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JUNE 2023



ACTIVITIES

Roundtable
By Paul McNamara



In the fall of 2016, fellow SAGE and Prime Timers members John Siegfried and Deric Bownds posed a question to themselves: "Could it be possible for a group of gay men to exchange ideas without the conversation devolving into a discussion on penis size?" This inquiry eventually led to the formation of the Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Roundtable group.

A proposal was put forth to establish a biweekly contemporary topics or ideas group, with discussions spanning a wide range of areas such as science, politics, education, psychology and technology. It was decided that each session would have

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Spring is about half over, the snowbirds have returned and we will have a new board of directors. Well, sort of.

At the end of the current term of office, all nine board members will come off the board and be replaced by a new board.

Eight current board members announced their intention to run again, but Lou Wangberg decided not to run. Only one additional member, Tom Daniel, threw his hat into the ring, so we had nine candidates for the nine positions and we didn't need an election. Tom will become an official board member at the July

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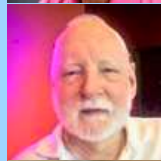
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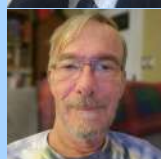
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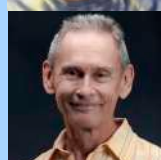
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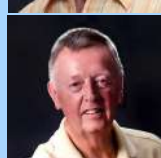
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a discussion leader who would provide a brief introduction to the chosen topic as well as be a facilitator to guide the conversation. The idea of inviting outside speakers was also suggested. The proposal was submitted to the (then) Prime Timers and SAGE boards, seeking their sponsorship. Upon receiving approval from the boards, members from both groups were recruited. Within a short period, nearly two dozen individuals had agreed to participate. The inaugural meeting took place at the Pride Center on December 5, 2016.

The group experienced immediate success, with a small core of members providing collective leadership and delivering most of the presentations. Presenters from outside the group added to this mix. Over time, presentations based on personal experiences were included, which further contributed to the popularity of the group. In the spring of 2020, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the group could no longer convene in person so it transitioned to online meetings using the Zoom platform. The online format offered the added advantage of enabling participants and presenters from around the world to join. In April 2022, as pandemic restrictions eased, the group introduced Zoom hybrid meetings, allowing members to gather either in person at the Pride Center or join via Zoom. Current meetings are held using this hybrid format.

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PRESIDENT

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Board Meeting.

We will miss Lou's presence on the board. He has been on it since 2014 and served as Board Secretary for eight of those nine years. As secretary, he was able to create meeting minutes that were concise and to the point! He was able to cut through all the chatter and get to the meat of things. He also served to keep us on task with his reasoned and measured take on the topic at hand.

The current board will convene the July Board meeting, conduct business and adjourn. Then the new board will convene its meeting. There will be only one item on its agenda. They will elect the officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and then adjourn.

At the Anniversary Luncheon on June 24, our 20th Anniversary as an organization, the new board will be officially installed.

Save the date!

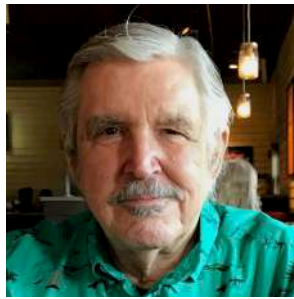
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Some May Earlybird diners at Black Rock

MOVIE

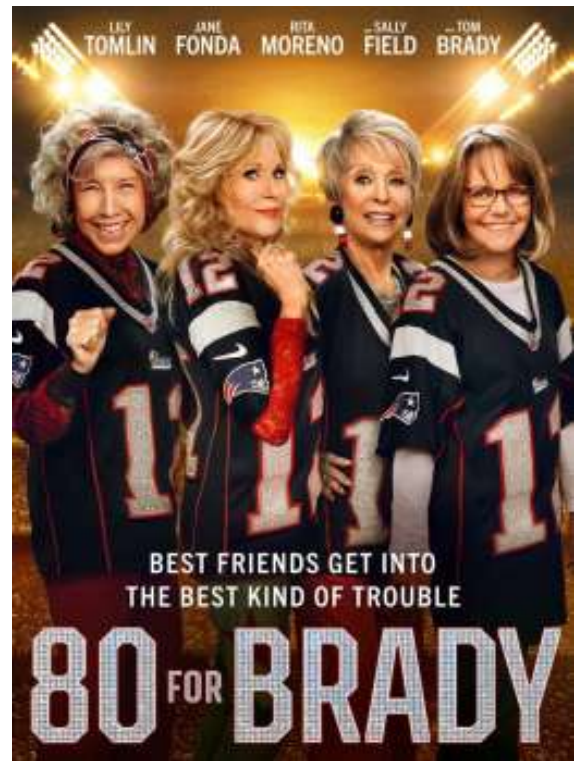
By Ed Slough



The June Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movie will be *80 For Brady* on June 16 at 1:30 pm in the Pride Center's Main Hall. Free popcorn and soda will be served.

80 For Brady is a laugh-out-loud movie with something for everyone, and who better to star in this film than four award-winning stars, Lily, Jane, Rita, and Sally?

Tom Brady has produced a movie about four ladies around 80 who are fans of his, and their trip to watch him in the Super Bowl. We get to see a whole lot of that gorgeous NFL Films footage which makes up much of the film's most exciting moments. It also positively depicts women over 70 as adventurous, gutsy, attractive, and necessary, which is all too rare in mainstream Hollywood cinema.



This is a sweetly engaging comedy of the kind that we don't see much of lately. It succeeds as entertainment because of the prodigious talents of Tomlin, Fonda, Moreno and Field. It's not aiming for greatness, just entertainment and showcasing its glorious stars. In this, it succeeds. *80 For Brady* is a decent, well-crafted comedy film.

Richard Frazer

March 4, 1943 – March 25, 2023

Long-time member, Richard Frazer passed away in Rockford, Illinois on March 25 after a short illness.

He has been a member since August, 2014. He was our Man of the Month in the February 2017 issue of the Surfer. To learn more about his life click [here](#).



Richard enjoyed [fishing](#), watching

science fiction movies and traveling.

He was a long-time member of Gateway Terrace where he volunteered at the community store and library. He was also a member of our organization and of SAGE of South Florida.

He is survived by his children Romona Burton, Richard Frazer and Bethanne Cox, as well as two grandchildren.

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



Franklin Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term as President in 1944.

Aaron Copland's ballet score, "Appalachian Spring" premiered, with Martha Graham in the leading role, and Holocaust diarist Anne Frank was sent to Auschwitz.

World War II raged on, however. US troops captured the first large German city and the D-Day invasion commenced on June 1st. The 16th Academy Award's Best Picture 'Oscar' went to *Casablanca* and Billboard's top ten included, the Harry James Orchestra's, *I'll Get By*.

Then, in St. Louis on August 7th, Mr. June joined his family of parents, brother and sister. Two other brothers followed. They lived in a suburb called Webster Groves where Mr. J attended Avery GS and Webster Groves HS, graduating in 1962. During his HS years, he was active in the Hi-Y (YMCA) club as Secretary/Treasurer.



Next, he was on to Drake University in

Des Moines, IA where he majored in economics and enjoyed membership in the Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity. He graduated in 1966. He moved on to the University of Missouri School of Law but after one year decided to go to night school and earn a second degree in accounting instead.

In 1996, he started his first job with the Federal Aeronautical Chart and Information Center in St. Louis, as a map maker. After only a few months he was summarily dismissed when his bosses found out he was gay. This painful event led him to employment with IBM as part of a sales team installing mainframe computers for major corporations. After a year, he started using his accounting skills at the Graham Paper Company, a family-owned, St. Louis-based corporation started in 1880. He worked there for two years.

Mr. J's father, William, was the CEO of the family dental supply business, the Thau-Nolde Dental Supply Company which was started by his father, Charles, in 1909. By 1970, it faced hard times so Mr. J and some of his siblings were asked to join the company. The new leadership helped restore the company's health and even opened a branch facility. Mr. J became the

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company comptroller.

In 1996, they decided it was a good time to sell the company. It was purchased by the Patterson Dental Corporation where Mr. J continued to work for the next four years as Operations Manager. Owning a rather healthy amount of company stock, Mr. J decided to retire in 2000.

Around this period Mr. J found an interest in horsemanship, bought a steed, and was proud of the numerous ribbons it won in competition.

Though he was retired, Mr. J remained active by working for the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") as an accountant for the next four years.

Mr. J met his first partner, Vince, at a local gay bar in 1972. He was Mr. J's senior by 27 years. They shared their lives for 26 years and their home for 23 of them until Vince passed in 1998.

Mr. J also had the wonderful experience of being accepted and loved by his whole family as a gay man. In fact, one aunt, a nephew and a brother were also "members of the tribe!"

Mr. J found a new partner, Gene, in 1998. Unfortunately, Gene became the victim of Alzheimer's in 2014. Mr. J was his devoted caregiver until Gene's 2017 death.

Mr. J and his partners were frequent "snowbirds" to South Florida over the years. In 2005, Mr. J bought a condo here. He and Gene "commuted" between it and their home in Chesterfield, MO.

Mr. J enjoys his participation in the SAGE and Prime Gentlemen collectors group, weekly mixers and monthly dinners. He is also an active member of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Pompano Beach.

Can you surmise who Mr. J is? See page 10.

ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara

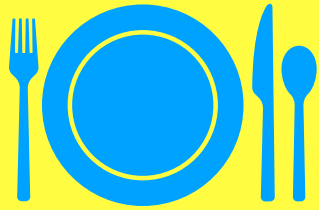


No meetings during June, July, and August. Meetings will resume in September.

This coed group is sponsored jointly by SAGE and Prime Gentlemen. We meet at the Pride Center and simultaneously online using the Zoom platform to discuss contemporary topics and ideas from 2:30 to 3:30 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Each session has a moderator presenting a brief background on the topic.

Although the group has been a success since its first meeting in 2016, post-COVID participation levels have not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels. This decline mirrors the attendance decreases observed at other SAGE and Prime Gentlemen groups and events. The reasons behind these declines are not easily explained.

The group would benefit greatly from more members being willing to assume leadership roles or deliver presentations. If you are interested in contributing in these capacities, please contact me via email at polmac@aol.com.



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, June 4, 2:00 pm
Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall
2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors
Pot Luck Meal served after the meeting program.
[Be sure to bring a dish to share!](#)

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, June 14, 4:45 pm
Las Vegas Cuban Cuisine
2807 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale
Contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com if you will join the group so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, June 8, 1:00 pm
New York Diner
925 NE 62nd Street, Pompano Beach
This diner is sure to please the most discriminating diner aficionado. A great menu with friendly service will be the order of the day. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

DINNER

(We'll have no dinner this month but will have the Anniversary Lunch, the next item, instead.)

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Celebrate our 20th Anniversry. There will be prizes!
See the next page for details.

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, June 29, 1:00 pm
Seasons 52
2428 East Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale (The Galleria mall)
A fabulous menu with great service coupled with stimulating conversation guarantees you will have a great afternoon!
Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

MIXER

Every Tuesday, 5:30
Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)



IT'S OUR



ANNIVERSARY!

CELEBRATE IT AT OUR ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

12:00 pm - Cash Bar

1:00 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm - Program

TROPICAL ACRES

2500 Griffin Road

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

MENU

First Course: Caesar Salad

Entree (pick one):	1. Roast Prime Rib	\$34
	2. Broiled Salmon Fillet	\$28
	3. Stuffed Chicken Breast	\$24

Dessert: New York Style Cheese Cake
with Cherries



Fill in your name(s):

Member _____ Entree # _____

Member _____ Entree # _____

Guest _____ Entree # _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, June 20

To cancel or for questions on reservations contact:

Ken South 301-461-4516 or southy2222@gmail.com

To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on June 23

Make check payable to Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen and write ANNIV. in the Memo blank. Send it with this stub to: Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, PO Box 100666, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310 or go to: ftlprimegentlemen.org click on Reservations and pay via a credit card (with no fee!).

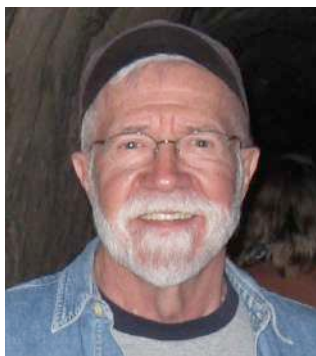
Denny Hamann

July 24, 1939 – April 26, 2023

Former member, Denny Hamann passed away on April 26. He had been dealing with advanced cancer for some time.

Denny was a veterinarian by profession and an accomplished musician and composer. He was also a writer and had a number of novels published. See his webpage: <https://www.flyingpegasus.com/>.

He had a house on the Russian River



in California that he was very proud of. Here in Florida, he recently moved into John Knox Village.

Denny was a man with varied interests and a “free spirit”. He is survived by his son Jeff and his daughter Tammy. He left an indelible impression on all

who knew him. He will be missed.

He was Man of the Month in August, 2019. Read more about him [here](#).

James Gaffney

September 30, 1932 – May 9, 2023

James Gaffney was born in Elroy, Wisconsin on September 30, 1932 and the family moved to Minneapolis shortly thereafter.

After high school graduation he attended the Saint Paul Seminary and upon graduation became a priest in a local Catholic church. After serving it for ten years he became disillusioned with its conservatism and left the church.

He spent most of the rest of his working career as the manager of a paint and wallpaper store that was owned by friends.

He retired from the cold weather as



early as he could and moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1991 where he worked part time for Humana Corporation in medical records until he completely retired in 2004.

In 2003, he met Michael Freeman during a chance encounter on a Florida beach. They fell in love almost immediately and spent the next twenty years together. They married on September 1, 2017 and were together until he passed away on May 9, 2023.

Jim had been a member since November of 2008. He had a big smile and was well liked by all who knew him.

BIRTHDAYS

Donald Harris 6/3
 Andrew Young 6/4
 Leroy Sathre 6/4
 Michael Sposato 6/4
 Nicholas Polizos 6/5
 Ronald Grassullo 6/5
 Lynn Wright 6/6
 Charles Burton 6/6
 Bob Wenz 6/7
 Edmund Witkowski 6/7
 Dennis Camara 6/8
 Normand Leclair 6/8
 Richard Runge 6/8
 Ed Vallecorsa 6/8
 Don Squire 6/9
 Robert Noonan 6/9
 Dan Driscoll 6/10
 Bernard Donohue 6/14
 Mike Trask 6/14
 Carl Booker 6/18



Richard Safra 6/18
 Nicholas Zullo 6/19
 Martin Haberland 6/21
 Charles Bell 6/21
 Henry Bernstein 6/22
 Alain Lecusay 6/23
 Jerry Heaton 6/23
 Glenn Carroll 6/24
 William Niebles 6/25
 Robert Hill 6/25
 Jack Coffman 6/25
 Gary Beasley 6/25
 Edward Moskowitz 6/26
 Robert Blazina 6/26
 Jim Onessimo 6/29
 William Tadros 6/30
 Patt Gavin 6/30
 Bruce Littman 6/30
 Ronald Goodale 6/30
 Peter Gavigan 6/30

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Art Donley & Clint Finn 6/22/1996 27 years
 Ric Lenzi & Azil Sales 6/16/2018 5 years



MR JUNE
 Michael Thau



JUNE 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
<p>*LOCATIONS AL = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063 BP = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069 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 Zoom = See email Weekly Bulletin for link.</p> 				1 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors ☺@ PC 3:00 Drop-In ☺ @ Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	2	3
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A FEW OF OUR SPEAKERS



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JUNE BIRTHDAY BOYS