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Collectors

By Ron Grassullo & Ed Witkowski



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



The Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen Collectors Group was started over eight years ago, in 2015.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 2:00 pm in room 206 of the Pride Center.

The Collectors Group meetings have evolved into show and tell sessions. They range in subject matter from specifics like glass, pottery, art deco, and collectible paper to theme areas such as Black Americana, family histories, eBay, antique shows and flea markets.

As each person conducts his own show and tell, usually there is great interaction

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The list below is of the volunteers who keep everything going. Their contributions will be celebrated at a luncheon at Anthony's Clam House & Grill. It is a small token of how much we all appreciate their hard work and dedication.

Auggie Azzarello - 50/50 Table, Surfer Mailing
Art Marquardt - Membership Meeting Food Prep

Andrew Langley - Trivia Zoom, A/Squad, Movies

Dennis Camara - Visiting Committee, Walking Group

Glenn Carroll - Bowling at Margate

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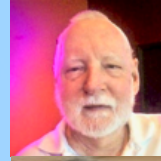
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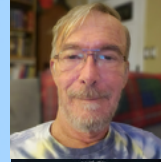
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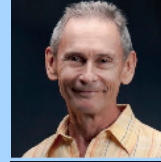
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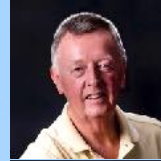
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as to the origin and value of items plus discussion of current interests in today's collectible markets. Each of us learns a great deal because of these interactions. Video recordings of our sessions are shown at the Prime Gentlemen monthly membership meeting.

We take occasional field trips and visit homes of members who showcase their collections. We also share the dates of flea markets and antique mall and depression glass shows with members.

You don't need to bring an item to discuss. Many people attend just to hear the information exchanged.

The Collectors Group has evolved into a vibrant meeting of collectors' minds and this past year has grown in size. Both Prime Gentlemen and SAGE members are invited to join.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James Bowling
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Jalal Chikhe
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Paul Gladue
Donald Harman
Gustavo Marchini
George McLaughlin
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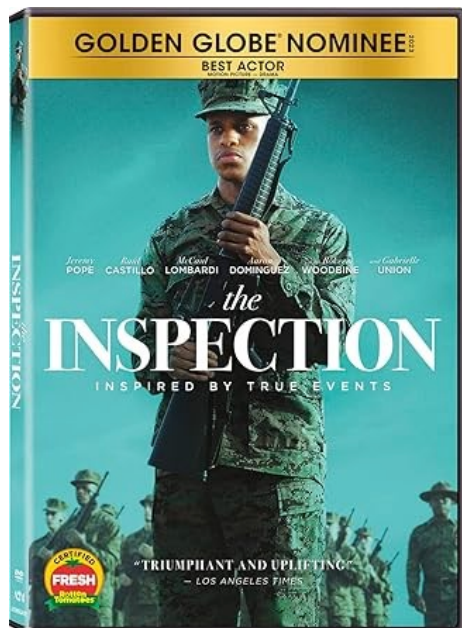
MOVIES

By Ed Slough



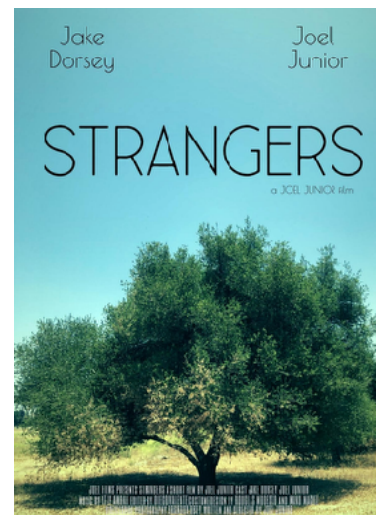
This month's Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movies will be "The Inspection" and "Strangers". They will be shown on Friday, March 15th at 1:30 PM @ the Pride Center's Main Hall. Free popcorn and soda will be served.

A gay homeless drug addict, Jeremy Pope, has made up his mind to change his life for the better and join the Marines during the years when the US military pursued a "don't ask, don't tell" policy towards homosexual recruits. For him, enlistment was a desperation move. He makes a stop at home to tell his mother he's enlisting, but she has virtually disowned him because of his homosexuality.



Once indoctrinated into basic training he comes into conflict with the hard ass drill sergeant. During a shower session, Pope's fellow comrades catch him with an erection which results in his buds giving him a vicious beatdown. He accepts all this with the kind of stoic misery. And surprisingly, he does keep up with the training.

This film is a wonderfully nuanced depiction of a queer man's rite of passage in the most redundantly male of institutions. Pope's performance earned a Golden Globe nomination for best actor.



"Strangers" is a poetic film about human connection. In an unexpected encounter under a tree, two strangers argue about who should stay there, but their reasons are both too deep to ignore. This is an intriguing story about two broken characters who accidentally meet at a crossroads where they awkwardly touch on the possibility of love. This short film is the winner of 35 awards.

March Hero

By Ken South



The government of Arturo Illia, democratically elected in 1963, faced growing political opposition. As a result, the Armed Forces carried out a coup d'état that overthrew Illia in 1966 and began the Argentine Revolution. This government lasted from 1966 to 1973, led by General Juan Carlos Onganía.

Also, in 1969, on March 11th, in the midst of this political atmosphere, Mr. (M)arch was born in Buenos Aires, the middle of three siblings. He attended Lincoln Hall School, a British private school, where he learned English and had an international Baccalaureate.

Mr. M. found his passion for sports and music at a young age. He enrolled in several sports, representing his club Riverplate, where he started playing in the lower divisions of the club. He also became the school's DJ at 11, playing at parties, and serving as the school's "AV" tech during school life.

Soon secondary school life ended, and his parents were intrigued as Mum said, "Those hobbies cannot take you anywhere." So, at 18, he enrolled at the University of Buenos Aires to study Architecture during the evening, while working as an English teacher during the day.



January Free Movie



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Sexual life for Mr. M. had been very confusing since he was a teenager, as he was always drawn to older men. He led a bisexual life, as many men stated “You stayed with the girl and you play with the boys” which was very much of a Latin culture in those days.

Soon after he graduated, at 25, he made the big decision to end his relationship of 11 years with his girlfriend and move to Australia, where his soccer abilities led him to coach and play for a professional team in Sydney, where he lived for a year and a half.

Mr. M. at age 27, was drawn to Europe, and travelled for six months before meeting his first life partner, an Irishman, Daniel, 32 years his senior. He was a musician, social worker and also a psychotherapist. The couple enjoyed six lovely years together living in London until Daniel passed away at the age of 67. For some of that time, Mr. M. was part of the first class of employees to work at the London Eye Ferris wheel, as well as resuming his work as an architect.

Mr. M. returned to his love of amateur football (soccer) in London, now with Gay football team leagues. His team, named Stonewall FC, won championships around the world, including European competitions, and gay games.

In 2005, Mr. M. aged 36, met his second partner, David, 43 years his senior. Mr. M. describes David as a “Proud British”; who was born the same year as Queen. David volunteered to enroll in the Royal Navy during WWII. In 2007, the couple had a civil partnership and for 14 years the couple enjoyed their London home and travelled extensively. David passed on in 2019, age 93.

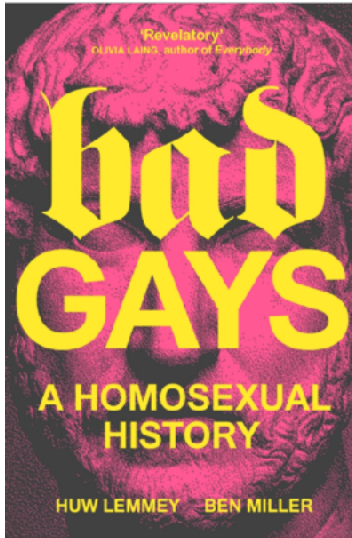
On one of their cruises, in 2016, Mr. M. became acquainted with Jim, an American who had worked as an Inspector General for the US Army. They started a friendship and visited one another in London and in Florida from 2016-2018. Following David’s passing, Jim and Mr. M. became partners. Due to the 2020 virus, Mr. M. brought Jim to live in London, where the couple were married. In Nov 2023, they departed the UK and moved to Fort Lauderdale. Jim is Mr. M.’s senior by 39 years.

Mr. M. can be found almost any Tuesday eve at the mixer at Tropics.



Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara

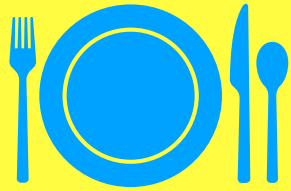


Every marginalized group struggling to find its way toward equality will inevitably wrestle with the question of who gets to tell its stories, what voices and perspectives within the group should be elevated and spotlighted to accurately reflect the truth of its existence. In ***Bad Gays: A Homosexual History***, authors Huw Lemmey and Ben Miller sidestep that question to ask an even more pointed one: What stories should we be telling about ourselves? They suggest an answer about “the gay people in history who do not flatter us, and whom we cannot make into heroes: the liars, the powerful, the criminal, and the successful.”

The title “Bad Gays” is a bit of a misnomer, however. These are the stories of gay and queer people who did terrible things and held terrible views, but the bulk of these histories are less about “evil” gays and more about gays who reacted to the world around them, sometimes in shocking ways, sometimes in destructive ways, but quite often in the only ways that made sense to them, given the times. This approach is especially helpful in framing the lives and choices of people like Frederick the Great and notorious Italian Renaissance satirist and blackmailer Pietro Aretino, well before the idea of gayness as an identity existed. The authors express an acute understanding that people have always lived in a stew of history, and they situate each of their subjects not just within the ideas and attitudes of their day, but also within the legal and religious constraints that defined them as outcasts and abominations. Still, the authors never forget that they’re talking about conquerors and colonialists, racists and anti-Semites, criminals and conspirators, from Hadrian to Ronnie Kray to Roy Cohn.

Bad Gays: A Homosexual History will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom via the SAGE dedicated link: [Book Discussion Group](#) (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Pass code: 076609)

UPCOMING:
The April 13 meeting selection is ***Young Mungo***, by Douglas Stuart



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, March 3, 2:00 pm
Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall
2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors
Bring a dish to share for our potluck meal

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 pm
Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill
4711 Dixie Highway, Oakland Park, FL 33334
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, March 14, 1:00 pm
Nelson's Diner
438 South Cypress Road, Pompano Beach, FL
Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, March 20, 4:45 pm
J.Mark's Restaurant
1245 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Details are on the next page.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, March 27, Happy Hour Drinks: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 5:30 pm
Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors , FL 33305
Contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com to take advantage of this half-price Prime Gentlemen/SAGE deal! Bring a guest!

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, March 28, 1:00 pm
Il Mulino Italian Restaurant
1800 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat

MIXER

Every Tuesday, 5:00
Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)

MARCH DINNER PARTY

J. Mark's Restaurant
1245 N Federal
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33304



Wednesday,
MARCH 20
4:45 pm

BRING
A
GUEST!

1. Make Reservation below
 2. Order from menu
 3. Receive \$10 stipend
 4. Pay check
- (Cash is fastest)

J. Mark's has an extensive "Mid-Day" menu which is available until 5 PM for those looking for thrifty options. There is five cheese pasta, orange chicken, oriental salad, walnut shrimp, fish and chips, blackened chicken, and chicken tenders for \$16 among the options. With the \$10 stipend, Prime Gentlemen can choose an inexpensive dinner option. Of course, you can always order from their regular menu, which can be viewed here: <https://www.jmarksrestaurant.com/>

If you would like to attend this dinner, you must make a reservation in order to receive the \$10 stipend. Please notify Ed Slough so he can give the restaurant a heads-up: wildhybrid@aol.com.

The monthly Prime Gentlemen dinners are held on the third Wednesday of each month. We go to different restaurants each month. The idea is to enjoy a good meal during a night-out with friends.

This event is for members of Prime Gentlemen and their friends. Current members of Prime Gentlemen, as well as guests, will each receive a \$10 stipend with a confirmed reservation.

BIRTHDAYS

Carl Kuehling	3/1	Scott Brown	3/22
Gregory Stock	3/1	Donald Harman	3/22
Robsonney Simoes	3/2	Brian Douglas	3/24
Michael Goodnight	3/2	Clark Raby	3/24
Erik Bernard	3/6	Jose Capcha	3/25
Rupert Blearie	3/7	James Hartman	3/26
John Hughes	3/8	Nestor Ramirez	3/26
Kenneth Kugler	3/10	Kenneth Terpstra	3/26
William Sawyer	3/11	Larry Kam	3/27
Gustavo Marchini	3/11	Lou Wangberg	3/27
Raymond Taratoot	3/11	Tsuyoshi Yanai	3/28
John Bolinger	3/12	Joel Rothstein	3/28
Fred Fejes	3/13	Henry Tartaglia	3/28
Robert Strickler	3/14	Anton Scherrer	3/29
Chris Cook	3/15	David Ferraro	3/29
H Johnson	3/17	Norman Peters	3/29
James Duke	3/17	David Carbaugh	3/29
Frank Mellon	3/18	Charles Egan	3/30
Harold Prasse	3/19		
Charles Sochat	3/20		
Kenneth Bandstra	3/20		

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. March
Gustavo Marchini

Jerry Ganz & Bill McDaris	3/04/1967	57 years
Joel Rubin & Mark Barron	3/02/1991	33 years
Kenny Terpstra & Ken Bandstra	3/13/1999	25 years



MARCH 2024 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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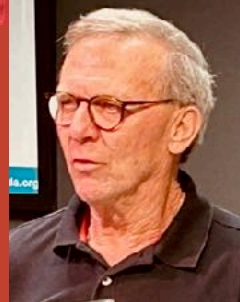
- AL** = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063
- BP** = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069
- HA** = Haulover Beach, 10800 Collins Ave 33154
- ML** = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, 33305
- PC** = Pride Ctr, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy 33305
- SC** = Skolnick Ctr, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069
- SL** = Stonewall Lib, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311
- TR** = Tropics Bar & Grill, 2000 Wilton Dr 33305
- ZM** = See weekly email Bulletin for link.



NIGHT OUT AT TROPICS



FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKERS



MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS



50/50 WINNER