

A Word from the President

Hi, Friends -

The musical *The Christmas Schooner* starts with a great lyric:



*The lines in a face
tell a story, the lines in
a face sing a song, the
lines are a keepsake
of moments gone by,
choices we made right
or wrong.*

*We all have songs,
we all have stories, we
all have good times and
times when things go
wrong, and that's life,
the heartache, and the
glory.*

The heartbeat of life is in our stories and our songs.

I am excited to help our nonprofit PrimeTimers® Chicago embark on its 46th year. There is a great history to carry on. I hope to take advantage of new opportunities as they present themselves.

The new board invites you to help us as committee members planning special events and the Sunday Socials. We need help with social media and marketing, and we hope to lighten the workload for our board members and volunteers. Please suggest more events for us and submit your news blurbs for the newsletter so we can learn more about your heartaches and glories!

In this time, when being out is often a courageous act, and we deal with all the complex issues of aging, we need to learn and laugh together!

I look forward to hearing from you and getting to know each of you better in 2023!

David Z.
Board President

Upcoming Events

Monthly Open Social

Sunday, January 8, 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, cash only, which includes a buffet dinner and tip.



John Moulder

Following dinner, we will enjoy a performance by [John Moulder](#), a guitarist and composer who has lived and worked in Chicago since 1985. John plays at many local clubs and concert settings and has performed with such jazz luminaries as Lyle Mays, Paul Wertico, Gary Burton, and Kurt Elling.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Monday, January 9, 12:00 noon



Louie G. will host the January games at his home in Morton Grove. Pizza will be served. **Call Louie** to reserve.

Chicago Prime Timers

We are the Chicago-area chapter of PrimeTimers®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 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.

The PrimeTimers®Worldwide newsletter, *Prime Times*, is available at www.PrimeTimersWW.com.

Advertising Rates: Business card size personal ads can be posted in this newsletter at \$10 per month. Commercial ads are \$25 for a business card size, \$40 for a quarter page, \$70 for a half page and \$125 for a full page.



OUTspoken at Sidetrack

Tuesday, January 3, 7:00–9:00 p.m.



Patrick C.

OUTspoken storyteller for January is our very own Patrick C., a native Chicagoan who hones his storytelling skills at the Irish American Heritage Center and Goodman GeNarrations. He shares stories in a variety of venues including Steppenwolf Theater, Second City and The Moth. Hear Patrick's story Tuesday, January 3, at Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Let's Do Lunch

Tuesday, January 17, 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 group for lunch at [Cozy Corner](#), 6349 N. Clark St., at the corner of Clark and Devon. Be sure to arrive hungry when you visit this traditional restaurant & pancake house. Please call or text Dan by end of day on Monday the 16th so that he can make a reservation.

Pizza and Politics

Tuesday, January 17, 4:30–6:30 p.m.



The post-midterm political landscape remains as fascinating as ever. **David Z.** invites you to share some good pizza and great political conversation on Tuesday, January 17, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at his office in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. The space is around the corner from the Clark Street bus stop on Clark and Wilson or a five-minute walk west from the Wilson stop on the red line. Parking is free on Wilson or the residential side streets or paid on Clark. The office is on the ground level (there are four steps down.) All points of view are welcome. David will order pizza from an Uptown spot. Please chip in \$5 for pizza and bring a sweet drink, ice, or fruit. RSVP [here](#) so that David can plan the pizza order accurately.

Widowers Group

Sunday, January 22, 1:00 p.m.



This month's Widowers Group meeting will be held via Zoom. Details for joining the meeting will be provided as they become available. Please reserve at the Meetup site <https://www.meetup.com/LGBT-Widows-and-Widowers-Support-Group-Meetup/>.

CPT Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

This will be the first meeting of the 2023 CPT Board of Directors.

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

Neighborhood Dining

Thursday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.



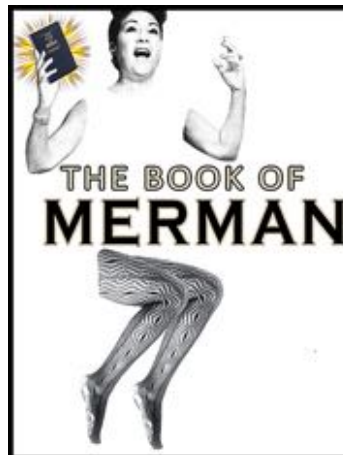
Join us at [Yummy Buffet](#), 3925 W. Lawrence Ave. Yummy Buffet offers an all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet. Specialties include seafood as well as Japanese delicacies and vegetarian-friendly dishes. Brace yourself for an explosion of freshness, flavor, and variety, all at a reasonable price. You can reach Yummy Buffet via the Lawrence Avenue bus. There is on-site parking. Please make reservations by calling **Ron D.** to reserve your spot.

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Sunday, February 12, 5:30 p.m.

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Ave. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, cash only, and includes a buffet dinner and tip. Following dinner, there will be a performance of *The Book of Merman*, a production of Skokie Theater starring Julie Peterson, Alex Iocabucci, and Kasey Sliwinski with musical direction by Jeremy Ramey. Hilarity ensues when two Mormon missionaries knock on the



door of Ethel Merman, who welcomes them in, launching them on a clever and witty journey about being true to oneself.

The single best thing about coming out of the closet is that nobody can insult you by telling you what you've just told them.

Rachel Maddow

Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts

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.

Book Discussion

Shortest Way Home by Pete Buttigieg

Larry L. has offered to host a book discussion on *Shortest Way Home* by Pete Buttigieg. The date is not set yet, but it would be mid-

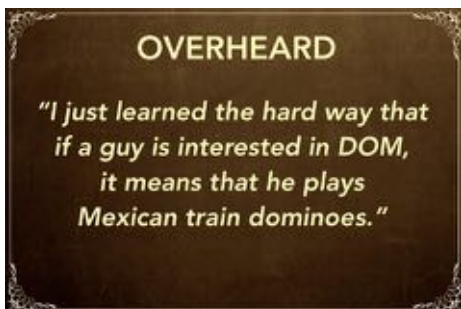


February at the earliest, so you will have plenty of time to acquire a copy of the book and read it before the discussion. Written in 2019 when Buttigieg was age 37 and mayor of South Bend, Indiana, the book interweaves two narratives, that of a young gay male Episcopalian coming of age and the tale of a Rust Belt industrial city regaining its economic vitality. Buttigieg attracted national attention and respect when he ran

for president. He sits in President Biden's cabinet as the Secretary of Transportation.

Please contact Larry if you would like to join discussion. Be sure to include your contact info and let him know what times work best for you.

The discussion may also be attended by members of Gay Book Club, Rainbow SIG Mensa, and Queers at Atonement. Covid precautions are to be determined depending upon the vicissitudes of the virus through the winter months.



- Jan. 04.....Mark F.
- Jan. 06.....Patrick C.
- Jan. 07.....Mike K.
- Jan. 09.....Keith L.
- Jan. 12.....Jim K.
- Jan. 14.....Chris R.
- Jan. 15.....John K.
- Jan. 17.....Richard E.
- Jan. 18.....Louie G.
- Jan. 21.....Robert B.
- Jan. 22.....Steve G.
- Jan. 22.....Paul L.
- Jan. 22.....Larry M.
- Jan. 25.....David E.
- Jan. 25.....Randy H.
- Jan. 25.....Mike R.
- Jan. 26.....Roger B.
- Jan. 26.....Mike O.
- Jan. 27.....Al U.
- Jan. 30.....Joey D.
- Jan. 31.....C. Russell B.



- Jan. 09.....Glen G. & Gregory R.
- Jan. 11.....Gary K. & Adrian L.

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CPT members in good standing are invited to join our private [Facebook group](#). We hope that you'll find this to be a useful resource for connecting with other members and learning of late-breaking news about events.

Out & About

Open Social





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PrimeTimers® Worldwide Convention St. Petersburg, Florida

October 1–5, 2023



PrimeTimers® of St. Petersburg, Florida, will host the PrimeTimers® Worldwide Convention, October 1–5, 2023. The host hotel is the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront. Conventiongoers will enjoy a panoply of recreational, cultural, and, of course, culinary activities in one of Florida's most vibrant metropolitan areas. For instructions on registration and hotel reservations, please refer to [Prime Times](#), the official newsletter of PrimeTimers® Worldwide.

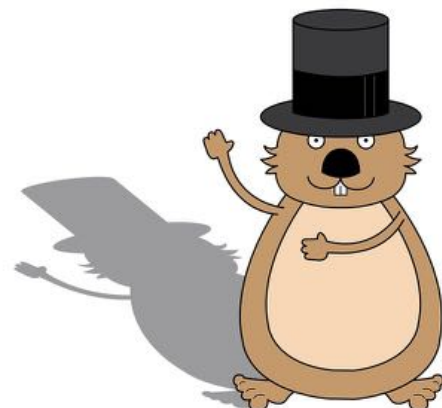


Chicago Prime Timers



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 7:00–9:00 p.m. OUTspoken at Side-track	4 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts	5	6	7
8 5:30 p.m. Open Social	9 12:00 noon Mexican Train Dominos 7:00 p.m. CPT Board Meeting	10	11 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts	12	13	14
15	16 <i>MLK Day</i>	17 12:30 p.m. Let's Do Lunch 4:30–6:30 p.m. Pizza and Politics	18 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts	19	20	21
22 <i>Chinese New Year</i> 1:00 p.m. Widowers Group	23	24	25 12:15 p.m. Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts	26 7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Dining	27	28
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Board of Directors' Minutes

CHICAGO PRIME TIME
ZOOM BOARD MEETING
MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022

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

Absent with notice: **Ray N.**

New Board Members for 2023 present: **Paolo A., Alan F., David Z.**

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

Approval of Minutes of 14 November were moved by Marvin and seconded by Larry. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Tom sorted through the files so that the transition to the new board will be as smooth as possible. We are current with the board insurance as well as the filing with the state and federal governments. He will meet with **David Z.** and go over the various details.

Vice-President's Report: There was one renewal form in the mail.

Treasurer's Report: By email Ray reported that the CPT November Checking Account Balance was \$4,147.11. And the CPT November Savings Account Balance was \$12,000.30. The total on all accounts was \$16,147.41.



Education and Outreach Report: 1) Nine participated in the discussion of Andrew Holleran's book "The Kingdom of Sand". 2). CPT's have registered to view the exhibition of The First Homosexuals at Wrightwood 659 on December 8. 3). Several CPT's who missed John D'Emilio's talk about his book "Memories of a Gay Catholic Boyhood" have registered to hear him at Church of The Atonement on December 10. 4). Pride Arts will provide two singers and one keyboard artist to perform a holiday cabaret at Ann Sather on December 11. 5). There are openings for Swim & Dine on December 22. 6)Reservations are coming in for the Holiday Tea on December 27. There are openings. 7). Jazz guitarist John Moulder will appear at the January Sunday Social. 8) Larry has offered to make a virtual introduction between **David Z.** and Jenise Celestin of Swedish Covenant Hospital re securing speakers from the hospital for Sunday Socials.

New Business: 1) Aldolfo at Ann Sather has informed the group that the price of dinner will be increased in the near future. The cost to individuals will be determined after the final cost is known. 2) There was a motion to dissolve the current Board. Larry moved; Scott seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:19 P.M.

The new Board will be: **Paolo A., Bob C., Ron D., Alan F., Mark H., Marvin L., Bob Murphy, Thom N., David Z.**

The next meeting will be 9 January at 7 P.M. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by **Thomas N.**, Secretary.

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