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AUGUST 2024



ACTIVITIES

Dinner Parties
By Ken South



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



All members of Prime Gentlemen are invited to attend our monthly Dinner Parties, and members can also invite non-member friends to join us. We dine at restaurants in the greater Fort Lauderdale area each month, always during the week to avoid over-crowded, peak weekends.

We also try to choose restaurants that offer meals with reasonable prices. Unfortunately, restaurant costs have increased dramatically because of the aftereffects of the COVID epidemic, so restaurant prices have also risen. Guys order off the menu and pay with separate checks. If you can pay with cash, it helps get out of the restaurant faster!

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We celebrated our 21st Anniversary on June 22 at Tropical Acres. There were 80 members in attendance. It was a grand feast, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The highlight of the event was the door prize drawings.

Prior to that event, your board was hard at work soliciting gift certificates from over 30 restaurants in the area, All of them were restaurants where we had Prime Gentlemen dinners and lunches throughout the year.

An official letter was mailed to each restaurant explaining what we were celebrating and why it would be a win/win for each of us. We would have door prizes to give out at our event and they would get more customers and formal recognition in our newsletter.

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and click on: *Membership*

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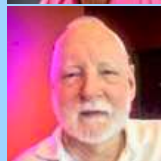
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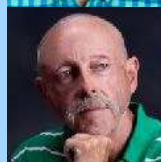


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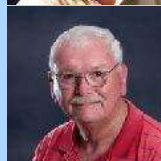
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Attendees are responsible for paying for their own alcoholic beverages.

We try to schedule our dinners to take advantage of restaurants' happy hour prices. There is no formal program or speeches, just great fellowship. While I do select the restaurants, I appreciate any suggestions you may have.

Guys who have attended in the past, have appreciated the chance to experience new cuisines, chat with old friends and new, and enjoy an evening out.

For three club-wide dinner events, the annual Volunteer's Dinner, our Anniversary Dinner and our Holiday Dinner the club will provide a discount price, paying a portion of the fixed price dinner from the treasury.

I hope to see you at this month's Dinner Party!"

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF
DATE
August 18th before 5:00 pm
See Pages 8 and 9

August Dinner Party

Wednesday August 21 2024

5:30 pm Cash Bar

6:00 pm Dinner

Catfish DEWEY'S

4003 N Andrews Avenue

Oakland Park

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME!!!



PRESIDENT

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Full list of restaurants who supported us.
Let's support them.

Ambry German Restaurant	Mason Jar
Anthony's Clam Bar	Mom's Kitchen
Bagel Snack	Myth Gastropub
Bahama Breeze	Nelson's Diner
Black Rock Grille	Peter Pan
Bona Italian Restaurant	Rendezvous Bakery
Bravo Peruvian	Tamarindo Harbor
Catfish Dewey's	Tequila Sunrise
Checker's Old Munchen	The Egg and You
Chef Nates	The Sea Watch
Il Pastaio	Tropics Grille
J Marks	Umberto's of Pompano
Lester's Diner	Zucherello's
Lotus Chinese Restaurant	

Here's a link to the photos that were
taken at the luncheon.

Thank you Gustavo Marchini and Mike Trask.
There are 3 pages of photos and videos.

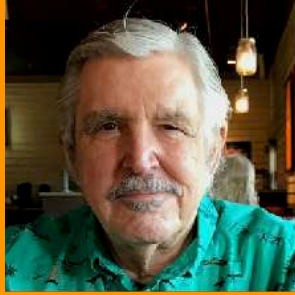
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Your board members, Ron Grassullo, Ken South, Tom Daniel, Jim Richardson, Dick Huitema, Paul McNamara, Jim Flora, Stew Pepper, and I, along with Doug Kent, and Ed Slough waited a few days after the mailing went out and then made follow up visits to meet with the managers or owners of their assigned restaurant to nail down a commitment. As a result of their determination and persistence we received gift certificates from 28 restaurants totaling \$1,775. Thank you, fellow members, for the most successful door prize haul ever!

Here's what you can do to ensure more of the same next year. If you visit any of these restaurants in the next year, either because you won a door prize or just go there because they supported us, ask to speak to the manager and let them know how much you appreciate their generosity. Let them know you are a Prime Gentlemen!

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES: FRIDAY, August 16th at
1:30 pm @ the Pride Center
FREE POPCORN AND SODA
A SAGE and Prime Gentlemen Event



"**NYAD**" is a remarkable true story of tenacity, friendship and the triumph of the human spirit. NYAD recounts a riveting chapter in the life of world-class athlete Diana Nyad. Three decades after giving up marathon swimming in exchange for a prominent career as a sports journalist, at the age of 60, Diana (four-time Academy Award nominee Annette Bening) becomes obsessed with completing an epic swim that always eluded her: the 110 mile trek from Cuba to Florida, often referred to as the "Mount Everest" of swims. Determined to become the first person to finish the swim without a shark cage, Diana goes on a thrilling, four-year journey with her best friend and coach Bonnie Stoll (two-time Academy Award winner Jodie Foster) and a dedicated sailing team. Mostly it's a film about female friendship, about a friend who will love you at your best and your worst—and who will truly bask in your triumphs.

Movie Short: "Italy Bares 2022/"Rewind"



"**Italy Bares 2022/'Rewind'**" This is the largest HIV/AIDS fundraiser in Italy. This dance scene is based on the TV series "Pose" and is choreographed by Federico Milan and Miguel Wave.

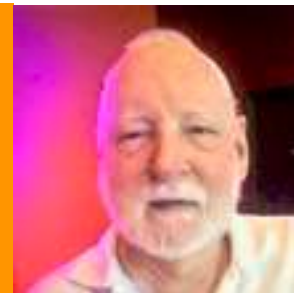
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MEMBERSHIP 479

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Franlo Bartella
Scott Berns
Bill Boguski
McBee Charles
Edward Green
Ted Levine
James LoBello
Bert Mittler
Tony Palazolo
Sydney Phiri
Al Remer
Omar Rodriguez
Richard Sgritta
William Shannon

August Hero

By Ken South



The United States government moved nuclear bomb testing from various Pacific Islands to Nevada in 1951. 928 tests were conducted there from 1951 to 1992. The first direct-dial coast to coast telephone call was conducted, "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS-TV and the first color television pictures were broadcast from Empire State Building.

The final synthesizing process to development the Birth Control Pill was published and the first commercial computer, UNIVAC, was put into use at the U.S. Census Bureau. Disney's "Alice in Wonderland" debuted and "All About Eve" won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1951 with Bette Davis winning Best Actress for the same picture, with the infamous quote: "Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night."

And, on February 21st, in Wheeling, WV, Mr. August was born, the first child to his parents, followed by a brother and three sisters. The family lived across the Ohio River in St. Clairsville, OH for a brief time. Before high school, Mr. A's family moved many times, ending up in Perry, GA where Mr. A graduated from HS in 1970. He then attended two years at Middle Georgia State University in Cochran, GA and earned an associate's degree. He also went on to Athens, GA General Hospital for specialized training in respiratory therapy.

Mr. A spent a career of 43 years as a respiratory therapist at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA, starting in 1974 until his retirement in 2017. In 1980, Mr. A donated a kidney to his kid brother, which helped him live another 40 years until his passing in 2020.



In 2003, Mr. A met the love of his life and current partner, Mr. Y, at a popular Atlanta gathering spot, The New Order. Coming out was not that big a deal for Mr. A. His parents always seemed to know, but had no interest in talking about it, nor being supportive. He found that working in health care, there were many gay people, and once his lifestyle was shared with one, within a week, they all knew. A much bigger issue for Mr. A was his search for a partner.

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He struggled with his own self esteem issues, he said he thought of himself as always too something, too short-bald- hairy-fat- not fat enough, etc. But at age 51 he just decided to say “screw it”, and just enjoy a full life on his own. And, of course, when he least expected it, in walked Mr. Y. and his world changed! While Mr. A’s own family was not supportive, his partner’s family was and loved them both!

They enjoyed their life in Atlanta, they were members of Primetimes there as well as a group called NAGS (Northeast Atlanta Alliance of LGBTQS). NAGS is a group of Gay, Lesbians, Straight and Transgendered Northeast Atlantans who are committed to building friendships and strengthening neighborhoods through social events. They were founded in 1998 and are one of the largest LGTBS groups in Dekalb County, GA. The couple owned a home in a suburb of Atlanta called Decatur.



The pair has been together now for 21 years. They made their first visit to south Florida in 2016 seeking out what it would be like to become “beach bums” in their retirement years. In 2018 they moved to Lauderdale-By-the-Sea, and later to where they have a home now, at Coral Ridge Isles. The pair are very active in Prime Gentlemen activities.

Do you now recognize this popular Prime Gentleman?

July 27th Excursion to Jungle Island! See page 9



**AUGUST
EARLY
BIRD
DINNER**

*Wednesday,
August 14
5:30 pm*

**Ambry German Restaurant
3016 East Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308**

If you’re going (or want more information) contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

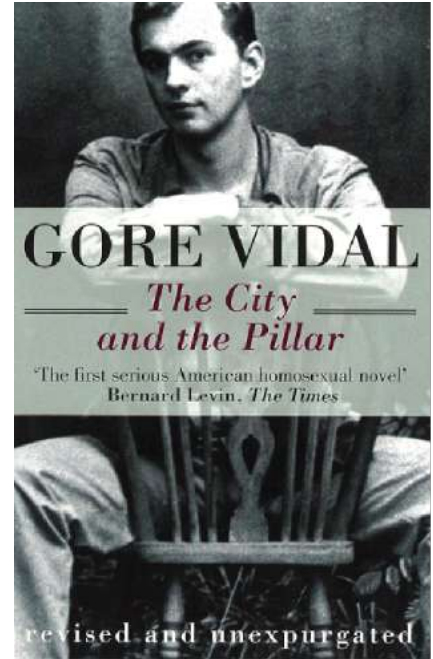
Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



A literary cause célèbre when first published more than seventy years ago, Gore Vidal's now-classic *The City and the Pillar* stands as a landmark novel of the gay experience.

Jim, a handsome, all-American athlete, has always been shy around girls. But when he and his best friend, Bob, partake in "awful kid stuff", the experience forms Jim's ideal of spiritual completion. Defying his parents' expectations, Jim strikes out on his own, hoping to find Bob and rekindle their amorous friendship. Along the way, he struggles with what he feels is his unique bond with Bob and with his persistent attraction to other men. Upon finally encountering Bob years later, the force of his hopes for a life together leads to a devastating climax. The first novel of its kind to appear on the American literary landscape, *The City and the Pillar* remains a forthright and uncompromising portrayal of sexual relationships between men.

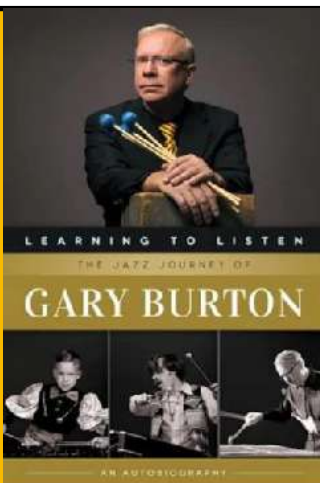


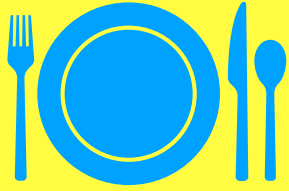
The City and the Pillar will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, August 10 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom via this link [Book Discussion Group](#) (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Pass code: 076609)

UPCOMING AUTHOR EVENT:

This selection for the discussion on September 14 meeting is: ***Learning to Listen: The Jazz Journey of Gary Burton: An Autobiography***, by Gary Burton

The author, who is a current member of the SAGE/ Prime Gentlemen Book Discussion Group, will be an active participant in the discussion. Gary has donated a limited number of paperback copies of the book to the group, to be available for group members' use.





FOOD & DRINK



- MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Sunday, August 4, 2:00 pm
Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall
2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Bring a dish to share for our potluck meal
- DINER RUN** Thursday, August 8, 1:00 pm
Bayview Diner
2712 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale FL 33306
Bayview is a classic diner with great service and menu. Call/text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to insure a place at the table.
- EARLY BIRD DINNER** Wednesday, August 14, 5:30 pm
The Ambry German 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.
- DINNER PARTY** Wednesday, August 21, 5:30 pm Cash Bar, 6:00 pm Dinner
Catfish Dewey's
4003 N Andrews Avenue, Oakland Park, FL 33309
To cancel or for questions on reservations contact Ken South 301-461-4516 or southy2222@gmail.com by 5:00 pm on August 18
- NIGHT OUT DINNER** Wednesday, August 28, Happy Hour Drinks: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 5:30 pm
Tropics Grille
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Please email Ed to let him know if you plan to attend, so he can give Tropics a heads-up. Ed Slough: wildhybrid@aol.com
- LUNCHEON** Thursday, August 29, 1:00 pm
Sea Watch on the Ocean
6002 North Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale , FL 33308
Great food with outstanding views of the Ocean. Call Doug Kent a call/ text at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to save you a seat for this outstanding luncheon experience.
- MIXER** Every Tuesday, 5:00 pm
Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar
2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)

PRIME GENTLEMEN EXCURSION

By Ed Slough



JUNGLE ISLAND EXCURSION
SATURDAY JULY 27th at 10:00 am
Admission is FREE [normally \$36.95], but I must pre-register you 7 days in advance.



★Experience the beauty of the Florida Everglades!

★Adventure in the heart of Miami

★AN ECO-ADVENTURE THEME PARK LIKE NO OTHER!

Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend:
wildhybrid@aol.com



Dinner Party Tips

Order from the menu
Pay by separate check
(cash gets you home faster!)

Guests are always welcome!!!

To reserve your seat/s
write to: southy2222@gmail.com
Please send first & last names!

If you must cancel,
call Ken South (301.461.4516) or write
southy2222@gmail.com, no later than
5 pm the day before the dinner.

Please try to arrive by 5:30 pm so our
meals can be ordered properly.

June Free Movie and Potluck 50 Moviegoers



Mr. August
Tom Daniel



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

8/1	Mark Speer	8/19	Jeffrey Covey
8/1	Joe Alvarez	8/19	Stephen Barnhart
8/1	Ronn Daniels	8/19	Omar Rodriguez
8/4	Charles Scarcella	8/20	Joel Rubin
8/4	Luis Granada	8/20	Francis Castelli
8/4	John Kraemer	8/21	Philip Prentice
8/4	Dennis Foley	8/21	David Asch
8/5	Steve Byerly	8/21	Richard Lenzi
8/5	Andre Horvath	8/22	Scott Jensen
8/6	Eamon Sullivan	8/22	Edward Hill
8/7	Michael Thau	8/23	Daniel O'Flaherty
8/8	Daniel Weiss	8/24	Michael Gagne
8/9	Donald Walsh	8/24	Charles St. Clair
8/9	Stephen Thayer	8/24	David Hall
8/10	Jalal Chikhe	8/26	Leonard Graziano
8/12	Howard Terry	8/26	Henry Smith
8/13	Craig Martin	8/27	Francis Buckley
8/14	Bennett Siu	8/28	Michael Burwick
8/14	Sam Aron	8/29	Juls Edwards
8/15	Neal Clark	8/29	Luis Cedeno
8/15	Ismael Gonzalez	8/31	Kenneth Morris
8/18	Gary Stayer	8/31	Feliz Vazquez

ANNIVERSARIES

Greg Tefft & Ed Stehle	8/5/2021	3 years
Wil Daugherty & Arnie Aliff	8/21/2023	1 year

Join us Wednesday, August 28th
Night Out at Tropics"

Tropics Grille in Wilton Manors, FL

2000 Wilton Drive

- Drinks/cocktails from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm at 'Happy Hour' prices
- Dinner at 5:30 pm
- SAGE/Prime Gentlemen members are welcome, including all our friends
- You can check out their menu here: <https://tropicsgrillefl.com/menu/>
- **Please email Ed to let him know if you plan to attend.**

Ed Slough: wildhybrid@aol.com

PLEASE NOTE: The omicron Covid variant is extremely contagious. You may be exposed if you choose to attend. If you are not fully vaccinated, you should carefully consider the risks.



August 2024 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 7:30 AM Tennis BP 12:00 PM Haulover HA	29 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	30 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	31 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	1 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC (No Meeting) 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	2	3
4 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8	5 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	6 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	7 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	8 7:30 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Diner Run, P8 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	9 2:00 PM History Group (No Meeting)	10 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group
11 7:30 AM Tennis BP	12 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	13 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	14 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:30 PM Early Bird Dinner, p8	15 7:30 AM Tennis BP 12:30 PM Board ZM 2:00 PM Collectors PC (No Meeting) 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	16 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	17
18 7:30 AM Tennis BP	19 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	20 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	21 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 6:00 PM Monthly Dinner, P8	22 7:30 AM Tennis BP 12:00 PM Regular Lunch 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	23 2:00 PM History Group (No Meeting)	24
25 7:30 AM Tennis BP 12:00 PM Haulover HA	26 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	27 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	28 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:00 PM Tropics Grille Night Out, p8	29 7:30 AM Tennis BP 12:00 PM Luncheon, p8 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	30	31

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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.



Gumbo Limbo Nature Preserve June 2024 - 14 Adventurers!



Night Out at Tropics - July 2024



Early Bird Dinner at Zuckerello's - July 2024

