



Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen

May 2026 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Henry Penas



Many times, my husband and I have been on cruises with a gay group aboard an otherwise predominantly straight cruise. While looking around the dining room, I've often noticed members of the gay group sitting at tables and engaging with whoever happens to be there. On cruises with fixed seating, some of these individuals spend as many as seven days dining with the same straight passengers.

What I've observed is that both groups—at those tables and at our own—may begin a bit reserved. But after a day or two, people relax, open up, and begin to genuinely get to know one another. In many cases, I believe these interactions may be

the first time some straight individuals have knowingly spent meaningful, quality time with gay people.

I've noticed a similar dynamic on the pickleball courts. Some very macho, posturing players come in expecting to dominate, only to find themselves outplayed by skilled gay competitors. As the games go on, the bravado fades. Respect grows. Those same players often become quieter, more open, and more appreciative of the talent and sportsmanship around them.

I find both examples incredibly encouraging. Anytime straight and gay people share space, conversation, and experience—long enough to feel comfortable with one another—something meaningful happens. There's a realization that we are far more alike than we are different.

And isn't that what we all want?

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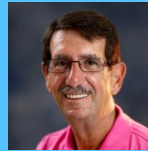
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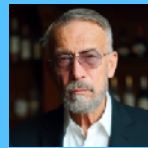
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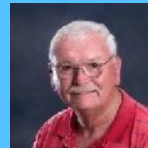
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SEX LOVE VENICE & A FRIEND OF DOROTHY (SHORT FILM)

Friday, May 15 @ 1:30 PM at the Pride Center

Free movie including popcorn and soda!

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event



Set against the stunning backdrop of Venice, *Sex Love Venice* is a romantic drama that follows Michael as he travels to Italy to recover from a breakup and becomes immersed in the city's hookup culture. His journey takes a turn when he meets Marco, leading to a heartfelt and refreshingly positive portrayal of gay romance. The film highlights strong chemistry between its leads and is enhanced by a richly layered score that deepens its emotional impact.

Blending romance, self-discovery, and sensuality, the film also reflects on modern hookup culture and its effects on emotional well-being. With its erotic tension, thoughtful dialogue, and visually captivating settings—from winding canals to sunlit piazzas—it offers both an engaging narrative and a visually immersive experience, anchored by an authentic LGBT love story.

A Friend of Dorothy is a British short comedy-drama film starring Miriam Margolyes as a lonely widow and Alistair Nwachukwu as her teenage neighbor. It depicts an unlikely yet poignant bond formed through shared loneliness. When 17-year-old JJ (Nwachukwu) accidentally kicks his football into Dorothy's garden, he disrupts her daily routine of pills, prunes, and crosswords, and an unexpected friendship begins to unfold. The film is one of the Oscar-nominated short films for 2025.



MAN OF THE MONTH

RICHARD BROWNSCOMBE

Interviewed by Kenneth Sabanosh



Born in California's Central Valley shortly after World War II, our Man of the Month grew up in a family shaped by movement, resilience, and hard work. His father, an engineering consultant for the Department of Agriculture, was frequently reassigned across California, New Mexico, and Oregon. As a result, the family lived in many communities before eventually settling in a small agricultural town near Portland, Oregon.

His early education was both challenging and rewarding, although his first year at the University of Oregon proved disappointing. Seeking a different direction, he left college and joined VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), one of the earliest domestic Peace Corps programs. He was assigned to the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Arizona, where he found himself in a remote and underserved community. What began as a slow adjustment became a deeply transformative experience. He immersed himself in local life, participating in traditions and organizing projects such as a shared community room for movies and a tool-lending program.

Returning to university, his life took another unexpected turn when he was drafted into the Vietnam War. Serving as an infantryman during the Tet Offensive of 1968, this period became one of the most defining chapters of his life.

After completing his service, he earned a degree in Therapeutic Recreation and pursued graduate studies in humanistic psychology. Drawn to the cultural energy of San Francisco in the late 1970s, he became part of a changing social landscape. His professional life centered on helping others—working with individuals transitioning from mental health institutions, providing housing, and leading group and individual therapy programs. He later served as Associate Director of a nonprofit child care agency, expanding services to hundreds of families.

For 31 years, he has shared his life with his partner, Gary. Together they eventually made their home in Fort Lauderdale, where they continued their commitment to community involvement. He served as president of the Broward County Native Plant Society for eight years, helping create a sanctuary of more than 160 indigenous plant species.

Today, he remains active with Prime Gentlemen and the Pride Center, continuing to give back in meaningful, often understated ways. His life reflects a deep belief in service, resilience, and the importance of showing up for others with consistency, humility, and heart.



BOOK DISCUSSION

by Paul McNamara



MAY SELECTION:

One Love
by Matt Cain

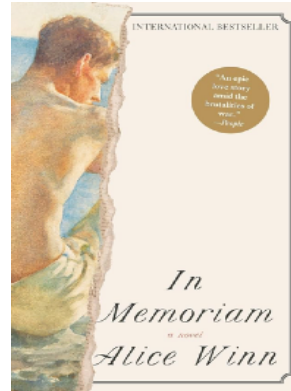
The selection for the May discussion is “*One Love*” by Matt Cain.

Two men. Twenty years of friendship. One love.

Twenty years after they first met, Danny and Guy are returning to the confetti-strewn streets of the Gay Village for Manchester Pride. This weekend is a celebration of two decades of friendship, laughter, and adventures. It’s also where Danny hopes to finally reveal his secret. No matter how many other men he’s known, the only bond that has ever really mattered is the one that began the moment he met Guy during their first week at Manchester University.

For Guy, glimpsing Danny across the room that day was a revelation and a lifeline. Popular and outgoing, Danny arrived from his small hometown determined not to hide away any longer. He inspired Guy to come out, take risks, and pursue the kind of lasting relationships that Danny seems to have little interest in. Yet Guy knows that there is more to their shared history than he’s ever been brave enough to acknowledge. There are unspoken regrets, white lies, and convenient omissions—because Guy has his secrets too.

Over the course of one tumultuous weekend full of bittersweet memories and overdue revelations, both Danny and Guy will find the courage to confront who they were all those years ago—and



JUNE SELECTION:

In Memoriam
by Alice Winn

who they might yet be to each other and to themselves.

Heartfelt and emotionally rich, as romantic as it is surprising, this is a story of love and friendship and all the complexities that lie between.

“*One Love*” will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, May 23, 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).

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, JUNE 20



**On Saturday, June 20,
2026 at 1:00 PM, the
Prime Gentlemen will
observe our 23rd
anniversary with a
celebratory luncheon.
Stay tuned for further
information!**

PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

by Ed Slough



JELLYFISH MUSEUM

Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 AM

199 N Ocean Blvd, Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Admission ticket is \$21 each



The Jellyfish Museum is home to up to 25 unique species of jellyfish collected from different corners of the world's oceans. Here, you can discover both cold-water and warm-water species, presented in an extraordinary variety of sizes, shapes, and mesmerizing colors.

The museum has specially designed aquariums, you don't need to dive into the ocean or face extreme conditions to observe these fascinating creatures. The museum experience goes beyond observation. Visitors can explore several zones featuring immersive 3D projections, creating the sensation of being deep beneath the ocean's surface. Additionally, scientific and educational displays guide you through the incredible diversity of jellyfish and reveal the wonders of the underwater world.

It is a place where science, nature, and art come together, offering an unforgettable journey into one of the most mysterious forms of life on Earth. There will be carpools for those wanting a ride. Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend: wildhybrid@aol.com





FOOD & DRINKS



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 9, 2:00 PM

The 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!

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, May 13, 5:00 PM

Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill

4711 N Dixie Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 3334

Enjoy 25% off all entrees and great happy hour deals, with draft beer, sangria, and wine at \$4.99 and house margaritas at \$5.99. To **RSVP**, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

DINER RUN

Thursday, May 14, 1:00 PM

Nelson's Diner

438 S Cypress Rd, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

Nelson's is a quiet, small diner that is sure to please with its great menu and service.

To **RSVP**, visit our website & click on the Events tab or text Doug Kent at [305-495-2978](tel:305-495-2978)

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 PM

Only Thai Authentic Kitchen

2100 E Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

This month, we're heading to a laid-back local favorite serving delicious Thai classics—from flavorful curries and pad Thai to noodles, stir-fries, and even vegan options. To

RSVP, visit our website & click on the Events tab.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, May 27, 5:00 PM

Tropics Grille

2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

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

LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 28, 1:00 PM

The Mason Jar Cafe

3000 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306

Good conversation with outstanding food & service will be the highlight of this afternoon.

To **RSVP**, visit our website & click on the Events tab or text Doug Kent at [305-495-2978](tel:305-495-2978)

BREAKFAST

Every Monday, 9:30 AM

Pub on the Drive

2283 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

No reservations required; just pay for your coffee and food!

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

ANNIVERSARIES

5/10/2025 James Cowden & Oscar Padilla - 1 yr
5/19/2024 Alan Dupre & Thomas B Wright - 2 yrs

5/2/2015 Joseph Mehring & Michael Lascala - 11 yrs
5/20/2002 Robert Woodman & William Tadros - 24 yrs
5/19/1995 Allan Dewes & Austin Lee - 31 yrs

BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Ronn Schabinger
5/6 Jesse Monteagudo
5/6 Jaisiri Jaiwatana
5/6 Tony Widdoss
5/7 James Medeiros
5/7 Iain MacArthur
5/7 Ted Levine
5/7 Brian Balluff
5/7 Denis McDougal
5/8 James Chilson
5/9 Hector Vanegas
5/9 Thomas J Casserly
5/9 Roscoe Gore
5/12 Paul Lemire
5/13 Michael Loscalzo
5/13 Pablo Guedez
5/13 Everett Rosner
5/14 Gerald Bausman
5/14 William Shannon
5/14 Gilles Giard

5/15 Clark Powers
5/15 Paul Boisvert
5/15 Dane Von Rhee
5/16 Rod Finston
5/16 Deric Bownds
5/16 Frank Piasecki
5/17 Allan Dewes
5/18 Alfredo Marchetti
5/19 Alan Stark
5/20 Paul McNamara
5/20 Mark Kirschieper
5/26 Gregory Tefft
5/26 Ken Harrison
5/26 Ildefonso Gonzalez
5/26 Raymond Couturier
5/26 Robert Connell
5/27 Jim Onoprienko
5/28 Steve Cooper
5/29 Mike Downs
5/30 Edward Stehle
5/30 Ray Schlapfer
5/30 Raul Caban

NEW MEMBERS

Rick Mahoney
Miggie Scott

Gregg Forrest
Jim Chilson
Jim Lawrence



SAGE of South Florida Recognizes Prime Gentlemen

RE: Donation for *Seniors of Today* Event

Dear Prime Gentlemen,

On behalf of SAGE of South Florida, we are pleased to acknowledge your generous donation of \$600 in support of our *Seniors of Today* event being held on Saturday, June 27, 2026. We sincerely appreciate your contribution and continued support.

Because of you and others like you, we are able to continue our community outreach efforts throughout Wilton Manors, Fort Lauderdale, and the greater South Florida area.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to SAGE of South Florida are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and IRS regulations.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

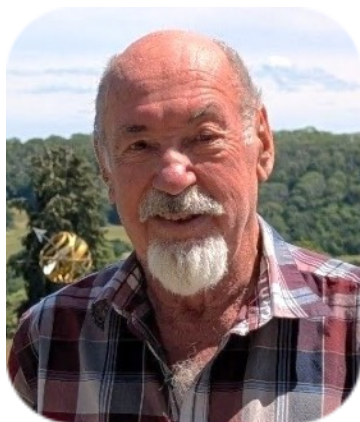
Lisa Peters

President, SAGE of South Florida

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Blazina

June 26, 1941 – April 15, 2026



We are saddened to share the passing of our member, Bob Blazina, on April 15, 2026. He was surrounded by his husband, Bernard Donohue, as well as his son and two daughters.

Bob became a member in October 2019. He and Bernard shared nearly eight years together and made their home in Cape Coral, near Fort Myers. Originally from Chicago, Bob led a full and accomplished life. Over the years, he was a stock car racer, a self-employed businessman, a motel owner, and an alderman. He also proudly served as a Military Police officer in Vietnam.

Those who knew Bob well would say he had a heart of gold and was a deeply loving man. A memorial service will be held in Cape Coral with family and close friends. Please keep Bernard in your thoughts as he navigates the weeks and months ahead.



Thursday, May 14th, 2:00- 4:00pm

- Don't have Microsoft Office?
- Use Google Docs & Sheets
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- Use YouTube



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Movie Group



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Walking Group



Night Out Dinner at Tropics



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Early Bird Dinner at Hong Kong City BBQ



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 AM Tennis BP	9:30 AM Breakfast PD 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	2 PM History Group ZM	2 PM Membership Meeting PC
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8 AM Tennis BP	9:30 AM Breakfast PD 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 2 PM Computer SC 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	1:30 PM Movies PC	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8 AM Tennis BP	9:30 AM Breakfast PD 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 @ Jellyfish Museum
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
8 AM Tennis BP Haulover Beach						

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
PD =	Pub on the Drive, 2283 Wilton Dr, 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

