



Prime Gentlemen Newsletter

August 2026

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Henry Penas



Do you remember this song by Elvis Presley? "Return to Sender: Address Unknown, No Such Number, No Such Zone." Unfortunately, it turns out to be true.

Was your birthday in late April or May? Did you notice that we never sent you a birthday card? Well, we really, really did. It never got to you. The Post Office returned it. On the other hand, did you receive a card at your address that wasn't meant for you?

Here's what happened. Our database can pull the names and addresses of members whose birthdays are in the same month and create mailing labels. Ron Grassullo gets the labels and puts them on the envelopes he sends out every month. Somehow, the names and addresses didn't match. We didn't realize it until they started coming back. We are still trying to figure out how it happened and how to fix it. We didn't forget your birthday. We're just sorry you didn't receive your greeting card.

On June 27, there was a gala event at the Wilton Manors City Hall in Hagen Park — the Second Annual Senior Pride Luncheon. The information and reservation link were in the Weekly Bulletin for weeks. Prime Gentlemen was a sponsor of the event and we were very well represented. More than half of the attendees were Prime Gentlemen members. Our own, Michael Gagne, played a leading role in putting it together. We had a lovely lunch buffet from Dom Caruso's Restaurant, speakers, live music, and prizes. The 50/50 was won by our own Jose Arvelo! Osamu Miyachi won a Mexican Train Dominoes set. Jim Beier won the grand prize. It was a gift basket from the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino that contained an electric guitar once played there by Eric Clapton, a two-night stay at the hotel and a free dinner for two.

Keep an eye out for it next year. It is an event not to be missed.

EDITOR'S NOTE

by Aziel Sales



Welcome to another issue of the Surfer! I'm Aziel Sales, and it has been more than six months since I became your newsletter editor. I'm grateful for the warm welcome and support I've received from our members. Like a sunrise that begins each new day, every story, photo and shared moment helps brighten the pages of the Surfer and celebrate the wonderful community we've built together.

A sincere thank you goes to our writers, photographers, proofreaders, and contributors who help make the Surfer a reflection of our members' experiences and creativity. The cover photo for this issue is a sunrise at the beach, photographed by me—a reminder of the beauty, new beginnings and shared moments that make our community special.

I'd love to hear from more members. If you have photos from an event, a travel story, a favorite restaurant, a hobby, or an idea for an article, please consider sharing it with us. New contributors are always welcome!

Please send submissions, photos, announcements, or ideas to artwithkeith@gmail.com. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month; for example, submissions for the September issue are due by August 10. Thank you for reading, and I hope you enjoy this issue of the Surfer!

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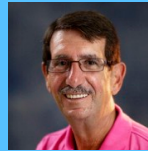
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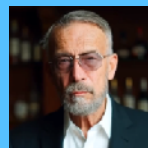
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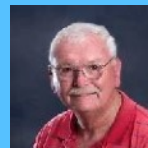
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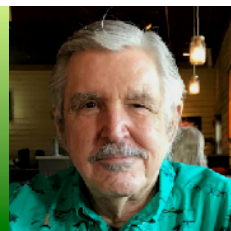
Mike Trask

THANK YOU

The following establishments generously supported our recent Anniversary Luncheon by donating gift certificates for our door prizes. If you visit any of them during the year, please take a moment to thank the manager for their generosity—especially if you are redeeming one of their gift certificates. Their support helps make events like ours possible.

Ambry Restaurant
Bayview Diner
Catfish Deweys
Checkers Old Munchen
Embassy Suites by Hilton
il Mulino
Lotus Chinese Kitchen
Mona's
Mom's Kitchen
Nelson's Diner
P.F. Chang's
Padrinos Cuban Restaurant
Peter Pan Diner
Rendez-Vous Bakery and Bistro
Rosie's Bar & Grill
Salt & Pepper Chef
Sardi Peruvian Cuisine
Sea Watch on the Ocean
Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill
The Mason Jar Pub
Tropical Acres Steakhouse
Tropics Grille
Zuckerello's





TWINLESS

Friday, August 21 @ 1:30 PM at the Pride Center

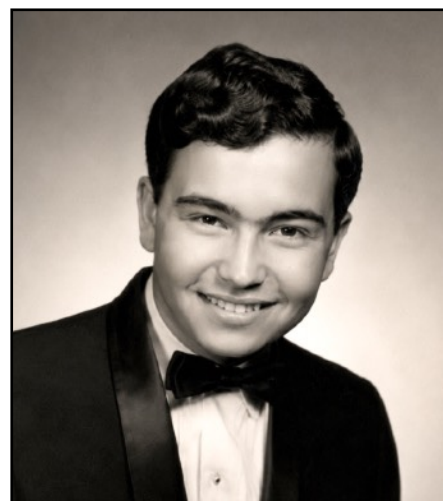
Free movie including popcorn and soda!

A SAGE and PRIME GENTLEMEN Event



The most surprising thing about *Twinless* is twofold: it is unusually funny, with a very clear sense of how people interact in amusing ways with each other, and an equally unusual sense of danger. Much of this centers around plot twists that won't be revealed here. It begins with a fatal car accident on the streets of Portland, Oregon, shortly followed by a funeral, where the chief mourners are Rocky and his mother, Lisa. They are burying Rocky's identical twin brother, Roman. Rocky decides to stay in his brother's apartment while handling the affairs related to his death. He begins attending a support group for twins who have lost their twin, where he meets Dennis. Rocky is a former MMA fighter who likes ice hockey and boobs, while Dennis works in PR, has a high level of anxiety, and is super gay. Despite their differences, they start hanging out, playing video games, and grocery shopping together. It's clear that spending time together so naturally is very healing for them both.

There is an unpredictability to the plot here. At no point can anyone predict any of the plot twists, despite all of them being completely believable based on what we know of these characters. There's also an unusual kindness throughout—neither Dennis nor Rocky is perfect, and Roman wasn't either. What this means is that the film shows sympathy for human mistakes, especially those born of grief. *Twinless* is darkly funny, but heartbreaking too. It's a very assured piece of filmmaking, with the lead actor, Dylan O'Brien, especially good at playing a kind of soulful meathead who is not always able to find the right words to articulate what he's going through. *Twinless* is an emotionally rich roller coaster—an uncomfortable, pitch-black comedy you won't be able to look away from.



A glimpse of our Man of the Month in his younger years

MAN OF THE MONTH

MICHAEL PHILIP LOSCALZO

Interviewed by George H. Mihalakos

Some people spend a lifetime reinventing themselves. Michael simply kept saying “yes” to the next chapter—and somehow made every one of them interesting.

Born on May 13, 1949, in Jersey City, New Jersey, and raised in nearby Bayonne, Michael grew up as an only child. He attended parochial schools through high school, graduating in 1966 with a dream of becoming an architect. Like many of us, life had other plans. He enrolled at Pratt Institute’s School of Architecture, only to discover by his sophomore year that designing buildings wasn’t nearly as enjoyable as surviving architecture school. Rather than force a career that wasn’t the right fit, he made a course correction, transferring into the Humanities program and earning his bachelor’s degree in 1970. Not one to linger, he immediately entered Pratt’s School of Library Science, receiving his Master of Science just one year later. Michael jokes that he finished graduate school on a Friday and reported to work the following Monday. Apparently, taking a breather was never part of the curriculum.

His career began in New Jersey’s public library system, where he spent fifteen years before accepting a position with the New York Public Library (NYPL) in November 1986—a date he remembers because it happened to be St. Michael’s Feast Day. Most of his NYPL career was spent serving the Staten Island branches during a particularly innovative period for public libraries. Thanks to federal and state grants, libraries became much more than places to borrow books. They reached into the community, offering services for immigrants learning English, residents of nursing homes, adults with limited reading skills, people with disabilities, and even incarcerated individuals. One assignment remains especially memorable. Michael recalls standing before a classroom of roughly thirty inmates explaining library services—with no correctional officer anywhere in sight. He admits he has occasionally wondered whether everyone else thought that was as unusual as he did. As the AIDS epidemic evolved during the late 1980s, libraries found themselves on the front lines of public education. Fear and misinformation

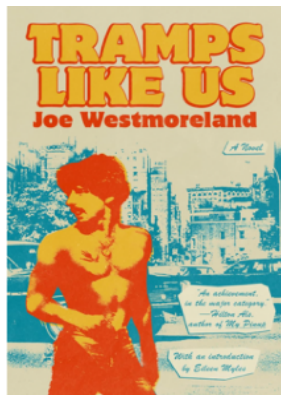
were everywhere, and Michael helped present educational programs for staff and the public that replaced panic with facts and encouraged compassion over fear. As he puts it, whatever remained of his closet doors didn’t survive that experience. Then came computers. Technology transformed libraries almost overnight. Research moved from reference desks into living rooms, collections became centralized, and the traditional role of librarians began to change dramatically. Michael watched the profession evolve in ways few could have imagined when he first checked out a library card. By July 2010, retirement felt perfectly timed.

The next seven years were devoted to caring for his parents—a role many understand but few appreciate until they’ve lived it themselves. It was meaningful work, though without overdue fines. Michael’s personal life has been every bit as rewarding. He met Henry in July 1985, beginning a relationship that required countless trips between New Jersey and Brooklyn. After nearly three decades together, they married on May 22, 2014, proving that some love stories are worth the wait. In late 2017, they purchased their first Florida condominium and embraced the snowbird lifestyle before making the permanent move south in 2023. In January 2024, they settled into Palm Aire, where they’ve happily become part of the community.

He credits Prime Gentlemen with making Florida feel like home. Between its activities, welcoming atmosphere, and engaging members, he has found exactly what so many retirees hope for: friendship, laughter, and the opportunity to keep writing new chapters. Looking back, Michael’s journey has included changing careers, changing technology, changing attitudes, and changing addresses. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: a lifelong commitment to helping people find information, understanding, and community. That’s a pretty good story for a man who thought he’d spend his life drawing buildings instead of helping build lives. See page 8 for our Man of the Month’s current photo.

BOOK DISCUSSION

by Paul McNamara



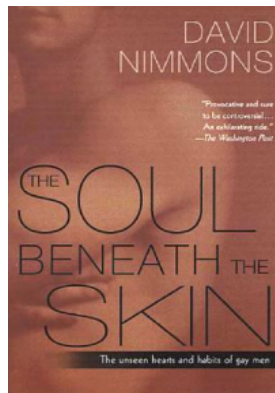
AUGUST SELECTION: *Tramps Like Us* by Joe Westmoreland

This month's selection for discussion is
"Tramps Like Us" by Joe Westmoreland.

The novel is a modern-day Huckleberry Finn. It's an all-American story about the search for home, for a better life, and feeling like a refugee in one's own country. It's about creating a family from a group of misfits. It tells what it was like to come of age in the era between gay liberation and the beginning of the AIDS crisis.

Abused by his father and stifled by a closeted life as a teenager in Kansas City, Joe, the wide-eyed narrator of *Tramps Like Us*, graduates from high school in 1974 and hits the road hitchhiking. But it isn't until he reunites with Ali, his hometown's other queer outcast, that Joe finds a partner in crime. When the two of them finally wash up in New Orleans, they discover a hedonistic paradise of sex, drugs, and music—a world that only expands when they move to San Francisco in 1979.

Told with openhearted frankness, the book is an exuberantly soulful adventure of self-discovery and belonging, set across a consequential American decade. In New Orleans and San Francisco, and on the roads in between, Joe and Ali find communities of misfits to call

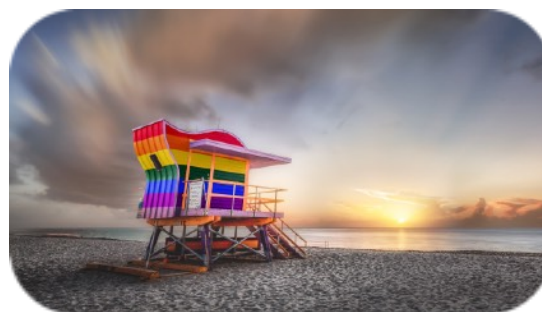


SEPTEMBER SELECTION: *The Soul Beneath the Skin: The Unseen Hearts and Habits of Gay Men* by David Nimmons

their own. The days and nights blur, a blend of LSD and heroin, new wave and disco, orgies and friends, and the thrilling spontaneity of youth—all of which is threatened the moment Joe, Ali, and seemingly everyone around them are diagnosed with HIV. But miraculously, the stories survive.

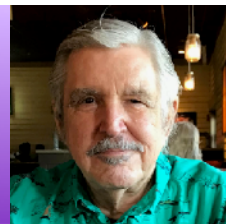
Back in print after two decades, the book is an ode to an early lost generation—an autofictional chronicle of America between gay liberation and the AIDS crisis—and an evergreen testament to the force of friendship.

Tramps Like Us will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, August 22, 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



WIENER MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS

Saturday, August 29 @ 10:30 AM

3250 N 29th Ave, Hollywood, FL 33020

Admission ticket is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for military

The Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts was founded in 2014 by Arthur Wiener and family. The museum celebrates the fired arts of ceramics and glass and visitors can see beautiful pottery and porcelain art from the 18th century to the present day. The Wiener museum introduces the work of British pottery pioneers, such as Josiah Wedgwood and Sir Henry Doulton, as well as European designers from Art Nouveau and Art Deco eras.



The glass galleries at the Wiener Museum showcase the art of French designer Renee Lalique and Venetian maestros from Murano, as well as local glass artists working in South Florida. The highlight of the Hot Glass gallery is a spectacular collection of Chihuly. Contemporary ceramic art from the Ardmore studio in South Africa is one of the favorite exhibits at the Wiener museum, which hosts a varied program of exhibitions and cultural events.

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. Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend: wildhybrid@aol.com

MAN OF THE
MONTH

michael philip
loscalzo



IN MEMORIAM

Patrick "Mike" Fisher

September 18, 1953 – July 8, 2026



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our fellow member, Mike Fisher, who passed away on July 8. Mike died peacefully at home, resting in his favorite recliner, with his loving partner of 14 years, Ken Bailey, by his side.

Mike was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He began his career as an IT technician at Whirlpool headquarters in Grand Rapids before relocating to St. Joseph, where he continued working in information technology with Progressive Insurance.

Mike and Ken's love story began on Silver Daddies. After exchanging emails for some time, Mike suggested they stop writing and simply talk on the phone. That first conversation lasted six hours, and they both knew that something special had begun.

Please keep Ken and all who knew and loved Mike in your thoughts during this difficult time. Mike will be deeply missed by our community.

James "Jim" Gunter

January 26, 1933 – July 10, 2026



We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear member, Jim Gunter, who passed away on July 10. He was 93 years old and the cause of death was cancer. He is survived by his partner David Keikkila. They had been together for 20 years.

Jim was born in Soso, Mississippi. He had a 30-year career in the Air Force as a technologist and reached the rank of full-bird colonel. He would have been promoted to general at the Pentagon, but there were no openings for that rank at the time.

Jim became a member of Prime Gentlemen in July of 2021. David wants Jim to be remembered as someone who was well liked by everyone who knew him, a good person who was unassuming and humble. There will be a service soon, but the details are still being worked out. Jim will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Please keep David in your thoughts during this difficult time.



FOOD & DRINKS



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 8, 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, August 12, 5:00 PM

Chow Time Grill & Buffet

6997 W Commercial Blvd, Tamarac, FL 33319

For less than \$20, Chow Time offers an all-you-can-eat buffet with five aisles of Asian and American dishes to choose from. To **RSVP**, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com

DINER RUN

Thursday, August 13, 1:00 PM

Checkers Old Muncheon

2209 E Atlantic Blvd, Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Enjoy an afternoon of outstanding German cuisine and great conversation with fellow members. To **RSVP**, contact Doug Kent at [305-495-2978](tel:305-495-2978)

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 PM

Tamarindo Harbor Italian Bar & Grill

1025 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Enjoy the inviting atmosphere and a flavorful Latin-inspired menu. This evening promises delicious food, wonderful company, and plenty of laughter. To **RSVP**, contact Gustavo at gustavomarchini@hotmail.com

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, August 26, 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, August 27, 1:00 PM

Seasons 52

2428 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Great food and outstanding ocean views will be the order of the day. 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

8/24/2013	Claude Brent & Wayne Spiehler	13 yrs	8/21/2023	Arnie Aliff & Wil Daugherty	3 yrs
8/27/2017	Rafael Suarez & Howard Angel	9 yrs	8/22/2025	Gary Stayer & George Bergevine	1 yr
8/5/2021	Edward Stehle & Greg Tefft	5 yrs	8/18/2025	Richard Rumrill & Thomas Finlin	1 yr

BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Miguel Scott
 8/1 Mark Speer
 8/2 Charles Truszcinski
 8/2 Jim Powell
 8/2 Scott Boston
 8/4 Charles Scarcella
 8/4 John Kraemer
 8/4 Dennis Foley
 8/5 Jerry Lizzie
 8/5 Andrew J Horvath
 8/7 Michael Thau
 8/9 Donald Walsh
 8/9 Stephen Thayer
 8/9 Ted Fisher
 8/10 David Leach
 8/10 Steven Weaver
 8/12 Howard Terry
 8/13 Craig Martin
 8/14 Austin Lee
 8/14 Bennett Siu
 8/14 Sam Aron
 8/15 Neal Clark
 8/16 Douglas McElhaney
 8/17 Alejandro Frades
 8/18 Gary Stayer

8/19 Jeffrey Covey
 8/19 Omar Rodriguez
 8/20 Francis Castelli
 8/20 Richard DeVries
 8/21 David Asch
 8/21 Philip Prentice
 8/21 Ron Roberts
 8/21 Richard Lenzi
 8/21 William Platt
 8/22 Rafael Layzequilla
 8/22 Scott Jensen
 8/24 David Hall
 8/24 Michael Gagne
 8/24 Charles St. Clair
 8/26 Leonard Graziano
 8/26 Henry Smith
 8/27 Ronald Spann
 8/27 Francis Buckley
 8/28 David Martin
 8/28 Michael Burwick
 8/28 Bryan Parisi
 8/28 Richard Brownscombe
 8/28 Rick Vodicka
 8/28 Rafael Suarez
 8/29 Luis Cedeno
 8/30 Paul Buonafede
 8/31 Felix Vazquez

NEW MEMBERS

Gary Kelly
 Keith Gore

Charles Mitchell McBee
 Joe Otoole

GALLERY

July Monthly Meeting



Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner!



GALLERY

July Monthly Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR AUGUST BOYS!



GALLERY

Breakfast at Pub on the Drive



The Film Buffs



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Luncheon at 15th Street Fisheries



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Excursion at Flamingo Gardens



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Senior Pride Event



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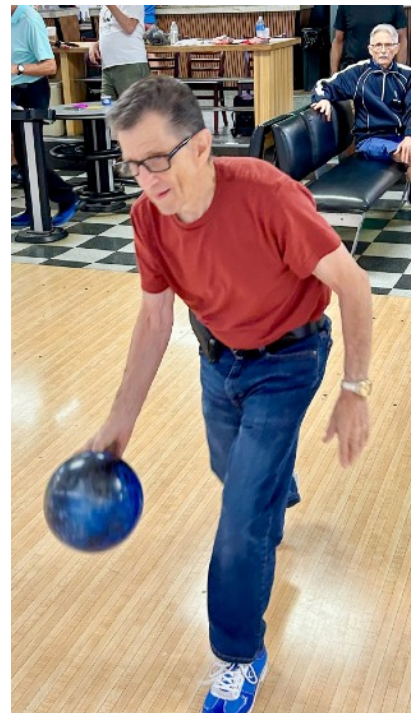
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The Striking Crew



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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		2 PM Membership Meeting PC
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31	1	2	3	4	
8 AM Tennis BP	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 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

