

“FOR THE BEST TIMES OF YOUR LIFE!”

March, 2024

President’s Message

Happy St. Patrick’s Day! February was another great month for Prime Timers Sarasota. In addition to our Sarasota events, we have developed a joint relationship with the Prime Timers Tampa Bay chapter, so you will see event announcements from PTTB in which you are welcome to attend. Conversely, the PTTB chapter is being invited to several of our monthly events. It’s a great way to make new friends. Thanks, Matt for all your hard work.



You have an excellent Board of Directors who are always thinking out of the box and willing to try new, innovative programs. Our second New Members Lunch was held last month at Skilletts. Seventeen members enjoyed a delicious free meal paid for by your Board of Directors. The food was excellent, the service was outstanding, and the fellowship was terrific. This is just another excellent reason to get your friends to join Prime Timers.

We have confirmed dates for the Annual November Potluck Picnic at Coquina Beach and for the December Holiday Dinner-Dance at Peridia Golf and Country Club. Please mark your calendar now for November 2 nd and December 21 st . These are two of our favorite events, so you won’t want to miss them.

Tom Peterson, Newsletter Editor, is a key member of our Care and Support program. If you have received birthday, thinking of you, get well, or sympathy Ecards, please thank Tom. If you know members who are ill, in the hospital, having a difficult time, are lonely, or who have lost a loved one (including a pet), please let Tom know (tominparadise22@gmail.com).

Don’t forget that we have a number of members who are willing to drive you locally to doctor’s appointments, the pharmacy, grocery store, or Prime Timers events. We’ve sent out the list of drivers previously but if you need it, please contact me (stevehor2004@yahoo.com) and I will send it to you.

If you are a single member and would like to have another member join you for a meal, there is a list of members who have expressed an interest in joining you. Let me know if you would like their names. Dale Moore, former Events Coordinator, has been contacting four single members daily to ensure their safety. Feedback has been excellent. Don’t be shy! It has nothing to do with pride or weakness, but rather, for YOUR OWN SAFETY. If you wish to be included, please reach out to any Board member or to another friendly face in the Chapter.

For the third year in a row, Ron and Jerry are hosting their St. Patrick’s Day party and that’s no Blarney! It’s always a wild time, so be sure to check the newsletter and read your Eblasts for information. Be sure to RSVP to them. Dale and I have already put the date on our calendar.

If you have not already done so, be sure to get your official Prime Timers Sarasota magnetic name badge. Click on this link to order your badge/badges: <https://custom-name-badge.cheddarup.com/>. Remember that a blue badge is for singles and the magenta badge is for partners.

See you around.
Steve

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Who we are...

Prime Timers Sarasota is a non-partisan social club for gay, bisexual, transgender or transitioning men over 21. In addition to our Fall Picnic and Holiday Party, each month we offer a potluck supper, two luncheons at area restaurants, a members' meeting with a speaker, home nights with games or movies, and day trips by bus or car pool to unique Florida Sun Coast attractions. Our social events are chosen to fit individual needs, priorities and affordability. Equally important is our commitment to Care and Support, where members assist one another with activities and needs of daily living. If a member is ill, injured or otherwise incapacitated, he can reach out for assistance to members nearby to help him with activities such as shopping, transportation, moral support, or help at home. To find out who is nearby contact any board member .

March Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Michael Venneman	4
David Rubin	4
Frank Richbourg	6
Dean Semmer	10
Tom Walker	12
Stephen Wanberg	13
Ronald Bramson	21
Jeff Nelson	26
James Russo	26
Max Givon	28
Lloyd Amodei	30
Richard Farley	31
Wayne Hall	31



New Members

Jeff Nehlsen
John Neubert





.....from the Editor

This is a test. Had this been a Real Emergency....

Lately I have been dealing with a GDFO (G __ D __ F _____ Opportunity).

I was a part of a layoff from my Telephonic Palliative Care Nursing job without any advance notice.

The first part of the "Opportunity" was to deal with my feelings of Disappointment and anger with a company that up until the lay off I thought that it was the most wonderful job that I had had in my career.

Next, I had to deal with finding a new position. I know you have all heard the phrase "and God will provide". I believe this to be true, but my definition of GOD maybe is different than yours. I am a non organized religion Metaphysician. I believe that God is more than God the Father. I believe that it is God, Goddess, Mother ,Father, All That Is, A.K.A. "The Universe"

So, this "opportunity" was a test for me if or if not God (the Universe) would provide. As I said before I believe that this is true. Why? Because the Universe had led me to experiences where I was provided for.

On good days I believed that the Universe would provide for me. On bad days I had to ask the Universe to guide me or help me to find where I was to go to be provided for.

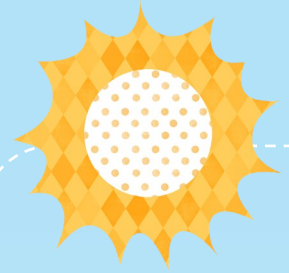
After months of no response to applications or emails stating that they were not going to proceed further with my application, I had an interview for a position in Hospice Care with which I had previous experience. The interview went well and the Director told me at the end that she was going to recommend that HR hire me.

The Universe provided me with a position that was Monday through Friday and no weekends, no Holidays and no on call.....just what I wanted. But the Universe provided it with a cherry on top, a significant increase in my previous salary. Thank you Universe.

I also believe that we need to take an attitude of Gratitude. To me this means thanking God (the Universe) for what it has provided me. If we are children of God (the Universe) and we ask for what we what we need, we also need to be the Spiritual Adult Children and be thankful before we just go ahead and ask for more like a spoiled spiritual child.

My hope is that some of you will learn from my experience, to your benefit. Stay positive and be open to exploring new possibilities as an answer to your request.

Tom



Announcements



If you know of a member who lives alone, offer to call them daily as a check in. Be sure that they have your name and phone number and be sure to get an alternate contact person name and phone number, if you can't reach them.

Be sure to let Steve know if they have other needs, i.e. transportation.

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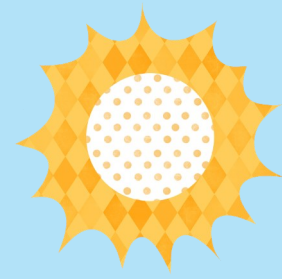


Saturday, November 2nd. Annual Picnic at Coquina Beach Gulf side South Pavilion. Coquina Beach is at the very southern tip of Anna Maria Island on Gulf Dr. right by the bridge to Long Boat Key. Lots of fresh air, cool friends and HOT chit-chat. Mark your calendars for this date! More details as the date draws closer.



Saturday, December 21st. Our annual **Holiday Dinner Dance** at the Peridia Golf and Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd., W. Bradenton. . Mark your calendars for this date! Details as the date draws closer.





Custom Name Badge

You will be asked how you wish your name to read on the badge. You may use just your first name or your full name on the badge -- whichever you prefer. As we've done in the past with the handwritten paper badges at our events, the badges are color coded. **Partnered members will receive burgundy badges while single members will receive blue badges.** "Prime Timers Sarasota" will appear on the badge below your name.

Note: Your name badge will be sent directly to the mailing address that we have on file for you as shown in the official Prime Timers Sarasota Member Roster.

Click on this link to order your badge/badges: <https://custom-name-badge.cheddarup.com/>



March Calendar of events



First Saturday, March 2nd, POTLUCK: 6:00 P.M., Syster Hall , 1st Congregational Church, 1031 S5uth Euclid Ave. If you have not been to a potluck lately... you have been missed and missing out on lots of good food and friendship. Plan to come a bit early to enjoy visiting with other members and help set up. (And please hang around a few minutes afterward to help clean up.) **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!** Bring a dish to share (main, side dish, appetizer, dessert). Please send an RSVP to Michael Stone at mstonefl@gmail.com with the specifics of what you intend to bring, ex: "main dish -- chicken casserole". Email in your selection early and your chances of getting your selection are better. Label Dish with your name (so we can share recipes) and what your food item is.



Wednesday, March 6th at 1:00PM Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage

bruceburbage@yahoo.com



Second SUNDAY SOCIAL at The Purple Rhino, March 10th, at 3:30 – 5:00 P.M. located at the corner of Beneva and Webber, . Plan to stop by, have a drink, and catch up with friends. Attendance is limited to 30. Delicious snacks are provided by Rick, our own friendly bartender. Good friends...good chatter...good comradery (**Please feel free to leave a tip for Rick in a jar on a table by the entrance.**)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: SECOND Wednesday, March 13th, 10:30 A.M., at Steve Hoffner's at 5120 Marshfield Rd., Sarasota. .Please email Steve Horowitz at (stevhor2004@yahoo.com) now, if you plan to attend. Any member is welcome. See your Board in action and share your ideas and concerns for the good of the club.



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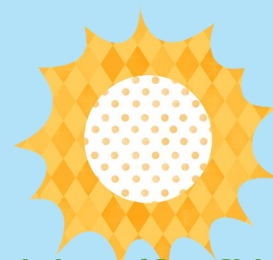
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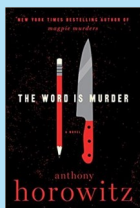
Second Thursday, March 14th, NORTH SIDE LUNCH: at 1:00 P.M., at Sunnyside Cafe located at 4900 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Please RSVP to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com or danwarren@earthlink.net or 941-359-2526 by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 12th, if you plan to attend.



March Calendar of events *continued*



Sunday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day Social from 3 :00- 7 :00 PM at the home of Jerry Unland and Rob Gibson located at 6003 45th Street West i Bradenton. Let Jerry know no later than Thursday , March 10th at ronjerr2@gmail.com if you plan on attending. Singles and Solos will be attending.



Tuesday, March 19th @10:30 AM Cover to Cover Book Club Meeting , will meet at the 1st Congregational Church, 1031 S. Euclid in Sarasota. We will be meeting once a month and welcome any and all members. This month the discussion will be about *The Word Is Murder* by Anthony Horowitz. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com). You are welcome to join into the lively discussion whether you've read the book for this month or not.



Wednesday, March 20th at 1:00 1 PM Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage

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Thursday, March 21st at 10:30 AM. Embracing Our Differences Art Installation, Bayfront Park, located at 5 Bayfront Drive. Attendance is free. Meet at Exhibit Entrance. Lunch will be at O'Leary's Tiki Bar and Grill located at 5 Bayfront Drive.

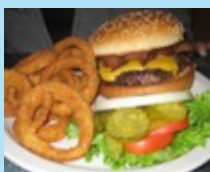


GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FOURTH Sunday, March 24th, at 3:00 P.M. in , **Syster Hall** ,at 1st Congregational Church at 1031 South Euclid Avenue, Sarasota. This is where we hold our pot-lucks Presentation will be on the status of the Venice Theater by Camille Cline. You are invited to join other members for dinner afterwards.



Wednesday, March 27th at 1:00 1 PM Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage

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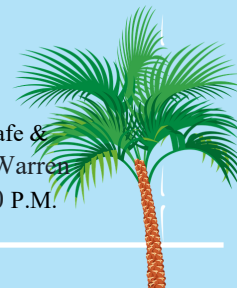
FOURTH Wednesday, March 27th, at 6:00 P.M., HAMBURGER NIGHT: at the Purple Rhino, 2920 S. Beneva, (Corner of Webber) You have to eat dinner, why not with some of your Prime Timer buddies? Hint: Get there by 5:30 pm to get served sooner.

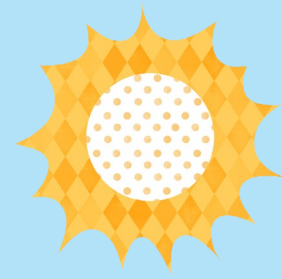


Thursday. March 28th at 10:00 AM, in Syster hall at 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid. A presentation by doctoral student Elliot R. Weinstein on his GLBTQ+ research funded by the NIH. Attendees will hear how they can participate in his study. Breakfast will be provided.



Second Thursday, March 28th, NORTH SIDE LUNCH: at 1:00 P.M. ,at Sahara Cafe & Mediterranean Foods located at 1121 South Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Please RSVP to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com or danwarren@earthlink.net or 941-359-2526 by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 27th, if you plan to attend.





April Calendar of events



Wednesday, April 3rd at 1:00 1 PM Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage

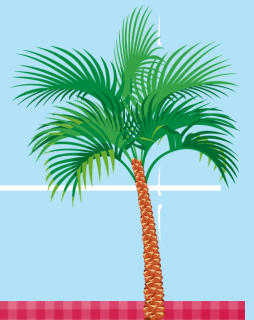
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POTLUCK: FIRST Saturday, April 3rd, 6:00 P.M., Syster Hall , 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave. If you have not been to a potluck lately... you have been missed and missing out on lots of good food and friendship. Plan to come a bit early to enjoy visiting with other members and help set up. (And please hang around a few minutes afterward to help clean up.) *MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!* Bring a dish to share (main, side dish, appetizer, dessert). Please send an RSVP to Michael Stone at mstonefl@gmail.com with the specifics of what you intend to bring, ex: "main dish -- chicken casserole". Email in your selection early and your chances of getting your selection are better. Label Dish with your name (so we can share recipes) and what your food item is



Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 PM, Prime Timers Theatre Group. Ruby, a world premiere musical. Tickets are \$50.00 and are available at westcoastblacktheatre.org Choose section one (1) so we can sit together.





ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Can you believe plans are already afoot for the summer of 2024? I just saw my shadow a few weeks ago! We're just now beginning to enter spring! But efforts to feed hungry children must begin far in advance if they are to be successful. When school is in session, many families rely on meals at school to feed their children and stretch the family budget. All Faiths Food Bank is once again calling us to participate in the Walk To End Summer Hunger. This walk is the start of a six-week long campaign to raise funds to feed children over the summer.

Sunday March 24 is the date to mark on your calendar. The location is Nathan Benderson Park. The site opens at 7:30am with the walk/run beginning at 8:30.am. There is both a 1 mile "fun" walk and a 5K walk . All are welcome to participate. The fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. This includes a T-shirt and a light breakfast. The year I did the walk I found the breakfast delightful, providing plenty of energy for me to make it around the lake (though I finished almost "dead" last!)

For more information you can contact Becky Wright at bwright@allfaithsfoodbank.org or register at affb.org/walk

If you can't participate in the walk I'm sure they would be most grateful to receive your generous donation. Send it to All Faiths Food Bank 8171 Blaikie Ct Sarasota FL 34240-9886. Be sure to note on your check Prime Timers of Sarasota.

Thanks! Spring into Spring! Mike Moran

This Month in Gay History

March 2, 1987 Wisconsin becomes the first U.S. state to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

March 10, 1987 AIDS advocacy group ACT UP (The AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) is formed in response to the devastating affects the disease had had on the gay and lesbian community in New York.

March 25, 1985 West Hollywood becomes the first U.S. city to enact a domestic partnership registry open to all of its citizens.



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\$85.00



Strawberry Festival / March 4,
2024 / Plant City, FL From
\$55.00



Mystery Trip / March 5, 2024 /
"Somewhere?", FL From
\$134.00



Sacred Places of Southwest
Florida ~ Florida History Tour /
March 6, 2024 / Southwest, FL From
\$90.00



Silver Springs Glass Bottom Boat
Tour / March 11, 2024 / Silver
Springs, FL From
\$92.00



Solomon's Castle / March 14,
2024 / Ona, FL From
\$87.00



Bloom N Chalk Fest – Arts and
Crafts / March 16, 2024 / Safety
Harbor, FL From
\$45.00



115 Years of Broadway at Ruth
Eckerd Hall (Matinée
Performance) / March 17, 2024 /
Safety Harbor, FL From
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Mount Dora 49th Annual Arts
Fest / March 17, 2024 / Mt Dora,
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Florida History Tour / March 19,
2024 / Alva, FL From
\$101.00



John's Pass & Dolphin Cruise /
March 21, 2024 / Madeira Beach,
FL From
\$70.00



Everglades Airboat Ride / March
25, 2024 / Everglades, FL From
\$127.00



The Sweet Delilah Swim Club ~
Dinner Theatre (Matinée
Performance) / March 26, 2024 /
Fort Myers, FL From
\$95.00



Columbia Restaurant & Flamenco
Show / March 27, 2024 / Ybor
City, FL From
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Potluck



...and the winner is





Second Sunday Social



Frank's Beautiful Decorated Cakes



Before



After, and then it was 1/2 this size





Membership Meeting! Games Night







The Glass is Half Empty When Actually Half Full!

Michael Stone, Director Emeritus, Prime Timers Worldwide

Why half empty?: Well, are things getting easier with all the new passwords, pins and spot checks? I spend way too much time trying to get into my bank accounts, pay my bills and ask questions. I do my banking with Chase. One out of each three times it doesn't recognize me on this computer? Why? It's the same one I've used for years. Then it has to send me a secret number on my cell phone. I have to run around to locate the phone and sometimes by the time I do it the number has expired and I have to start all over.

My smart watch; is supposed to phone my next door neighbor if I fall. The problem? I can only call him from my land phone. No, he's not blocked my number. We've tried everything and finally we took our phones to T-Mobile. After one hour they gave up and said we had to ask for upper level tech support on the phone.

Remember Sally Fields words, "*you like me you really like me;*"? In the past few weeks I've come to notice that people really do like me. I'd never really thought about it. More and more good deeds and good people have gravitated toward me. Sometimes I use a cane. At least four times recently people in grocery stores or their parking lots have come over to help me move items from my cart to my trunk.

I've attended the same gym for nearly two years. I'm not much for socializing when I work out . Have I just awakened to the fact that people (mostly males) smile at me or sometimes wink? Some of these guys have walked over and complimented me or made small talk. Now I remember some of their names and its become routine for them to come over for a few minutes. Last week a major macho muscled man kept winking. He then came over and admired my workout ant told me how good looking I was. I figured despite his younger age he mostly had vision problems. When he left he called me good looking. Is don't think any of these guys are gay.

Yesterday another walked over to tell me he admired how hard I was working out. He then brought his son over and introduced us. Another very handsome thirty something guy winked each time our paths crossed. As I was getting into my car to leave he walked over to introduce himself and I learned he was visiting for a few weeks. We both were from Colorado.

I got used to this during the six years I was President of Prime Timers Worldwide. Now I'm starting to realize maybe this has always been there. I believe in the good of all people and the potential of every human being. I'm guessing maybe I reflect this and am thrilled to find my glass more than half full. It's great to be alive and smiling!

Michael Stone





Gay Group Happy Hour (G2H2) takes place the first Thursday of every month at a new location throughout Sarasota and provides the community with a different atmosphere to meet, network, and hang out! G2H2 Sarasota's goal is to spotlight businesses that are LGBT-friendly and welcoming to our community.

March LOCATION

TAMIAMI TAP | 711 S OSPREY AVE

\$10 COVER

- ▶ Free Appetizers
- ▶ Door Prizes
- ▶ 50/50 Raffle

THUR, MARCH 7TH | 5:30 TO 8:30

Featuring The Best LGBTQ-Friendly Businesses In Sarasota!

FOR MORE INFO: G2H2SARASOTA.COM



Seniors Blue Book- A Complete Resource Guide

The seniors Blue Book is an excellent resource for older adults like most of us in Prime Timers. We will have copies available at potlucks and member meetings, but you can also order one online at SeniorsBlueBook.com. Check it out!



Click Link below to watch Video

[Seniors Blue Book Intro Video](#)



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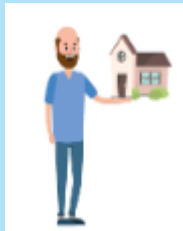
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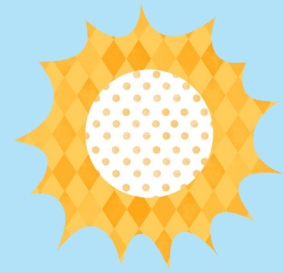
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Steve Horowitz, Dale Moore, Tom Peterson and All Prime Timers Members*



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Official Newsletter Information



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PLEASE NOTE: We will be using your personal contact information to send you our newsletters, event information, and chapter notices.

Articles and letters to the editor are **due no later than the 20th of each month** and should be emailed to **Tom Peterson** rather than to primetimerssarasota@gmail.com.

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