



Prime Gentlemen Newsletter

September 2026

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Henry Penas



Time was when I could go through our database and know the names of most of our members. We had less than 200 then. Now that we have 500 members, that's no longer possible.

I once went through the database and counted all the members who attended one of our events. The number I came up with accounted for 75% of our members. A remarkable percentage.

Because attendance at many of our groups and activities has grown, we may still be at that percentile. The walking group, the collectors group, lunches, dinners, bowling and monthly movies have blossomed.

Going forward we need to find a way to get the other 25% to do the same.

After all, our primary aim is to find ways to encourage older gay men and couples to leave home, come to one or more of our events so

they can be stimulated and engaged in socializing on a regular basis.

We have members who have been in our database for years yet have never been seen at any of our activities.

Here's a way you can help. Think of someone you know who could use a regular dose of fellowship and camaraderie, bring them with you to the mixer, the monthly meeting or any other event. We have found over the years that word of mouth has proven to be the best way to get new members. When current members bring us new members, they stay with us longer and renew each year. Tell them of the many friends you have made since you joined.

If you are one of the 25%, I would love to hear from you too. What would motivate you to become more involved? What can we do to get you to come out and join one or more of our activities?

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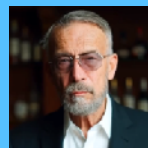
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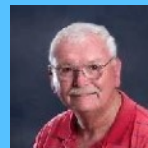
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MOVIES

by Ed Slough



JIMPA

Friday, September 11 @ 2:30 PM at the Pride Center

Free movie including popcorn and soda!

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event



Jimpa, directed by Sophie Hyde, is a semi-autobiographical family drama that explores the legacy of gay rights activism across three generations. The story centers on Jim, a gay man who came out in the 1970s and challenged convention by remaining amicably married to his wife, and his nonbinary grandchild, Frances. The film celebrates the progress that has grown from the Sexual Revolution while portraying a family that values kindness, open communication, and acceptance, even when its members disagree.

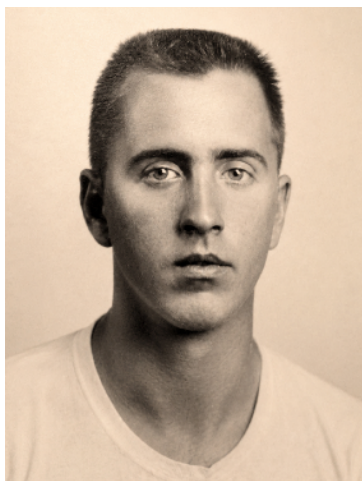
At the heart of the film is *Jimpa's* unapologetic embrace of his identity and his influence on Frances. Their relationship allows Frances to turn to their grandfather for guidance about relationships and sexuality, reflecting a level of trust and openness within the family. *Jimpa's* willingness to challenge social expectations—including his comfort with his aging body—embodies the film's larger message: gay pride means rejecting shame and embracing who you are.



MAN OF THE MONTH

ARTHUR (ART) DONLEY

Interviewed by Kenneth Sabanosh



Art Donley has lived a life defined by service, adventure, enduring friendships, and a belief that every chapter should be embraced with enthusiasm.

Born in Roosevelt, New York, he was the second of six children of his father, Arthur, a New York City Teamster, and Anne, a homemaker. Growing up on Long Island, he enjoyed scouting, serving as an altar boy, spending time at the beach, and working a variety of jobs, including newspaper delivery, caddying, pin setting, and lawn care. Even as a young man, he believed in staying busy and always moving forward.

After graduating from Hempstead High School, Art enlisted in the United States Navy. Following electronics training, he was assigned to a Special Weapons Unit requiring Top Secret security clearance before serving aboard the aircraft carriers USS Ticonderoga and USS Franklin D. Roosevelt. During two Mediterranean deployments, he visited many of the region's historic ports and advanced to the rank of First Class Petty Officer. His military service introduced him to new cultures and experiences, inspiring a lifelong love of travel and discovery.

After his Navy service, Art tested electronic systems on F-105 Thunderchief fighter aircraft and earned his private pilot's license through the GI Bill—an accomplishment he proudly maintains today. A career with IBM followed, lasting an impressive 30 years. One of his favorite assignments was serving as a host in IBM's pavilion during the 1964 New York World's Fair. His career took him into management positions throughout New York City before eventually relocating to IBM headquarters in New Jersey.

Art also embraced life beyond work. He enjoyed Broadway, museums, and travel throughout Asia, Eastern Europe, North Africa, Croatia, and Italy. He even spent eight years restoring an 1883 brownstone in Brooklyn—a project he says was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Art retired from IBM in 1992 at the age of 56. That same year, he rekindled a relationship with Clinton, beginning a loving partnership that lasted 34 years. Together they traveled extensively before making Palm-Aire their permanent home in 2005 after Clinton retired from Good Housekeeping magazine. Although Clinton passed away in 2025, Art treasures the many wonderful memories they shared.

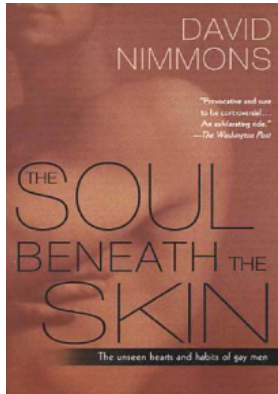
A valued member of Prime Gentlemen for many years, Art continues to enjoy the friendships and camaraderie of the organization. His life reflects resilience, curiosity, kindness, and a willingness to embrace every opportunity.

Art often recalls two sayings that have guided his life: "Life is but a fleeting moment" and "Life is what you make of it." Looking back on his remarkable journey, it's clear he has made the very most of every moment. Congratulations to our Man of the Month, Art Donley!



BOOK DISCUSSION

by Paul McNamara



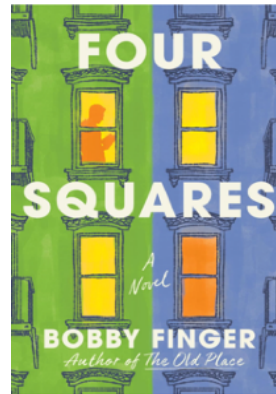
SEPTEMBER SELECTION:
The Soul Beneath the Skin: The Unseen Hearts and Habits of Gay Men
by David Nimmons

This month's selection is "*The Soul Beneath the Skin: The Unseen Hearts and Habits of Gay Men*" by David Nimmons.

Among the most acclaimed books on the gay male experience, *The Soul Beneath the Skin* explores the wide variety of social and ethical experiments in gay men's lives and their implications both for gay men and society at large.

Published in 2002, this surprising and thought-provoking book begins with the less-than-obvious fact that in the years since the historic uprising of the Stonewall riots, an enormous number of social science studies have been done on gay men. Dave Nimmons proceeds to synthesize that information to reveal a number of unseen patterns of gay male behavior and some truths about our lives that we feel instinctively but have not named.

For instance, countless studies show that gay men have developed a culture in which public violence is almost nonexistent, which is notable when you consider that violence in this society is almost entirely a male phenomenon. Even in intensely overcrowded gay bars and discos, with alcohol and testosterone saturating the atmosphere, fistfights are virtually unheard of.



OCTOBER SELECTION:
Four Squares: A Novel
by Bobby Finger

In the area of volunteerism, study after study shows that gay men volunteer at a much higher level than any other segment of the population (and, very interestingly, our volunteerism is about evenly divided between gay and non-gay causes, as are our charitable contributions). Our patterns of intimacy and friendship are much more diffuse and extended than heterosexual patterns; sexual jealousy and exclusiveness are extremely different, as are our relationships with women and our pursuit of playfulness and sexual bliss.

These social innovations, strikingly similar to the teachings of the great spiritual traditions, suggest a new and profound public ethic, and a stirringly optimistic vision of a social revolution as radical as it is unnoticed.

The Soul Beneath the Skin will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, September 26, 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



NSU ART MUSEUM FORT LAUDERDALE

Sunday, September 27 @ 1:30 PM

1 E Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Admission ticket is \$16 for adults, \$10 for seniors and free for veterans



Located in downtown Fort Lauderdale between Miami and Palm Beach, the NSU Art Museum is a major cultural destination known for its research-driven exhibitions, educational programs, and diverse collections. Founded in 1958, the museum features more than 25,000 square feet of exhibition space and is especially recognized for its contemporary and Latin American art, photography, the largest collection of works by American realist William Glackens, and the largest U.S. museum collection of the European CoBrA group. It is also the permanent home of Christo and Jeanne-Claude's *Surrounded Islands* documentation exhibition, which chronicles their landmark 1983 public art project in Miami's Biscayne Bay.

On the last Sunday of every month, Fort Lauderdale residents receive free admission to NSU Art Museum as part of Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Days. Residents must show a photo ID, driver's license, or residential utility bill with proof of a Fort Lauderdale address. They also receive 2-for-1 wine at the Museum Cafe and 10% off books published by NSU Art Museum at the Museum Café & Store.

Visit their [website](#) to explore their collections and current exhibitions. We will meet at the entrance, there will be carpools for those wanting a ride. We will be joining a free public tour at 2:00 PM. Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend: wildhybrid@aol.com

IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Seidle

April 2, 1938 – August 12, 2026

Ronald J. Seidle, a longtime member of the SAGE/Prime Gentlemen Book Group, passed away on August 12 at the age of 88. He had been a member of Prime Gentlemen since 2021. Ron spent much of his professional life in broadcasting and communications. His knowledge of the field found a wider audience in 1977 with the publication of *Air Time*, his book on radio and television broadcasting. The volume surveyed the practical workings of the industry - from studio production and programming to station management, regulation, and ownership - and became part of the professional literature of broadcasting education.



Massachusetts remained an important part of Ron's life, as did his abiding interest in music and the arts. In later years, he divided his time between the Northeast and South Florida, where he became a familiar and valued member of the gay community. Ron shared much of that life with his husband, Fred A. Vega. Ron and Fred became a couple in 1996 and married in 2004. Together, they were enthusiastic supporters of SAGE and of cultural and charitable organizations, they enjoyed classical music and performances both in South Florida and at places such as Tanglewood in Massachusetts, and friends remembered them as dependable participants in the life of their community. Fred died in March 2020 at the age of 83.

Ron leaves behind not simply a professional record in broadcasting, but a quieter legacy of curiosity, culture, generosity, and participation - the kind of life built through showing up, contributing, maintaining friendships, and taking an interest in the world around him.



FOOD & DRINKS



EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, September 9, 5:00 PM

Zuckerello's

3017 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Other than its early bird menu, Zuckerello's is offering a special for \$29.95, any entree (except lamb chops), plus soup or salad, a fountain drink, and an ice cream for dessert.

To **RSVP**, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

DINER RUN

Thursday, September 10, 1:00 PM

Peter Pan Diner

1216 E Oakland Park Blvd, Oakland Park, FL 33334

This classic diner has all that one needs to immerse themselves in classic diner cuisine.

To **RSVP**, contact Doug Kent at [305-495-2978](tel:305-495-2978)

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 12, 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!

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 PM

Candela Restaurant

2909 NE 6th Ave, Wilton Manors, FL 33334

From delicious paellas and seafood to traditional Spanish dishes, Candela offers a relaxed setting where we can enjoy great food, conversation, and friendship around the table.

To **RSVP**, contact Gustavo at gustavomarchini@hotmail.com

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, September 23, 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, September 24, 1:00 PM

Anthony's Clam House & Grill

2861 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Plan to enjoy an afternoon of fine eating and conversation. To **RSVP**, contact 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

9/1/1963	Raymond Patterson & Andrew J Horvath	63 yrs	9/20/2019	Scott Sullam & Jorge Paneto	7 yrs
9/30/2013	Alex Meyer & Godfrey Thompson	13 yrs	9/21/2024	Richard Keaton & David Leach	2 yrs
9/16/2016	Felix Vazquez & Jose Santos-Cruz	10 yrs			

BIRTHDAYS

9/1	George Bergevine	9/16	Gerhard Depken
9/1	David Gripp	9/16	Richard Mahoney
9/2	Erwin Aupperle	9/18	Clayton Raney
9/2	Salvatore Vetro	9/18	Jack Rosing
9/4	Roger O'Shea	9/18	Patrick Fischer
9/5	Gerard Gervais	9/19	Paul Sheftman
9/5	Harold Atchison	9/20	Ralph Gaskins
9/7	Don Klein	9/20	Sam Donofrio
9/7	Jorge Moreno	9/21	David Bisbey
9/7	Alexangel Estevez	9/21	Ruso Perkins
9/7	Wayne Spieler	9/22	Frank Marino
9/8	Oscar Padilla	9/22	Vincent Sperruzzi
9/8	Wil Daugherty	9/23	Sir Tom Matt
9/9	Dan Krocak	9/23	Rick Cassity
9/9	John Dool	9/24	Daniel Weigleb
9/9	Jack Almeleh	9/24	Gary Dimon
9/10	Juan Carlos Avila	9/24	Tom Bohn
9/10	Terry Regnier	9/27	Javier Weicman
9/13	James LoBello	9/27	Jerry Jensen
9/13	Victor Bard	9/28	Brian McCarthy
9/14	Charles Burgess	9/29	Gil Perez
9/14	Joseph Mehring	9/29	Robert Bastien
9/14	Peter Roukis	9/30	Allen Koppang
9/16	Robert Morrow	9/30	Joseph Guidetti
		9/30	Luiz Basile

NEW MEMBERS

Owen Marr
Gilbert Silveira

Jaya Magar
Larry Stevens
Robert Vizcon
Rusty Callaway

August Monthly Meeting



Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner!



GALLERY

August Monthly Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER BOYS!



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Early Bird Dinner at Ferdos Grill



Night Out Dinner at Tropics Grille



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Night Out Dinner at Tropics Grille



GALLERY

Luncheon at Calypso Restaurant



The Walking Group



GALLERY

Dinner Party at Seaside Grill



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		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	8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Collectors PC 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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 Early Bird Dinner	8 AM Tennis BP 12 PM Board Meeting ZM 1 PM Diner Run 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	2 PM History Group ZM 2:30 PM Movies PC	2 PM Membership Meeting PC
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	1		
8 AM Tennis BP Haulover Beach 1:30 PM Excursion @ NSU Art Museum	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			

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

