



# Surfer

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## ACTIVITIES

History  
By Lou Wangberg



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 the listener to understand history is not a boring narrative, it's an exciting story.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Members often ask me how long I've been president and why do I still do it. I've been thinking about an answer for a while. The June Membership Meeting gave me the answer.

Thanks in great part to the work of Marck Santee, his creativity and enthusiasm turned the room into a wonderland. The centerpieces and decorations make the room festive and exciting.

From the moment you enter the building and for the rest of the afternoon all you see are smiling faces. There is a din in the room of moving bodies, vibrant conversation and beautiful piano music.

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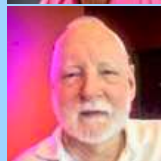
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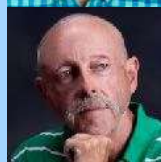


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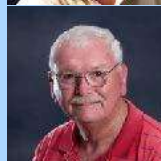
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## Scene from the Jungle Island Excursion



## ACTIVITIES

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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.

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!

Wednesday,  
September 11  
5:30 pm

SEPTEMBER  
EARLY BIRD  
DINNER

Black Rock Bar and  
Grill  
6200 N Federal Hwy,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
33308



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

## PRESIDENT

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At each table you see groups of people who are clearly friends. Most of the people in those groups didn't know each other before they became Prime Gentlemen. Over the years partnerships and friendship have blossomed. You experience the same vibe at our dinners, lunches, movies, group meetings, tennis, bowling and the Tuesday mixer.

One of our goals as an organization is to get our members out of their homes and into the world to engage and socialize. I think we have been very successful in doing that.

Most of us came to South Florida from somewhere else. Our ties to the past have lessened or ended. And we are making new memories. Most of us don't have children or grandchildren, although we do make great uncles. We are here now, and we are all together.

When my husband passed away two years ago, I received so much love and support from fellow members and it helped me get through the most difficult times. And that is also what we are all about.

Why do I keep being president? Why do we all work hard to strive to make our organization stronger and better? I think it's because it makes all of us stronger and better too.

# MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES

FRIDAY, September 20th at 1:30 PM

The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and Prime Gentlemen Event

## Featured Movie - "FIREBIRD"



At the height of the Cold War, a troubled soldier forms a forbidden love triangle with a fighter pilot and his female comrade amid the dangerous surroundings of a Soviet air force base. Firebird softly paints the true memoir of theatre artist Sergey Serebrennikov (Prior's character), his undying love for Roman, a fighter pilot with whom Sergey had served as a young private during his air force days in 1970's Cold War-era. They became inseparable, and would lead to endure hideaway living --- even after Roman married Sergey's best friend Luisa.

The film draws lines of questioning lifelong friendship and social tolerance for homosexuals who fought to make an honest living. Incredible hints of Luisa as an intuitive friend to Sergey, and as a knowing wife to Roman, not to mention a probably closeted major comrade.

There are many stories to be told over the Cold War. Firebird tries to focus on the subject of looking at the oppressions placed on the people. Specifically on who they are allowed to love.

## Movie Short = "I Wanna be a Rockette"



Every boy should get his wish to be a rockette. Soloist David Knebel leads the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, plus students and alumni from Creative Planet School of the Arts, in seeing a wish come true! Can't even BEGIN to imagine the number of rehearsal hours/days/weeks it took to get this as close to perfection as anyone could have ever imagined!! Absolutely SPOT-ON SPECTACULAR!!

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 482  
NEW MEMBERS - 3

# September Hero

By Ken South



Herbert Hoover was the U.S. President in 1931, as the great depression entered its second year. America's Great Plains suffered devastating droughts, named the Dust Bowl years. The Empire State Building opened, and "The Star Spangled Banner" became the U.S. National Anthem. Charlie Chaplin's film, "City Lights" premiered and Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, completed an around-the-world flight. Japan invaded Manchuria, China.

The classic horror film, "Dracula" was released and The George Washington Bridge opened, connecting New York to New Jersey. The average new house price was \$6,790.00, while the average annual wage was \$1,850.00, and a monthly rent was \$18.00, with a gallon of gas costing 10 cents.

On May 18th of that year Mr. September was welcomed into the world in Long Island City, New York. He joined a family that turned out to have four brothers and two sisters, he was the second oldest in the clan! Mr. S attended Long Island City HS graduating in 1948. Even at this young age, he was a gifted piano player, a talent that would be part of his entire life. He immediately started teaching and performing on the piano.

He studied with Dr. Jacques Abrams at the Julliard School and Dr. Robert Goldsand at the Manhattan School of Music. He decided to return to school in 1965 at Florida Atlantic University and earned an associate's degree in music.

He became a High School music appreciation teacher and offered private piano lessons in New Jersey for 50 years!



During this time, he even appeared in a two piano's concert at Carnegie Hall! For many years, Mr. S lived and worked near in River Vale, New Jersey. The hour long drive to Manhattan did not dissuade him from the

delights of the gay world of "the city".

In 1954 with his dad's passing, his sister Diane, became caregiver her disabled brother and mother until they passed on.

In New Jersey, in 1958, he met his partner Tom Bolger with whom he lived for the next 12 years. He also spent many of his years in New Jersey helping care for several members of his family.

In 1992 he and his sister, Diane decided to move to Southern Florida and into the Drake Tower for the next 30 years to escape the winters of the Northeast. While living here, Mr. S became the organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Deerfield Beach, until the COVID epidemic.

Mr. S and sister Diane moved to Palm Aire 7 years ago where he is an active Prime Gentleman and can be found most Tuesday's at the weekly mixer at Tropics, and the monthly Potluck meeting.

# IN MEMORIAM



**Jim Hopkins**

**02/18/1945 – 08/16/2024**

Jim Hopkins passed away in the early morning hours of August 16, 2024. He is survived by his life-partner Don Squire. Jim has been a member since November 2014.

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, His family moved to Long Island, New York and then Miami, Florida, where he spent the next forty years.

Jim worked for Pan Am Airlines until they went out of business and thereafter a medical professional as an operating room technician in Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami.

According to his partner, Don Squire Jim will be remembered for his ability to put up with him for the past 4 years and for his wonderful sense of humor. There will be a Celebration of Jim's life. The date has not been determined yet.



**Lamond Smith**

**04/02/28 – 08/10/2024**

Lamond Smith passed away on August 10, 2024. He was 96 years old. He is survived by his husband, Charles Lockyer, 4 children, three grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He has been a member of the Prime Gentlemen since April 2019.

Lamond was born on April 2, 1928 in Winslow, New Jersey and lived in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Trenton State Teacher's College and became a high school teacher in Palmyra, NJ. He later became Director of Rutgers University Extension Division in Camden, NJ. He was

employed by Trenton State College, retiring as an Assistant Vice President.

He was an intrepid traveler throughout his life into his mid-eighties, often traveling alone to exotic destinations. Lamond was greatly loved and admired and will be greatly missed. Keep Charles in your thought during this difficult period.

# Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara

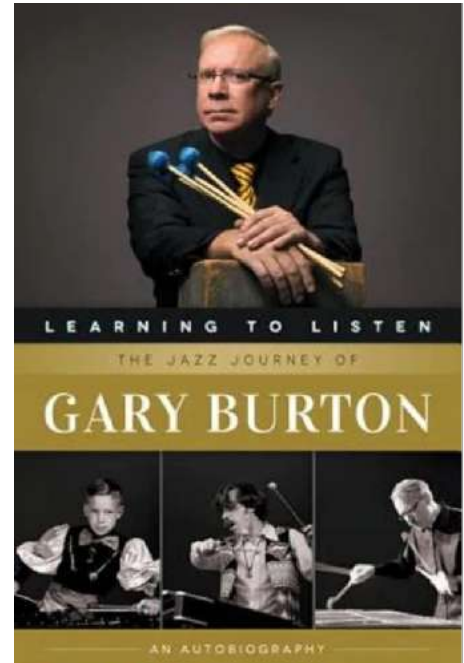


In *Learning to Listen: The Jazz Journey of Gary Burton, An Autobiography*, Gary Burton shares his 50 years of experiences at the top of the jazz scene. A seven-time Grammy Award-winner, Burton made his first recordings at age 17, has toured and recorded with a who's who of famous jazz names, and is one of only a few openly gay musicians in jazz.

The book is a fascinating exploration of one man, who happens to be a world-class musician, and his journey of self-discovery. He discusses his childhood in Indiana, his first music lessons at the age of six, his college days at the Berklee School of Music in Boston and his early days playing the clubs in New York. *Learning to Listen* has plenty of anecdotes, such as when Duke Ellington and his band played at Burton's high school. Burton also includes mini-portraits of famous musicians he has worked with over the years. His autobiography is one of the most personal and insightful jazz books ever written.

PLEASE NOTE: The author, who is a current member of the group, will be participating in-person at the library during the entire meeting.

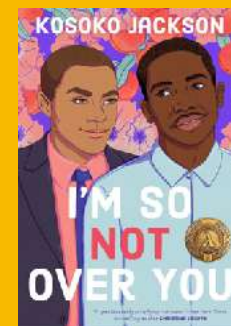
*Learning to Listen* will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, September 14 from 11:00 AM to noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, and simultaneously on Zoom via this link: [Book Discussion Group](#) (Meeting ID: 275139 4844 and Pass code: 076609)

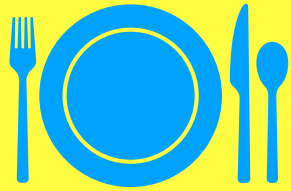


## UPCOMING:

The October 12 meeting selection is:

***I'm So (Not) Over You***,  
by Kosoko Jackson





# FOOD & DRINK



- MEMBERSHIP MEETING** **Sunday, September 1, 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, September 12, 1:00 pm**  
**Lester's Diner in Sunrise**  
**1393 N.W. 136<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sunrise, FL 33323**  
This classic diner has all that one needs to immerse themselves in classic diner cuisine. Call/text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to insure your place.
- EARLY BIRD DINNER** **Wednesday, September 11, 5:30 pm**  
**Black Rock Bar and Grill**  
**6200 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308**  
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at [wildhybrid@aol.com](mailto:wildhybrid@aol.com) so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.
- DINNER PARTY** **Wednesday, September 18, 5:30 pm for Bar, 6:00 pm for Dinner**  
**Tamarindo Harbor Italian Bar & Grill**  
**1025 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304**  
RSVP by text to Gustavo Marchini at 954-508-5386 or e-mail [gustavomarchini@hotmail.com](mailto:gustavomarchini@hotmail.com) no later than 5:00 pm on September 16.
- NIGHT OUT DINNER** **Wednesday, September 25, Happy Hour Drinks: 5:00 pm,**  
**Dinner: 5:30 pm at 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](mailto:wildhybrid@aol.com)
- LUNCHEON** **Thursday, September 26, 1:00 pm**  
**Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza & Wings**  
**1203 Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach, FL 33062**  
Plan to enjoy an afternoon of fine eating and conversation. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to reserve your spot for this enjoyable afternoon luncheon.
- 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



NSU ART MUSEUM  
THURSDAY, September 5th at 11 am  
Admission is FREE  
Enjoy 2-for-1 Happy Hour in the Cafe

One East Las Olas Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Enjoy over 6000+ exhibits

Notify Ed Slough if you wish to attend:  
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September  
Dinner  
Party

Wednesday,  
Sep. 18



TAMARINDO HARBOR  
ITALIAN BAR & GRILL

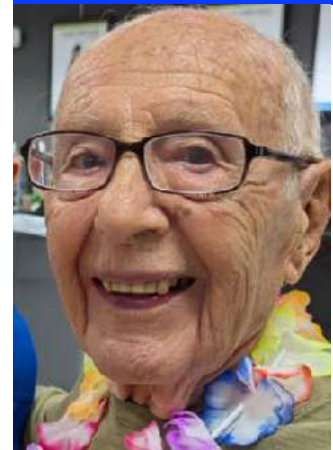
5:30 pm for Bar  
6:00 pm Dinner

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RSVP to reserve your spot by  
5:00 pm on September 16:  
Text to Gustavo Marchini at  
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September Hero  
Fred Marchetti



July Free  
Movie -  
57 Moviegoers



# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

George Bergevine	9/1	Clayton Raney	9/18
Salvatore Vetro	9/2	Arnie Aliff	9/18
James Flora	9/4	William Barnard	9/18
Roger O'Shea	9/4	Austin Matthews	9/19
Harold Atchison	9/5	Paul Sheftman	9/19
Gerard Gervais	9/5	Ruso Perkins	9/21
Don Klein	9/7	David Bisbey	9/21
William Daugherty	9/8	John Martin	9/22
Alden Hurteau	9/8	Vincent Sperruzzi	9/22
Dan Kroczak	9/9	Daniel Weigleb	9/24
Louis Horvath	9/9	John Maloni	9/27
Terry Regnier	9/10	Michael Barcham	9/27
Francis DeStefano	9/13	Jerry Jensen	9/27
James LoBello	9/13	Charles Walthall	9/27
Peter Roukis	9/14	Brian McCarthy	9/28
Joseph Limato	9/15	Larry Ousley	9/28
Gerhard Depken	9/16	Christopher Benfante	9/28
Robert Morrow	9/16	Luiz Basile	9/30
Patrick Fischer	9/18	Joseph Guidetti	9/30
Jack Rosing	9/18	Allen Koppang	9/30

Andy Horvath & Raymond Patterson	9/1/1963	61 years
Jim Beauter & Anthony Kulp	9/7/1998	26 years
Godfrey Thompson & Alex Meyer	9/30/2013	11 years
Feliz Vazquez & Willye Santos-Cruz	9/16/2016	8 years
Mark Ramirez & Lamar Stockman	9/16/2017	7 years

Join us Wednesday, September 25th  
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](mailto: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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8	2 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	3 7:30 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	4 11:00 AM Bowling ML 1:00 PM Bowling AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	5 7:30 AM Tennis BP 11:00 AM NSU Art Museum 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed 7:00 PM Walking SC	6	7
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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
- 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.



# Jungle Island Excursion July 2024 14 Adventurers!



## Night Out at Tropics - July 2024



29  
Attended

## Early Bird Dinner at Zuckerello's - July 2024



37  
Attended