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History
By Lou Wangberg



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



We all truly love a story.

If you want to remember something important, develop a story. When you tell it, your audience will be more likely to remember it and be moved. We want stories with heroes and villains, tragedies and love affairs. We love a story; it gets us excited or moves us to tears. This is why the study of history is so compelling. History is a large collection of stories.

Twice a month for nearly ten years I have conducted a discussion seminar where we look at some element in United States history. We tell the story in a way that leads

In a time far, far away there were two organizations in South Florida that looked very similar but were very far apart. One was the Fort Lauderdale Prime Timers and the other was SAGE of South Florida. Two of this area's largest groups served the same demographic, but in different ways.

When my late husband and I moved here from the Tampa Bay area we were determined to try out both groups. For no particular reason we started with "Prime Timers," as Prime Gentlemen was then called. We went to the Gay and Lesbian

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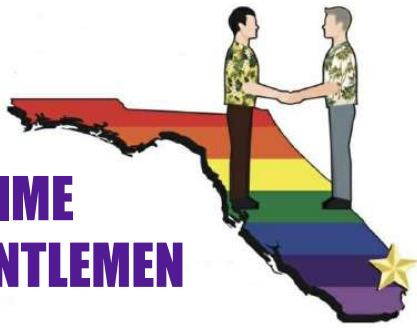
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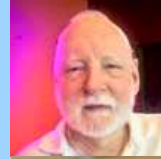
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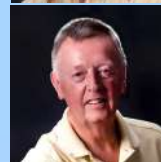
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the listener to understand history is not a boring narrative, it's an exciting story. Someone loses or wins or does both at different times.

What makes our discussions compelling is that many of those who participate take the chance to tell their version of that story. Perhaps they lived through it in person. Maybe it was an ancestor or a relative of some kind.

Because no person who lives or ever has lived is perfect, it is exciting to find the great and heroic things historic figures did but also to explore their weaknesses, their vanities and the larger-than-life failures they may have caused.

History books don't always tell the whole story, so we fill the gap.

Did Hamilton and Laurens give special comfort to each other during long cold nights at Valley Forge? Did Lincoln's sleeping with his best friend mean anything? Were our 14th President's Vice President, William Rufus King and our 15th President James Buchanan (who some called "Miss Nancy" and "Aunt Fancy"), America's first LGBT Vice President and President? Franklin Roosevelt had several girlfriends after he had polio; was he totally paralyzed?

To explore these and many other topics please tune in to our twice-monthly discussions conducted on [Zoom](#).

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month at 2:00 pm ET. Join the fun!

PRESIDENT

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Lesbian Community Center (GLCC) on Andrews Avenue, across the street from the Boardwalk Bar.

We were made to feel welcome as soon as we entered. We were greeted warmly at the check-in table and given guest name tags.

There was a wonderful vibe in the room and by the time the meeting was over, we were hooked. That's as far as we got. We joined that day, never got to a SAGE meeting and never looked back.

Fast forward to COVID 19, the Pandemic and Zoom meetings; it was a very scary and boring time. I attended some of our Zoom meetings and enjoyed them. Then I logged on to some of the SAGE Zoom meetings. Guess who I saw there??? Many of our own members.

Because everyone played nicely and since the Round Table and the Monthly Movie had always been run jointly, both boards decided to extend it to other groups. If you look at our monthly calendar in the Surfer and the Weekly Bulletin you will see just how many of the group meetings are joint meetings.

And everyone is still playing nicely!

Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope: "DO NOT BEND". Paddy spends the next two hours trying to figure out how to pick the bloody thing up.

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



This month's Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movies will be *Punch* and a short film, *Pretty Boy*. They will be shown on September 15, at 1:30 pm in the Pride Center's Main Hall (again). Free popcorn and soda will be served.

Jim is a seventeen-year-old boxer in a small town preparing for a fight that will elevate him to professional status. His father, Stan, is a demanding coach and a notorious alcoholic. In town, Stan is treated like a joke



but he's given everything to see his son gain professional status and escape the brutality of his small world.

Jim's life tangles with Whetu, a razor-tongued, gay, indigenous boy who spends his days in an old shack.

The stifling homophobia of small-town New Zealand permeates this heartfelt drama. *Punch* is a tough, moving and confident piece of film-making.



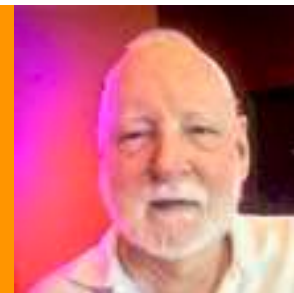
Pretty Boy is an award-winning coming of age story of a young bullied teen, Sean, struggling with his sexuality, the hardships of high school, and a Christian father

who will go to any lengths to get his son to find the light and 'perform' the way a man should. It's is a short film about confidence, finding inner strength, acceptance and being who you're meant to be.



GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



On the 8th of May, 1945, V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day) was celebrated in Scotland and throughout the world. The end of WWII finally came on the 15th of August with the celebration of V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day). Later that year, Scotsman Alexander Fleming was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine. Richard Henderson was born that year, too, and would become a molecular biologist, winning the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2017.

Joining these famous Scots on the 13th of January, Mr. S. September was born in Glasgow, followed by his sister in 1950.



Mr. S spent his early family life in his hometown of Beith (near Glasgow), where he attended elementary through high schools and graduated in 1962. Mr. S believes that his small class sizes (no more than 9) in elementary school were a great foundation for his education.

He moved on to attend the University of Glasgow where he majored in Spanish and French. He graduated in 1969, after spending a year abroad in Paris!

Mr. S started his working life with the *Bank of London and South America* and was sent to Barcelona, Spain for a two-

year training program, six months of which was spent in Madrid. The rest of this two years there were spent working at the bank's Inspection Department with visits to many overseas branches, including one in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. By 1974, Mr. S was assigned to Managua, Nicaragua for two years, before the Sandinista Revolution. In 1976, after a temporary assignment in Bogota, Columbia, he was transferred to New York City and then in 1977, to Chicago.

By 1982 he was back at the Managua branch, whose operations were curtailed by the Sandinista government. A highlight of this stay was Mr. S's invitation to a dinner party where one of the guests was Bianca Perez Macias whose family was Nicaraguan and who was formerly married to Mick Jagger.

During 1985-86 he was assigned to the Cayman Island branch where the lack of basic accounting technology proved to be a serious challenge. It was also at this time that Cayman experienced its first case of AIDS. It was not well handled; hopefully lessons have been learned.

He finished his bank career in 1988 with his last assignment back in New York City.

He moved to Tampa for a year and then enrolled in Florida State University at

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Tallahassee where he earned a Master's degree in Library Science in 1990. After graduation, he was employed by the Miami-Dade Public Library.

In early 1992, he returned to Scotland to support his father who was in failing health.

When he came back from Scotland in September of 1992 he went to Houston, Texas where he earned increasingly more responsible positions at the city's public library. He worked at the Harris County Public Library (also in Houston) from 2002 until 2004 when he went to the Round Rock Public Library outside Austin.

He retired in 2008 and moved to Pompano Beach in 2013.

Mr. S says he was "a little late" in the coming out process.

He was a Prime Timers member in Houston, Austin and nearby San Antonio, and participated in many of their events, including the Oklahoma City Labor Day weekend, many Prime Timers Worldwide conventions, Celebration of Friends events (where he met his dear friend, Bill) and weekends at South Padre Island.

Mr. S now enjoys many Prime Gentlemen activities as well as his home in Palm Aire.

He shares this quote from Alexander Pope: "*The proper study of mankind is man.*"

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ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



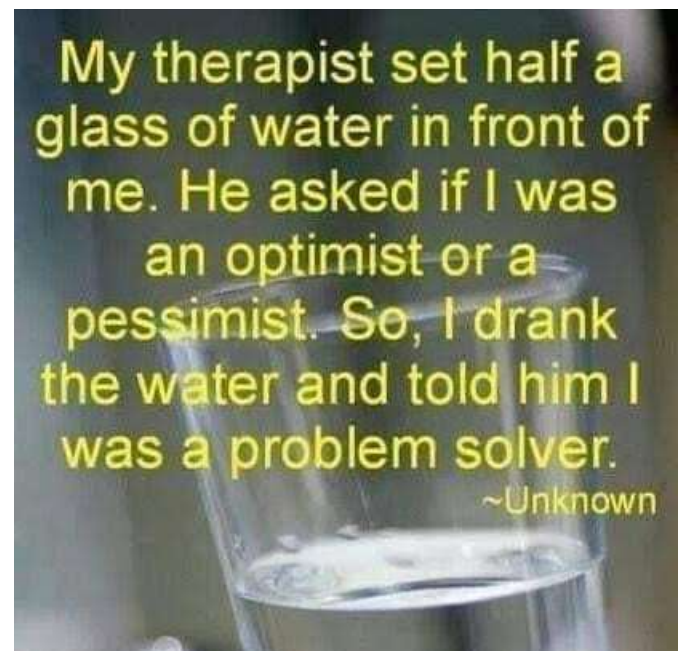
This month, we will change our meeting schedule and meet only once each month on the fourth Monday.

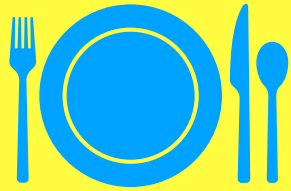
Monday, September 25, 2:30 pm

John Lloyd - Two Remarkably Different Countries: Singapore and Malaysia

After World War II, the Malaysian Peninsula was a single backward rural country but in the early 1960s Singapore broke away from Malaysia.

John's presentation will explore how governmental decisions have caused the two countries to develop differently. He'll discuss how Singapore is now an international economic powerhouse while Malaysia has remained a struggling rural country.





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 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, Sept. 13, 5:30 pm
Zuckerello's
3017 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, Sept. 14, 1:00 pm
Shawn & Nick's Courtyard Cafe
2211 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors
This diner has all that one needs to immerse themselves in classic diner cuisine. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to hold your seat.

DINNER

Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 pm
Catfish Dewey's
4003 N Andrews Ave, Oakland Park
Details for this dinner are on the next page.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

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

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, Sept. 28, 1:00 pm
Mason Jar Restaurant
3000 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale
We will be enjoying fine American cuisine here. 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
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)

SEPTEMBER DINNER

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

5:30 pm Cash Bar

6:00 pm Dinner

Catfish DEWEY'S

4003 N Andrews Avenue
Oakland Park



GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

HERE'S THE DRILL:

1. Make your reservation (below)
2. Order from the regular menu
3. Receive a \$10 bill from Prime Gentlemen
4. Pay your check

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, Sept 18

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 Sept 19

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

ONLINE ROMANCE SCAMS

by Fangzhou Wang

Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Texas at Arlington, from *THE CONVERSATION*

The internet has revolutionized dating, and there has been a surge in U.S. adults using apps to find ideal matches post-pandemic. While these apps offer convenience for connecting with romantic partners, they also open the door to online romance scams. Criminals create both deceptive profiles and urgent scenarios to carry out the scam.

How online romantic scams work

Online romance scams are not coincidental. They're carefully planned schemes that follow distinct stages.

Research has [identified five stages](#):

- Baiting victims with attractive profiles.
- Grooming victims with intimacy.
- Creating crises to extract money.
- On occasion manipulating victims with blackmail.
- Revealing the scam.

In short, scammers do not swindle victims by chance. They plan their actions in advance, patiently following their playbooks to ensure profitable outcomes. Scammers worm their way into a victim's heart to gain access to their money through false pretenses.

Scammers across four groups – *hosts*, *resources*, *IT* and *money laundering* – persuade victims through romantic tactics to invest in fake apps or use fake gambling websites, convincing them to

pay more and more without ever receiving their money back.

Hosts interact with victims.

Resources members identify targets and collect information about them.

IT creates the fake apps and websites.

Money launderers process the ill-gotten gains.

How to protect yourself

Online dating app users can take precautions when talking to strangers.

There are five rules users should follow to steer clear of scammers:

1. Avoid sharing financial information with or sending money to strangers.
2. Refrain from sending private photos to strangers.
3. Pay attention to spelling and grammar because scammers often claim to reside in English-speaking countries when they actually operate in non-Western countries.
4. Use image and name-reverse searches.
5. Confide in family and friends if you grow suspicious.

One last piece of advice to empower those who have fallen victim to online romance scams: Don't blame yourself.

Take the courageous step of breaking free from the scam and seek support. Reach out to your loved ones, trustworthy third-party organizations and law enforcement agencies for help. This support network is essential in helping you restart your life and move forward.

BIRTHDAYS

George Bergevine 9/1
 Salvatore Vetro 9/2
 Charles Eskridge 9/3
 Roger O'Shea 9/4
 James Flora 9/4
 Harold Atchison 9/5
 Danny Miller 9/6
 Don Klein 9/7
 Alden Hurteau 9/8
 Dan Krocak 9/9
 John Dool 9/9
 Terry Regnier 9/10
 Mike Freeman 9/10
 Michael Lee 9/10
 Francis DeStefano 9/13
 Luis Coronado 9/14
 Peter Roukis 9/14
 Robert Morrow 9/16
 Vellie Mauge 9/16
 Gerhard Depken 9/16



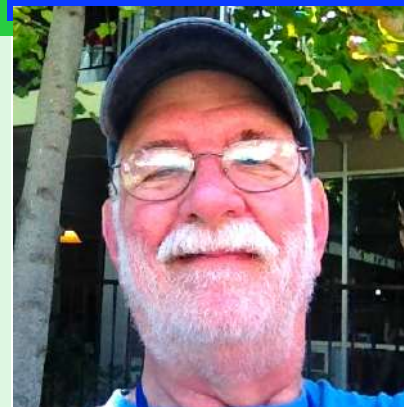
Jack Rosing 9/18
 William Barnard 9/18
 Rick Martin 9/18
 Patrick Fischer 9/18
 Clayton Raney 9/18
 Gary Luedtke 9/19
 Paul Sheftman 9/19
 David Bisbey 9/21
 Ruso Perkins 9/21
 John Martin 9/22
 Vincent Sperruzzi 9/22
 Daniel Weigleb 9/24
 Charles Walthall 9/27
 Jerry Jensen 9/27
 Michael Barcham 9/27
 Brian McCarthy 9/28
 Larry Ousley 9/28
 Joseph Guidetti 9/30
 Allen Koppang 9/30
 Luiz Basile 9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Congrats!

Andy Horvath & Raymond Patterson 9/1/1963 60 years
 Jim Beauter & Anthony Kulp 9/7/1998 25 years

MR SEPTEMBER
 ROBERT LOGAN



September 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 ■ 8:00 AM Haulover HA ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP	28 ■ ... Haulover HA ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	29 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	30 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	31 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 1:00 PM Regular Lunch p4 ■ 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	1	2
3 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM General Meeting PC	4 ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	5 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	6 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	7 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Collectors PC ■ 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	8 ■ 2:00 PM History ZM	9
10 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP	11 ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	12 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	13 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# ■ 5:30 PM Early Bird	14 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Computer PC ■ 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# ■ 6:00 PM Diner Lunch p4 ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	15 ■ 1:30 PM Movies PC# p7	16
17 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP	18 ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	19 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	20 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# ■ 5:30 PM Dinner p 8	21 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 12:30 PM Board ZM ■ 2:00 PM Collectors PC ■ 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	22 ■ 2:00 PM History ZM	23
24 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 12:00 PM HauloverHA	25 ■ 2:30 PM Roundtable PC# ■ 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	26 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# ■ 5:00 PM Mixer TR	27 ■ 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML ■ 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL ■ 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# ■ 5:00 PM Night Out	28 ■ 8:00 AM Tennis BP ■ 1:00 PM Regular Lunch p4 ■ 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# ■ 7:00 PM Walking SC	29	30

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Indicates a joint PG/SAGE event

LOCATION CODES

- 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.



AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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