



Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen

March 2026 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Henry Penas



We survived the February freeze! I never want to experience that again! I seriously considered moving to the equator. Maybe Ecuador or Aruba. It never goes into the 30s there.

By the time you read this, the climate should be back to normal as we look forward to spring.

Since the February *Surfer* came out, we held our Annual Volunteer Luncheon. Over 50 volunteers were invited to attend the event. We had a Chinese Meal emceed by Stanley Lou and everyone went home stuffed.

We began holding this event many years ago to honor our fellow members who organize and run the events and groups that add up to all our

activities. Without them, nothing would happen and our life as an organization would be quite different.

Picture this.

There would be no newsletter or calendar, no sports activities, no discussions, no mixers, lunches or dinners, no movies at the Pride Center, no excursions..... nothing.

We might still have a monthly meeting. Although we would all have to help set up the tables and chairs. There might be a potluck, but it would be self-serve. Anybody who did show up would have to bring their own plates and flatware and go home after eating because nothing else would happen.

The conversations at the tables would probably be about how good things were when we had members who devoted their time and energy to creating and running the activities, we all appreciated and enjoyed so much.

We do appreciate and cherish our hard-working volunteers. Hip-hip-hooray!!!

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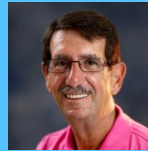
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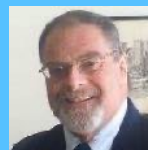
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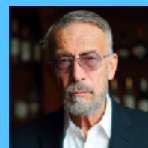
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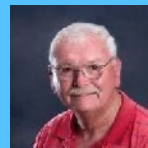
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MOVIES

by Ed Slough



KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN

Friday, March 20 @ 1:30 PM at the Pride Center

Free movie including popcorn and soda!

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event



The year is 1983, and Argentina is in crisis. Nearly 30,000 people have been killed or imprisoned during the Dirty War, including Valentin, a political prisoner, and Luis Molina, jailed for being a trans woman. To escape their grim reality, Molina recounts his favorite film, *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, a lush musical starring the glamorous Ingrid Luna (Jennifer Lopez), filled with dancing, intrigue, betrayal, and romance. As the warden pressures Molina to extract information from Valentin, the two men grow closer amid torture and uncertainty, forcing Molina to choose between betraying Valentin to return to his ailing mother or protecting his new companion.

The film moves between harsh prison life and dazzling fantasy. Lopez, draped in hand-beaded gowns, Veronica Lake-style waves, and impeccable red lipstick, fully inhabits Ingrid Luna and her alter ego, the Spider Woman, a specter of death and entrapment. She injects the film with glamour and vitality, embodying the escapism Molina clings to: a

space where he can express his desire to be seen as a woman and momentarily transcend a society that rejects him. Still, Tonatiuh is the film's emotional anchor, shifting effortlessly from charm and flirtation to devastation as fantasy collides with reality.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

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MAN OF THE MONTH

DAVID INWOOD

Interviewed by Al Remer



This month, the honor of Prime Gentlemen's "Man of the Month" award goes to David Inwood.

He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. He considers his life to be bifurcated. David is a board certified psychiatrist licensed in New York and Florida. He is also a clinical associate Professor Emeritus at New York University Medical Center. David's major hobby is the same as his career: helping people. His practice is done both in person and through telemedicine in both New York (April-November) and Florida (December-March).

David will be 80 years young in March and is a very active person. He loves learning about history (especially Jewish). In addition, David is a Broadway Musical enthusiast. Cooking is another one of his passions which, of course, includes eating.

In New York, where David lives most of the year, he spends much of his time with his three children and four grandchildren all of whom he is quite proud. His daughter is a tenured professor at Ohio State University. One of his sons lives in Cleveland working in the missile defense industry, and his other son is in New York and has autism Asperger's. While in New York, he also spends time with many old friends all of whom are Jewish doctors who still practice full or part time.

When David stays in Wilton Manors, he is at ease with himself and has developed numerous close caring relationships with a number of nice men, some of whom he met in Prime Gentlemen which he has been a member of for about three years. His boyfriend is a chef in Astoria who visits regularly. Recently, he cooked a wonderful sit down Italian dinner for 15 good friends (including me) that took place in his spacious Florida room adjacent to the heated pool at the beautiful home he rents when staying in Wilton Manors.

When the weather gets warmer he will host pool parties. Every Friday night David has dinner at Tropics prior to attending services at the gay synagogue at the Pride Center which he considers a fascinating contrast with the bar meet & greet scene. David is very happy and fortunate that at this time in his life, he can openly be himself to everyone.



His favorite quote is from the movie/play *La Cage aux Folles*, "*I can openly openly be whom I am.*"

BOOK DISCUSSION

by Paul McNamara



MARCH SELECTION:

Nightwork

by Joseph Hansen

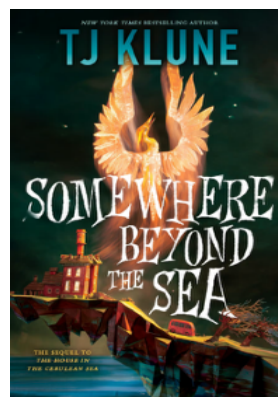
The selection for the March discussion is "*Nightwork*" by Joseph Hansen.

Dave Brandstetter, a California private investigator specializing in death claims, uncovers a toxic conspiracy while working a case in a neighborhood plagued by violence and inequality.

Gifford Gardens has seen better days. As white families move away to the suburbs to flee the flooding and neglect, the city, in turn, cares less about fixing the problems. What was once a nice neighborhood has become a slum and a violent battleground for rival gangs. Paul and Angela Myers are among the white families that remain. With the economy in a downturn and wages frozen, Paul takes a job as a long-haul truck driver. The freight he moves around is strictly "no questions," but Paul is an honest man and begins to wonder about what he has become a part of.

One night, Paul's truck flies off a cliff and explodes in midair. Did he fall asleep at the wheel, or was he murdered? Paul's life insurance company hires renowned private investigator Dave Brandstetter to look into inconsistencies with the accident. While digging into Paul's past, Dave uncovers a haunting connection between Paul's untimely death and the happier years in the declining neighborhood of Gifford Gardens.

Meanwhile, Dave and his lover, reporter Cecil Harris, have settled in together quite cozily. Cecil has recovered from the injuries he received while



APRIL SELECTION:

Somewhere

Beyond the Sea

by TJ Klune

helping Dave on his previous case, but the psychological damage is still present. Dave can't help but wonder if he will ever be able to protect Cecil from his dangerous line of work.

Nightwork will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom (Meeting ID: 275 139 4844 and Passcode: 076609)



FEATURED ACTIVITY

COLLECTORS GROUP



The Prime Gentlemen Collectors Group was formed over 10 years ago and meets at the Pride Center on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in room 206. The meetings last between one hour and an hour and a half. On February 5, we broke our record for the most members attending a meeting - 26 members. Literally there was not a seat left in the House.

Many of our members are experts in their fields. This includes estate jewelry, pottery, collectible glass, collectible paper, toys, ocean liners etc - the list goes on and on.

Members bring in items for a show-and-tell session. Each member has a chance to examine

each item and to ask questions and make comments. The reactions and interactions are a great learning experience during a meeting. During this process, we use the Internet and go to sites like eBay, Etsy and Google Lens. This helps us to evaluate and identify items.

Our members have made several trips to museums and places that have collectibles as part of their decor. We have visited the Packard Auto Museum, the Wolfsonian Museum in South Beach, an Automotive repair shop in Oakland Park loaded with automobile memorabilia, and an ice cream parlor in Coral Springs that is also decorated with memorabilia.

We also schedule trips to members' homes to view their collections. These trips have been very successful and informative. We plan to continue these outings in the future because they have been very successful.

We have experimented with meetings that have a theme. One very successful meeting involved talking about and showing pictures of our first car. Other areas that we can explore is sharing our family history, along with photographs. We share information about antique shows, glass shows, flea markets, and garage sales.

I must say that when Ed and I discuss the meetings on the way home we always say, "wasn't that a great meeting" or "I didn't know that, I learned something new today." You don't have to bring an item to a meeting, but you can join us every first and third Thursday of each month and enjoy the special items we showcase. You will enjoy it!!



Ron & Ed, Group Organizers

IN MEMORIAM



Jim Flora

September 4, 1945 – January 16, 2026

Jim Flora, a beloved member of our club, passed away on January 16. He had been a member since 2011 and served the club with dedication as a board member and treasurer for many years.

At a time when the club was searching for a new treasurer, Jim volunteered to step in temporarily. His outstanding and thoughtful performance brought the search for a replacement to a quiet close. Jim continued serving as treasurer for the next four years, providing steady leadership and thoughtful stewardship.

Jim was an avid reader and, together with his husband, Jim Medeiros, spent many happy hours hunting for treasures at flea markets and estate sales. He was an insightful, generous, and kind person, the kind of person who, when asked for help, would drop everything to do whatever he could. Jim will be deeply missed by the many friends he made throughout his life.

In October 2013, Jim was honored as Man of the Month in The Surfer. His article can be read [here](#).

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For Beginners

Thursday, March 12th, 2:00- 4:00pm

- Create and “dress-up” your profile
- Connect with family & friends
- Share and manage photos
- Control your privacy & security
- Understand Facebook etiquette



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PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

by Ed Slough



DAUER MUSEUM OF CLASSICAL CARS

Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 AM
10801 NW 50th St, Sunrise, FL 33351
Admission ticket is \$20 each

The brainchild of Eddie and Joanne Dauer, Dauer Classic Cars reflects their deep passion for America's rich automotive history. What began as a hobby nearly 50 years ago has grown into an extraordinary tribute to the past. Eddie started collecting cars in college and even picked Joanne up for their first date in a 1941 Cadillac sedan. After restoring it, they sold the car and purchased a 1941 Cadillac limousine, their first as a couple. Since then, they've held on to every vehicle they've acquired, building a remarkable collection that offers a window into another era. As the collection expanded, the Dauers realized they had something truly special—something meant to be shared.



Inside the museum, more than 55 classic cars transport visitors to a simpler time in American life. Beautifully restored models from the 1930s through the 1970s line the floor. A nostalgic "Fabulous Fifties" mural features Marilyn Monroe gazing down at her cream-colored Cadillac convertible. Nearby, a fully restored vintage ambulance sits before the Florida Medical Center mural, its interior intact with 1970s-era medical equipment, even a working siren. Visitors can also step into a meticulously recreated 1934 Texaco service station, complete with an authentic gasoline truck, vintage pumps, and original products from the height of America's love affair with the automobile. There will be carpools for those wanting a ride. Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend: wildhybrid@aol.com





FOOD & DRINKS



EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, March 11, 5:00 PM

Zuckerello's

3017 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Enjoy their early bird menu, featuring three-course meals including soup or salad, an entree, dessert, and coffee or tea. To reserve, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

DINER RUN

Thursday, March 12, 1:00 PM

Egg & You Diner

2621 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

This classic diner has served the community since 1956. To reserve your seat, visit our website & click on the Events tab or text Doug Kent at [305-495-2978](tel:305-495-2978)

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, March 14, 2:00 PM

Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall

2040 N Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

No reservations required; just bring a dish to share for our potluck meal!

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, March 18, seatings at 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM

Aqua Waterfront Bistro

701 Bayshore Dr, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Enjoy a truly special evening on a 100-foot deck directly on the Intracoastal, with an ocean breeze, the gentle sound of water and beautiful views of yachts passing by. [RSVP is required](#). To reserve, visit our website & click on the Events tab.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, March 25, 5:00 PM

Tropics Grille in Wilton Manors

2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Join us for happy hour and a half-price menu, hosted by SAGE. To reserve your spot, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 26, 1:00 PM

P.F. Chang's

2418 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Enjoy an afternoon with friends, good conversation, and great food. To reserve your seat, visit our website & click on the Events tab or text Doug Kent at [305-495-2978](tel:305-495-2978)

MIXER

Every Tuesday, 5:00 PM

Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar

2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

No reservations required; just pay for your drink(s) and enjoy the food!

CELEBRATIONS & NEW FACES

BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Carl Kuehling	3/17	Javier Fuentes
3/1	Gregory Stock	3/18	Sam Miller
3/2	Robsonney Simoes	3/19	Larry Prasse
3/2	Michael Goodnight	3/19	Jalal Chikhe
3/3	Ken DiGenova	3/19	Jim Krupka
3/4	Albert Reeves	3/19	Paul Rock
3/5	John Moriarty	3/20	Kenneth Bandstra
3/6	Franco Bartella	3/20	Taiji Saito
3/6	Marciano Oraa	3/22	Donald Harman
3/7	Herb Silver	3/22	Scott Brown
3/8	John Hughes	3/24	Clark Raby
3/10	Scott Sullam	3/24	Brian Douglas
3/11	John Booth	3/25	Jose Capcha Aguirre
3/11	Gustavo Marchini	3/26	James Hartman
3/12	John Bolinger	3/26	Francis Gallagher
3/14	Yookang Kim	3/26	Kenneth Terpstra
3/14	Robert Strickler	3/27	Larry Kam
3/15	David Inwood	3/27	Lou Wangberg
3/15	Robert Mack	3/28	Henry Tartaglia
3/15	Chris Cook	3/28	Joel Rothstein
3/17	James Duke	3/29	Anton Scherrer
3/17	H Johnson	3/30	Maurizio Ricci
		3/30	Charles Egan
		3/31	Bert Mittler
		3/31	Carlos Garcia

ANNIVERSARIES

3/9/1985	Michael Vignali & Paul Buonafede - 41 yrs	3/6/1993	Kenneth Foor & Timothy Byrnes - 33 yrs
3/13/1999	Kenneth Bandstra & Kenneth Terpstra - 27 yrs	3/1/1990	Alexander Ocard & Jarrayd Ocard - 36 yrs
		3/4/1967	Bill McDaris & Jerry Ganz - 59 yrs

NEW MEMBERS

Jorge Herrera	Daubs Dauberman
Bill Young	Victor Garcia
Robert Oliver	Jarrayd Ocard
Paul Boisvert	Doug McElhaney
	Derry Woodhouse
	Tim Byrnes
	Bob Castoro

February Monthly Meeting



Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner!



GALLERY

February Monthly Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH BOYS!



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Night Out Dinner at Tropics



Early Bird Dinner at Ambry



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Walking Group



Dinner Party at Ferdos Grill



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Dinner Party at Ferdos Grill



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Volunteer Luncheon at Kirin Restaurant



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Sunday Brunch & Drag Show at Aquaplex Fort Lauderdale



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 AM Tennis BP	11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's Drop-in ZM 4 PM Single Men's Mixer	8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Collectors PC 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8 AM Tennis BP	11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's drop-in ZM 5 PM Early Bird Dinner	8 AM Tennis BP 12 PM Board Meeting ZM 1 PM Diner Run 2 PM Computer PC 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	2 PM History Group ZM	2 PM Membership Meeting PC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8 AM Tennis BP	11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's Drop-in ZM 5 PM / 7 PM Dinner Party	8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Collectors PC 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	1:30 PM Movies PC	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8 AM Tennis BP Haulover Beach	11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's Drop-in ZM 5 PM Nigh Out Dinner	8 AM Tennis BP 1 PM Luncheon 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC		10:30 AM Excursion at Dauer Museum 11 AM Book Discussion Group

LOCATION CODES

BP =	Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr, Pompano Beach 33069
HA =	Haulover Beach, 10800 Collins Ave, Miami Beach 33154
MA =	Margate Lanes, 2020 N State Rd 7, Margate 33063
ML =	Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, Fort Lauderdale 33305
PC =	Pride Center, 2040 N Dixie Hwy, Wilton Manors 33305
SC =	Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36th Ave, Pompano Beach 33069
SL =	Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale 33311
TR =	Tropics Bar and Grille, 2000 Wilton Dr, Wilton Manors 33305
VC =	Volen Center, 1515 W Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton 33486
ZM =	Zoom, see weekly e-mail bulletin for link

