Prime Gentlemen Newsletter

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Autumn Reflections

Looking back with gratitude, living in the moment,
and looking forward to what's next.

Photo by Aziel Sales

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Henry Penas



Before we switched to our new online platform, WordPress, you needed to contact the Membership Secretary if your address or phone number had changed. Now the ball's in your court.

You created a password the first time you used it and in doing so you've got your own spot on the platform. It isn't something that's readily apparent. You do know that you can just go on there and renew your membership. Did you know that you can design how your profile looks and control the information that's on it?

All you have to do is log in with the same email address and password that you used when you first created your profile. Once you've logged in, you can change all kinds of things. You can add a photo to your profile so other members can see who you are. You can change your partner's name if things go awry, you can change your home or snowbird address and your phone number. You have control of your profile and the ability to tailor it to your needs.

Here's something interesting that's happened recently. On the emails that you receive from us, there's a button at the bottom that says "unsubscribe." It seems some of our members have inadvertently clicked that button. I suppose it's possible that one or two members have intentionally done it, but I don't want to think about that. One way you can tell if you clicked it is that you have stopped receiving our emails. That makes it hard for us to know that you are no longer subscribed. Recently, Jim Richardson went through the database and found that more than twenty members have unsubscribed. Assuming that it was by accident, he added them back to the list.

But since this article is available online as part of the Surfer, hopefully there are members who will read this and say, "No wonder I'm not getting my emails." When you get your renewal reminder email, you are asked to confirm your subscription to emails. If you don't click to confirm, you will not get emails. If you are reading this and it applies to you, contact Jim Richardson at jimedrich@gmail.com.

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MOVIES

by Ed Slough



ON THE SEA

Friday, October 16 @ 1:30 PM at the Pride Center

Free movie including popcorn and soda!

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event



On The Sea is a thoughtful, sensitively played film about forbidden gay love set in a small, conservative Welsh fishing village. Jack, a married fisherman who has spent most of his life working in the family business, begins to reconsider the choices he has made after surviving cancer and meeting Daniel, an itinerant fishing boat skipper. Their encounter awakens feelings Jack has long kept suppressed and forces him to confront the limitations imposed by his upbringing, community, and expectations of masculinity.

The film explores closeted desire, self-loathing, aging, family, and the frightening possibility of changing one's life. Rather than following the conventions of a traditional romance, it unfolds slowly against a bleak yet beautiful coastal landscape, with the relationship between Jack and Daniel developing through quiet sensuality and raw desire. The film's themes and atmosphere may remind viewers of "Brokeback Mountain," while offering its own intimate portrayal of love and repression in working-class rural Britain.



We are excited to announce our partnership with SAGE and OUTshine to co-sponsor the October 19th screening of ***Mineshaft: The Cruising Murders*** (2026), a new documentary directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Jeffrey Schwarz. The film explores the LGBTQ+ protests and cultural impact surrounding William Friedkin's controversial 1980 film ***Cruising***, as well as the real-life Greenwich Village murder that inspired it, against the backdrop of NYC's legendary 1970s leather scene.

Our club will have a dedicated table staffed by PG volunteers to answer questions, connect with attendees, and distribute our newsletter, flyers, and postcards alongside our club banner. The event will be an opportunity to celebrate an important chapter of queer film history while introducing our club and its work to the broader community. More information is forthcoming—stay tuned!

MAN OF THE MONTH

KENNETH SABANOSH

Interviewed by Al Remer



Kenneth Sabanosh's life has been shaped by integrity, resilience, and the courage to embrace each new chapter with optimism. From his childhood in Connecticut to a distinguished career in finance and banking, and from enduring love to new beginnings through Prime Gentlemen, Ken's story reflects authenticity, service, and gratitude.

Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Ken grew up in nearby Fairfield with his older brother, John. His mother was a homemaker, and his father worked as a production planner for Underwood. He fondly remembers a close-knit neighborhood, frequent family gatherings, summers at the beach, riding his bicycle, and fishing on Long Island Sound.

At Andrew Warde High School, Ken found his passion in the dramatic arts, serving as a Stage Manager and earning membership in the National Thespian Society. After graduating, he attended the University of Virginia, where he earned a degree in Finance. The University's Honor Code left a lasting impression, instilling values of honesty and integrity that have guided him throughout his life. He began his career with a CPA firm, passed the CPA examination on his first attempt, and soon became a partner.

After college, Ken married and raised two sons, Robert and David. Later, following the Stonewall era, he embraced his authentic self and moved to Washington, D.C., where he met Ernest Wayne Cooper. Ken and Wayne shared 45 wonderful years together, traveling extensively, enjoying theater, entertaining friends, owning an antique shop in Alexandria, Virginia, and purchasing a condominium near Florence, Italy. Professionally, Ken advanced to become Senior Vice President and Comptroller of a regional bank in Frederick, Maryland.



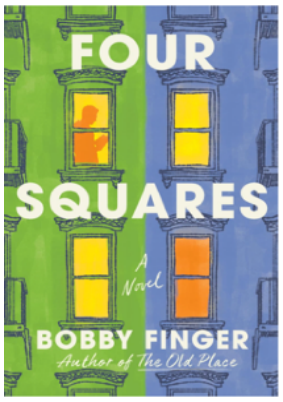
In 2003, Ken & Wayne moved to South Florida, eventually settling in Palm-Aire. Following Wayne's passing in 2021, Ken found friendship and renewed purpose through Prime Gentlemen. Today, he serves as one of the organization's "Man of the Month" interviewers and is the Treasurer of his Palm-Aire condominium association.

When asked what advice he would share, Ken quotes William Shakespeare: ***"To thine own self be true."*** He believes that living honestly and authentically leads to genuine happiness and meaningful relationships. Looking back, Ken considers himself fortunate—not because life has always been easy, but because it has been filled with family, lasting friendships, meaningful work, enduring love, and the opportunity to begin new chapters. Congratulations to our Man of the Month, Kenneth Sabanosh!

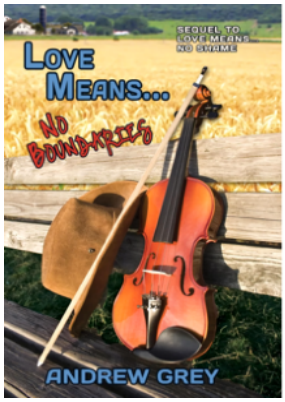
BOOK DISCUSSION

by Paul McNamara





OCTOBER SELECTION:
Four Squares: A Novel
by Bobby Finger



NOVEMBER SELECTION:
Love Means...
No Boundaries
by Andrew Grey

This month's selection for discussion is ***Four Squares*** by Bobby Finger.

In 1992, on his thirtieth birthday, Artie Anderson meets the man who will change his life. Artie spends his days at a tedious advertising job, finding relief in the corner of New York City he can call his own, even as the queer community is still being ravaged by HIV. But when his birthday celebration brings Artie and his friends to his favorite bar, a chance encounter with Abe, an uptight lawyer and Artie's opposite in almost every way, pushes Artie to want, and to ask for, more for himself.

Thirty years later, Artie is stunned when Halle and Vanessa, Abe's daughter and ex-wife, announce they are moving across the country. Artie has built a lovely, if small, life, but their departure makes Artie realize that he might be lonelier than he previously thought. When a surprising injury pushes Artie into the hands of GALS, the local center for queer seniors, a rambunctious group of elders insists on taking him under their wing. What follows will open up Artie's world in ways previously unimaginable.

Alternating between both timelines, *Four Squares* is an intimate look at what it means to find community at any age and a touching meditation on the aftershocks of both love and grief. Stretching across the 1990s and the present day, the book is an intimate and profound look at what it means to create community and the lasting impressions even the most fleeting relationships can leave.

Four Squares will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, October 24, 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



MORIKAMI MUSEUM AND JAPANESE GARDEN

Saturday, October 31 @ 10:30 AM

4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach, FL 33446

Admission ticket is $18 for adults and $16 for seniors



Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens celebrates the historic connection between Japan and South Florida, dating back to the early 1900s when Japanese farmers led by Jo Sakai established the Yamato Colony in northern Boca Raton. Although the colony eventually declined, George Sukeji Morikami remained and donated his land to Palm Beach County. His gift led to the creation of Morikami Park in 1977, preserving the colony's history and honoring the cultural ties between Japan and Florida. Today, the museum features traditional Japanese architecture, exhibition galleries, a theater, an authentic tea house, classrooms, a museum store, the Cornell Cafe, and thousands of Japanese art objects and artifacts.

The museum is surrounded by 16 acres of Japanese gardens featuring strolling paths, lakes, koi, wildlife, resting areas, and a world-class bonsai collection. Expanded and renovated in 2001, the gardens represent major periods of Japanese garden design from the eighth through the 20th century. Rather than duplicating specific gardens in Japan, designer Hoichi Kurisu created landscapes inspired by their character and ideas, allowing them to flow together as one harmonious setting. Together, the museum and gardens provide visitors with an immersive experience of Japanese culture and its enduring connection to South Florida.

To top off your Morikami experience, we will stop at the ***Cornell Cafe*** for lunch. The open-air cafe on the terraces (there is also an air-conditioned area) overlooks the tranquil gardens and serves a Pan-Asian-inspired menu.

Visit their website to explore their collections and current exhibitions. We'll meet at the entrance, and carpools will be available for anyone who needs a ride. A 1½-hour docent-led tour of the six Japanese gardens has been scheduled for our group. Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend: wildhybrid@aol.com

FOOD & DRINKS

DINER RUN

Thursday, October 8, 1:00 PM
Salt & Pepper Chef
1280 S Powerline Rd #11, Pompano Beach, FL 33069
Join us for a Spanish-themed diner outing featuring authentic Latin American cuisine.
To RSVP, contact Doug Kent at 305-495-2978

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 10, 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, October 14, 5:00 PM
GG's of New York
5440 N State Rd 7, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33319
GG's of NY has reopened. Join us and enjoy their early-bird specials.
To RSVP, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, October 28, 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, October 29, 1:00 PM
Il Mulino
1800 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
This restaurant serves great food with reasonable prices.
To RSVP, contact Doug Kent at 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

BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Gary Hardin
10/2	Carlos Moran
10/2	Keith Jennings
10/3	Donald Smith
10/5	Claudio Zgainer
10/5	Jere Ford
10/6	Anthony Sikich
10/6	Albert Abdessemed
10/6	Jose Santos-Cruz
10/6	Larry Stevens
10/7	Randy Turner
10/7	Roger Snyder
10/8	Alex Meyer
10/8	Drew Hankins
10/8	Edward Green
10/10	Carlos Jusino
10/11	Asa Ratliff
10/11	Alan Miller
10/11	Gary Osland
10/13	Gregory Gardiner
10/13	Thomas Rudd
10/13	William Haston
10/15	Wayne Mitteer
10/16	Jeffrey Cronin
10/16	Richard Meyerson
10/16	Richard Newman
10/17	Gene Dinah
10/18	Irving Camiel
10/18	John Pascall
10/20	Herbert Diamond
10/21	Leon Garner
10/21	Sidney Goldenberg
10/22	Thomas Benson-Wright
10/22	Bruce Parrish
10/23	David Brackett
10/24	Peter Laurendine
10/24	Steve Moses
10/25	Salomon Vaz Dias
10/28	Eugene Avrett
10/30	Victor De Los Santos Flores
10/31	Andrew Langley

CELEBRATIONS & NEW FACES

ANNIVERSARIES

10/2/1979	Kenneth Crush & Harold Prasse	47 yrs
10/17/1983	Gary Hardin & Sam Aron	43 yrs
10/28/2005	Brian McCarthy & Ron Bass	21 yrs
10/20/2008	John Lloyd & Andrew Cheng	18 yrs
10/14/2013	David Presser & David Immerman	13 yrs
10/18/2013	Herbert Diamond & John Ring	13 yrs
10/1/2021	Gary Peters & Brian Douglas	5 yrs
10/1/2025	Paul Boisvert & Lucien Boisvert	1 yr
10/1/2025	Philip Grossman & Tom Perry	1 yr
10/15/2025	Bruce Goodchild & Robert Ruhfel	1 yr

NEW MEMBERS

Alan Kachin
Damian Kane
John Girtons
David Presser
S. Michael Ereshena
Gary Osland
Gene Dinah
Greg Conner
David Immerman
Jeff Askildsen
Jordan Liang
Norman Mccauley
James Beier
Raymond Stepnowski
Ronald Goldman
Rick Coleman
Larry Keating
Ted Priebe
Theodore Furio
Thomas Gibson

GALLERY

September Monthly Meeting



Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner!



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September Monthly Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR OCTOBER BOYS!



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September Monthly Meeting







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Excursion at WMODA





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Diner Run at Checkers Old Muncheon



Movie Group



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Early Bird Dinner at Chow Time Grill & Buffet









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Dinner Party at Tamarindo Harbor Italian Bar & Grill





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Luncheon at Seasons 52



Night Out Dinner at Tropics Grille



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Night Out Dinner at Tropics Grille





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Collectors PC 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	2	3
4 8 AM Tennis BP	5 9:30 AM Breakfast PD 11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	6 8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	7 11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's Drop-in ZM	8 8 AM Tennis BP 12 PM Board Meeting ZM 1 PM Diner Run 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	9 2 PM History Group ZM	10 2 PM Membership Meeting PC
11 8 AM Tennis BP	12 9:30 AM Breakfast PD 11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	13 8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	14 11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's Drop-in ZM 5 PM Early Bird Dinner	15 8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Collectors PC 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	16 1:30 PM Movies PC	17
18 8 AM Tennis BP	19 9:30 AM Breakfast PD 11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	20 8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	21 11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's Drop-in ZM 6 PM Dinner Party	22 8 AM Tennis BP 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	23 2 PM History Group ZM	24 11 AM Book Discussion Group SL/ZM
25 8 AM Tennis BP Haulover Beach	26 9:30 AM Breakfast PD 11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	27 8 AM Tennis BP 2 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM 5 PM Mixer TR	28 11 AM Bowling ML 1 PM Bowling MA 1 PM Men's drop-in ZM 5 PM Night Out Dinner	29 8 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Luncheon 3 PM Co-ed Drop-in ZM 7 PM Walking SC	30	31 10:30 AM Excursion @ Morikami Museum & Japanese Garden

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 33304*
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

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