey Thompson. Going forward, we'll need additional members to host these gatherings at their pools.

To ease the workload for hosts, a team of volunteers will help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Guests will also receive a Code of Conduct sheet upon registering. Each host will set an attendee limit, and we'll manage registrations accordingly. Once capacity is reached, we'll maintain a waiting list.

New Merchandise

We're also exploring ways to support our own expenses, including selling merchandise proudly featuring the Prime Gentlemen logo. We hope many members will say, "I'd love to have one of those!"

And that's just for starters.. ♦

**Congratulations
to our 50/50
Winner**



ACTIVITIES

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The bowling center is conveniently located near the Palm Aire community, with plenty of parking and a snack bar for mid-game refreshments. Teams are generally limited to six players per lane, and lineups shift from week to week to keep things lively. We usually finish by around 3:00 pm. Bowling shoes and balls are available for anyone who doesn't bring their own gear.

If you'd like a chance to stay active, meet up with friends, and enjoy a few laughs, join us any Wednesday afternoon. Whether you're aiming for strikes or just rolling for fun, you'll be in good company!..♦

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

David Esbin
Peter Webb
Eric Blomquist
Gary Dimon

Rod Finston
Richard Palmer
Philip Grossman
Roland Laperle

Charles Truscianski
Andrew Horvath
John Sanders
Austin Lee

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES

FRIDAY, October 24th @ 1:30 pm

at The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN EVENT



Featured Movie "BIRDER"

Birder is one of 2024's indie hidden gems that deserves love for how daring the entire team was in crafting a smart, devious erotic thriller navigating kink, sex, intimacy, and identity. Bird watcher Kristian Brooks invades a nude queer campground on a remote lake in New Hampshire. He wears whatever he needs to ensnare the

locals in his dark fetishes, and consent has never been more deadly.

This keeps things enjoyably engaging even as the body count rises.

Warning! This movie includes frontal nudity, including erections. And there is extreme violence towards gay men. It is certainly a fitting movie for Halloween.

Movie Short

"MICHAEL JACKSON'S THRILLER"

In honor of Halloween, we will be screening a section of Michael Jackson's 1983 music video: "Thriller." MJ was the first to hire a movie producer to make this music video, and it is the best selling video of all time with worldwide sales in excess of 110 million and was the first ever album to be awarded triple diamond status for US sales alone. "Thriller" was the first album to feature 7 top 10 singles on Billboard. Taylor Swift isn't even close. ♦



**Earlybird Dinner
Hong Kong BBQ
August 13th
36 attended**



October Hero

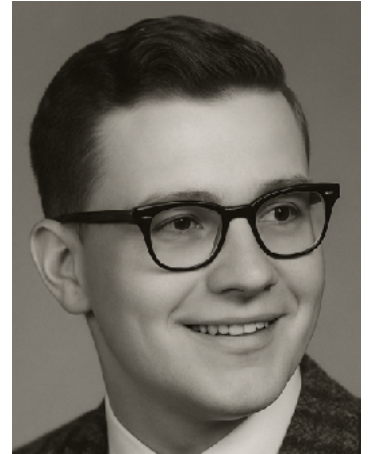
By Ken Joseph

Gary Lee Lawson was born in Davenport, Iowa in 1941. That year the United States entered World War II after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was the youngest of three children. Lee attended the Monroe Elementary School, the Frank L. Senant Junior High School, and the Davenport High School.

He attended the University of Maryland, Parsons College, and eventually received a degree in Geography from Augustana College.

He served in the army for three years and was stationed in Germany for two and a half of those years.

Lee's partner died from HIV in 1982, when no one knew what HIV was. After his partner's passing Lee became cautious when meeting others. This impacted some of the decisions he made in his volunteer work. When he resumed dating, he didn't really enter any long-term relationships until he met Tony, who he met online in 2020. Tony relocated to New Zealand as a physician. Lee decided to remain here, but they are close till this day.



Lee is a man of many diverse interests. He became interested in motorcycles in 1978 and was a founding member of the Blackhawk Motorcycle Club. He dabbles in gardening and painting. He is an avid reader. He enjoys novels and reads the newspaper daily.

He started his career at Dunn & Bradstreet. He dabbled in real estate and then worked for International Harvester/Navistar International for many years. The last twelve years of his career he worked in computer operations. At one point he returned to Iowa for five years to take care of his mother.

His dedication to volunteer work and activism is exemplary. He was involved and active in Homophile, "Society Mutual Equality." He marched on the Pentagon and on the White House. He demonstrated against Anita Bryant's homophobic stand in Des Moines, Iowa. He helped form an HIV organization to assist HIV patients in hospitals in to care for their pets at home, watering their plants and taking in their mail. He volunteered for the Milwaukee AIDS Foundation, the St. Louis Effort for AIDS and the Indianapolis Damian Project, coordinating donated food from hospitals delivered to homebound AIDS patients.

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"Night Out @ Tropics"
Aug 27th
39 Attended



PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



Excursion to
The Historic Stranahan
House Museum
Saturday, October 25th
11 AM

335 SE 6th Ave, Fort
Lauderdale, FL 33301-2256



Admission is \$13 adults/ \$11 seniors; 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 Historic Stranahan House Museum is Fort Lauderdale's oldest and most historically significant surviving structure. This is where it all began. The Stranahan House holds the story of a family, a house, and the birth of a city.

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

*Self-guided audio tours is available

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Lee is also involved with Area Aging on Aging which funnels \$50 million dollars senior programs. He is President of Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER).

Lee resides in Edgewater and states he is here because he "does not like winters."

What a remarkable life! ♦

From the desk of Jim
Richardson,
Membership Secretary

Some members have asked me, "Why is so-and-so showing on our New Member list, he's been with us for years!"

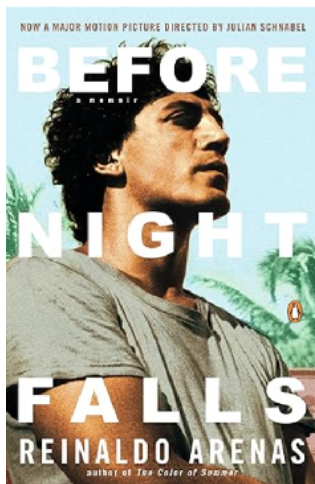
The answer to that is under our new member management program, if a member fails to pay their dues on time, they are put into a "lapsed" category after 3 weeks. If you are "lapsed", you'll also fail to receive any of the regular emails or event notifications for the club. A month after your normal renewal date, our system will Archive your information.

If you think you are a member, and you're just a "little late" in renewing, but can't find yourself in our membership portal, you can either fill out the application again and submit your payment, your you can email/text/talk to me and I'll dig out your Archived membership record and place it in a "pending renewal" status so that you can go online and renew.

We all get busy, travel or plain old fail to notice the 3 reminders we got that we were about to lapsebut don't fret! I'll give you a hand if you are having an issue. ♦

Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



The selection for the October discussion is ***Before Night Falls*** by Reinaldo Arenas.

The acclaimed memoir of homosexual Cuban author Reinaldo Arenas chronicles his tumultuous yet luminous life, from his impoverished upbringing in Cuba to his imprisonment at the hands of a Communist regime.

Before Night Falls recounts a stunning odyssey from Arenas' poverty-stricken childhood in rural Cuba and his adolescence as a rebel fighting for Castro, through his suppression as a writer, imprisonment as a homosexual, his flight from Cuba via the Mariel boat lift, and his subsequent life and the events leading to his death

in New York. In what The Miami Herald calls his "deathbed ode to eroticism," Arenas breaks through the code of secrecy and silence that protects the privileged in a state where homosexuality is a political crime. Recorded in simple, straightforward prose, this is the true story of the Kafkaesque life and world recreated in the author's acclaimed novels.

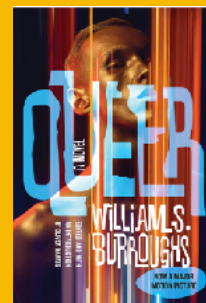
The book covers the span of Arenas's life, from early childhood to his suicide letter blaming Castro for all of his calamities, including his death. It is an absorbing story, with the fascination one finds in stories by survivors of death camps or in the lives of the saints.

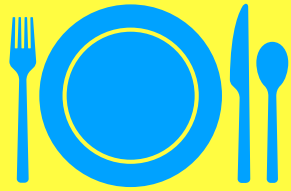
Before Night Falls will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, October 11 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom: [Book Discussion Group](#). (Meeting ID: 275 139 4844 and Pass code: 076609). ♦

UPCOMING: NOVEMBER MEETING

The selection for the November 8, 2025 discussion is:

QUEER, by William S. Burroughs





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, Oct 11, 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

Beginning this month, we meet the second Saturday of the month at 2 pm

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, Oct 8, 5:00 pm
The Ambry
3016 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, Oct 9, 1:00 pm
Nelson's Diner
438 South Cypress Rd, 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, Oct 15, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Candela Restaurant – Wine Bar & Tapas
2909 NE 6th Ave, Wilton Manors, FL 33334
RSVP required to gustavomarchini@hotmail.com Seats are limited, so reserve yours early!

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, Oct 22, 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, Oct 30, 1:00 pm
15th Street Fisheries
1900 SE 15th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
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!

FORT LAUDERDALE PRIME GENTLEMEN DINNER PARTY

OCT
15

See you at
Candela Spanish Restaurant
2909 NE 6th Ave. Wilton
Manors, FL, 33334



5 PM
AND
7 PM



#FTLPG

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

Early Bird Dinner
Wednesday, October 8
5:00 pm



The Ambry
3016 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.

Join us
Wednesday, October 22
Night Out at Tropics
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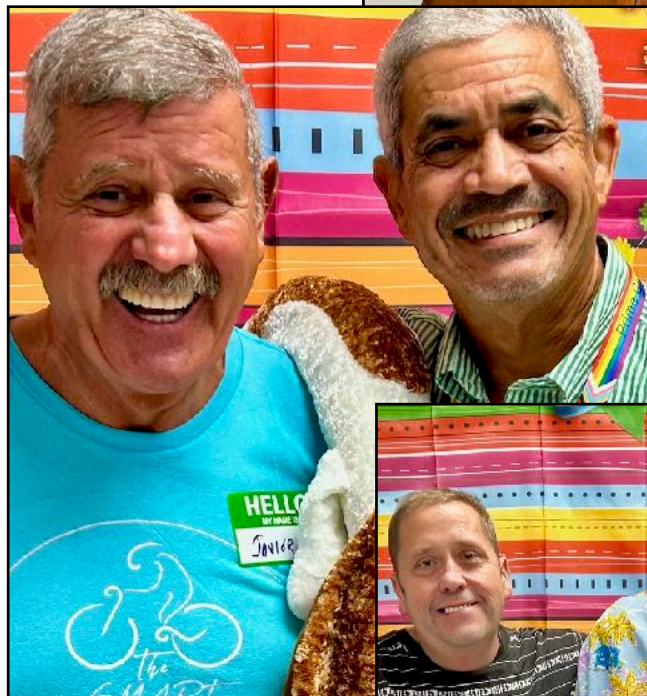


- Drinks/cocktails from 5:00 to 5:30 pm with 'Happy Hour' prices, and dinner at 5:30 pm Total menu is half-price!
- Please email Ed to let him know if you plan to attend. Ed Slough: wildhybrid@aol.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR OCTOBER
BIRTHDAY BOYS



Scenes from the September General Membership Meeting



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Gary Hardin	10/15	Wayne Mitteer
10/2	Keith Jennings	10/16	Richard Meyerson
10/2	Carlos Moran	10/16	Jeffrey Cronin
10/5	Jere Ford	10/16	Richard Newman
10/6	Albert Abdessemed	10/18	Irving Camiel
10/6	Jose Santos-Cruz	10/20	Herbert Diamond
10/6	Anthony Sikich	10/21	Sidney Goldenberg
10/7	Roger Snyder	10/21	Leon Garner
10/7	Randy Turner	10/22	Bruce Parrish
10/8	Edward Green	10/22	Thomas Benson-Wright
10/8	Alex Meyer	10/23	David Brackett
10/8	Michael Lascale	10/24	Stuart Silver
10/8	Drew Hankins	10/24	Peter Laurendine
10/10	Carlos Jusino	10/24	Steve Moses
10/11	Asa Ratliff	10/28	Eugene Avrett
10/11	Alan Miller	10/29	Jack Arlotta
10/13	Thomas Rudd	10/29	Keith Gore
10/13	Bruce Vinion	10/31	Andrew Langley
10/13	William Haston		

10/1/2025	Philip Grossman and Tom Perry	0
10/1/2021	Gary Peters and Brian Douglas	4
10/17/2014	Don Roofner and Joe McNally	11
10/18/2013	Herbert Diamond and John Ring	12
10/20/2008	John Lloyd and Andrew Cheng	17
10/28/2005	Brian McCarthy and Ron Bass	20
10/17/1983	Gary Hardin and Sam Aron	42
10/2/1979	Harold Prasse and Kenneth Crush	46



With profound sadness we remember and honor our members



Gene Bunge
May 4, 1935 –
August 24, 2025

Fellow member, Gene Bunge passed away peacefully Sunday, August 24 in Hospice Care. He was suffering from spinal cancer.

Gene and his partner, Jerry Jensen have been members since May 2016. They have been together for 27 years. Gene lived a fascinating life and was once Man of the Month.

Gene loved to laugh and will be remembered for his smile. Friends have commented that everyone around him in a picture was always smiling with him. He was a gentle man who made people smile.

A service is being planned for the last week of September.

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HA = Haulover Beach, 10800 Collins Ave 33154
MA = Margate Lanes, 2020 N State Rd 7 33063
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.

