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COMPUTER CLASSES

By Eric Runyan



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Even a small gain in understanding of how our computers, phones, smart televisions and automobiles operate can make living life in our digital age better. To that end, I offer Prime Gentlemen a free series of classes at three Broward County community centers, including the Pride Center at Equality Park. The series, titled "Technology for Beginners," covers a wide range of topics, including Windows and Mac Operating Systems, Chrome-books, Android cell phones and iPhones, Social Media, email and general computer literacy. No prior experience is necessary.

Things are looking up. We are back on Daylight Savings Time and the days are getting longer.

Our monthly membership meeting was well attended, and the inaugural table centerpieces created by Marck Santee were splendid. A lucky winner at each table got to take the centerpiece home. The 50/50 jackpot was \$180 and was won by John Hasandras.

The first Tuesday mixer in March had a record breaking number of attendees – 100! That's the highest number since the pandemic.

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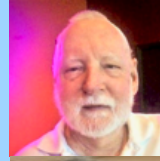
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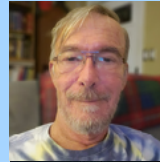
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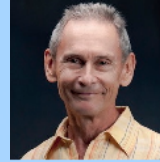
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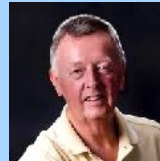
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ACTIVITIES

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The Pride Center classes take place during the months of September through May. Classes meet on the second Thursday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM; and, there is no registration fee.

If the Pride Center location is not convenient for you, I also offer the classes at the Skolnick Center in Pompano Beach, September through May.

To see the class schedule and register for one, visit HelpMeEric.com. While you are there, check out all the computer repair, installation, trouble-shooting and training services. Fees for them are discounted \$5/hour for Prime Gentlemen members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ed Clucas
Daniel Curran
Louis Horvath
Frank Sweet

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 471



PRESIDENT

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Our membership continues to grow. Most of the newest members joined because they came to our monthly meeting or our mixers. They move from being looky-loos to being members because of the good feeling they got at these events.

We have been successful in resolving some thorny issues of late. Mostly the need for volunteers to come forward to fill vacancies. A team of volunteers who work tirelessly at our monthly meeting have put their heads together and found a solution to the problem of transporting our supplies to and from the Pride Center each month. We will buy a bigger cabinet and rent space in the SAGE office for the old cabinet. Then there will no longer be a need to transport materials from an outside venue. Everything will be right handy at the Center.

We also had a very successful Volunteer event. It was either a late lunch or an early dinner, depending on when you eat dinner. It began at 3:30pm. We had 39 invitees. It was our way of showing our volunteers how much we appreciate their steadfastness and loyalty. We have a new Surfer editor, John Dool, a new table decorator, Marck Santee and a new member, Gustavo Marchini, who will be updating our web site and Facebook page.

I am proud to be a Prime Gentleman, and I hope you are too.

March Free Movie and Potluck

50 people attended
\$105 collected

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



This month's Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movies will be "Golden Delicious" and "Poof". They will be shown on Friday, April 19th at 1:30 PM @ the Pride Center. FREE POPCORN AND SODA

"Golden Delicious" is cheerful and romantic. Jason Karman's coming-of-age feature debut offers an exceptional portrait of first (queer) love through the eyes of a Chinese Canadian teenager discovering his sexuality. Cardi Wong stars as Jake, a high schooler already juggling a number of expectations from his family, girlfriend, and peers.



The arrival of a handsome new neighbor Aleks (Chris Carson), however, catches Jake off guard. Struck by a newfound connection he struggles to explain, Jake follows Aleks onto the school basketball team, delighting his former athlete father.

But in doing so, he runs headlong into a web of others' hopes and expectations, forcing him to shoulder the scrutiny of schoolmates and family alike. Struggling to discover himself while — like so many high schoolers — trying to thrive in the public eye, Jake finds himself caught between the familiar and the new. Offering a timely, warmhearted look at the pressures and crosscurrents shaping young queer lives, Golden Delicious gets at perspectives, too, well beyond Jake's, bringing to life the whole community of which he's a part.

"Poof" is a touching gay short film from Northern England.



Aaron, an apprehensive 18-year-old, is stuck. Stuck in a small town, helping his father in a job he hates. His life is soon turned upside-down when he meets Mike at a party. At first, Aaron denies his feelings but an unexpected kiss changes everything. As he enters into a hidden relationship with Mike, Aaron finds that some secrets are harder to keep than others. The more he explores his sexuality, the more he begins to consider the impact this may have on the rest of his life.

April Hero

By Ken South



Elizabeth II became the Queen of England in 1952 after the death of her father and President Harry Truman announced that he would not seek a second term.

While on February 21st of that year, at the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital, Mr. April joined his older brother Richard and his parents living in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn in public housing. Mr. A is very proud of his heritage as all 4 of his Ashkenazi Jewish grandparents had immigrated from Russia to the US. For his first 12 years he lived in East New York, attending grade school at PS 273, but then moved to the neighborhood of Flatbush, where he graduated from Midwood HS in 1969.

Because of scholastic achievements, Mr. A was invited into a special 7-year program that would take him on a direct path from HS to Medical School. He attended Brooklyn College, graduating in 3 years, and then to Downstate Medical School where he graduated with a MD degree in 1976. A one-year medical internship followed at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

A more exciting chapter for Dr. A unfolded with his specialty training in radiology at Mass General Hospital, of the Harvard Medical School in Boston. During his residency he was engaged in a new specialty branch of medicine, "Interventional Radiology".



Dr. A spent the next 30 years as an academic in Radiology; teaching, publishing, treating, and researching in this new field. He was faculty at the Yale University, Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, as well at the Mass General Hospital. Dr. A thoroughly enjoyed all the aspects of his medical career, but decided in 2007, at 55 yrs old, that it was time to retire.

Dr. A has, since an early age, been attracted to both older and chubby men. His past professional life was so all encompassing, that he never had much time for a gay social life. He met his first partner Donald, in 1977, who was 30 years his senior. They were together for three years in Boston. In 1988, he met Tom at a gay bar. Tom was 12 yrs his senior and while an active diocesan priest, he was also a gifted entrepreneur. They enjoyed their relationship for ten years until 1999. A third partner was Patrick, hailing from Western NY and 10 years his senior.

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Patrick had been a retired school principal but soon moved to Boston, where he was an administrator at the local Paulist Center until the age of 65. They were together 10 years until Patrick's untimely, sudden death in 2009. They enjoyed their second homes in York, Maine and Pompano Beach and, they had a "lovely life" together.

Patrick's death had a profound impact on Dr. A, sending him into a whirlwind of emotions. On July 4th of 2010, Dr. A attended an Independence day picnic and met the man who would become his current partner, David!

David, originally from Maine, was a retired electrical engineer by profession, and definitely Mr. A's "type". They have enjoyed the last 14 years together.

While Dr. A describes himself as a "non-joiner" of organizations, he has been found all over this country and even abroad at events, like Girth & Mirth Conventions, and the Prime Timers National Conventions. He and David are seasonal, and have numerous friends around the country as they have homes in Boston, Pompano Beach, "P" Town and Maine.

Do you now recognize this popular Prime Gentleman?

EARLY BIRD AT LAS VEGAS



APRIL DINNER PARTY

5th Element Indian Grill
1325 S Powerline Rd Pompano
Beach, FL 33069

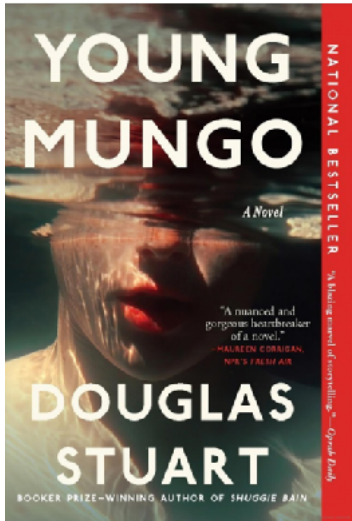
Wednesday,
APRIL 17
5:30 pm

5th Element has an extensive menu of vegetarian, Indo-Chinese, Tandoor, South Indian, chicken, seafood, lamb and goat entrees, with many priced between \$12.99 and \$15.99. Dishes can be ordered without spice [not at all hot] or as spicy as you would like it to be. For dessert, there is a mango soft-serve that's really good. And they have a great banquet room for larger groups like ours. You can view their full menu here: [5th Element Indian Grill](#)

The quality of the food is good, the portions are ample, and the prices are great -- which makes this a good choice for the Prime Gentlemen monthly dinner. In order to give an accurate count to 5th Element, please notify me [Ed Slough](#) if you would like to attend this dinner and receive a \$10 stipend.

Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



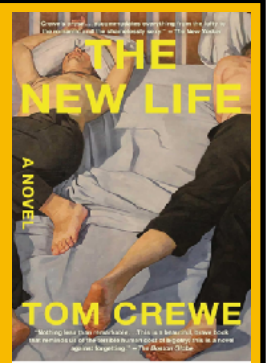
In *Young Mungo*, by Douglas Stuart, two 15-year-old Glasgow boys, one Protestant and one Catholic, share a love against all odds.

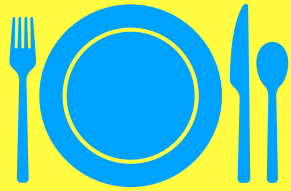
As the book opens, Mungo's hard-drinking mother, Mo-Maw, is making a rare appearance at the flat where Mungo lives with his 16-year-old sister, Jodie. Jodie has full responsibility for the household, as their older brother, Hamish, a Proddy warlord, lives with the 15-year-old mother of his child and her parents. Mo-Maw comes by only to pack her gentle son off on a manly fishing trip with two disreputable strangers. Though everything about these men is alarming to Mungo, "*fifteen years he had lived and breathed in Scotland, and he had*

never seen a glen, a loch, a forest, or a ruined castle." So at least there's that to look forward to. This ultra-creepy weekend plays out over the course of the book, interleaved with the events of the months before. Mungo has met a neighbor boy named James, who keeps racing pigeons in a "doocot"; the boys are kindred spirits and offer each other a tenderness utterly absent from any other part of their lives. But a same-sex relationship across the sectarian divide is so unthinkable that their every interaction is laced with fear. Even before Hamish gets wind of these goings-on, he too has decided to make Mungo a man, forcing him to participate in a West Side Story-type gang battle. Pointedly, the yearning for a mother's love is omnipresent, even on the battlefield. "*They kept their chests puffed out until they could be safe in their mummies' arms again; where they could coorie into her side as she watched television and she would ask, 'What is all this, eh, what's with all these cuddles?' and they would say nothing, desperate to just be boys again, wrapped up safe in her softness.*"

Young Mungo will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom via this link : [Book Discussion Group](#) (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Pass code: 076609)

UPCOMING:
The May 11 meeting
selection is
The New Life: A Novel,
by Tom Crewe





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, April 7, 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, April 10, 5:30 pm
Ambry Restaurant
3016 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, April 11, 1:00 pm
Lester's Diner
4701 Coconut Creek Pkwy., Margate, FL 33063
NOTE THE ADDRESS as there are 4 locations. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat

DINNER PARTY

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 pm
Fifth Element
1325 S Powerline Rd Pompano Beach, FL 33069
Details are on the next page.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, April 24, 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, April 25, 1:00 pm
Rendez-Vous Bakery and Bistro
1576 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park, FL
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!](#)

PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSIONS

By Ed Slough

A NEW
FEATURE

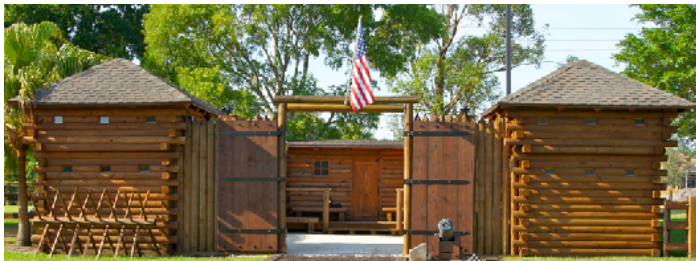


"Our Back Yard Museum"

Saturday, March 30th

ARRIVAL TIME: 10:15 AM TO 10:30 AM

11701 NW 12th Street, Plantation, FL 33323



The first Prime Gentlemen excursion will be to "Our Back Yard Museum". SAGE members are welcome.

"Our Back Yard Museum" is an awesome place on private property. It is viewed by **invitation** only. It is located in a very upscale area of Plantation with over-sized lots. The exhibits are literally in the back yard of Dr. Joel and Pam Janco. This 'museum' is not handicap-accessible as there is some walking across grassy areas.

Participants should try to arrive by 10:15 AM. If they arrive after 10:30 AM, they might not be admitted. There will be a valet directing the parking. **For more details, as well as your interest in car-pooling, please contact me [Ed Slough](#).**

This will be a guided tour led by Dr. Janco and lasting about 2 hours.

Flamingo Gardens

Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 AM

3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie, FL 33330-1614

Saturday Hours: 9:30 AM–5 PM

Office Phone: (954) 473-2955

*Join us for the April Prime Gentlemen
Excursion to Flamingo Gardens*

For more details, please contact [Ed Slough](#)

Narrated **TRAM TOUR** of the 60 acre gardens are held at:
10:30, 11:00, 11:30, Noon, 12:30, 1:00,
1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, and 4:00.

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER SHOWS

11:30, 1:30, and 3:30

Established in 1927, Flamingo Gardens is one of the oldest botanical gardens and attractions in South Florida. Founded by Floyd L. and Jane Wray as an orange grove, the nonprofit botanical gardens is home to 15 "Champion" trees, specialized botanical gardens and over 3,000 species of rare & exotic, tropical, subtropical, and native plants and trees. Flamingo Gardens' Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary is a home to permanently injured or non-releasable Florida native wildlife.

BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Seidle	4/2	MD Hussain	4/17
Lamond Smith	4/2	Paul Lavin	4/18
Edward Black	4/2	Giacomo Castagna	4/19
Rick Hurd	4/2	Norman Okroy	4/21
Jeffrey Stern	4/3	William Farrington	4/21
Danny Olinger	4/4	Michael Keller	4/21
Michael Nelson	4/4	Christopher Burt	4/22
Stanley Lou	4/5	James Restricks	4/23
Gary Miller	4/7	Marck Santee	4/23
Roger Alee	4/8	Tom Pence	4/23
Daniel Curran	4/9	Richard Mariano	4/24
Christopher Brown	4/11	Ibrahim Rashed	4/25
Mark Gordon	4/11	Michael Cochran	4/27
Harold Schmitt	4/13	George Sauvigne	4/28
Robert Bragg	4/16	Gary Peters	4/29
Jose Solernou	4/17		

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. April
Stuart Geller

Frank Struck & Frank Corbett	4/17/1977	47 years
Peter Gavigan & Thomas Mack	4/29/1979	45 years
Bill Sandrik & Henry Smith	4/30/1983	41 years
John Dool & Ric Buchanan	4/1/1995	29 years
Mike Martin & Rick Martin	4/25/2002	22 years
Jim Gunter & David Heikkila	4/18/2016	8 years
Don Klein & Jocko Castagna	4/15/2018	6 years
Charles Lockyer & Smittie Smith	4/2/2019	5 years



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:00 AM Tennis BP	1 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	2 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	3 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	4 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	5	6
7 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC	8 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	9 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	10 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:30 PM Early Bird Dinner, p8	11 7:30 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Diner Lunch, p8 2:00 PM Computer PC 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	12 2:00 PM History Group	13 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group
14 8:00 AM Tennis BP	15 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	16 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	17 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:30 PM Monthly Dinner, p6	18 7:30 AM Tennis BP 12:30 PM Board ZM 2:00 PM Collectors Group 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	19 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	20
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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.



NIGHT OUT AT TROPICS



MARCH MEMBERSHIP



APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS



50/50 WINNER