



Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen

June 2026 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Henry Penas



Woody Allen said of his mother that every day she spent hours preparing an elaborate meal for her family. And at the very last minute she ran it through the tasteless machine.

I have a confession to make. But first a little background information.

I am a first generation American. My father was born in Galicia, Spain and my mother in Puglia, Italy. My paternal grandmother lived with us and she spoke only Spanish. My mother, my sister and I had to learn to speak Spanish. It was my dominant language until I started school, and was able to go out and play with other children

and we got a TV. English is now my dominant language.

Although being bilingual is a very useful skill it does come with some drawbacks. When I write something, I read it many times, make corrections, and move things around until I am satisfied that it is as good as I can get it.

Now here is the confession.

I have been playing around with Mr AI. I take something I've written, do as much correcting as I can and then I run it through Mr AI. What comes out is exactly what I've written but rearranged and polished. All the Spanish and Brooklynese syntaxes are gone. It sounds more American.

I do this primarily because I don't want to be like Woody Allen's mother.

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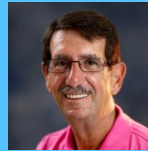
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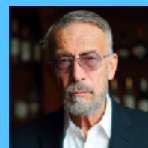
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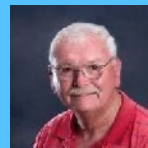
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MOVIES

by Ed Slough



MICHAEL

Friday, June 19 @ 1:30 PM at the Pride Center

Free movie including popcorn and soda!

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event



The biopic *Michael* presents a polished and celebratory portrait of Michael Jackson, tracing his rise from a gifted child performing with the Jackson 5 to his emergence as the world's biggest pop star. The film moves quickly through key milestones, including his early Motown success, the recording of *Off the Wall*, and the global phenomenon of *Thriller*. Jaafar Jackson delivers an impressive performance, capturing Jackson's signature dance moves, smile, and stage presence. The movie is strongest during its musical sequences, where the energy and brilliance of Jackson's artistry take center stage.

At the same time, the film avoids deeply confronting the controversies and darker aspects of Jackson's life. It only briefly touches on his loneliness and emotional isolation, hinting at the inner struggles that shaped his later years. Rather than offering a definitive portrait, the movie leaves Jackson as an unreadable and mysterious figure, ending on an image that suggests both defiance and vulnerability. In the end, *Michael* functions more as a tribute to his talent and cultural impact than as a probing examination of the man behind the fame.



MAN OF THE MONTH

GREGORY STOCK

Interviewed by Al Remer



Greg was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri along with three brothers (unfortunately one of whom died at age 12 of water on the brain). That was a tough experience for Greg. Greg is 70 years young. He is a graduate of Kansas State

University with a Bachelor of Architecture. While in college, Greg designed and built a 10'X10' foot addition with his dad to their home, digging the footings, spackling the drywall and nailing all the roof shingles in the Midwest summer heat. During his junior year of college, Greg did an internship in Minneapolis. That was when he came out to himself and went to his first gay bar called the "Gay 90's."

Greg was able to make many friends because of his outgoing personality despite growing up with Muscular Dystrophy. But because of his unsteady walking when he walked in a bar people often assumed he was drunk and then avoided him. This made it difficult to acquire romantic relationships. During his senior year of college he volunteered at a Gay Hotline at college. He does have many friends that go all the way back to the 1980's (shout out to Lee Lawson).

After college, Greg renovated five houses in St. Louis. He lived in St. Louis for almost 25 years and worked for a number of hospital design firms. Next, he moved to Tampa, Florida in 2004, where he designed a few hospital additions. Greg's next move was to Orlando where he lived from 2006 to 2025. Greg has been gainfully employed in many honorific architectural jobs throughout his life including

Inking numerous sketches for the Royal Caribbean Paradise Island.

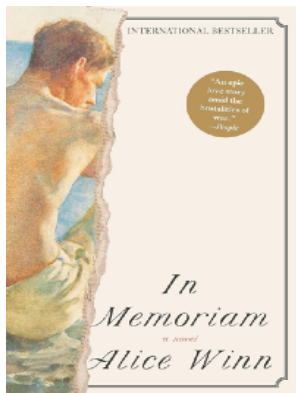
One of his greatest accomplishments was authoring a magnificent book entitled "Architectural Guide to Central Florida." His full color book showcases over three hundred beautiful and unique buildings in six counties in the Orlando region, with essays, maps, and biographies. He also started a non-profit architectural foundation funding scholarships for architecture students in the Orlando area. Greg still works Monday through Friday from home for Stantec Inc., traveling to Miami to be in the office on Wednesdays.

During his lifetime, his Muscular Dystrophy worsened along with a broken leg in 2010 and again in 2018. For the past 8 years, he has been confined to a power wheelchair as he can't stand on his legs. That doesn't stop Greg from traveling and going wherever he wants to go. He joined Prime Gentlemen over 3 years ago and attended most monthly meetings from Orlando on the Brightline Train to Ft. Lauderdale and then riding his power wheelchair to the Pride Center. Now living in Oakland Park, Greg is the Vice President of his condominium board. Greg is an amazing person who is looking for a relationship and is available. He now attends the Tuesday evening mixers at Tropics, so say hi to him.



BOOK DISCUSSION

by Paul McNamara



JUNE SELECTION:

In Memoriam

by Alice Winn

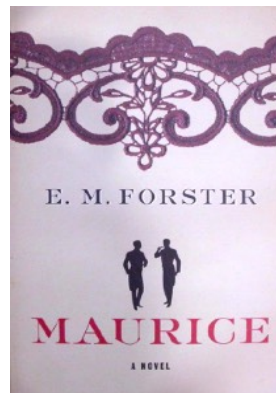
This month's selection for discussion is "*In Memoriam*" by Alice Winn.

It's 1914, and World War I is ceaselessly churning through thousands of young men on both sides of the fight. The violence of the front feels far away to Henry Gaunt, Sidney Ellwood, and the rest of their classmates, safely ensconced in their idyllic boarding school in the English countryside. News of the heroic deaths of their friends only makes the war more exciting.

Gaunt, half German, is busy fighting his own private battle—an all-consuming infatuation with his best friend, the glamorous, charming Ellwood—without a clue that Ellwood is pining for him in return. When Gaunt's family asks him to enlist to forestall the anti-German sentiment they face, Gaunt does so immediately, relieved to escape his overwhelming feelings for Ellwood.

To Gaunt's horror, Ellwood rushes to join him at the front, and the rest of their classmates soon follow. Now death surrounds them in all its grim reality, often inches away, and no one knows who will be next.

An epic tale of both the devastating tragedies of war and the forbidden romance that blooms in its grip, *In Memoriam* is a breathtaking debut.



JULY SELECTION:

Maurice: A Novel

by E.M. Forster

In Memoriam will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, June 27 from 11:00 AM to noon, at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Passcode: 076609)



PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

by Ed Slough



FLAMINGO GARDENS

Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 AM
3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL 33330
Admission ticket is \$20 each

Established in 1927, Flamingo Gardens is one of the oldest botanical gardens and attractions in South Florida. Originally founded by Floyd L. and Jane Wray as an orange grove, the nonprofit botanical garden is now home to 15 "Champion" trees—the largest of their species in Florida. The gardens feature specialized collections, including some of the largest displays of naturalized orchids, cycads, heliconias, and gingers in the contiguous United States, along with more than 3,000 species of rare and exotic tropical, subtropical, and native plants. The site sits on Long Key, a natural oak hammock once surrounded by the Everglades, and preserves one of the last remaining natural hardwood forests in South Florida, much as it existed when the ancient Tequesta people inhabited the region.

In addition to its botanical collections, Flamingo Gardens operates the Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary which provides a permanent home for injured or non-releasable Florida native wildlife. Residents include alligators, bobcats, otters, hawks, flamingos, and even a Florida panther. The sanctuary also protects threatened or endangered species such as the American alligator, bald eagle, wood stork, and Florida burrowing owl, which now serve as animal ambassadors helping educate visitors about the importance of the Everglades ecosystem. Visitors can also explore the historic Wray Home Museum, built in 1933 by the Wrays as a weekend residence and now recognized as a cultural landmark. Restored to reflect life in South Florida during the 1930s, the home displays artifacts connected to the early days of Flamingo Groves and the region's history. Guests can further experience the gardens through daily wildlife encounter shows, a narrated tram tour through 42 acres of natural habitat, and walking paths such as the Wetlands Walkway and Pioneer Walkway, where native plants, wildlife, and historic landscapes offer a glimpse into Florida's natural and cultural past. There will be carpools for those wanting a ride. Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend:

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FOOD & DRINKS



EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, June 10, 5:00 PM

Ambry Restaurant

3016 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Known for its extensive [early bird menu](#) featuring 3-course meals that include soup or salad, an entree, dessert, & coffee or tea. To **RSVP**, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

DINER RUN

Thursday, June 11, 1:00 PM

Mom's Kitchen

1940 NE 45th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Famous for its great food, Mom's is always a fun place. To **RSVP**, visit our website & click on the Events tab or text Doug Kent at [305-495-2978](tel:305-495-2978)

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 13, 2:00 PM

The Pride Center at Equality Park, 2040 N Dixie Hwy, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

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

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, June 17, 6:00 PM

Milanos Bakery

7120 N University Dr, Tamarac, FL 33321

Join us for a relaxed evening of Argentinian comfort food, fresh bakery treats and warm hospitality at Milanos Bakery in Tamarac. To **RSVP**, visit our website & click on the Events tab or contact Gustavo at gustavomarchini@hotmail.com

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, June 20, 12:00 PM

Tropical Acres Steakhouse, 2500 Griffin Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

See details on [page 9](#) and click the link to **RSVP**

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, June 24, 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, June 25, 1:00 PM

15th Street Fisheries

1900 SE 15th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Great food and Intracoastal views await, along with the chance to feed tarpons. 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

6/27/1970 Naylor Leapley & Paul Langevin - 56 yrs
6/5/1979 Ralph Tanzi & John Fredricksen - 47 yrs
6/15/2004 Mark Goldstein & Rodrigo Gutierrez - 22 yrs
6/16/2018 Azriel Sales & Richard Lenzi - 8 yrs
6/14/2024 Andres Henriquez & Olbap Rojas - 2 yrs

BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Anthony Michel	6/15 Ralph Cascone
6/1 Jarrayd Ocard	6/16 Sal Orlando
6/2 Philip Grossman	6/16 Allen Bozek
6/2 Stephen Cole	6/17 William Mathisen
6/4 Leroy Sathre	6/18 Richard Safra
6/5 Nicholas Polizos	6/19 Nicholas Zullo
6/5 Ronald Grassullo	6/20 Chuck McCarthy
6/6 Charles Burton	6/21 Charles Bell
6/6 Lynn Wright	6/21 Frank Struck
6/7 Edmund Witkowski	6/21 Martin Haberland
6/7 Bob Wenz	6/22 Christopher Brown
6/8 Dennis Camara	6/22 Henry Bernstein
6/8 Edward Vallecorsa	6/23 Jerry Heaton
6/8 Joseph Cox	6/24 Glenn Carroll
6/8 Normand Leclair	6/25 Jack Coffman
6/8 Richard Runge	6/25 Mark Ramirez
6/9 Don Squire	6/25 William Niebles
6/9 Frank Sweet	6/26 Edward Moskowitz
6/9 Robert Noonan	6/26 Joe Pallant
6/11 Thomas Mahoney	6/28 Harvey Eagle
6/13 Robert Lee	6/29 Scott Berns
6/14 Mike Trask	6/29 James Johnson
6/14 Bernard Donohue	6/29 James Onessimo
	6/30 Michael Bee
	6/30 Ronald Goodale

NEW MEMBERS

Charles Truszcieski	Salomon Vaz Dias
Charles Burgess	Todd Pfander
Timothy Tyrell	Uriel Elon
	William Platt



PRIME GENTLEMEN



23rd ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

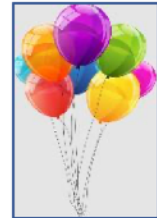
Saturday June 20, 2026

12:00 noon –Cash Bar

1:00 pm – Luncheon

Tropical Acres Steakhouse

2500 Griffin Rd. Fort Lauderdale



MEAL CHOICES		MEMBER COST
ENTREE #1	PASTA PRIMAVERA	\$25.00
ENTREE #2	STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST	\$28.00
ENTREE #3	BROILED SALMON FILLET	\$31.00
ENTREE #4	ROAST PRIME RIB	\$37.00
<u>MEMBER COST IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS + ONE GUEST EACH.</u>		
<u>MEMBER COST INCLUDES: ROLLS & BUTTER; TOSSED GREEN SALAD; BAKED POTATO; CHEF'S CHOICE VEGETABLE; BLACK FOREST CAKE; WATER, COFFEE, & HOT OR ICED TEA; COST SUBSIDY</u>		



FOR RESERVATIONS, VISIT THE PG HOME PAGE AND GO TO "EVENTS", OR CLICK HERE: [RESERVATIONS](#)
RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATION REQUESTS NEED TO BE MADE BY 5:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16.





POOL PARTY

On Saturday, April 19, 2026, thirty-two attendees gathered in Wilton Manors at the wonderful home of **Bob Walsh** for a **Prime Gentlemen Pool Party**. The day was perfect, with temperatures in the low 80s and a mix of clouds and sunshine all afternoon. Members began arriving at 2 PM, and within fifteen minutes, the patio and pool area were filled with those celebrating spring with a relaxing day by the water. Chairs circled the grand pool, and within minutes, guests were enjoying the warm water.

The Prime Gentlemen who attended were most generous with the food and beverage offerings they brought to share. The Pool Party Committee organized the refreshments and kept the kitchen and dining room accessible to all throughout the afternoon. Bottled water was readily available for everyone to quench their thirst.

The Prime Gentlemen would like to thank Bob for being a gracious host and for opening his spacious home, beautiful patio and grand pool to us for the day. We also want to thank the hard-working **Pool Party Committee**—**Al Remer, Henry Penas, Michael Nelson, and Victor Garcia**—who were stellar in their support and kept everything running smoothly.

The pool was a busy place all afternoon, and the patio areas were popular spots for conversation and mixing. Everyone ate their fill of delightful appetizers, salads, and tempting desserts. The gathering wrapped up around 5 PM, and all agreed it was a perfect day in every way!

We organize pool parties every few weeks during the warmer months. The next gathering is already in preparation; check the website at ftlprimegentlemen.org or the weekly email blasts for details.

IN MEMORIAM

Don Rice

November 24, 1950 – May 7, 2026



Our dear friend and long-time member, Don Rice, passed away on Thursday, May 7. He had been a member since 2016 and often attended our luncheons, dinners, and monthly membership meetings. Don was also a caretaker for one of our members. He was recognized as Man of the Month in February 2024. Click [here](#) to read more about his life.

Don appeared in three episodes of Dallas and was friends with Linda Gray. He was also friends with Jerry Corbetta ("Green-Eyed Lady") and Frankie Valli of The Four Seasons. He spent time with Jane Fonda and James Caan on the set of Comes a Horseman, and at the premiere party for 9 to 5, he met Dolly Parton. No memorial service is planned.

Jim Bowling

January 25, 1930 – April 22, 2026



We are saddened by the loss of our friend and member, Jim Bowling. Jim is survived by Gustavo Marchini, his husband of 10 years.

Jim was born in La Grange, Kentucky. He served in the military and was an Army Inspector General for 44 years. He was married for 50 years. Fourteen years after he became a widower, at the age of 86 he met Gustavo on a cruise and his life changed dramatically. They were wed in London in 2020.

Jim was Man of the Month in August of 2025. To learn more about his life, click [here](#). Those who knew him well will remember him as a leader, protector, friend and a constant presence of love and loyalty. There will be a Celebration of Life for Jim soon, details will be shared as soon as they are available.

GALLERY

May Monthly Meeting



Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner!



GALLERY

May Monthly Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JUNE BOYS!



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Pool Party



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Pool Party



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Pool Party



Movie Group



GALLERY

Night Out Dinner at Tropics



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	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		
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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
10:30 AM Excursion @ Flamingo Gardens	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				

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

