

**MIAMI VALLEY OHIO
PRIME TIMERS
(MVOPT)**



Newsletter — MAY – 2026

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The Heart of the Valley: Welcome to the MVOPT Newsletter! We are excited to bring you updates, events, and opportunities to connect with your fellow Prime Timers across the Miami Valley. Let's dive into what's happening this month. ❤️

Weekly Gatherings

Monthly Cards & Game Get Together

This Month's location will be at Fred Hartwell's on Monday, May 4th! Need Directions: Text him 718-809-7908. We have Cards and Games: Sequence, Monopoly, etc. Bring a food item for snacks from 2 pm to 5 pm

Panera with Perry — Tuesdays

Panera (behind Town & Country, Kettering)

10:00–11:30 AM

Followed by lunch at BW3's. All are welcome.



Dining Out with Joe — Thursdays

A new Miami Valley restaurant each week! Start Time: 6:00 PM Thursday dinners for May 2026:

- 5/7 Marion's Piazza 3443 N Dixie Dr Dayton
- 5/14 MCL Cafeteria 4485 Far Hills Kettering
- 5/21 Applebee's Grill & Bar 1795 Delco Park Dr Kettering
- 5/28 Doubleday's Grill & Tavern 101 E Alex Bell Rd #120 Centerville (Cross Pointe Shopping Center)

Monthly Meeting & Potluck

Join us for our Monthly Meeting & Potluck at the Dayton LGBT Center on May 17th, 2026!

We gather every 3rd Sunday from 3:00–6:00 PM. Cost is \$5 plus a dish to share.

Peter Landaker will be hosting and serving Pull Pork Sliders *Reminder: at 3 PM again!*

- If your last name begins with A–H, please bring a side dish.
- If your last name begins with I–N, please bring a dessert.
- If your last name begins with O–Z, please bring an appetizer.

Welcome New Prime Timers:

Ronald Kirk as of April 19,2026

Looking for Dining Options? Every Tuesday Night! Consider joining some current members and others dining out at the Spaghetti Warehouse from 6 to 8 pm. The address: 36 West 5th St. Dayton, OH.

Distance Dining:

Distance Dining was a big success and this month we have our second dining out adventure for you to join. We will be heading down south to Springboro this month to Warped Wing. On May 9th at 6pm!

25 Wright Station Way, Springboro, OH 45066



Up for some Fun in the Month....

Antique shopping: On May 13 at 11 AM, if anyone wants to get together for some shopping or just a walk down memory lane! Join us at the Village Antique Mall in Centerville where we will be going for an afternoon of fun! We'll look around and have lunch somewhere afterwards. There can be a lot of walking involved. Are you up for it!!!

Washington Park Plaza, 651 Lyons Rd, Dayton,





A Message from your Vice President, Eddy

Hello everyone! We've made it through another Ohio spring—where it feels like we get all four seasons in one week. I hope you're enjoying the sunshine!

Last month, the Prime Timers headed to Cincinnati for the Auschwitz exhibit at Union Terminal. When tickets sold out, Harry Greene—our Cincinnati expert—suggested a trip to the Krohn Conservatory. It turned into a fantastic day, and we wrapped it up at Hofbräuhaus with some great food and the best wheat beer I've ever had. Moments like these remind me how much we support each other, whether we're sharing a meal or just good company.

May is shaping up to be a busy month, so here's a quick rundown of what's coming up:

- **Indy Prime Timers dinner:** Saturday, May 23rd from 5 to 8 PM – Join us for Race Weekend dinner with our friends in Indianapolis. Let me know if you want to come along!
- **Local LGBT picnic:** Saturday, May 23 – Celebrate with our community; more details to come soon.
- **P.T. meeting:** Sunday, May 17 – Mark your calendars for our monthly meeting.

Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner, so get those swim trunks ready and let's make this summer one to remember—with cookouts, travel, and plenty of laughs together!

As always, I'm here for you. Life can change in a moment, so if you ever need to talk, want to share a story, or just need someone to listen, my door is open. Whether it's grabbing coffee, sharing memories, or simply sitting together in silence, please reach out. Over the years, I've seen so many of you step up for each other—

offering rides, helping during tough times, and making newcomers feel welcome. That's what makes our group special. Just breathe and remember: you can call me anytime at 937-718-6554.



And this world needs you here. I love you all. Enjoy!

Eddy Miller

Upcoming Activity Exploration: May and June

We are considering a variety of new activities for the months of May and June. Your input is important to us, please let us know which options appeal to you.

- Get together for a Movie Night at Eddy's home.
- Enjoying a movie together at Dayton Mall, followed by a pizza outing at Marion's.
- Gathering for dinner at Der Dutchman, located in Plain City.
- Please share your interests or suggestions so we can plan events that everyone will enjoy.

Goodwill & Member Care

Matt Hoosac is tracking birthdays, anniversaries, and sending cards for illness or loss. Happy Birthdays to Tony Allen and Harry Greene at the end of last month.

Best Wishes to Jeff Gentile, Mark Isenhouer Matt Hoosac and Phil Davis on their recent medical procedures.

Committee Recruitment

Eddy is seeking volunteers for chair positions, newsletters, and destination dining planning.

Treasurer's Report — April 2026

April Meeting 19th, 2026

Account Balance (3/15/26)	5,888.52
Month Expenditures	
(Office Supplies)	
White Plastic for Mtg Table	- 16.11
MVOPT LBGTQ+ Pride Booth	- 53.46
Host Chili Ingredients	- 49.85
12 LBGT Center Lan yards	- 17.19
Dayton Pride Budget All	-300.00
LBGTQ+ Rent Jan, Mar, Apr	-150.00
31 Attendees (3 Guests)	
27 Members	
1 New Member:	
1 Member Outstanding (\$5)	
Meals collected:	\$ 130.00
Deposit made: Apr 21	\$ 150.00
Mtg Change (Reserve)	\$ 40.00
Account Balance:	\$ 5,491.91
(as of Apr 19, 2026)	



Chapter News

Message from Member-at-Large:

Bill Kirsch

I'm Bill, one of your members-at-Large. I'm committed to helping grow our membership and supporting your ideas.

939-570-2402

Membership Update

Chair: Jon Buchanan

2026 Active Members: 52

2026 New Members: since Jan: 8

2026 Yet Renew Members: 5

2023 Inactive Members: 5 (from 2025)

Special Dates –

Goodwill Chair Matt Hoosac

Birthdays:

Mike McIntosh - 5/14.

Anniversaries:

Tony Allen and Harry Green – 5/10

Connect with MVOPT

Join our Facebook page:

Miami Valley Ohio Prime Timers

Gentlemen of MVOPT,

April 13th, 2026, our updated website went live it's at the same address web address you previously used. The Web Team worked extremely hard on this revision, and I could not have managed the release without them. David Zengel not only learned to manage our current calendar, but also the transition to the new Google calendar. Jon Buchanan developed the framework for the new Online Application form. And we look forward to advancing the website in the weeks and months to come.

The new website, while having a different look, contains many items you've been used to seeing. Plus, a few new areas that we can expand upon in the future. You will also notice a **Members Only** area, which now, contains only *Gallery (with old photos)*. Access to any area under **Members Only** will require a password due to the material that will reside there. Enter: **mvopt12** Once you enter a password for one area, you will have access to any of the **Member Only** areas until you leave the site.

**** The MVOPT Members Only password should not be shared with anyone other than MVOPT members.**

The Event Calendar should look very similar but will require you to unsubscribe/resubscribe. When you access the Event Calendar, you will receive instructions on how to do this. It's not difficult and only involves a couple of steps. If anyone needs assistance, feel free to let me know.

I hope you all will take a minute and have a look around the new MVOPT site. We plan on creating more content for our members to access in the future.



If anyone has suggestions, please drop the Team an email at mvopt12@gmail.com. Thanks for your support.... the Teams looks forward to helping grow MVOPT into the future.

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. We need a host for each month.

June 21st, 2026

The June gathering will be held at Oak Creek Park South, located at 790 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Washington Township, 45458. Perry S. will serve as host of the event. Attendees can look forward to food including hot dogs and brats. The theme for this month is MVOPT Pride.

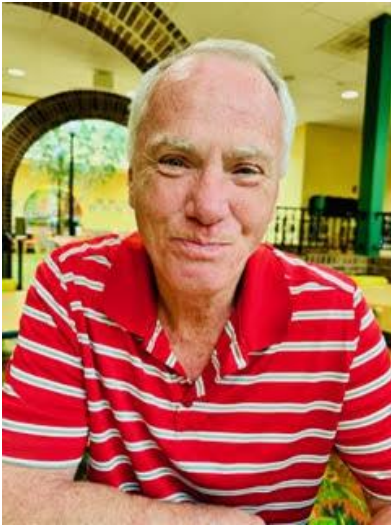
July 19th, 2026

The July event will take place at Iron Horse Park, 6161 Millshire Dr., Washington Township, 45459. The host, food, and theme for this occasion are yet to be determined.

August 16th, 2026

The August picnic is scheduled for Oak Creek Park South, 790 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Washington Township, 45458. Details regarding the host, food, and theme will be announced later.





Bob Green's journey

We all have a story.... This is part of mine.

As 2021 drew to a close, I was faced with the sudden passing of my partner of 15 years. Roger was the very best thing

that ever happened to me.... I will be eternally blessed to have loved him and enjoyed life together. Over the following 2+ years, I mourned the loss of my partner and my life slowly changed. And those men the Vice-President spoke about in last month's letter....that WAS me! I filled my life with golf and always having a job on the go around the house. I did what needed doing and then just hung out at home, alone. I don't know how or when it happened, but I began craving something; not quite knowing what it was. And I hadn't the slightest idea how to begin the rest of my life. You see, Roger was truly my 'one and only love'.

Fast forward to late 2024, when I stumbled upon MVOPT. It took many months and some 'coaching' from my family but eventually, I decided that coffee at Panera would be the least threatening environment and allow me easy 'escape', if needed. I quickly discovered there would be no need for that! Each gentleman I talked to made me feel welcome; so much so that I decided to continue coming for coffee on Tuesday for a little while and see how things went. For the longest time, it was just Tuesday coffee, but slowly, as I got to know the gentlemen of MVOPT, I started going to Thursday Dinner w/ Joe, etc. Now, I look forward to seeing my new friends a few times a week.

Now, 4 months after becoming a member of this godsend of an organization, my life has shifted. I'm so grateful for the friends I have made.... Each of you continues to bring a deep sense of joy and warmth to my heart and spirit! I love MVOPT and the men that comprise its membership. I'm honored to be working with all of you and watching MVOPT grow. And, throughout this new journey of mine, it's been the men of MVOPT that keep me coming back. Gentlemen, please do not underestimate the impact you can have when just ONE of you befriends an old man like me. I am and will remain forever grateful.



Pride is June 6. We have a booth and will need guys to sign up to help with the booth. Please do your part and help! Thanks for Considering!



The Joys of Hosting

Meals at Prime Timers Monthly Meetings

A central feature of a Prime Timers monthly meeting is the meal. Typically, the meal consists of a main dish or entrée supplied by a Host, with members bringing snacks, side dishes, or desserts.

The duties of the Host are:

- choosing a main dish
- preparing enough of the main dish to serve the expected crowd size, and bringing it to the meeting

The Host is compensated for the cost of the dish, just present the receipts to the treasurer. Also, the Host does not pay the usual \$5 entry fee.

Anyone can be a Host. Are you a great cook? Well, share your favorite dish. Have a hard time boiling water? No problem, bring something already prepared (A bucket of chicken from your favorite chicken establishment is always a safe choice. One could also choose to bring a collection of pizzas). Another relatively easy option is an entrée from GFS. They have frozen trays of things like lasagna, cabbage rolls, chicken surprise, whatever. You do have to bake them in your own oven prior to the meeting. The point is that the Host gets to use their creativity to pick the dish they'd like to serve.

The Host should also be aware of the food preparation/storage limitations of our meeting locations. The LGBT center does not have a kitchen, but we use crock pots or warming trays to keep the dish warm prior to serving. This year, 3 of our meetings will be in parks, which also do not have a kitchen, however, they are supposed to have electricity (sometimes the electricity is off, and you have to call the park office to send someone out to turn it on), so warming trays/crock pots can be used. The parks also have

a grill. If you plan to actually use the grill for the event, here are some important considerations:

- Since it's in a park, plan to clean the trash out of the grill before you can use it. Bring your own grill tools.
- Allow sufficient time for your coal to light and burn
- The grill is small. Depending on what you're cooking, it could take well over an hour to cook enough items for a big crowd. Again, allow sufficient time.

Hosting a meeting can be as easy or as challenging as you make it and is a great way to support the group. So, if at some point, you feel you would like to "give back" to the organization – consider being a Host. You'll experience the joy of providing a meal for your friends.

Your friends.

Last Month's Presentation.... I want to take a moment to recognize Phil Davis's presentation about his experience with prostate cancer. I was very impressed by how much he shared. He included detailed drawings and clear explanations of the four procedures available to him. Phil also discussed what options would have been available if his initial treatment had not been successful.

I especially appreciate that he shared his thinking on each procedure and how he came to his conclusion that his final choice was the best alternative. He was open about how his treatment choice has affected his life, both personally and emotionally, and shared how he is coping with these changes. He was very straightforward with all members during the question-and-answer session. This conversation was enlightening, and it's something any of us in the membership could face in the future.

Thank you Phil!

Sincerely, Members

The Importance of Privacy

Another thought that came to light in Phil's discussion and that is Privacy.....

Phil shared that, during his recovery, he was unintentionally outed to his family. This experience highlights an extremely important point: many of us make deliberate choices to keep aspects of our lives private. To safeguard everyone's privacy, especially regarding personal matters, we must be careful in how we communicate. This is why it is essential to use BCC emails and phone numbers when sharing information about events or group activities. By doing so, we ensure that all members are kept informed while respecting their individual privacy preferences.

Respecting Member Privacy

We all should keep in mind:

Some members may still be working and have not disclosed their sexual orientation, relationship status, or other aspects of identity to colleagues. It is important to recognize that not everyone is open about these parts of their life at their workplace.

Additionally, some members may not have chosen to share their sexual orientation, relationship status, or other aspects of identity with some or any of their family members. Their decision to keep such matters private should always be respected.

Not all friends of our members may be aware of their sexual orientation, relationship status, or other aspects of identity. It is crucial to avoid making assumptions about what others know or are comfortable discussing.

When attending dinners or events at places like Panera or Buffalo Wild Wings, there is no need to announce or discuss that we are a group of gay men called Prime Timers. Discretion in public settings helps ensure the comfort and privacy of all members.

- Do not mention a member's sexual orientation, relationship status, or other

aspects of identity in public unless you have their explicit permission.

- Avoid sharing information about other members with people outside the group.
- If you are unsure, always err on the side of caution and keep private matters confidential.

If you are completely open about your identity, that is your choice and should be respected. However, it is equally important to respect the privacy of other members who may not wish to be openly identified.

Their decision should always be respected. ***

*Respect other members' privacy! ****

Now A word from our sponsor....

The MVOPT NEWSLETTER is published for the members' benefit each month to inform all of us of current activities and events that are taking place in the Dayton or within our Chapter. The Board members, Chairmen, Activity Leaders as well as members themselves can notify the Newsletter Editor to include an article that they feel the membership could find interesting or informing. Something that may affect their lives or provide an opportunity to participate or learn about.

If you have something that you would like to have considered to share with the Membership don't hesitate to reach out to the Newsletter Editor @ 513-372-0976. Or you can send me the article to buchjon@gmail.com> I will get back to you on your submission. Please include Phone# or email!



YOU'RE INVITED -- RACE WEEKEND DINNER PARTY

HOSTED BY: PRIME TIMERS INDIANAPOLIS

INVITEES: Any Prime Timers from other
surrounding chapters

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

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

RSVP to SteveHamilton55@aol.com

by May 13, 2026

Update from the Prime Timers Indianapolis:

From: stevehamilton55@aol.com

Date: March 30, 2026 at 7:34:08 AM EDT

**Subject: Re: Prime Timers
Indianapolis INVITATION to our Race
Weekend Dinner on Saturday, May 23 -
HOUSING OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

Dear Fellow Prime Timers,

The response to our Race Weekend Dinner this year has been outstanding. I've heard now from four other chapters who may have members attending our inter-chapter event. For those who will be coming from at least two hours away, we would like to invite you to stay over at one of our chapter member's homes if you'd like so you don't have to make the round trip drive all on Saturday. You can drive to Indy on Friday evening and attend the Indy 500 parade in downtown Indy before attending our Race Weekend Dinner that evening. You may also choose to stay over Saturday evening after dinner.

I live in downtown Indy only one block from the parade route. Another Prime Timers Indianapolis board member and his husband have also offered to house visitors in their home about 1.5 miles from downtown Indy. I'm confident I can find others to host if the demand for housing is high. With it being Indy 500 weekend, hotel rooms will be unavailable or outrageously priced for that weekend.

I hope this housing offer of "Hoosier Hospitality" might encourage some who were on the fence to join us.

Remember to RSVP by May 13th. Let me know if you need housing and I'll coordinate it with the host families here.

Thanks,
Steve

Prime Timer Calendar for the Month Of May

Tuesday, May 5

- 10–11:30 am: Panera Bread, 4110 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH 45429
- 11:30 am–1 pm: BW3, Town & Country Center, 300 E Stroop Rd, Dayton, OH 45429
- 6–7:30 pm: Friends of Italian Opera, Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, Oh

Thursday, May 7

- 6–7:30 pm: Marion's Piazza, 3443 N. Dixie Dr, Dayton, OH

Saturday, May 9

- 6–7:30 pm: Warped Wing Barrel, 25 Wright Station Way, Springboro, OH 45066

Tuesday, May 12

- 10–11:30 am: Panera Bread Coffee, 4110 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH 45429
- 11:30 am–1 pm: BW3, Town & Country Center, 300 E Stroop Rd, Dayton, OH 45429
- 6–7:30 pm: Friends of Italian Opera, Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, OH

Wednesday, May 13

- 11 am–12 pm: Antique Shopping, Village Mall, 651 Lyons Rd, Dayton, OH 45459

Thursday, May 14

*** Michael McIntosh's Birthday ***

- 6–7:30 pm: MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH 45429

Sunday, May 17

- 3–6 pm: Dayton Primetime's General Mg, 136 N St Clair St, Dayton, OH 45402

Tuesday, May 19

- 10–11:30 am: Panera Bread Coffee, 4110 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH
- 11:30 am–1 pm: BW3, Town & Country Center, 300 E Stroop Rd, Dayton, OH 45429
- 6–7:30 pm: Friends of Italian Opera, Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, OH

Thursday, May 21

- 6–7:30 pm: Applebee's Grill & Bar, 1795 Delco Park Dr, Kettering, OH 454207

Tuesday, May 26

- 10–11:30 am: Panera Bread Coffee, 4110 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH
- 11:30 am–1 pm: BW3, Town & Country Center, 300 E Stroop Rd, Dayton, OH 45429
- 6–7:30 pm: Friends of Italian Opera, Spaghetti Warehouse, 36 W 5th St, Dayton, Oh

Thursday, May 28

- 6–7:30 pm: Doubleday's Grill & Tavern, 101 E Alex Bell Rd #120, Centerville, OH 45459 (Cross Point Shopping Center)