

The Prez Says

Fellow Prime Timers,

Greetings to everyone.

What is especially interesting to see is the growth and variety of activities, amply demonstrating the creativity and commitment of Prime Timers to get out of our homes and apartments and socialize with others in productive ways.



We all love to eat and drink - it is the basic way to form a community spirit. We've enjoyed good food and conversation at the wine and cheese, hosted by Louie Grass, the monthly socials,

the neighborhood dining, the pride lunches, and the bar nights. The next one will be at Touché. Other members organize smaller events on their own.

Fall will be coming soon, so now is the time to get on our bikes and get some much-needed exercise.

Not only do we nourish our bodies but our minds and spirits as well. The Sunday socials feature presentations that are interesting, diverse, and challenging. Book discussion groups are forming. Visits to sites such as museums and ethnic neighborhoods broaden our horizons. With friends we can go to the theater to enjoy drama or listen to various types of music that are so plentiful here in Chicago. For those who are hurting from the loss of a spouse, the widowers support group offers a safe place to process the many, often contradictory, emotions.

Enjoy your time as we head into the fall with its own challenges and delights.

Message from Marvin

NEW LOGO

Ah, September is upon us and with it the start of autumn. I'm writing this a week or so before September begins and the weather has certainly been lovely.

One of the main CPT things I've been doing is the creation of a new logo. Instead of the "shaking-hands" oval, we now have one based on the one used by Prime Timers Worldwide – a multi-color rectangle with our name inside, which appears at the top of page 1 in this issue.

I then created a version of that for Bob to use when he sends out Eblasts. But you can be sure the old oval will not disappear immediately. Getting around to redoing all the image files is down in the "and also" section at the bottom of my to-do list.

One bit of housecleaning I've accomplished is to cut up some blank pages so I have a pile of narrow blank sheets to use for lists of things I have yet to do. Ah, those never-ending lists of tasks.

I've had my COVID vaccines – sure hope you have too – but now am on a waiting list for the first of the monkeypox shots. Then will need to get on a list for the second shot, although I've been told that the first shot is somewhere near 90% effective. But the 2nd shot – four weeks later - is still highly recommended. Where do the powers that be come up with those names?

A friend of ours is dealing with his own health issues and his doctor told him to stop using his treadmill. So he gave it to us. Wayne's started to use it, but I haven't yet. One of these days...

We're trying to keep active through all that's going on. Wayne and I will host the Potluck dinner this month. Hope to see some of you then.

I find I'm ending my emails these days with a "Be well" salutation. So I'll end this column by sending a "Be well" greeting to all and hope that we all stay in Prime health.



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is the Chicago area chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, which has over 75 chapters in the U.S., Canada and around the world. CPT publishes this newsletter for the sole use of its members. Contact us at

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CPT Membership is \$30 per year for an individual, \$50 for a couple.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a membership application, send an email to membership@ChicagoPrimeTimers.org. A membership application is also available on the CPT website www.ChicagoPrimeTimers.org

CPT Herald is emailed to its membership. For those who would like to receive a paper copy, a fee of \$8 per year is charged to partially cover the added expense.

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Upcoming Events

Mexican Train Dominoes

Monday, September 12, 12:00 noon

Thomas W. and Bill P. will host this month's games at their home. **Contact them** to make your reservation. Members will order out for pizza.



Bike Ride

Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m.

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CPT bike riding continues on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month through the summer. Meet at the Foster Avenue Beach Pavilion at 10:00 a.m. The ride will begin at 10:30 a.m. For more information, **contact Scott B.**



Monthly Open Social

Sunday, September 11, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for our monthly Open Social at Ann Sather Restaurant, 909 W. Belmont Ave. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes a buffet dinner and tip. Dinner will be followed by a presentation by **Bill Swislow**, author of *Bizarre Bazaars*, a humorous exploration of weird, befuddling, and just plain



Bill Swislow

embarrassing business names. Check out his web page at <https://www.interestingideas.com/>.



Widowers Group

Saturday, September 24, 1:00 p.m.

At the home of Gil N.



Contact Russ B. for more information and to reserve. You can also reserve at the Meetup site <https://www.meetup.com/LGBT-Widows-and-Widowers-Support-Group-Meetup/>. (You must sign up for Meetup to fully use it.)

Let's Do Lunch

Tuesday, September 20, 12:30 p.m.

Many of us are free to go to lunch on a weekday,



avoiding the hustle and bustle of evenings and weekends. Dan R. has offered to gather a small group for lunch at Calo Ristorante in Andersonville, 5343 N. Clark St. Enjoy fine Italian dining with good company in an elegantly appointed dining room. There is free parking across the street.

Please call or text Dan by end of day on Sunday the 18th so that he can make a reservation.

Bar Night at Touché

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.

Join Danny N. and other Chicago Prime Timers and guests at Touché, 6412 N. Clark St. Please note that proof of vaccination is required for entry. If Touché isn't the sort of place that you would usually frequent, now is the time to expand your horizons. Now is also the time to dust off that leather you've been hanging onto since 1987.



CPT Board Meeting

Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/8251754745>

Neighborhood Dining

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at Libanais Restaurant at 3300 W. Devon



Ave. in Lincolnwood. The restaurant specializes in Lebanese cuisine, including soup, salad, wraps, sandwiches, kabobs, lamb, and vegetarian meals. You can expect to spend \$8-\$23 plus tax and tip. There is convenient on-site parking. You must

contact Ron D. to reserve your spot.



September 22–October 6

The 40th Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival offers a panoply of films at multiple venues as well as streaming options. Visit <https://reelingfilmfest.org/> for listings, sites and prices. David Z., our resident cineaste, has these recommendations.

- The documentary centerpiece is [JIMMY IN SAIGON](#) (U.S.), filmmaker Peter McDowell's personal journey to uncover secrets related to his brother Jimmy's death in Vietnam during the height of the war.
- [THE SHINY SHRIMPS STRIKE BACK](#) is a sequel, and I liked the first Shiny Shrimps film. Priscilla-esque.
- [IN FROM THE SIDE](#) (U.K.) is director Matt Carter's intimate focus on an illicit affair between two men vying for the starring placement in their gay ruby team.
- [BROS](#), starring and co-written by Billy Eichner, the first romantic comedy about two gay men ever released by a major film studio and featuring an entirely LGBTQ+ principal cast.
- [ALL MAN: THE INTERNATIONAL MALE STORY](#) is a deep dive into the jaw-dropping story of the 1980s fashion catalog sensation that changed male fashion (both good and tacky) forever.
- [SHALL I COMPARE THEE TO A SUMMER'S DAY?](#) is experimental and sexy.
- [LONESOME](#) is hot cowboy tale from down under.

Pizza and Politics

Tuesday, September 13, 6:00–8:00 p.m.



With the midterm elections fast approaching, **David Z.** has politics on his mind. He is hosting a Pizza and Politics event at his office at 1411 W Wilson on the ground level (there are four steps down) on Tuesday, September 13, from 6 to 8. ALL points of view are welcome. David will order from [Munno Pizza](#) in Uptown. If you want to chip in for pizza, \$5 is suggested, or you can bring a side, or beverage, or sweet. RSVP [here](#).

Potluck Dinner

Saturday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.



Marvin L. and **Wayne H.** will welcome a cozy group of gentlemen in their prime for a potluck dinner. Be prepared to wear your mask as you go through the lobby. Please **contact Ron D.** for directions and what to bring.

Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert

Every Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.

Enjoy a delightful concert, free of charge, at the Seventeenth Church of Christ,



Scientist at the corner of Wabash Ave. and Wacker Dr. After the concert, everyone is invited to lunch at a nearby restaurant. **Contact Ron D.** for more information.

Lakeview History Presentation

Sunday, September 25, 11:30 a.m.

Was the intersection of Belmont & Broadway the center of your gay world when you came out as a young adult? Did you dance the night away at the Broadway Limited after dining in a restaurant designed to look



St. Peter Episcopal Church

like a railroad car? Did you live in a 4+1? Did you watch men walk by on their way to the Belmont Rocks? Join the Victorian Society in America to hear the history of the Lakeview neighborhood. See the newly restored 1894 landmark church: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 617 W. Belmont Ave. Hear a brief organ performance. Enjoy light refreshments. **To attend, write a check for \$10 made out to GCCVSA and mail it to Larry L.** Please also contact Larry via email.



Sep. 01	Brian T.
Sep. 03	Gil N.
Sep. 05	Eduardo R.
Sep. 06	Jim S.
Sep. 07	Bob B.
Sep. 09	Randy G.
Sep. 12	Gregory N.
Sep. 21	John D.
Sep. 22	Bob O.
Sep. 23	Richard B.
Sep. 25	Jorge G.
Sep. 25	Rick T.
Sep. 25	Bruce W.
Sep. 27	Norman S.
Sep. 30	Tom L.

Museum of Science and Industry

Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 p.m.



We who live in the Chicago area are fortunate to have so many world-class attractions at our doorstep, among them, the Museum of Science and Industry. Let's go!

The museum has an underground pay parking garage, and there is free parking on neighboring streets. There is an admission charge, and some exhibits charge an extra fee. Check out the museum website at msichicago.org regarding special exhibits and programs plus food services. The museum is so large with so many exhibits and shows that you can't see it all. That's why planning with the help of the museum website is important, especially for temporary exhibits that come and go. Tour the WWII German submarine, the *U-505*. Walk through an Art Deco passenger train or a passenger jet plane. The coal mine and Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle are still on display. For a fee, you can dissect a cow's eye.

Send an email to Larry L. by September 9 that you plan to attend. Doing so gives Larry L. permission to send your name and email address to other CPT members who plan to attend. That way you can contact each other ahead of time to share a ride to the museum and to plan touring the museum together. Some CPT members will meet in the main hall at 11 a.m., but the museum is so large that it will be hard to find each other, so best to arrive with friends.

After the museum closes, the Chicago Park District will have a band playing swing dance music in Jackson Park to the south of the museum. Admission is free, and the performance will be fun to watch even if you don't dance. If you plan to attend the dance music program and are parking in the museum's underground garage, be sure to ask at entry how late you can leave your car in the garage. You may need to move your car to the street once the museum closes.

South of the museum is a pond and also Wooded Island. This is a delightful place to walk and birdwatch, plus you can visit a Japanese Garden. For safety, the island is best enjoyed in groups, as some parts of the island are isolated. Be aware that the friendly stranger may be intending illegal activity, something police watch for.

The museum address is 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive and its hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Happy Anniversary

- Sep. 06 Kevin W. & Eduardo R.
- Sep. 07 Jim C. & Dale W.
- Sep. 08 Norm D. & Tony V.
- Sep. 14 John M. & Mike K.
- Sep. 19 Larry G. & Roger B.
- Sep. 26 Tom W. & Bill P.



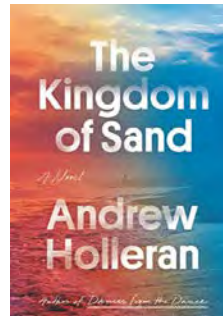
The Kingdom of Sand

by Andrew Holleran

Larry L. has offered to host a book discussion on *The Kingdom of Sand* by Andrew Holleran.

In this tale of desire and dread, the nameless narrator is a gay man who moved to Florida to care for his aging parents during the height of the AIDS epidemic and never left. He chronicles the indignities and loneliness of growing old in a small town. His one friendship is with Earl, an older gay man he met twenty years previously while cruising the boat ramp. They meet weekly to watch classic films and critique the neighbors. Now Earl's health is failing. Our narrator must face that after Earl dies, he will be completely alone with only sexual encounters at the video porn store and visits to Walgreens. His reflections on illness and death are at once funny and heartbreaking.

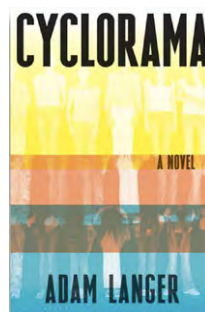
The Kingdom of Sand is available at libraries or for purchase at Amazon. Order the book now and let Larry L. know that you will participate. The discussion, exact date TBA, will be in late November or early December, either at Larry's home or via Zoom depending on how many register and Covid advisories.



Cyclorama

by Adam Langer

The New York Times describes the book as the story of former classmates who confront an extra problematic drama teacher. David Z. describes it as a terrific read from former Chicago theater critic Adam Langer. An excellent look at a north shore HS theater program performing the Anne Frank drama and what follows decades afterward. Clever plotting, and intriguing characters.



Out & About

Wine and Cheese



Pride Lunch



Kramer Project



Bar Night



Neighborhood Dining



Sunday Social



Mike Kennedy, who taught himself many of the computer intricacies, gave a detailed and helpful presentation about scams directed at seniors and how to avoid them.

Summary of Upcoming Events

Broadway in Your Backyard, Tuesday, August 30, 6:00 p.m. - Free concert by Porchlight Music Theatre at Gill Park, 825 W. Sheridan Rd.

Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert, Wednesday, August 31, 12:15 p.m. - At the Seventeenth Church of Christ, Scientist, on the corner of Wabash and Wacker Drive. Contact Ron D. at for more information.

Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert, Wednesday, September 7, 12:15 p.m. - At the Seventeenth Church of Christ, Scientist, on the corner of Wabash and Wacker Drive. See entry for August 31.

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Museum of Science and Industry, Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 p.m. - After visiting the museum, we'll enjoy Wooded Island, the Japanese Garden, and live dance music in Jackson Park.

Potluck Dinner, Saturday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. - Marvin L. and Wayne H. will host a potluck dinner. Please contact Ron D. to reserve your spot.

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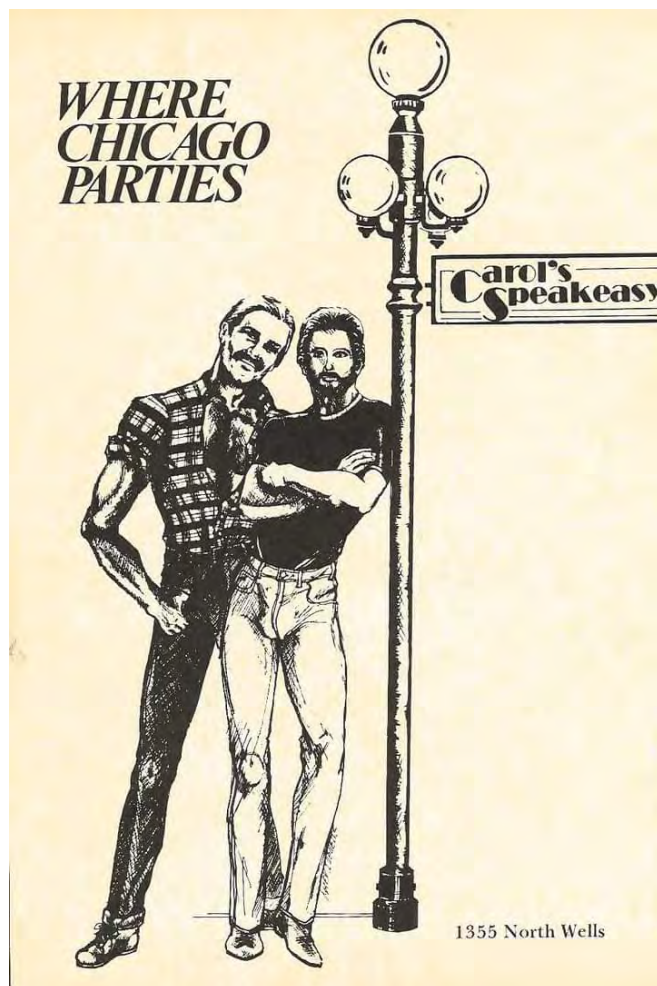
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Bike Ride, Tuesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m. - Meet at the Foster Avenue Beach Pavilion at 10:00 a.m., and the ride will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert, Wednesday, September 28, 12:15 p.m. - At the Seventeenth Church of Christ, Scientist, on the corner of Wabash and Wacker Drive. See entry for August 31.



September 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 6:00 p.m. Broadway in Your Backyard	31 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert	1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert	8	9	10
11 <i>Patriot Day</i> 5:30 p.m. Open Social	12 12:00 noon Mexican Train Dominoes 7:00 p.m. CPT Board Meeting	13 10:00 a.m. Bike Ride 6:00–8:00 p.m. Pizza and Politics	14 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert 1:00 p.m. Museum of Sci- ence and Industry	15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner
18	19	20 12:30 p.m. Let's Do Lunch 7:00 p.m. Bar Night	21 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert	22 <i>Autumn begins</i> 7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Dining	23	24 1:00 p.m. Widow- ers Group
25 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> 11:30 a.m. Lakeview History Presentation	26	27 10:00 a.m. Bike Ride	28 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert	29	30	1



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Board of Directors' Minutes

CHICAGO PRIME TIMERS
ZOOM BOARD MEETING
MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2022

Present: **Scott B., Bob C., Ron D., Tom La., Larry L., Marvin L., Tom Lo., Ray N., and Thomas N.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

The amended Agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes of 11 July 2022 was moved by Larry and seconded by Marvin. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – 1) Tom reported that he rechecked our 2022 filing for the 990 and the State of Illinois. He submitted the 990 on January 7 and for the State of Illinois on May 9. We are legally current for this year. 2) The majority of Tom's time was devoted to formatting and publishing the newsletter. Again, the help from **Tom La.** and **Mark H.** has been tremendous.

Publicity Committee Report – Bob reported that slight progress has been made on some of the returned addresses for newsletter and other information. There has also been a suggestion that there be name tags for the Bar Nights events.

Neighborhood Dining Report – Ron reported that there will be Lunch at Moody's Pub on 16 August sponsored by **Dan R.** Dinner at Fireside Restaurant in Chicago on 25 August.

Treasurer's Report – Ray reported that the CPT Checking Account Balance is \$5,148.02. The Savings Account Balance is \$12,006.23. The total of all accounts was \$17,154.25.

Entertainment & Outreach report – 1) 21 July, Sunday, Lyric Opera Rising Stars. Millennium Park 7 P.M. Free concert. Meet at the Bean at 6 P.M. 2) 11 September Sunday Social at Ann Sather Restaurant. Author Bill Swislow will share images and stories about weird store names from his book. Some store names are funny. Some are erotic. All are strange. 3) 14 September, Wednesday. Chicago Museum of Science & Industry. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 5700 S. DuSable Lake Shore Drive. Museum has an underground pay parking garage or there is free parking on neighboring streets. Admission charge. Some exhibits charge an extra fee. Check out the museum website re special exhibits and programs plus food services: msichicago.org. The museum is so large with so many exhibits and shows that you can't see it all. Send an email to **Larry L.** by September 9 that you plan to attend. Doing so gives Larry permission to send your name and email address to other CPT's who plan to attend. That way you can contact each other ahead of time to share a ride to the museum and to plan touring the museum together. Some CPT's will meet in the main hall at 11 a.m. but the museum is so large that it will be hard to find each other so best to arrive with friends. After the museum closes, the Chicago Park District will have a band playing swing dance music in Jackson Park to the south of the museum. Free. Fun to watch even if you don't dance. If you plan to

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Old Business – Cross training, still looking at the need of the Officers to know each other's jobs.

New Business – the new logo was on the July newsletter and was agreeable to the group. Marvin moved we accept the new logo; Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Monday 12 September at 7 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 by consensus. Respectfully submitted by **Thomas N.**, Secretary.

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