



HIGH SIERRA SIDELINES



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Darryl, Doyle, Patrick, and Larry at Nakoma Golf Resort in 2018. This used to be an annual day trip. Maybe this year?

BEFORE STONEWALL, THERE WAS CALIFORNIA *By Maria Helena Dolan*

In June you'll hear all about the Stonewall Rebellion and how electrifying it was, and how it marked the beginning of the Gay Rights Movement. But a number of queer Californians reacted to the news of Stonewall with a shrugging, "well, it's about time the East Coast caught up with us. We've had our riots for years." California a decade before Stonewall? Surf and sunshine and sex...and the Free Speech Movement, Black Panthers, farm workers, Chicano liberation, hippies, anti-war movement, Mattachine, Daughters of Bilitis, and legal, capital H-sized institutional homophobia. Riot-causing homophobia. These are events we don't hear about in the post-Stonewall age. But these moments also helped bring queer people into the 21st century.

Ten years before Stonewall, Cooper's Donuts was a 24-hour joint in Los Angeles, literally on Main St., the main drag for L.A.'s 1950s and 60s Skid Row and "Gay Ghetto." Cooper's was snugly
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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I was disappointed and surprised that not one member responded in any way to Prime Timers World Wide President Mark Hatten's letter to our members asking them to step forth and take a leadership role in Chapter affairs. Stephen L. agreed to become a Board member before receiving Mark's letter. Stephen will be appointed to fill the remainder of Eric J.'s term of office. Eric has permanently moved to Cathedral City CA. So we are left with a President, Treasurer, and two Board members. The Board has agreed to go forward with the hope that we get more members to participate.

The Board of Directors has also decided to have members pay a reduced amount of dues (from \$25 per member to \$15) for the coming year, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. You will be receiving a dues renewal form by email in the next few days.

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CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Charlie H.
Vice-President: Vacant
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Treasurer: Joe S.
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Birthday greetings to Larry M. on the 21st.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

Reno Food and Drink Week. June 1 – 8. Featuring 50 local restaurants. **Reno Aces vs. Tacoma,** Greater Nevada Field 6:35 p.m. June 1. Also vs. Sacramento June 3 – 8; vs. Albuquerque June 17 – 22. **Nevada State Fair,** Carson City June 2 – 5.

Programs on the Porch, Bowers Mansion, June 3, Sierra Sweethearts, June 10, Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band, June 17, Sierra Alphorn Players. Free.

775-849-1825. **Reno Jazz Orchestra** music of Thad Jones. Good Luck Macbeth Theater, June 4, 5. Sat. @7:30, Sun. @ 4 p.m. \$20. **Disney in Concert,** Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Pioneer Center, 2 p.m. **Sparks Food and Drink Week,** June 8 – 15, featuring 20 local restaurants. **BBQ, Brews, and Blues Festival** June 10, The Row, downtown Reno. **Nevada Gay Men's Chorus** concert, UNR Nightingale Concert Hall, June 10, 7:30 p.m., Srs. \$15. **Silver Dollar Court Coronation Weekend,** June 10 – 12. **Reno Little Theater** "Native Gardens," June 10 – 26. Eves. @ 7:30, matinees on June 12, 19, 26 @ 2 p.m. Srs. \$25. **High Sierra Prime Timers,** 22nd Anniversary Dinner, Claim Jumper Restaurant, 5 p.m. June 12. **Flag Day – June 14.** Broadway musical "Cats" June 14 – 19. Pioneer Center. **Reno Rodeo,**

"Wildest, Richest, Rodeo in the West." Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, June 16 – 25. www.renorodeo.com. **Taste of Downtown,** Carson City, June 18. **Reno Wine Walk,** Riverwalk District, June 18, 2 p.m. \$30 for wrist band, map, and wine glass. Over 20 businesses participate. **Father's Day – June 19. First Day of Summer –** June 21. **Capital City Brewfest.** June 25. Curry St. Carson City. Craft beers. Live music.

BEFORE STONEWALL (from page 1)

ensconsed between two gay bars. Trans people, drag queens, street kids, dykes, and the strung out all hung out there. The management was equal-opportunity friendly serving cops and queers alike.

One early morning in May 1959, two cops came in, simply to beleaguer the queers with an ID check. No ID? Jail. An ID with information that does not agree with your gender presentation? Better believe you're headed for jail, charged with the crime of "impersonation." Impersonation could include not wearing enough of the clothing expected for your ID's typed-in sex, three articles being the minimum, or if a cop simply didn't like your look or attitude.

Five individuals were slated for arrest that morning, including the butch-appearing, sometime hustling, and soon-to-be celebrated author John Rechy. In fact he wrote about this event in his seminal book, "City of Night."

This law enforcement "harrass and arrest" ritual usually went down as smoothly as a priest genuflecting at the altar. But Cooper's regulars, especially the cross-dressing queens, were fed up. Sick of the street sweeps, shakedown and violence, they began to express their frustration with a furious physicality: they threw doughnuts, coffee cups, everything they had on hand. Bystanders from the bars happily joined in the chaos. And queens actually drove the cops off! Reinforcements for the boys in blue appeared in short order. But you can't bring enraged queers to heel once we act up. Main St. was shut down for hours and Rechy and two others managed to escape from their cop car confinement.

In 1966, Compton's Cafeteria, located in the sleazy Tenderloin area of San Francisco, was a 24-hour place whee queer street people and others gathered for late-night food and companionship. It

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Charlie, Bob B., and Doyle on a day trip to Nevada City CA.

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was “our place” as a regular customer put it. Ours, until the gay night manager retired. Regretably the guy who took his place did not like the look or “noise” of “those people.” Periodically, employees called the police to come and do the “ID Check Shuffle.”

1966, though, was a summer of resistance, where night after night young people of all stripes, including politically radicalized liberationists, defied police efforts to get them off the streets. In July, queer street youth and friends, outraged at that summer’s particularly constant harassment, formed a group called Vanguard. Vanguard loudly picketed outside Compton’s, protesting the persistent maltreatment. One August night, two patrons got into a scuffle, the police were called, and everyone knew the ensuing drill. But, instead of going quietly, the first trans woman grabbed by the arm, threw a cup of coffee in the grabby officer’s face, and then almost everyone in the packed place began hurling everything around them, including furniture. A few “perverts” even bashed the cops with purses and heels.

And queers drove the cops out! Plus, Compton’s rather large plate glass window was smashed, and for good measure, a few fires were lit. The next day and night, the heavy picketing seriously locked down automobile traffic. Police tried to disperse the protesters, as well as their seat-occupying sisters. Rioting broke out again, and the newly replaced plate glass suffered the same fate as its predecessor. The following day, Vanguard organized a Street Sweep-In: they got out brooms and swept up and down the street, letting everyone know what they thought of the “sweeping the streets” police tactic.

Amazingly, all the attention brought a sustained outcome. Over the succeeding months, social services attention began to focus on the trans community, eventually building an infrastructure. And a major demand was getting the sweeps and arrests stopped.

Today, there is a plaque in front of Compton’s commemorating the riot. It anchors what is officially known as the Transgender District, the first area on the planet to legally recognize transgender history.

Before Stonewall, there were queers in the United States who said, “No more!” and roared in “fight back” mode. Doughnuts and push brooms and beating back cops may not be as dramatic as bricks and tear gas and making cops fear for their lives, but all of these actions are spiritually connected and helped move us from supine to upright.

PRESIDENT (continued from page 1)

As outlined in my May column, we were going to have elections after lunch on May 9th. There were only 4 members at the lunch so elections were held by email. Thanks to those members who responded and took part in the election. Until such time as we have a sufficient amount of members to conduct business in person, we will use email to communicate.

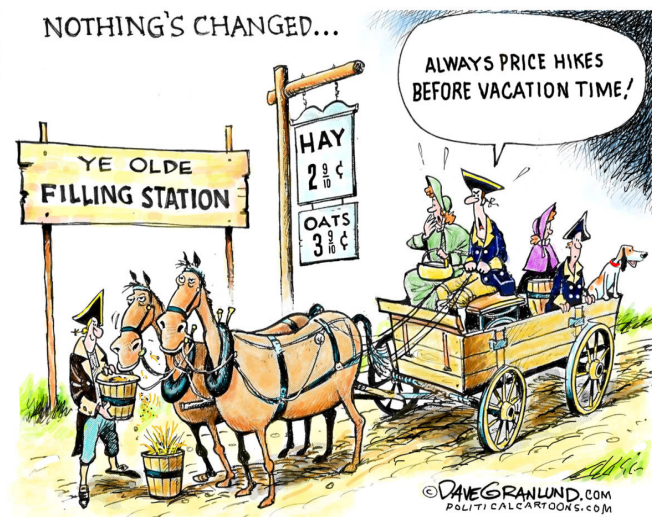
If you have not yet made reservations for our Anniversary Dinner on June 12, you have 4 days left to meet the June 5 deadline. We sent invitations to former members asking them to join us. As I write this column in mid-May, I’ve not received any responses.

We would like to get members to participate in day trips, attend ball games, go to movies, or other activities. If you decide to go to an event, invite a few fellow Prime Timers to go with you. And, if you have any ideas for Chapter activities, contact any Chapter officer.

I wish you and yours a fun-filled and safe summer. Thanks, as always, for your interest in and participation in High Sierra Prime Timers – Reno.

Charlie H., President





CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH WITH THESE LGBTQ READS by Patrick Colson-Price 2019

The Stonewall Reader, foreword by Edmund White. For the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, this is an anthology chronicling the tumultuous fight for LGTQ rights in the 1960s and the activists who spearheaded it. The Stonewall Reader is a collection of first accounts, diaries, periodic literature, and articles from the LGBTQ magazines and newspapers that documented both the years leading up to and the years following the riots.

We Are Everywhere by Matthew Riemer and Leighton Brown. A rich and sweeping photographic history of the Queer Liberation Movement, from the creators and curators of the massively popular Instagram account @lgbt_history, released in time for the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Through the lenses of protest, power, and pride, We Are Everywhere is an essential and empowering introduction to the history of the fight for queer liberation. Combining exhaustively researched narrative with meticulously curated photographs, the book traces queer activism from its roots in the late-19th-century Europe, long before the pivotal Stonewall Riots of 1969, to the gender warriors leading the charge today.

The Gay Revolution: The Story of the Struggle by Lillian Faderman. The sweeping story of the modern struggle for gay, lesbian, and trans rights from the 1950s to the present, based on amazing

interviews with politicians, military figures, legal activists, and members of the entire LGBT community who face these challenges every day. The fight for these rights, the years of outrageous injustice, the early battles, the heartbreaking defeats, and the victories beyond the dreams of the gay pioneers. This is the most important civil rights issue of the present day.

Boy Meets Boy by David Levithan. This is the story of Paul, a sophomore at a high school like no other. The cheerleaders ride Harleys, the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl. She now prefers Infinite Darlene and is also the star quarterback. And the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance. When Paul meets Noah, he thinks he's found the one his heart is made for, until he blows it. The school bookie says the odds are 12 to 1 against his getting Noah back, but Paul's not giving up without playing his love really loud. His best friend Joni might be drifting away, his other best friend Tony might be dealing with ultra-religious parents, and his ex-boyfriend Kyle might not be going away anytime soon, but sometimes everything needs to fall apart before it can really fit together right.

Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin. Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgement of gender preference. Portraits, family photographs, and candid images grace the pages, augmenting the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken. Each honest discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves.





ALL ABOUT FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day was not immediately accepted when it was proposed, and it did not become a national holiday in the U.S. until 1972 during President Nixon's administration. Why was it a hotly contested debate?

With America's history, you might think that a holiday recognizing men would be perfectly acceptable. After all, men dominated American society in the early 20th century. In addition, a Father's Day or day that recognizes the role of fathers in the family is an ancient tradition. In history books, there is mention of a Southern European tradition dating back to 1508.

Certainly, in modern days, we do not give Father's Day a second thought. It's been almost 50 years since President Nixon's administration declared the third Sunday in June a day to recognize and hone the role of fathers in society.

Mother's Day came first, so men in the early 1900s associated such a tribute with women and found the idea too effeminate to their liking. Men viewed the idea of Father's Day as being similar to Mother's Day, which was popular with florists. For fathers, it didn't have the same sentimental appeal. As one historian writes, "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with

flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself."

Also, according to Lawrence R. Samuel, the author of *American Fatherhood: A Cultural History*, men had a different role in the family during the first half of that century. It was patriarchal, so they felt that a special day to exalt fatherhood was a rather silly idea, when it was mothers who were underappreciated.

On June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day events commenced in Spokane WA with presents being delivered to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorating their lapels with fresh-cut roses, and the city's ministers devoting their homilies to fatherhood.

The widely publicized events in Spokane struck a chord that reached all the way to Washington DC. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally observed the day. Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June. In 1972 Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday.

The modern role of father has changed so that mothers and fathers are partners, each taking more responsibility within family life. Fathers are now seen as significant influences on children; we know from many studies what happens when a father figure is lacking. In a sense, today Father's Day helps to demonstrate the importance and value of fatherhood—and the gifts beyond material goods that a father bestows on his children and family.

The Old Farmer's Almanac

How did you enjoy (or not) your recent travels? Send in your pictures via email. Would you recommend a book you read, a movie you saw, or a restaurant you liked? Share your thoughts by sending them to the Editor. Many thanks!



Classic Cookout Potato Salad

Bring 10 med. Yukon Gold potatoes, ½ c. kosher salt and 3 qt. water to a boil. Then simmer until tender, 18-22 min. Lower 4 lg. eggs into a large saucepan of boiling water. Cook in a gentle boil 10 min. Transfer eggs to a bowl of ice water and let cool until slightly warm. Remove eggs from water, crack and peel. Cut eggs in half lengthwise, scoop out yolks into a med. bowl. Chop egg whites and set aside. Mash yolks with a fork until smooth. Add 1 c. mayonnaise, ¼ c. sweet relish, 3 tbsp. yellow mustard; 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard., 1 tbsp. kosher salt. Mix well. Fold 1 med. red pepper, cut into ¼ in. pieces; ½ med. red onion, cut into ¼ in. pieces and 2 celery stalks sliced ¼ in. thick into dressing.

Drain and peel potatoes. Cut into ½ in. pieces. Add to dressing, gently toss. Fold in reserved egg whites. Cover and chill at least one hour. Sprinkle with paprika. Serves 8 – 12.

German Potato Salad

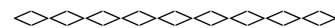
In a large skillet, fry 5 strips bacon until crisp. Remove, cut into small pieces, set aside. Slice 2 lbs. cooked potatoes while they're still warm. Sprinkle with ½ c. cider vinegar. Add 1 med. chopped yellow or red onion to bacon drippings. Add oil if necessary. Cook until onions are soft. Toss with warm sliced potatoes. Add bacon pieces and ½ c. chopped fresh parsley. Salt and pepper to taste.

Potato Salad with Green Beans and Chicken

In a bowl combine ½ c. olive oil, ¼ c. white wine vinegar, 1 clove minced garlic, salt and pepper to taste. Slice 2 lbs. peeled, cooked, still warm potatoes into another bowl. Pour oil-vinegar dressing over potatoes, toss gently. Sprinkle with ½ c. chopped parsley and ½ c. chopped red onion. Toss. Add 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, grilled until tender and sliced; and 1 lb. cooked green beans to crisp-tender. Mix gently. Garnish with cherry tomato halves.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE ABOUT?.....

Three nuns who had recently died were on their way to heaven. At the pearly gates they were met by St. Peter. Around the gates there was a collection of lights and bells. St. Peter stopped them and told them that they would each have to answer a question before they could enter through the pearly gates. St. Peter: “What were the names of the two people in the garden of Eden?” First nun: “Adam and Eve.” The lights flashed, the bells rang and in she went through the pearly gates. St. Peter: “What did Adam eat from the forbidden tree?” Second nun: “An apple.” The lights flashed, the bells rang and in she went through the pearly gates. And finally it came the turn of the last nun. St. Peter: “What was the first thing Eve said to Adam?” After a few minutes thinking she says, “Gosh, that’s a hard one!” The lights flashed.....



A prostitute standing outside a motel in a small town saw a 70+ year old man walking past. She hasn’t had a customer for a while so she whistles at him and says, “Hey, would you like to have some fun time with me?” The old man said, “But I won’t be able to.....” “C’mon man....give it a try,” she says. Old man says “Okay.” They go in. The moment they get to the bed the old timer becomes a machine and makes passionate love to her an hour straight. When she’s done, the prostitute catches her breath. Exhausted and tired she says, “But you said you won’t be able to.....” “.....pay you.” completed the old man.

FIND A NEW MEMBER TODAY !! THAT’S NOT A JOKE !!

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June 2022						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 RENO ACES VS. TACOMA 6:35 P.M. GREATER NEVADA FIELD SENIOR COFFEE HOUR OUR CENTER 2 P.M.	2 NEVADA STATE FAIR CARSON CITY JUNE 2 - 5	3 RENO ACES VS. SACRAMENTO JUNE 3 - 8	4 RENO JAZZ ORCHESTRA GOOD LUCK MACBETH THEATRE 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 4 P.M.
5 RENO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA DISNEY IN CONCERT PIONEER CENTER 2 P.M.	6 LUNCH BUNCH 1 P.M. Lakeside Bar and Grill 3466 Lakeside Dr. at Moana	7	8 SENIOR COFFEE HOUR OUR CENTER 2 P.M.	9	10 NEVADA GAY MEN'S CHORUS 7:30 P.M. UNR NIGHTINGALE CONCERT HALL SILVER DOLLAR COURT CORONATION WEEKEND	11
12 HIGH SIERRA PRIME TIMERS 22 ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER 5 P.M. CLAIM JUMPER RESTAURANT	13 LUNCH BUNCH 1 P.M. Stone House Café 1907 S. Arlington Ave.	14 BROADWAY MUSICAL "CATS" PIONEER CENTER THRU June 19 th FLAG DAY	15 SENIOR COFFEE HOUR OUR CENTER 2 P.M.	16 RENO RODEO RENO-SPARKS LIVESTOCK EVENTS CENTER JUNE 16 - 25	17 RENO ACES VS. ALBUQUERQUE JUNE 17 - 22.	18 RENO WINE WALK RIVERWALK DISTRICT 2 P.M.
19 FATHER'S DAY	20 LUNCH BUNCH 1 P.M. Camitas y Tortas Ahogadas 3338 Kietzke Lane	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 SENIOR COFFEE HOUR OUR CENTER 2 P.M.	23	24	25 CAPITAL CITY BREWFEST CURRY ST. CARSON CITY
26	27 LUNCH BUNCH 1 P.M. Chin Chin 222 Los Altos Pkwy. #102, Sparks.	28	29 SENIOR COFFEE HOUR OUR CENTER 2 P.M.	30		

**PLEASE JOIN THE HIGH SIERRA PRIME TIMERS – RENO AS
THEY CELEBRATE WITH A**

22ND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sunday, June 12th, 5 p.m.

CLAIM JUMPER RESTAURANT, 4905 S. VIRGINIA ST, RENO

Chapter Members Free, Guests \$15.00

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

Members please send an email to Charlie (renoirish@yahoo.com)
by the deadline date stating you will or will not attend.

Checks or money orders (made out to HSPT-Reno) for guests should be
sent to Charlie Holland, 4597 Park Rose Circle, Reno NV 89502
to be received by the deadline date.

**The Chapter will pay for members' dinner and non-alcoholic drinks. Alcoholic
drinks are no-host. The dinner will be held in the private room to the left
as you enter the main entrance.**

