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Happy Thanksgiving!

"The more grateful we are, the more beauty we see in the world." — Anonymous



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Henry Penas



I started the Man of the Month column because I saw something like it in another chapter of the Prime Timers' newsletter. Our column used to be called **Hottie of the Month**. It was Ken South who changed the title to Man of the Month once he became the columnist.

No one has ever resented doing it. The first challenge is getting members to agree to be Man of the Month. The second challenge is interviewing the members and authoring the articles.

When Ken South decided to retire from that duty, I sent an eblast out to try to find his replacement. Three members volunteered. Rather than selecting one, I asked each of the three to interview and write a column over the next three months. The columns they wrote were so good I decided to keep all three. Each month's column is written by one of the three. We are incredibly lucky to have the talent and dedication of these three men: **George Mihalakos**, **Al Remer** and **Ken Sabanosh**.

Since the column's first appearance, there have been a whopping 200 Men of the Month (including the next two months). I usually identify them, ask them if they would like to be Man of the Month, and send their contact information to the writer who is next on the rotation.

I get a variety of responses when I ask a member if he would like to be a Man of the Month. Some say no flat out. Some joyfully say yes. Many think their lives are too ordinary to be considered. But no one who has done it has regretted it. My hope was that the Hall of Fame on our webpage would encourage members to visit and read about those 200 members to find connections – having the same job, the same career path, or the same city or town. Anything that would spur conversation.

If you would like to be Man of the Month or know someone who you think would be a good candidate, please let me know so I can strong-arm you into agreeing to do it. If you recommend someone else who you think would be a suitable candidate, remember, you are protected by member/president confidentiality.

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MOVIES

by Ed Slough



DRUNKEN NOODLES

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

Free movie including popcorn and soda!

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event



The city is as romantic as the country in the transformative gay drama, ***Drunken Noodles***, and a brief encounter can be just as meaningful and profound as a sustained relationship. This movie is a rich and often thrilling trip into writer/director Lucio Castro's personal understanding of how queer romance, sexual pleasure, and mind-expanding art can flourish when we have enough room and receptivity to feel that everything inside us is naturally or instinctively related. Adnan's story is remarkable not only because he finds sex and art to be mutually expansive means of connecting with others, but also because Castro skillfully unites scenes of pastoral beauty—leafy trees, unpaved roads, and a private brook—with enchanting urban settings where strangers can find and seduce each other, including city streets, art galleries, playgrounds, and apartments.

Drunken Noodles defies the conventions of a romantic drama, focusing instead on how Adnan's desires are fulfilled without necessarily leading to a greater purpose or resolution. He finds a subtly profound pleasure in longing and in fleeting moments of connection with people and places that only ostensibly seem defined by oppositional relationships. Castro looks past those superficial differences and celebrates the everyday pleasures of making connections that can be felt without necessarily being fully understood.



Man of the Month
in his younger days

MAN OF THE MONTH

KEN JOSEPH

Interviewed by George Mihalakos

Some people are born in a hospital. Others arrive with a view. Ken Joseph was born in Brooklyn, New York, across the street from Prospect Park — a pretty enviable address if you happen to like trees, lakes, fresh air and a little bit of adventure. Ken's older brother was eleven years his senior, which meant that by the time Ken was old enough to get into trouble, his brother was probably old enough to know better.

Much of Ken's early life revolved around Prospect Park, where he spent countless hours with cousins and friends exploring the seasons and whatever the park had to offer. There was ice skating on the lake when the weather cooperated, fishing, horseback riding and exploring the landscape. He even searched for arrowheads at the site of the Battle of Long Island, where George Washington and his troops once fought during the Revolutionary War. In other words, Ken's playground came with both history and a pretty impressive list of outdoor activities.

Education — and a Little Parental Negotiation

Ken attended neighborhood schools before moving on to Brooklyn Technical High School, St. John's University, and eventually earning multiple degrees from various colleges and universities. Choosing a career, however, was not quite as simple. When Ken decided he wanted to become a teacher, his father offered some very practical parental advice. He told Ken to "learn poverty early" and made it clear that he would pay for Ken's education only if he chose one of three career paths: join the family business, become a doctor, or become a lawyer. Ken, apparently having other ideas, followed his heart. He paid for his own education and went on to build a successful career in education — proving, once again, that children do eventually make their own decisions whether their parents approve of them or not.

A Career in Education

Ken steadily moved through the ranks of education, eventually becoming a principal, an adjunct graduate professor, and a curriculum specialist for the City of New York. His career gave him the opportunity to influence students, teachers and educational programs — and apparently confirmed that he was capable of being in charge of people. Along the way, Ken married, raised two children and became a grandfather. Today, he maintains homes in both Florida and New York, giving him the best of two worlds — and presumably two sets of closets.

Life These Days

Ken's interests remain as varied as his career. He enjoys science, traveling, antiques, pickleball and, perhaps most importantly, spending time with good friends. And Ken has never been one to shy away from community involvement. In Florida, he served as president of his condominium association for an impressive twelve years. Before that, in New York, he served as chairman of his Environmental Association for five and a half years. Twelve years as condo association president deserves special recognition. Anyone who has attended a condominium association meeting knows that this is not merely volunteer work — it's an endurance sport.

A Life Well Lived

From a Brooklyn childhood spent exploring Prospect Park and searching for pieces of American history to a career devoted to education, Ken Joseph has built a life that combines curiosity, accomplishment, family and service. He followed his own path when it mattered, even when the path differed from the one his father envisioned for him. And perhaps that is one of the more appealing things about Ken; after all the degrees, careers, responsibilities and community service, he still makes room for discovery — whether that means traveling somewhere new, finding an interesting antique, learning something about science, chasing a pickleball, or simply enjoying the company of good friends. Not a bad way to spend a lifetime. And fortunately, there's still plenty of time for the next adventure.

PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

by Ed Slough



MORIKAMI MUSEUM AND JAPANESE GARDENS

Tuesday, November 10 @ 10:00 AM *(Rescheduled)*

4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach, FL 33446

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

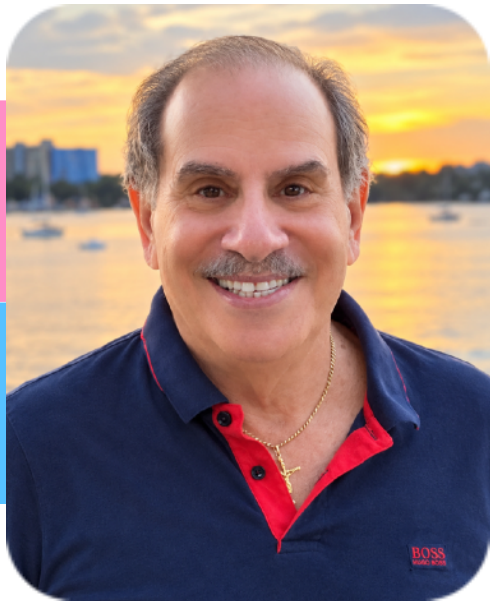


Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens celebrates the historic connection between Japan and South Florida, dating back to the early 1900s when Japanese farmers established the Yamato Colony in Boca Raton. Today, the museum showcases Japanese art and culture, while its 16 acres of beautiful gardens feature lakes, koi, strolling paths, and a world-class bonsai collection, offering visitors a peaceful glimpse into Japanese traditions and their 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

Man of the Month

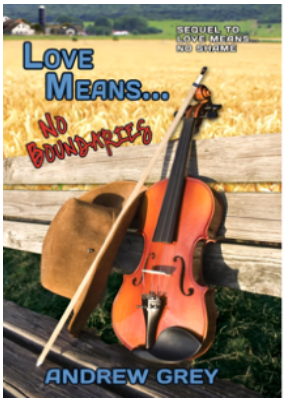
Ken Joseph



BOOK DISCUSSION

by Paul McNamara





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

This month's selection for discussion is ***Love Means... No Boundaries*** by Andrew Grey.

Joey Sutherland has found a home with Geoff Laughton and his partner, Eli, living and working at the farm that has become a refuge after a motorcycle accident left him with a scarred face and a lot of insecurities. When Geoff's aunt Mari convinces them to take in a musician from the National Youth Symphony, Joey is reluctantly roped into picking him up, already anticipating the disgust he'll see on the man's face.

But Robert Edward Jameson surprises him: he's outgoing and friendly; he's willing to try just about anything around the farm; and he's blind, which goes a long way toward easing Joey's nerves. Joey and Robbie become inseparable and discover the beginnings of love. But summer is coming to an end, and Robbie will return to his home in Mississippi, where his family and servants see to everything he could want or need. Joey can only hope Robbie will take a chance on love and escape the boundaries that have shaped his sightless life.

The novel is a tender and sweet love story that embodies all the elements of a good romance and excellent storytelling—the combination of which provides a rich reading experience.

Love Means... No Boundaries will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, November 28, 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).

DECEMBER MEETING:

In lieu of a discussion meeting, the group will gather for the **Annual Holiday Luncheon** at Rosie's Bar & Grill.



ROUND TABLE EVENTS ARE COMING IN 2027!

What do you know that you could share with your fellow Prime Gentlemen?

Every one of us has something to share. It might come from a career, a lifelong hobby, a special interest, somewhere we've traveled, something we've studied—or simply years of experience. Beginning in January 2027, the Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen will introduce a new series of Round Table Events, designed to bring members together to learn, share, discover and connect. Each month, we plan to explore a different subject, with members—and, when appropriate, invited guests—sharing their knowledge and experience in a friendly, informal setting. But before we create the calendar, we want to discover the knowledge and talents that already exist within our own membership.

Could YOU lead or contribute to a Round Table?

You don't need to be a teacher, lecturer or professional speaker. Perhaps you're the person everyone asks about growing orchids. Maybe you've researched your family history for years. You might know how to take fantastic photographs with a smartphone, have traveled to fascinating places, love music or theatre, understand AI, enjoy cooking, or have spent your career working in a field others would find interesting. You could give a short presentation, demonstrate something, lead a conversation, answer questions—or simply share what you've learned.

Some of the subjects we're currently considering include: Photography • Ancestry & Genealogy • Writing & Storytelling • Artificial Intelligence • Gardening • Travel • Music • Sports • Mindfulness & Wellbeing • Food & Cooking • Film & Theatre • Art, Architecture & Design. And these are only ideas. Have another subject you're passionate about? We want to hear about that too!

What happens after a Round Table?

This is where the idea becomes particularly exciting. Imagine that one month's Round Table introduces Smartphone Photography. Members attend an introductory session, exchange ideas and learn some basic techniques. If enough participants would like to continue, they could form a Photography Group and meet again for further sessions—perhaps photo editing, creating digital albums or going out together on a photography excursion. Meanwhile, the following month's Round Table introduces an entirely different subject. Over time, our Round Tables could therefore become a way of discovering new activities and interest groups created around what our members genuinely enjoy.

First, we need YOU!

Right now, we're not asking you to sign up to attend a particular Round Table. We're looking for Prime Gentlemen who have knowledge, experience, skills or passions they would enjoy sharing. If that's you, please get in touch with Gustavo and tell him a little about your subject and what you might like to share. Let's find out just how much knowledge, experience and talent is sitting around our own Prime Gentlemen table.

Contact Gustavo Marchini at gustavomarchini@hotmail.com.

FOOD & DRINKS

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, November 11, 5:00 PM
Seaside Grill & Tiki Bar
1406 N Ocean Blvd, Pompano Beach, FL 33062
Enjoy casual beachfront dining in Pompano Beach with ocean views and refreshing breezes. Check out their twilight menu! To RSVP, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

DINER RUN

Thursday, November 12, 1:00 PM
Lester's Diner
4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy, Margate, FL 33063
This classic diner has all that one needs to immerse themselves in classic diner cuisine. To RSVP, contact Doug Kent at 305-495-2978

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, November 14, 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!

LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 19, 1:00 PM
J.Mark's Restaurant
1245 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Mark your calendar for an afternoon of great food and conversation! To RSVP, contact Doug Kent at 305-495-2978

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thursday, November 26, 4:30 PM
Checkers Old Munchen
2209 E Atlantic Blvd, Pompano Beach, FL 33062
No one should be alone on Thanksgiving! Join us for a traditional turkey dinner for just $27.99, or choose from their regular menu. Enjoy good food, great company, and a fun holiday evening with friends. To RSVP, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

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!


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Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen
2003
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2026
Celebrate the Season with Friends
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 19, 2026
Cash Bar Opens
12:00 PM
Luncheon
1:00 PM
TROPICAL ACRES STEAKHOUSE
2500 Griffin Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
MENU
ENTRÉE | MEMBER | NON-MEMBER
Roasted Prime Rib | $42 | $55
Broiled Salmon | $34 | $47
Stuffed Chicken Breast | $28 | $40
Pasta Primavera | $24 | $38
ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE
Salad • Rolls & Butter • Dessert
Coffee • Tea • Iced Tea • Water
MEMBER PRICING
Member pricing also applies to the member's significant other (spouse or partner). All other non-member guests pay the Non-Member price.
WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE
To participate, please bring a wrapped gift with a value of $20 or less.
RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Click here to register and pay online
RESERVATIONS, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUND REQUESTS
BY 5:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 16, 2026.

CELEBRATIONS & NEW FACES

ANNIVERSARIES

11/19/1982	Christopher Burt & Nick Polizos	44 yrs	11/13/2014	Howard Terry & Stephen Thayer	12 yrs
11/14/1990	Jose Arvelo & Jeffrey Piekarsky	36 yrs	11/28/2020	Tim Tyrell & William Platt	6 yrs
11/1/1994	Frank Piasecki & Robert Tauber	32 yrs	11/1/2021	Brian Douglas & Gary Peters	5 yrs

BIRTHDAYS

11/2	Lorenzo Espinosa
11/2	Steven Pavone
11/2	Stephan Wales
11/3	William Watkins
11/4	Walter Pieciak
11/6	Jack Skay
11/6	Paul Nix
11/7	Domenico De Placido
11/8	Charlie Morriss
11/8	William Schwab
11/8	Albert Lojko
11/10	Anthony Marino
11/10	Walter Secada
11/12	Osamu Miyachi
11/12	Richard Sanders
11/13	Jerry Tvrdik
11/14	William Mayo
11/16	Tim Tyrell
11/17	Robert Woodman
11/19	Mark Baker
11/19	Allen Bryant
11/20	Stewart Pepper
11/22	Aziel Sales
11/22	Jose Arvelo
11/23	Albert Bocklet
11/23	Edward Corbett
11/24	Kenneth Sabanosh
11/24	Don Rice
11/26	James Harcus
11/26	Ron Bass
11/27	Joseph Placucci
11/28	Arnie Aliff
11/29	Arthur Voss
11/29	Daniel Glowa
11/29	Rodrigo Gutierrez
11/30	David Farr
11/30	Eugene Pennington
11/30	Joe Lonsway
11/30	Thomas Gibson
11/30	Thom Rafter

NEW MEMBERS

David Farr
George Hasandras
Keith Howard
David Heikkila
Oscar Lavalle
Pablo del Campo
Randy Fox

GALLERY

October Monthly Meeting



Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMBER BOYS!



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Dinner Party at Candela Restaurant





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Dinner Party at Candela Restaurant



Luncheon at Anthony's Clam House & Grill



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Early Bird Dinner at Zuckerello's





GALLERY

Excursion at NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale



Movie Group



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	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	9:30 AM Breakfast PD 11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer ZM	8 AM Tennis BP 10 AM Excursion @ Morikami Museum 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 PM Membership Meeting PC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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	8 AM Tennis BP 1 PM Luncheon 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
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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
8 AM Tennis BP Haulover Beach	9:30 AM Breakfast PD 11 AM SOB/A VC 6 PM Online Mixer 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 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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