

MIAMI VALLEY OHIO PRIMETIMERS (MVOPT)



Newsletter — April - 2026

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The Heart of the Valley:

Welcome to the MVOPT Newsletter! I'm Eddy Miller, Vice President and I'm excited to bring you updates, events, and opportunities to connect with fellow Prime timers across the Miami Valley. Let's dive into what's happening this month. ❤️

Weekly Gatherings:

Panera with Perry — Tuesdays

Panera (behind Town & Country,
Kettering) 10:00–11:30 AM
Followed by lunch at BW3's. All are

welcome.

"Monthly Cards & games get Together"

For the Month of April, cards and games will be on **April 6**. Cards and Games that are played are Sequence, Monopoly, etc. Bring a food item for snacks from 2 pm to 5 pm at Ron Ankney's at 2720 Majestic Oaks Ct., Beaver creek, Ohio PH:937-545-3998.

Prime Timer Perspectives:

Getting to know our members. This month we have Perry Shellaberger.



Hi, I'm Perry Shellaberger, currently host of the Tuesday Coffee group. I joined MVOPT in 2005. We all have our own stories, but in my case, I

had just come out of a relationship and was unfamiliar with the gay community. I learned of the "Friends of the Italian Opera" (Spaghetti Warehouse) group and began attending, and through them, learned of Prime Timers, joined, met my future husband Gene Evans, and almost as importantly, met a community of friends. That time was a period of rapid growth for MVOPT, which is noted in the "MVOPT History" document that has been previously distributed. There were many events and activities, and we attended many of them, especially since Gene was MVOPT president in 2006. One

Of the events I couldn't attend was Tuesday Coffee (then called TLC - Tuesday Latte and Cappuccino-Society) since I was still working. I was somewhat jealous of the guys who could attend; being retired and able to waste the morning away, solving the world's problems over coffee. I retired in 2012 and began attending Tuesday Coffee, and over the years the coffee group has struggled, along with the

rest of the club, as membership declined. Even during the Covid Quarantine, the coffee group persevered, meeting by Zoom call. I am delighted to see the increased membership in the club (and also the coffee group). There have been many events over the years- game night, movie night, dining outs, road trips, and more. One thing that has been constant over time is that regardless of the event, there is a common theme of community, camaraderie, and friendship. So, if you're new to Prime Timers, pick an event (how about Coffee?), attend, make a friend.

Organizational Updates:

Reflections from the Picnic Bench:

For the months June, July and August, Perry has reserved picnic grounds in Centerville Ohio. One location is reserved for 1 occasion, and the other is reserved for two events. More on that later.

Membership Updates

Our Membership is at 51 right now. It has grown quite a bit since last year. Thank you all for joining and participating in the monthly events.

Welcome New PrimeTimers:

Peter Stamper	03/12/2026
Scott Buchhop	02/21/2026
Scott Denman	02/21/2026
Kevin j. Hamilton	02/17/2026

Committee Recruitment

If you would like to join a committee or plan dinners or events you can contact Eddy M. We are always looking for more volunteers.

Treasurer's Report —

February 2026

>>FEB MEETING (CANCELLED)<<

Account Balance (2/24/26) \$5693.52

Month Expenditures

(Office Supplies) \$0

(Pride Expenditures) \$0

(Host Fees) \$0

(LBGT Center) \$0

4 New Member \$80

0 Past Member \$0

No Meals or Bank Deposit

March Meeting 15th, 2026

Account Balance (3/15/26) \$5793.52

Attendees (0 Guest)

17 Members

1 Past Members \$20

1 New Member: \$20

2 Members Owe (\$10)

Meals collected: \$75

Deposit made: \$95

Mtg Change (Reserve) \$40

Account Balance(3/15/26) \$5888.52

Goodwill Corner By Matt Hoosac

"Special Dates"

Birthdays:

Tony Allen 4/21

Harry Greene 4/14

Anniversaries:

MVOPT Anniversary April 6

"Things to do around town."

We don't have a lot planned in April. If you have some ideas let me know. We can take a trip to the Wright Patt Air Force Museum, if anyone would like to go to our Dayton Art Museum. The Wright Patt has mobility carts free of charge

"Last Month Bowling for Pride was a lot of fun. Thank you all that joined and came out to watch."



YOU'RE INVITED—RACE WEEKEND DINNER PARTY HOSTED BY:

PRIME TIMERS INDIANAPOLIS

WHERE:

Clubhouse located at 4902 Oakwood Trail, Indianapolis, IN Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by Prime Timers Indianapolis Come socialize, enjoy 50/50 raffle, and meet Prime Timers from Indy and other chapters. Any Prime Timers from other surrounding chapters.

WHEN: Saturday May 23 (Memorial Day Weekend) from 5pm-8pm (Dinner at 6pm)



Camaraderie & Contemplation

by Eddy

We are all old souls. Many in the group grew up in the 60's and 70's where being gay was hidden. Moving into the 80s was the Aids crisis

which terrified our lives. Then pushing into the 90's was the birth of freedom which gave us the ability to fight for who we are, followed by demanding equal rights.

Now it's 2026 and where do we go from here? The men of our time grew up on human connections. We met face to face, not over a screen. Now we are older, but for the better. Many of our connections are not around anymore. Family members are no longer with us. Friends have moved on. That's why this club has such a meaning to so many. We need contact. Several guys have told me if it wasn't for coffee or dinners, they would have nothing to do. This group brings life to so many that they would otherwise hide in their homes. I know of a member who used to pick up his dinner and take it home because he hated to eat alone. He now shares his meals with a group of us several times a week. There was another fella that told me of the loneliness he felt for so long before finding this group. Now he has friends and guys to hang out with. For some, this group is just dinner in the evening once a week then back to work the next day. But for many this is their whole life now. And that's great!

That's why I don't take being Vice President lightly. I may throw a temper tantrum, one may even say I should resign. But my position isn't about me just being able to hold a title, it's about me fighting for this group and keeping the camaraderie going. We have a great energy that is erupting. A new web site is being formed, our attendance is up, new places to go are starting up. Gatherings like picnics or cookouts are forming. Some members or council members may just pass this off and not attend or care. But I do care. I don't want guys to be lonely if I can help them. I don't want the men of our community sitting at home waiting for the end when the world out there still can be enjoyed. I know that Ron Meil and I have had our moments. But Ron has kept this group going for eight years. He saw a need for this group and never gave up on it. I want to thank him for that because I wouldn't be here today and neither would any of us. That's why it is important if you're a council member or a committee man to do your best and put the club in your top three important things each month. Many men are counting on you, and your job should not be taken lightly. Please consider why you accepted your position as a council member or committee man. If it's not to better the group, then you should think hard about your role in the group. I am always here for you all. If you need to talk or just sit in silence, I am here for you. I have a pot of coffee on. Stop, take a breath and call. Know that you matter to us all. 937-718-6554 ...just call and we will get through it together.

Overview of Member's Interests & Activities

Here is any Member's opportunity to consider starting up a new Chairman/Activity Leader position supporting a new activity that can be done daily, weekly or monthly!

Members to Interest List

- 12 – Air Force Museum
- 13 – Antique (Collecting)
- 2 – Ballet
- 6 – Bicycling
- 19 – Board Games
- 10 – Bowling
- 8 – Camping
- 18 – Card Games
- 6 – Church
- 5 – Collecting
- 9 – Computers
- 9 – Companionship
- 9 – Computer Gaming
- 14 – Concerts (Attending)
- 17 – Cooking
- 3 – Dancing
- 32 – Dining Out
- 11 – Discussion Groups
- 7 – Erotica
- 9 – Exercising
- 1 – Fishing
- 14 – Flea Markets/ Yard Sales
- 10 – Gardening
- 11 – Gay Bars
- 9 – Genealogy

- 17 – Hiking/ Walking
- 9 – Long Term Relationship
- 12 – Massages
- 24 – Movies/ Theatre/ Home Video
- 18 – Museums/Art Galleries
- 11 – Music Attending / Participating
- 11 – Nudism Singles /Groups
- 5 – Opera
- 6 – Photography
- 6 – Pickleball
- 6 – Pride Events
- 6 – Reading
- 4 – Skiing
- 6 – Singing
- 4 – Sports
- 9 – Sports (Observing)
- 3 – Stamp/ Coin Collecting
- 3 – Hosting a Theme Party
- 6 – Swimming
- 15 – Theater Attending/ Participating
- 14 – Theater Plays/ Musicals
- 13 – Travel Day / Weekend
- 8 – Volunteering / Community
- 2 – VFW Events/Activities
- 5 – Visting Shut-ins

With the weather warming up, I am even considering starting a Walking group at Cox Arboretum/ Dayton Mall. Nice days at Cox and Hot, Rainy, cold or snowy days at Dayton Mall. Interested see Jon Buchanan (513-372-0976). We'll need to work out frequency, time of day, and who is interested. Let me know your interest.... Need a volunteer co-leader to cover days I am not available....

OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR OUR APRIL MEETING:

Due to The Center Anniversary Party, the MVOPT APRIL Monthly Meeting on April 19th WILL BE DELAYED 1 hour to 4:00 PM.

This will allow time the street to clear and allow us to set up for our Meeting. We hope to see ALL of you there for the Meeting or if you plan to come early for the LGBTQ Anniversary Party you will plan to make time in your schedule to remain over for the meeting!!!

APRIL 19th 2026 HOST: JOHN CUMMINGS

He will be serving pulled chicken sliders, so people can bring some kind of side for them!

Suggests including: – potato salad, baked beans, tossed salad, or a vegetable. Any dessert is also a good option!

Speaker: Phil Davis has agreed to do an informal discussion for about 15 to 20 minutes regarding his Prostate Cancer journey with the group.

New MVOPT Website Introduction presented by Bob Green, Eddy Miller and David Zengel:

A new version of the Website has been under construction for several months. These members have been working diligently to get it up and running, tested and retested. There are several components to the website: A new Logo, front screen with a new landscape, links to additional areas of interest, membership entry, and management, communications and numerous other additions that they are working to perfect.

It's a start and we will be watching it grow over the coming months until it is fully completed.... Or they can't think of any other functionality that our membership might need.

Reminder from Ron Mehl:

The Prime Timers are Invited the LGBT Center's 50th Anniversary Party.

You are WELCOME to come and join the PARTY!



Update from Joe Lang on Thursday 6:00PM dinners for April:

4/2 China Cottage 1983 Shiloh Springs Rd. Trotwood

4/9 Nelly's restaurant 79 S Main St. Centerville

4/16 Longhorn Steakhouse 1921 W Dorothy Lane Moraine

4/23 El Rancho Grande 4139 Wilmington Pike Kettering

4/30 Fine Dining
Coco's Bistro 250 Warren St Dayton



Here is Special Invite from our Vice-President Eddy Miller



From Jeff Gentile, MVOPT Treasurer: Posting People Pics on MVOPT Sites

The Prime Timers' board has been bringing excitement this year by planning fun outings and events. This inevitably leads to questions about who will see the pics taken at these events. Here is a list of comments to help you out.

- **MVOPT Members** should know that there is a likelihood that pictures at sponsored events may include you and may be posted on the MVOPT Facebook groups and websites. You may not always be warned that a picture being taken could be posted.
- **MVOPT Posters** should attempt to give system security levels to the picture so that only members can see the pictures when possible. However, there is always a chance that non-members can see the pictures.
- **Picture Takers** need to proactively be on the lookout for members that don't wish to be in the photograph. Please give them opportunities to move out of the camera's view. Additionally, please do not take candid pictures without members noticing.
- **MVOPT Members** that see a picture that they are in and would want to be taken down from MVOPT media locations, please provide details to someone in the board, including our two members-at-large. We will remove the picture as quickly as possible

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter. I hope you and your family & friends enjoy the day.

If you would like to attend a Maundy Thursday Service or Easter Sunrise Service but have no place to go. Please come to Harmony Creek Church. Several of our Prime timers attend the Church. It is a United Church of Christ denomination. We are a progressive Church open to and loving everyone. No matter if it is Race, Sexual orientation, Political affiliation, Color, Gender, Disability or age.

Maundy Thursday, referred to as Holy Thursday or Thursday of the Lord's Supper, marks the commencement of the Paschal Triduum and honors the Last Supper and the Washing of the Feet of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. You are cordially invited to join us for the annual Agape meal on April 2 at 7pm at the church located at 901 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering, Ohio 45429.

Sunday April 5- Join us for our Easter Sunday brunch at 8:30am. Come and enjoy some delicious food and wonderful friendship with one another. Following the meal, we will have our Easter Sunday service at 10:30am.

(This is an independently organized even and is not affiliated to MVOPT. For further questions please contact Eddy at EddyMiller1967@gmail.com or at (937) 718-6554)



Events For April

Below is a detailed schedule of events for April, including dates, times, locations, and special occasions.

April Event Schedule

April 2, Thursday

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Dinner at China Cottage, 1983 Shilo Springs Rd, Trotwood, Ohio

April 6, Monday

- 2:00– 5:00 PM: Ron Ankney House Games 2720 Majestic Court, Beavercreek, Ohio 45432

April 7, Tuesday

- 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Get-Together at Panera Bread, 4110 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio 45429
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Lunch at BW3, 262 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering, Ohio
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Friends of Italian Opera gathering at Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, Ohio

April 9, Thursday

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Gathering at Nelly's, 79 S. Main St, Centerville, Ohio

April 14, Tuesday

- Harry Green's Birthday
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Get-Together at Panera Bread, 4110 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio 45429
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Lunch at BW3, 262 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering, Ohio
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Friends of Italian Opera gathering at Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, Ohio

April 16, Thursday

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Dinner at Longhorn Steakhouse, 1921 W. Dorothy Lane, Moraine, Ohio

April 19, Sunday

- 3:00 – 6:00 PM: Dayton Primetime's General Meeting, 136 N St Clair St, Dayton, Ohio

April 21, Tuesday

- Tony Allen's Birthday
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Get-Together at Panera Bread, 4110 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio 45429
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Lunch at BW3, 262 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering, Ohio
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Friends of Italian Opera gathering at Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, Ohio

April 23, Thursday

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Dinner at El Rancho Grande, 4139 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, Ohio

April 28, Tuesday

- 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Get-Together at Panera Bread, 4110 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio 45429
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Lunch at BW3, 262 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering, Ohio
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Friends of Italian Opera gathering at Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, Ohio

April 30, Thursday

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM: Fine Dining Coco's Bistro, 250 Warren St, Dayton, OH 45402