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ACTIVITIES

MANOR LANES BOWLING

By Bill Sandrik

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Every Wednesday at 11:00 am, Prime Gentlemen members get together at Manor Lanes in Wilton Manors to enjoy three games of 10-pin bowling. Located at the corner of NE 26th Street and NE 16th Avenue just east of “Five Points” at the railroad tracks in Wilton Manors, this iconic bowling alley opened in 1957, and has been operating continually for over 65 years.

Each week members team-up in groups of six or eight and enjoy three games for the nominal cost of only \$9 (\$3 per game).

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



There have been many changes in the last month.

At our September Membership/Potluck meeting we had 101 members and guests in attendance. That’s the highest number since the Covid lockdown! Our overall membership is over 480 members and growing.

We have a new webmaster -- Alex Meyer. He announced at the meeting in September that the new webpage is live online. ftlprimegentlemen.org. Go to ftlprimegentlemen.org and explore it. It is amazing! It's more modern and efficient than the old one. Alex has made our events the central theme of the web site to help get the word out about who we are and what we do

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A social club of mature men and those who enjoy their company

To join, go to: FtLPrimeGentlemen.org
and click on: *Membership*

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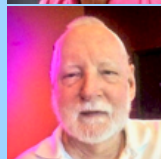
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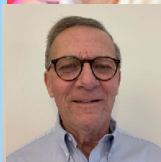
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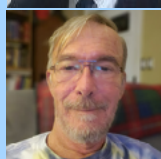
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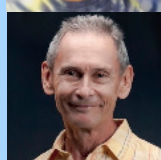
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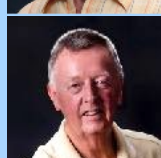
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This special cost, only available to members of Prime Gentlemen, includes 10 minutes of free practice bowling to limber up those tired bones and muscles. Only recently this bowling fee increased from \$7.50 for three games, the first fee increase in over 10 years. There are an ample number of lanes to accommodate our members who range in age from the 40s to over 90! The alley also has bowling shoes and a large number of bowling balls in various weights for your use.

Some members only bowl two games. You do not have to bowl three games if you do feel up to it. Generally we finish bowling around 1pm and some members enjoy lunch together afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

The bowling alley has ample parking in front and in back on 26th Drive. There is also a mini- Peruvian restaurant/snack bar; a vending machine for juice and soft drinks, and a full service bar inside. If you feel like getting out and enjoying some light exercise with your fellow members, we would love to have you join us on Wednesday.

Starting October 2024, the Margate bowling group is breaking up and joining the Manor Lanes bowling group.

PRESIDENT

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I won't be the webmaster anymore. (Yay)

We also have a new coordinator of our monthly dinners and theater events – Gustavo Marchini. He is also our Facebook administrator and resident photographer. There is a link to the Facebook page on our website. Check that out too. It also focuses heavily on our events and activities.

Since I first joined in 2007, I have heard the words “I never heard of the Fort Lauderdale Prime Timers, now the Prime Gentlemen (since 2018). Well, it’s time they heard about us more.

If you were at the September meeting, you would have seen our two new signs and our blackboard of event flyers. They were on display at Coffee and Conversation and at our mixer on Tuesday night. They attract attention and curiosity.

We are also looking into creating actual membership cards on lanyards with membership numbers and expiration dates. If you wear them to any of our functions, heads will turn, and people will ask you who we are and what we do.

And that’s how we increase our membership and have more people getting out of the house to enjoy the things we do. Just like the rest of us.

OCTOBER EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, October 9
5:30 pm



PETER PAN DINER
1216 E Oakland Park Blvd
Fort Lauderdale FL 33334

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.

MOVIES

By Ed Slough



FREE MOVIES

FRIDAY, October 11th at 1:30 PM

The Pride Center

FREE POPCORN AND SODA

A SAGE and Prime Gentlemen Event

Featured Movie - "All of Us Strangers"

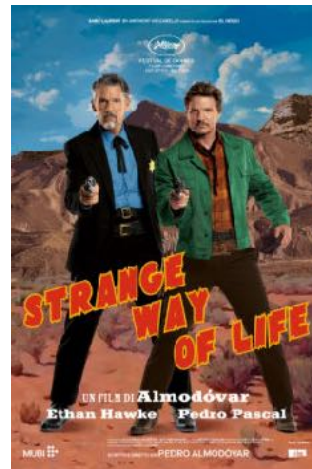


One night in his near-empty London tower block, screenwriter Adam has a chance encounter with mysterious neighbor Harry, puncturing the rhythm of his everyday life. As a relationship develops between them, Adam finds himself drawn back to his childhood home, where his parents appear to be living just as they were on the day they died 30 years ago.

This has been described it as a "super gay paranormal film." It has also been described as one of the most beautiful films ever made, with a softness and tenderness which is hard to describe, and which works very well with the film's paranormal backdrop. It's an extremely original tale about a man so tragically lonely and traumatized that he has to imagine himself being healed.

It doesn't matter what is real and what is not, because Adam is finally confronting his past trauma that has had him stuck for 30+ years. Whether he's doing that with ghosts, his imagination, or the screenplay he's writing, he's the one finally making the decision to try to move forward.

Movie Short - "Strange Way of Life"



After twenty-five years, Silva rides a horse across the desert to visit his friend Sheriff Jake; they celebrate the meeting, but the next morning Jake tells him that reason for his trip is not to go down the memory lane of their friendship. To protect his son from a murder accusation, cowboy Silva has an intimate encounter with his ex-lover Jake in the hope of influencing the lawman. Starring Ethan Hawke and Pedro Pascal.

Start
preparing
your
costume!



HALLOWEEN
is the theme
for the Oct 6th General Meeting

October Hero

By Ken South



The Doors' self-titled debut album was released in 1967 as was the Beatles', "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band".



The Supreme Court ruled in Loving v. Virginia, that all US state laws prohibiting interracial marriage were unconstitutional, and Thurgood Marshall was confirmed as the first African American

Justice of the Court.

By 1967, 13 years into the Vietnam War, more than 380,000 American troops were in the country, alongside 730,000 soldiers in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) and some 52,000 soldiers from other allied nations. US Commander, General William Westmoreland, believed that his forces were ready for major offensives that would seize the battlefield initiative from the People's Army of Viet Nam (PAVN) and Viet Cong (VC). He reported: "I am absolutely certain that whereas in 1965 the enemy was winning, today he is certainly losing." Navy pilot John McCain was shot down over North Vietnam and became a POW.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Mr. October was born in Saigon, Vietnam. The family was composed of his parents, three boys of which he is the youngest. His father later remarried and had an additional son. Mr. O left Vietnam for the US in 1974 when he was seven years old and was adopted into a family of four, three girls and a boy. His early years were spent in Tucson, AZ where he attended primary school and graduated HS in 1987. Since the age of nine, he worked in many different fields, at times up to three jobs simultaneously.

Mr. O's career consisted as of selling and delivering local newspapers, working in fast food, banking, selling cars, computers, real estate and other service industries. He also served four years as an EMT/Paramedic in the Air Force stationed in Germany and Greece. After being Honorably discharged, Mr. O was married for seven years and had two wonderful children, a boy and a girl and also became a proud grandfather!

While living in Tucson, he experienced terrible discrimination and was forced out of his position as a Pima County Sheriff. The stress caused his wife to miscarry. A few months later, he found work as an Arby's supervisor and later started a career with the US Postal Service for 11 years.

During that time, following his divorce, he met his first partner, Pierre, 27 years his senior. Pierre proposed marriage, but, Mr. O declined due to the fact that he had full custody of his children and felt he needed to keep them close to their mother.

Mr. O moved to Palm Desert, CA with his children to care for the ailing mother of his business partner. He had to resign from the US Postal Service. Mr. O remained there until the elderly woman's passing, after which, he moved back to Tucson. Pierre again asked Mr. O to marry him and he said YES! The couple returned to Pierre's Boston home and married, but unfortunately, Pierre passed away three months later of cancer.

Pierre wanted Mr. O to move on with his life after his passing, he later met Kevin in Boston and spent the next few years of his life with him. In 2014, Mr. O, while still living in Boston, met Jeff and they eventually married in April 2022.

In Boston, Mr. O's multiple jobs included simultaneously working at Massachusetts General Hospital Monday-Friday; building Koi ponds and garden waterfalls; remodeling and construction projects including electrical, dry wall and plumbing on weekends. The married couple were snow birds whilst living in their condo in Pompano Beach but they decided to move there permanently in November of 2023 after purchasing their first home together in Wilton Manors in 2021.

Mr. O now engages in many different sports and activities including Tennis, Pickleball, swimming, running, walking and biking, etc. Jeff and Mr. O were introduced to Prime Gentlemen by Ron G. Mr. O says he feels so blessed to have his husband and wonderful loving children and family. Life is good!

General Membership Meeting Sept 1



October Dinner Party

Wednesday,
Oct 16th,
5:30 pm for
Dinner



Cielito Lindo
91 Prospect Rd,
Oakland Park, FL 33334

RSVP by e-mail to
Gustavo Marchini
gustavomarchini@hotmail.com
no later than 5:00
pm on October 14th

Book Discussion Group

By Paul McNamara



In *I'm So (Not) Over You*, a chance to rewrite their ending is worth the risk in this swoony romantic comedy from Kosoko Jackson.

It's been months since aspiring journalist Kian Andrews has heard from his ex-boyfriend, Hudson Rivers, but an urgent text has them meeting at a cafe. Maybe Hudson wants to profusely apologize for the breakup. Or confess his undying love. . .



But no, Hudson has a favor to ask--he wants Kian to pretend to be his boyfriend while his parents are in town, and Kian reluctantly agrees.

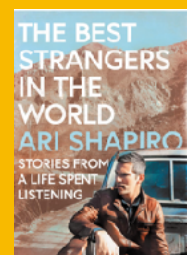
The dinner doesn't go exactly as planned, and suddenly Kian is Hudson's plus one to Georgia's wedding of the season. Hudson comes from a wealthy family where reputation is everything, and he really can't afford another mistake. If Kian goes, he'll help Hudson preserve appearances and get the opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the biggest names in media. This could be the big career break Kian needs. But their fake relationship is starting to feel like it might be more than a means to an end, and it's time for both men to fact-check their feelings.

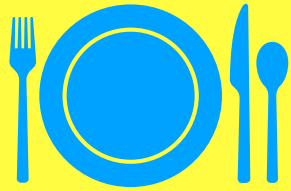
I'm So (Not) Over You will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, October 12 from 11:00 AM to noon at the

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 November 8 meeting selection is:
The Best Strangers in the World: Stories from a Life Spent Listening by Ari Shapiro.





FOOD & DRINK



- MEMBERSHIP MEETING** **Sunday, October 6, 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, October 10, 1:00 pm**
Country Ham & Eggs
2671 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
Call/text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to insure your place.
- EARLY BIRD DINNER** **Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 pm**
Peter Pan Diner
1216 E Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale FL 33334
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.
- DINNER PARTY** **Wednesday, October 16, 5:30 pm**
Cielito Lindo
91 Prospect Rd, Oakland Park, FL 33334
RSVP by text to Gustavo Marchini at gustavomarchini@hotmail.com no later than 5:00 pm on October 14th.
- NIGHT OUT DINNER** **Wednesday, October 23, 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
- LUNCHEON** **Thursday, October 24, 1:00 pm**
Mason Jar Cafe
3000 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 33306
This quaint restaurant serves great food, at reasonable prices Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at 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



Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens
FRIDAY, October 25th at 10 am
Admission for seniors is \$14

4000 Morikami Park Road
Delray Beach, FL 33346.

There will be carpools for those needing a ride.
Please notify me if you wish to attend:
wildhybrid@aol.com

Morikami's gardens, named Roji-en: Garden of the Drops of Dew, were designed to be a living exhibit as an extension of the museum. Its six distinct gardens are inspired by, but are not replicas of, significant gardens of Japan. Designer Hoichi Kurisu has created a unique garden conceived and constructed in the spirit of the masters.

October Hero
Michael Nelson



Catfish Dewey's Dinner
August 21st / 31
attended



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

10/1	Gary Hardin	10/13	Thomas Rudd
10/2	Carlos Moran	10/13	Bill Williams
10/4	Robert Klein	10/15	Wayne Mitteer
10/5	Jere Ford	10/15	Tom Lepore
10/6	Jose Santos-Cruz	10/16	Jeffrey Cronin
10/6	Anthony Sikich	10/19	Anthony Kulp
10/6	Albert Abdessemed	10/20	Herbert Diamond
10/7	Roger Snyder	10/21	Sidney Goldenberg
10/7	Timothy McAvoy	10/22	Bruce Parrish
10/7	Randy Turner	10/22	John Alcacer
10/8	Edward Green	10/23	David Brackett
10/8	Alex Meyer	10/24	Peter Laurendine
10/9	Nicholas Pappas	10/25	Robert Lombardo
10/9	Michael Martin	10/28	Eugene Avrett
10/10	Carlos Jusino	10/29	Jack Arlotta
10/11	Asa Ratliff	10/29	James Beauter
10/11	Alan Miller	10/29	Keith Gore
10/13	Gregory Gardiner	10/30	Howard Angel
10/13	Henry Pabian	10/31	Andrew Langley

Larry Prasse & Ken Crush	10/2/1979	45 years
Sam Aron & Gary Hardin	10/17/1983	41 years
Brian McCarthy & Ron Bass	10/28/2005	19 years
John Lloyd & Andrew Cheng	10/20/2008	16 years
Herbert Diamond & John Ring	10/18/2013	11 years
Don Roofner & Joe McNally	10/17/2014	10 years
Gary Peters & Brian Douglas	10/1/2021	3 years

Join us Wednesday, October 23rd
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 at half-off [50%] prices
- 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 - 8:00 AM Tennis BP - 12:00 PM Haulover HA	30 - 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	1 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# - 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	2 - 11:00 AM Bowling ML - 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	3 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 2:00 PM Collectors PC - 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# - 7:00 PM Walking SC	4	5
6 - 8:00 AM Tennis BP - 2:00 PM General Meeting PC, P8	7 - 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	8 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# - 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	9 - 11:00 AM Bowling ML - 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# - 5:30 PM Early Bird Dinner, p8	10 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 1:00 PM Diner Run, P8 - 2:00 PM Computer PC - 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# - 7:00 PM Walking SC	11 - 2:00 PM History Group	12 - 11:00 AM Book Discussion Group
13 - 8:00 AM Tennis BP	14 - 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	15 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# - 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	16 - 11:00 AM Bowling ML - 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# - 6:00 PM Monthly Dinner, P8	17 - 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	18 - 1:30 PM Free Movies PC, P4	19
20 - 8:00 AM Tennis BP	21 - 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	22 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# - 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	23 - 11:00 AM Bowling ML - 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# - 5:00 PM Tropics Grille Night Out, p8	24 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 12:00 PM Regular Lunch - 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# - 7:00 PM Walking SC	25 - 10:00 AM Excursion to Morikami - 2:00 PM History Group	26
27 - 8:00 AM Tennis BP - 12:00 PM Haulover HA	28 - 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	29 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# - 5:00 PM Mixer TR, p8	30 - 11:00 AM Bowling ML - 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	31 - 7:30 AM Tennis BP - 1:00 PM Luncheon, p8 - 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# - 7:00 PM Walking SC	1	2

Eastern Time Time Zone

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LOCATION CODES

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.



Starting October 2024, the **Margate bowling group** is breaking up and joining the Manor Lanes bowling group.



NSU Art Museum
September 5th / 20
attended



Early Bird
Dinner @
Black Rock
September
11th / 43
attended

Night Out @ Tropics
September 25th / 22 attended



Movie "NYAD"
August 16th /
33 attended

