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AUGUST 2023



ACTIVITIES

The Numbers

By Jim Richardson



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



[Several activities are on vacation, so here's an article about our membership database which supports all of them -Ed.]

We've all played name tag games, such as hunting down how many people share our first name, at our monthly meetings, weekly mixers or other functions.

As the maintainer of the club's membership database, I see all sorts of other things in it about our current 448 members that are interesting.

For example, the average age of our members is 74 years.

Our oldest member is 99 years old, 34

On June 24 we had our 20th Anniversary Luncheon at Tropical Acres Steakhouse. There were 68 members in attendance. By all accounts, the meals were delicious. In addition to a wonderful meal and spirited conversation, we had over 26 door prizes to give out. The restaurants that generously and willingly donated them are listed on page 4.

The best way to thank them for their support is by going to any of them for lunch or dinner and sharing your appreciation with the staff and management. If they get positive feedback, they will be just as likely to give

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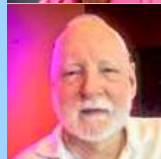
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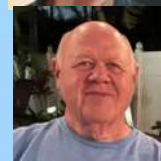
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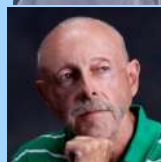
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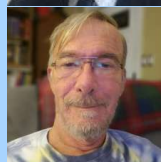
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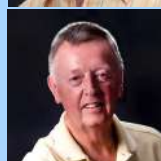
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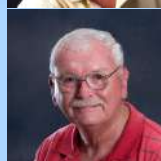
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others are over 90 and 85 of us are in our 80s. Of all those, 68 qualify for the “85 and over” free membership benefit plus the advantage of being at the head of the line for our pot-luck meals.

Only 12 of our members are under 50 years old. The youngest is 31.

Our most popular birthday month is June, with 47 of us born then, but July and September are close, with 43 birthdays each.

The most popular Prime Gentleman name is Robert or Bob; 22 of us sport that moniker. William/Bill, James/Jim, Richard/Dick and Mike/Michael are tied for second place, at 17 each.

A hundred of us call someplace in the Fort Lauderdale area as home, but 143 of us live in Pompano Beach, mostly in Palm Aire, and 49 adventurous souls live in Wilton Manors.

Surprisingly, only 63 of our members have registered a “Snowbird” address with us. Three of them really travel: one to Belgium, one to Italy and one to Mexico!

Sixty Prime Gentlemen are interested in the activity of Photography and almost all of us like to attend Theatre performances.

The most popular Snowbird state of residence is New York, but tiny Rhode Island and its northern neighbor Massachusetts come in tied for second place.

Now you know a lot more than what you’d learn by checking name tags, thanks to our large membership database!

PRESIDENT

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us gift certificates next year.

We also said goodbye to Lou Wangberg who was leaving the Board of Directors after a nine-year run as the Board Secretary. We presented him with a beautiful glass award for his dedicated service. We also welcomed our newest Board Member, Tom Daniel.

There were two guests at the luncheon: Mark Hatten and his husband Brian Minette.

Mark is on the Board of Prime Timers World Wide. He spoke to the group and offered an apology for World Wide’s lack of meaningful communication and unwillingness to listen to the chapters, that led to our chapter going its own way in 2018. That’s the kind of guy Mark Hatten is.

He also offered a \$50 discount to any Prime Gentleman who wanted to register for their convention in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 1 to October 5. The flyer for that event is always in our Weekly Bulletin.

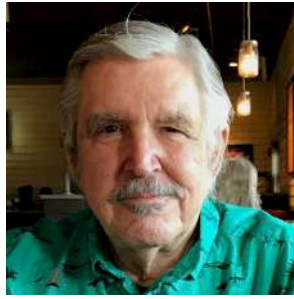
All in all, it was a very successful event!



“I used to call people, then I got into e-mailing, then texting and now I just ignore everyone.”

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



This month's Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movies will be *Supernova* and a short film, *Teens Like Phil*. They will be shown on August 18, at 1:30 pm in the Pride Center's Main Hall. Free popcorn and soda will be served.

Supernova is a sensitive drama starring Stanley Tucci as half of a gay couple who is slowly but surely succumbing to dementia. Colin Firth stars as the other half, and together the pair paints a delicate and well-rendered picture of aging love. *Supernova* is less about the experience of being gay than it is about the pain that comes from watching someone you love unconditionally deteriorate to mental decline. A beautifully

touching film with deeply affecting performances, *Supernova* is a bright, shining star.

Teens Like Phil is a short film that takes a look at teenager Phil and the struggles he faces with adolescence, family, private school and most of all, his sexuality. Every day Phil attends his elite private school, only to be routinely bullied by his once best friend and love interest, Adam. The harsh realities of bullying and suicide are displayed perfectly through the relationship of these two young men.

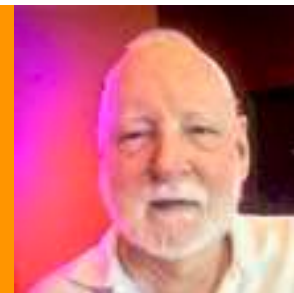
These are the restaurants that gave us Gift Certificates as door prizes for our 20th Anniversary. Return the favor by patronizing them and thanking your servers and managers for their support.

Ambry German Restaurant
Bahama Breeze Island Grill
Black Rock Bar & Grill
Bona Italian Restaurant
Bravo Peruvian Restaurant
Catfish Dewey's
Chef Nate's
Lester's Diner

Lotus Chinese Restaurant
Peter Pan Diner
Sea Watch on the Ocean
Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill
The Egg and You Diner
Tropics Grill Restaurant & Bar
Zuckerello's Italian Grill
Umberto's of Long Island

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



On August 1, 1946, President Truman signed the *Atomic Energy Act*, ensuring that control over atomic energy would be in civilian hands at the Atomic Energy Commission. Sir Winston Churchill warned that an “iron curtain” was falling over Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe, and the UN General Assembly met for the first time at its new headquarters in New York City, donated by John D. Rockefeller. American banker John C. Biggins created the first bank-issued credit card.

On August 28 of that year, Mr. August was born as the “baby” in a family with two brothers and a sister in Lima, Peru. He went to the Claretian School there, attended HS at a naval academy and graduated in 1966.

In a cooperative program with the United States, he attended a 6-month marine training program in Georgia. He returned to Peru for a year of active duty in the special forces in its anti-drug initiative, seeking out and closing down jungle-based coca processing camps.



Mr. August moved to Miami in 1978 and enrolled in the Lindsey Hopkins School for a 16-month intensive course in English.

In the early 80s, he spent one year at a car assembly plant near Patterson, NJ in one of his first jobs. He was a security guard for the Army/Navy Club in NYC for another year or two and bought a car dealership in New Jersey.

He returned to Miami in 1984 and attended the University of Miami, majoring in English and graduating in 1990. It was during this time he met his first partner, Harry, the older one in the relationship, who was a school teacher. The couple thoroughly enjoyed traveling the world together until Harry passed in 2006.

Later that year, he met his second partner, Dr. Eugene Lesovsky who, like his father, was a physician. Eugene was on the staff of Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. The couple lived in a condo complex on the Isle of Venice, off Las Olas Boulevard. The couple was able to share seven wonderful years together until his death in 2013. Then, Mr. A sold their condo unit and bought the entire complex to start a career in real estate.

Mr. A is now retired. He enjoys being a pre-Columbian art collector, his home (a stone’s throw from Scandals) where he is creating a new backyard and pool, his motorcycles, and his many Prime Gentlemen friends.

Have you guessed who Mr. A is? If not, see who he is on page 10.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE LIVING IN 2023

when...

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave

2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.

3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.

4. You text the person who works at the desk next to you.

5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses

6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...

7. Every commercial on television has a Web site at the bottom of the screen.

8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't even have the first 20 or 30 (or 80) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it!

10. You get up in the morning and go on-line before getting your coffee.

11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)

12 You're reading this and nodding and laughing.

ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



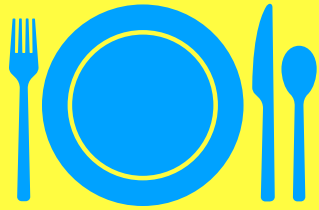
There will be no Roundtable meeting in August. Meetings will resume in September.

This coed group, sponsored jointly with SAGE and The Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, typically meets at the Pride Center and simultaneously online using the Zoom platform. The group discusses contemporary topics and ideas from 2:30 to 3:30 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Sessions have a moderator who presents a brief background on the discussion topic chosen for the session.

HELP NEEDED: Although the group continues to thrive since its first meeting in 2016, the future success of the group is dependent upon 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.

**My kids will never
know the joy of
finding a quarter
in the coin return**





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, August 6, 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, August 9, 5:30 pm
Tequila Sunrise
4711 N Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, August 10, 1:00 pm
Nelson's Diner
438 Cypress Road, Pompano Beach
Our August Diner Run will hurl us back to the 1950's as we enjoy our lunch at Nelson's Diner. It is a classic diner with memorabilia that features Marilyn Monroe and Elvis to name a few. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

DINNER

Wednesday, August 16, 5:00 pm
Silver Pond Chinese Restaurant
4285 N State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes
Details for this family-style dinner on the next page.

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, August 31, 1:00 pm
Sea Watch on the Ocean
6002 North Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale
This iconic restaurant offers great food with outstanding views of the Ocean. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

MIXER

Every Tuesday, 5:00
Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)

AUGUST DINNER

Silver Pond Chinese Restaurant

4285 N Sate Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes 33319

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

5:00 pm

HERE'S HOW THIS DINNER WILL WORK:

1. Make your reservation (below) before August 14
2. At the restaurant, member Stanley Lou will order ten entrées for each (round) table of ten for us to share family style.
3. Water and tea will be complimentary!
There will be a cash bar for beer, wine and soft drinks.
4. You'll receive \$10 from Prime Gentlemen to help pay for your meal.
5. We'll divide the total check by the number of guests and you'll pay your share. **Please be prepared to pay with cash. That will save time for you and for everyone.**

Fill in your name(s):

Member _____

Member _____

Guest _____

To make your reservation

Send an email message to:
southy2222@gmail.com

—-or—-

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, Aug 14

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 Aug 15

Complete and send this stub to: Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, PO Box 100666, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310



These are the guys who attended the June 29 Regular Lunch at Seasons 52 ...including Mike Trask whose camera took the photos.



BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Joe Alvarez
 8/1 Dean Yanakis
 8/1 Mark Speer
 8/4 Dennis Foley
 8/4 Luis Granada
 8/4 John Kraemer
 8/4 Charles Scarcella
 8/5 Jerry Lizzie
 8/5 Steve Byerly
 8/5 Andre Horvath
 8/6 Eamon Sullivan
 8/7 Michael Thau
 8/8 Daniel Weiss
 8/9 Donald Walsh
 8/9 Stephen Thayer
 8/10 William Cosmas
 8/11 George Spentzos
 8/14 Bennett Siu
 8/15 Neal Clark
 8/15 Philip Collier



8/19 Stephen Barnhart
 8/19 Jeffrey Covey
 8/19 John Charles
 8/20 Francis Castelli
 8/20 Joel Rubin
 8/21 Philip Prentice
 8/21 David Asch
 8/21 Richard Lenzi
 8/22 Scott Jensen
 8/23 Daniel O'Flaherty
 8/24 Michael Gagne
 8/24 Charles St. Clair
 8/25 Tom Dwyer
 8/26 Leonard Graziano
 8/26 Henry Smith
 8/27 Francis Buckley
 8/28 Rafael Suarez
 8/29 Luis Cedeno
 8/29 Juls Edwards
 8/31 Kenneth Morris

ANNIVERSARIES

MR AUGUST
Juls Edwards

Larry Haines & Hans Siegenthaler	8/8/1992	31 years
Frank Vescuso & Paul Lavin	8/25/2001	22 years
Rafa Suarez & Dick Angel	8/27/2017	6 years
Greg Tefft & Ed Stehle	8/5/2021	2 years



August 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP	31	1 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	2 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM DropIn ZM	3 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 3:00 PM DropIn ZM ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	4	5
6 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM General Meeting PC	7 ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM	8 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	9 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM DropIn ZM ■ 5:30 PM Early Bird Dinner p7	10 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 3:00 PM DropIn ZM ■ 6:00 PM Diner Lunch p4 ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	11	12
13 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP	14 ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM	15 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	16 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM DropIn ZM ■ 5:00 PM Dinner p8	17 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 3:00 PM DropIn ZM ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	18 ■ 1:30 PM Movie PC p7	19
20 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP	21 ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM	22 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	23 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM DropIn ZM	24 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 3:00 PM DropIn ZM ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	25	26
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Eastern Time Time Zone

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LOCATION CODES

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

ZM = See weekly email Bulletin for link.



JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING PHOTOS



AUGUST BIRTHDAY BOYS