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NOVEMBER 2025



WE REMEMBER AND HONOR KEN SOUTH

We are saddened to share that our friend Ken South passed away on Thursday, October 9 in the hospice unit at John Knox Village.



Ken survived prostate cancer for 15 years, but it returned, and his cancer medications were no longer helping. His doctor informed him there was nothing to be done. Ken accepted the news and came to terms with it. He hired Trust Bridge Hospice Care and prepared himself for the inevitable. During the remainder of his time, he was cheerful, philosophical and positive.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



November is fall foliage month everywhere else. Here in Florida, the only colors changing are on the license plates — as our snowbirds migrate back for the season!

It's also Thanksgiving time, a reminder to pause and reflect on the things we're grateful for. As president of this wonderful organization, I have many reasons to give thanks. At the top of my list are the many people who make my job easier and make our group stronger.

We're fortunate to have a Board of Directors made up of nine dedicated gentlemen whose primary goal is always to serve our members first.

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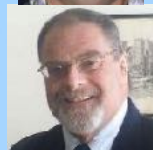
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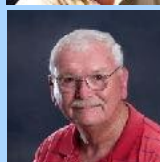
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PRESIDENT

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We wrestle with challenges and choices in every decision-making process, but our motivation never wavers: to find the solutions that best support the strength and future of our organization.

And that's just the administrative side. All our planning and ideas would mean little without the 50 or so members who make everything run smoothly.

These volunteers serve food at our potluck meetings, chair committees, produce our newsletter, find venues for monthly events, prepare topics for our group meetings, organize excursions, manage our website and social media, lead our athletic activities, keep us walking, play the piano for us, take us out to lunch, dinner, and drinks at our mixers and so much more behind the scenes.

I am deeply thankful for all that they do, week in and week out — as we all should be. Gratitude doesn't have to wait until November. If there's something we do throughout the year that brings you joy, find out who's behind it and take a moment to say, "thank you." It'll make their day — and yours, too. ♦



Charles LoPiccolo
November 21, 1954 –
September 23, 2025

We are saddened to share that our fellow member, **Charles "Charlie" LoPiccolo**, passed away on September 23, 2025, after a series of debilitating illnesses. He had been a valued member of our group since June 2019.

Charlie was a dedicated forensic psychiatrist by profession and a beloved part of the Sunshine Cathedral community for many years. He gave generously of his time and talents, serving as a key volunteer in the Loaves & Fishes ministry, a faithful contributor, and the originator of the church's television ministry. Beyond his service, Charlie also found joy in square dancing, which reflected his vibrant spirit.

To his many friends, Charlie was someone you could always count on—the kind of friend everyone hopes to have.



Donald Harris
June 3, 1930 –
October 4, 2025

Sadly, we report the passing of long-time member, **Donald Harris** on October 4, 2025. He has been a member since the first meeting in 2003, when we were known as the Fort Lauderdale Prime Timers. He was born in Massapequa, New York.

Don traveled a lot and relocated to California, where he taught for 35 years. Don met his current partner, Terry Byrd in 2011 while on a cruise. He moved into John Knox Village in 2016. He was Man of the Month in August 2021.

He will be remembered as warmhearted, and very kind person with an infectious smile. Donald is survived by his partner Terry Byrd and his two nieces, Deann Ruoff and Dana Linder.

Keep Terry in your thoughts during this difficult time. There will be a memorial "Celebration of Life" at Tropics on October 26 at 11am.

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



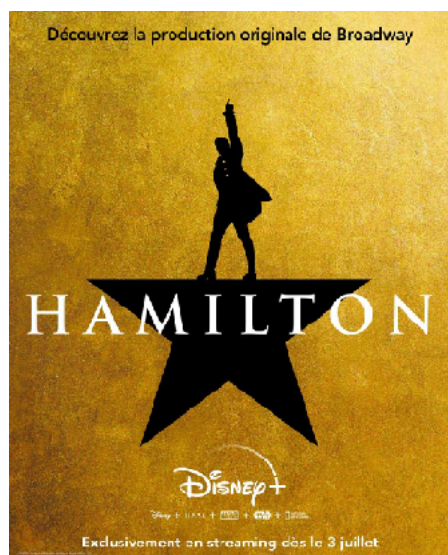
FREE MOVIES

FRIDAY, November 21st @ 1:30 pm

at The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN EVENT



Featured Movie "HAMILTON"

The original Broadway production of the award-winning musical that tells the story of Alexander Hamilton, first secretary of the treasury, blending hip-hop, jazz, R&B and Broadway styles, filmed from the Richard Rogers Theater in New York.

For the last ten years, there might not be anything more important in American culture than the musical Hamilton. From the moment it hit Broadway in 2015, there was nothing else like it, a hip-hop inspired musical about the United States First Secretary of the Treasury. Tickets were hard to come by, with the pricing in the thousands, and a lottery established to give away free seats. It made creator Lin Manuel Miranda and his cast members stars overnight. The songs were performed across the world. With streaming service Disney+, everyone can have the opportunity to experience the event of our lifetime in the comfort of the Pride Center with the original Tony-winning cast. ♦

FORT LAUDERDALE PRIME GENTLEMEN DINNER PARTY

NOV 19

See you at 1025 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL, FL 33304, Florida

5 PM AND 7 PM

Tamarindo Harbor

#FTLPG

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



SINGLES MIXER

INTRODUCING **SINGLE MEN'S MIXER**

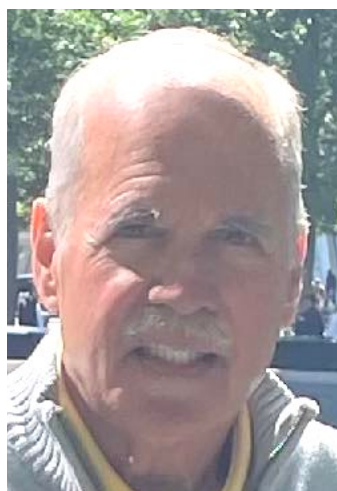
AQUA WATERFRONT BISTRO

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
4:00 - 7:00 PM

• 50% OFF MEALS EVERY WEDNESDAY • DISCOUNTED DRINKS

November Man of the Month:

GEORGE H. MIHALAKOS



George spent his early years in the Naugatuck Valley region of Connecticut, graduating from Chesire High School. He played a variety of varsity sports, including football, basketball, and track. George went on to further his education at Waynesburg University in Pennsylvania. There, he participated in theater and played the role of Bassanio in the university's production of "*The Merchant of Venice*." After graduation, he returned to Connecticut to earn a law degree from the University of Bridgeport School of Law. Coming from a family that was involved in the restaurant business, while attending law school in the evenings, George worked as a short order cook in a 24-hour diner. He continues to enjoy cooking and entertaining today.

George began his professional career at the University of Bridgeport in 1977 serving first as Planned Giving Officer, then In-House Counsel, and later as Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He also worked for the Chief Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court on its administrative side. As Vice President for Institutional Advancement, he established a contemporary composers festival that brought successful composers like Steven Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein to campus for student interaction and lectures.

When one of the university's benefactors asked George to serve as her executor, the university's general counsel cleared this role of any conflict of interest. The estate was able to reclaim four Gustav Klimt paintings owned by the decedent's family. The paintings had been confiscated by the Nazis in 1938. Later, when Austria sought to join the European Union, a requirement for entry was that its archives be opened. The estate then sent an art historian to Austria, who was successful in tracing and identifying the Klimt paintings. The most valuable was *Water Serpents II*, painted in 1907. The painting had been owned by a Nazi filmmaker, who had pulled the painting from auction and purchased it. After he died, his widow failed to respond to the estate's letters documenting their claim. Eventually, the widow contacted the estate, stating she had a buyer and offering to share one half of the proceeds. If the estate didn't agree, the painting would be donated to a private foundation. The estate agreed, and it was sold in 2012 for \$112 million. All proceeds from the reclaimed paintings were liquidated and distributed to three non-profits.

For 35 years, George was partnered with Bernard Roy Schillinger. He lovingly acted as Bernard's sole caretaker before Bernard passed away at the age of 100 in 2021.

PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



Happy Thanksgiving
Due to the holiday
No November Excursion

Thanksgiving Day Dinner
Checkers Old Munchen
November 27 @ 4:30 PM



*2209 E Atlantic Blvd
Pompano Beach, FL 33062*

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.

**Congratulations
to our 50/50
Winner**



WE REMEMBER

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The only thing he worried about was whether he would feel well enough to go to church on Sunday. He died quietly and peacefully.

Ken joined Prime Gentlemen in 2016, ran for the Board of Directors, won and became our Vice President. He had been the President of the Washington D.C. Prime Timers for 16 years. He was Man of the Month in December of 2017 and took over that job from Doug Kent. He continued to do the interviews and articles until he was no longer able. To read his article and learn more about his life, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/2fvh47ak>

Before he passed, he wrote a letter to his fellow congregants at the local United Church of Christ explaining what was happening to him and explaining how he was prepared for the outcome, which of his life experiences made the peace he felt possible. The last thing on his bucket list was to be able to go to mass at UCC so he could share it with his church friends. And he was able to do it. (It is attached to this notice).

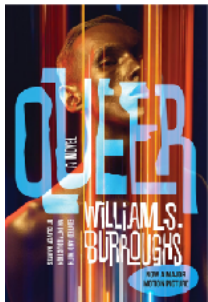
We are going to miss Ken. He was a great asset to our organization and a good friend. We will mourn his loss for a long time to come. Any information about a memorial service will be sent to you once we receive it.

Link to Ken South's Letter:

["In the Home Stretch!"](#) ♦

Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



The selection for the November discussion is “**Queer**” by William S. Burroughs. Originally written in 1952 but not published until 1985, *Queer* is an enigma - both an unflinching autobiographical self-portrait and a scathingly political novel, Burroughs' only realist love story and a montage of comic-grotesque fantasies that paved the way for his masterpiece, *Naked Lunch*.

As the protagonist, Lee, breaks down, the trademark Burroughsian voice emerges: a maniacal mix of self-lacerating humor and the Ugly American at his most unattractive. A haunting tale of possession and exorcism, *Queer* is also a novel with a history of secrets, as this new edition reveals. The definitive text of William S. Burroughs's early, long-unpublished novel is now adapted for film, directed by Luca Guadagnino and starring Daniel Craig.

Queer will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, November 8 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). ♦

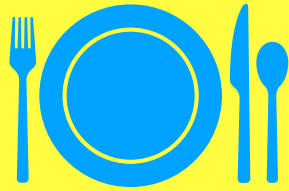
UPCOMING: DECEMBER MEETING:

In lieu of a discussion meeting, the group will gather at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 13 for the Discussion Groups's Annual Holiday Luncheon at Rosie's Bar & Grill.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAY BOYS





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, Nov 8, 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, Nov 12, 5:00 pm
GG's of NY
5440 N State Road 7, North Lauderdale, FL 33319
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER RUN

Thursday, Nov 13, 1:00 pm
Rosie's Bar & Grill
2449 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305
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, Nov 19, seatings at 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Tamarindo Harbor
1025 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
RSVP to gustavomarchini@hotmail.com Seats are limited, so reserve yours early!

LUNCHEON

Thursday, Nov 20, 1:00 pm
Seasons 52 at the Galleria Mall
2428 East 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.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, Nov 26, 5:00 pm
Tropics Grille in Wilton Manors
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Dinner has been cancelled due to the holiday

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!



PRIME GENTLEMEN HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 7, 2025



12:00 noon –Cash Bar

1:00 PM – Luncheon

Terra Ballroom
Embassy Suites by Hilton



1100 SE 17th St, Fort Lauderdale

MEAL CHOICES		MEMBER COST
Entrée #1	Macadamia Crusted Breast of Chicken	\$31.00
Entrée #2	Lemon-Herb Grilled Salmon	\$34.00
Entrée #3	Mojo Marinated Flank Steak Au Jus	\$37.00
MEMBER COST INCLUDES:		
Dinner rolls and butter; California baby greens, teardrop tomatoes, beetroot and carrot ribbon salad with balsamic dressing; chive sour cream whipped potatoes; julienne of vegetables; Key Lime pie; iced tea, water, and coffee service.		
<i>Member cost is available to current members only, plus one guest.</i>		
PARKING:		
Complimentary self-parking; valet parking available for \$18.00.		
CASH BAR:		
Available for alcoholic beverages, soft drinks and bottled water.		
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE:		
To participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less.		



TO RESERVE & PAY WITH A CREDIT CARD, CLICK:
<https://tinyurl.com/3bntwcjy>

RESERVATIONS, CANCELLATIONS, AND REFUND
REQUESTS END AT 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 12/3.



Scenes from the October General Membership Meeting



ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

11/1	Daniel Roy	11/19	Mark Baker
11/2	Lorenzo Espinosa	11/19	Allen Bryant
11/2	Steven Pavone	11/20	Stewart Pepper
11/3	William Watkins	11/22	Milton Stern
11/4	Jim Richardson	11/22	Jose Arvelo
11/4	Walter Pieciak	11/22	Aziel Sales
11/6	Jack Skay	11/23	Albert Bocklet
11/6	Paul Nix	11/23	Edward Corbett
11/7	George Longobardi	11/24	Robert Baxter
11/8	William Schwab	11/24	Don Rice
11/8	Charlie Morriss	11/24	Kenneth Sabanosh
11/8	Albert Lojko	11/24	David Stamps
11/9	Carlos Velez	11/26	Ron Bass
11/10	Walter Secada	11/26	James Marcus
11/10	Anthony Marino	11/27	Joseph Placucci
11/12	Osamie Miyachi	11/28	Arnie Aliff
11/12	Richard Sanders	11/29	Rodrigo Gutierrez
11/13	Jerry Tvrdik	11/29	Daniel Glowa
11/14	William Mayo	11/30	Thom Rafter
11/15	David Labbe	11/30	Eugene Pennington
11/17	Robert Woodman	11/30	Joe Lonsway
11/01/2021	Brian Douglas and Gary Peters	4	
11/19/2020	James Flora and James Medeiros	5	
11/09/2018	Peter Laurendine and William Sawyer	7	
11/13/2014	Stephen Thayer and Howard Terry	11	
11/24/2008	Patrick Fischer and Kenneth Bailey	17	
11/14/1990	Jose Arvelo and Jeffrey Piekarsky	35	
11/19/1982	Christopher Burt and Nick Polizos	43	
11/30/xxxx	Richard Vodicka and Carl Korynas		



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Everett Rosner
Barry Bates
Alberto Santos
Don Smith
Thom Rafter
Alex Estevez
Bruce Goodchild

Carmine Coppola
Michael Vignali
Paul Buonafede
Rafael Layzequilla
Klaur Zgainer
George Wagner



493 Members as of 10/05/2025



November 2025 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM Tennis BP	27 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	28 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	29 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling MA 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	30 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 1:00 PM Luncheon, p8 7:00 PM Walking SC	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1
2 Daylight Saving Time End 8:00 AM Tennis BP	3 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	4 Election Day 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	5 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling MA 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 4:00 PM PG Single Men's Mixer	6 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 2:00 PM Collectors Group PC 7:00 PM Walking SC	7	8 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group, p7 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8
9 8:00 AM Tennis BP	10 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	11 Veterans Day 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	12 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling MA 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:00 PM Early Bird Dinner, p8	13 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 1:00 PM Diner Run, P8 2:00 PM Computer PC 7:00 PM Walking SC	14 2:00 PM History Group ZM	15
16 8:00 AM Tennis BP	17 11:00 AM SOBA SAGE VC 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	18 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	19 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling MA 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:00 PM Dinner Party, p8 7:00 PM Dinner Party, p8	20 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 1:00 PM Luncheon, p8 2:00 PM Collectors Group PC 7:00 PM Walking SC	21 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	22
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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
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.

