

“FOR THE BEST TIMES OF YOUR LIFE!”

April, 2024

President’s Message

April Fools! Some historians speculate that April Fools; Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1st . People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1st and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called *April fools*. These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as *poisson d’avril* (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.



March was another fun month for Prime Timers Sarasota. In addition to our regular activities, There was a great St. Patrick’s Day Party at Ron and Jerry’s home. Embracing Our Differences showed wonderful billboards about diversity. Our tour guide, Ben, really helped us understand the meanings much better than if we just wandered about ourselves. Lunch followed at O’Leary’s Tiki Bar and Grill, which was a first for many of us and was quite enjoyable. You can thank our Events Coordinator, Matt Leona, for programming this for us.

There is still time to participate in Elliott Weinstein’s LGBTQ+ online health survey. Many of us have already completed it and found it most interesting. If you would like to be part of his doctoral dissertation study, please contact Elliott at erw73@miami.edu.

On Sunday, April 7 th at 2:00 P.M., our Prime Timers Theatre Group is going to see Ruby, a world premiere musical, at the Westcoast Black Theatre. Tickets are \$50.00 and are available at <https://westcoastblacktheatre.org/> Choose section one (1) so we can sit together. There are very few tickets left, so be sure to order yours NOW!

Aren’t you tired of always having to write out your name on those sticky paper badges? I see that a lot of our members have wisely decided to purchase their new Prime Timers Sarasota name badge. If you are a single member, the badge is blue, while partnered members will receive magenta badges. To order your new badge, click on this link: <https://custom-name-badge.cheddarup.com/> 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.

See you around.

Steve

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Birthdays

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 .

April Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
John Miller	2
Terry Pierson	8
Rick Brown	12
Paul Urbanick	14
Kurt Juedes	22
Gordon Stanley	24
Bruce Veeder	24
Steven Hoffner	28



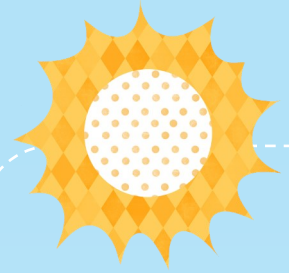
New Members

- David Miedema
- John Volpe
- Edward Hebert
- Michael Matles
- John Burdette
- Mike Wilson
- Stephen Stanley
- Roi Parker
- Darren Ferrato
- Larry Freeland





.....from the Editor



Recently Eddie and I have gone to 2 Orchid Shows and joined the Venice Orchid Society. Eddie has become a lover of Phalaenopsis orchids and I am just an all around lover of orchids. The last orchid show that we went to we bought about 13 or so orchids. Yes, or so!

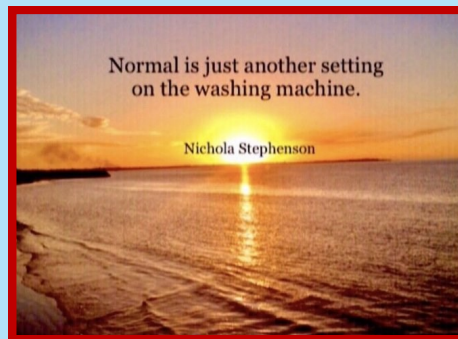
I lived in Ft. Lauderdale about 43 years ago and I had quite a few orchids. One of the things that I looked forward to when we decided to moved to Florida from Nashville, Tennessee was to once again have orchids growing around our home. . I also love flowers in general and in Florida you can put a stick in the ground and make it grow.

Did you know there are 28,00 known orchid species and about 150,000 hybrids.....so we have a way to go. Orchids grown on every continent and even in the Arctic!!!

The beauty to the right is one that I won at the Venice Orchid Society in a raffle. In person it looks like the purple is painted on and it looks almost fluorescent in the sunlight. Yes I am in love with Eddie and orchids

Now some people would say that we are obsessed, addicted, *not normal*.....

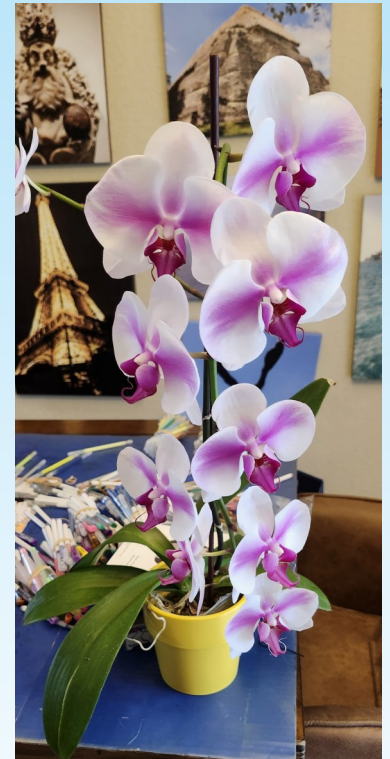
...well I found this definition of Normal on the web:



So what do you obsess about as a resident of Paradise? Let me know !

Abnormally Yours,

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.

stevehor2004@yahoo.com



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.



Announcements



Lunch Cruise on Calypso Tropical Cruises, Madeira Beach FL

When: Wednesday, April 23, 2024 12:00 PM, EDT

Where Calypso Tropical Cruise, John's Pass Village, 177 Boardwalk Pl., E. Madeira, FL.

Event Details

Gays on the water? Rum Punch, Beer AND Wine? Buffet Lunch??? **All this for \$42.00????** Yes, all this and more on Tuesday, April 23rd at 12:00 noon (boat departs at 12:30) on a lunch buffet cruise called the Calypso Breeze.

April 9th is the cutoff date to buy tickets !

No tickets will be sold after April 9th

See the beautiful sights of John's Pass and Madeira Beach on this smooth inland water cruise with captain's live sightseeing narration. Pelicans, Great Blue Herons and Snowy Egrets are a common sight nestled in the mangroves of a protected bird sanctuary.

*Complimentary beer, wine, rum punch and soft drinks.

Tropical Island Style Buffet

*Assorted Florida Fruits, Caesar Salad, Creamy Coleslaw, Key West Potato Salad, Roasted Chicken with Mango Glaze, Tender Beef Teriyaki, Pulled Pork in a Sweet BBQ Sauce, Yellow Rice, Black Beans, Vegetables, Flour Tortillas, and Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter.

These directions are from the [website](#).—Meet at 177 Boardwalk PI-E. Madeira Beach. Check in at our ticket widow on the ground floor of the parking garage, located on the West End , underneath the main boardwalk.

I strongly suggest you go early and find where to park and find the ticket window, if you are late **THE BOAT IS NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR YOU !**

Use the Prime Timers Tampa Bay website to purchase tickets or mail checks to Terry at the address below.

Please be mindful of the April 9th cutoff date for registration and payment.

Mail checks payable to PTTB Terry Lauer

5660 80th Street N.

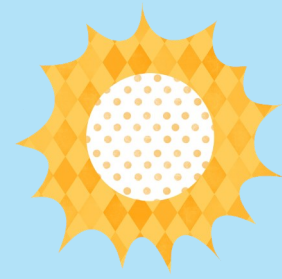
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St. Petersburg, FL, 33709

For more information please contact Terry by email at

Tlauer35@Gmail.com





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/>



April Calendar of events



Wednesday, April 3rd 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



Thursday, April 4th, NORTH SIDE LUNCH: at 1:00 P.M., at the Stonewood Grill located at 5415 University Parkway in Sarasota. (Note: This is on the first week). Please RSVP to Dan Warren at danmichael-warren@gmail.com or danwarren@earthlink.net or 941-359-2526 by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 3rd, if you plan to attend.



First Saturday, April 6th, POTLUCK: 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 casse-sole". 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.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: SECOND Wednesday, April 10th, 10:30 A.M., at the home of Lee Linkus located at 4601 Del Sol Blvd in Sarasota. Please email Steve Horowitz at (stevehor2004@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.



Second SUNDAY SOCIAL at The Purple Rhino, April 14th, 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. . 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.)**



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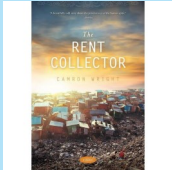
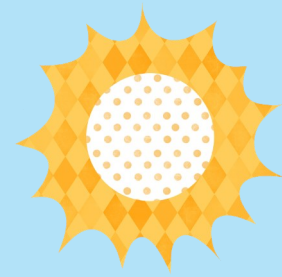
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FOURTH Sunday, April 28th, at 3:00 P.M. in , **Syster Hall** ,at 1st Congregational Church at 1031 South Euclid Avenue, Sarasota. Games and Cards. Mexican Train, Dominoes, Scrabble, Trivola Pursuit, Rummicubes, Euchre, Hearts, Bridge, Gin Rummy, Strip Poker...HA,HA just kidding, but I bet it got your attention!. Dinner will be provided. This is where we hold our potlucks ????. You are invited to join other members for dinner afterwards.



April Calendar of events *continued*



Tuesday, April 16th @10:30 AM Cover to Cover Book Club Meeting , will meet at the Fruitville Library located at 100 Apex Rd. in Sarasota. We will be meeting once a month and welcome any and all members. This month the discussion will be about *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).



Wednesday, April 17th 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

bruceburbage@yahoo.com)



Thursday, April 18th at 10:30 AM Ferry from Bradenton to Bridge Street on Anna Maria Island. Free parking at City Centre Parking facility on 3rd Avenue between 10th and 12th Streets. Walk on Riverwalk to Bradenton docks. Round Trip ticket is \$10.00 and can be purchased online at bradentongulfislands.com/gluf-islands-ferry. We will have lunch at a local restaurant and return to Bradenton at 3:00PM.



Thursday, April 18th, NORTH SIDE LUNCH: at 1:00 P.M., (Note: This is the Third Week). at Skillet's Restaurant located at 8635 S. 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, April 17th, if you plan to attend.



April 20-27. Western Caribbean Cruise on the Enchantment of the Seas. Our cruise is coming up and the good news is that you can still book cabins ! Matt (941)750-6457 can help you find a room to share, if needed. The cruise will be a great way to have fun in the sun/ Ports include Cozumel, Roatan, Belize City and Puerto Costa Maya. Contact Andrew at Courtyard Travel (516)773-3700.



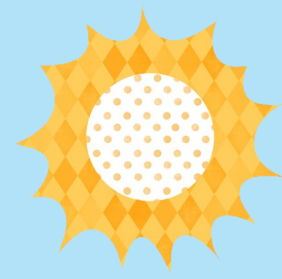
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Wednesday, April 24th, at 6:00 P.M., HAMBURGER NIGHT: at the Purple Rhino, 2920 S. Beneva, (Corner of Webber) You have to eat dinner, why not with some of your Prime Timer buddies? Hint: Get there by 5:30 pm to get served sooner.





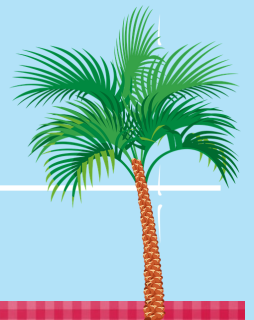
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ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

A mother of three, Kristen always prioritizes taking care of her family and community above all. She works part-time taking care of seniors living with Alzheimer's. As the sole provider for her three children, Kristen works hard to ensure there is enough food on the table. But ever since being laid off from her full-time job, it's been a challenge to pay for every essential. Kristen noticed a flyer for All Faiths Food Bank at the Roy McBean Boys and Girls Club when dropping her son Kepler off for camp. She decided to check it out.

Our kind support of All Faiths Food Bank enables Kristen to bring home many healthy foods from the pantry for her family to enjoy, like fresh produce and shelf-stable staples. She expressed her appreciation for the food and for our support, which relieves her stress during hard times. Our gifts provide health and hope for Kristen and so many more neighbors!

We are now in the midst of the Campaign Against Summer Hunger. Our gifts given April 1st to May 15th will be matched dollar for dollar. What a great opportunity to make a big difference for many grateful people. Send your contribution to All Faiths Food Bank 8171 Blaikie Ct Sarasota FL 34240-9886. Be sure to note Prime Timers of Sarasota on your check.

Thanks so much, Mike Moran



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e-mail: Tours@AllAroundBus.com;

Website: www.AllAroundBus.com



The Doo Wop Project at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater, (Matinée Performance) / April 7, 2024 / \$90.00 p/p



Perfect Wedding ~ Dinner Theatre. Ft/ Meyers (Matinée Performance) / May 8, 2024 / \$95.00



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Potluck





Second Sunday Social





The "3 Johns"

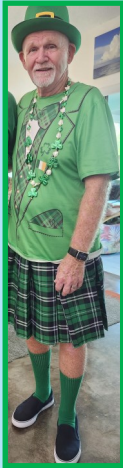
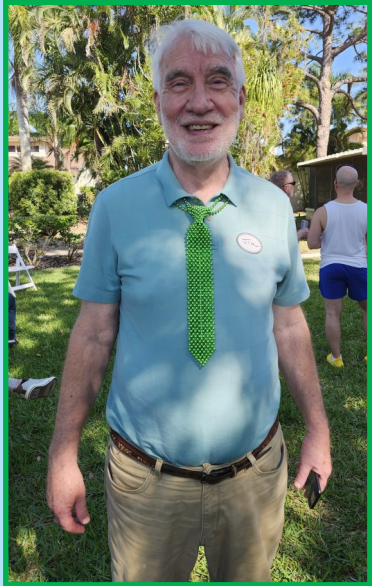


Membership Meeting



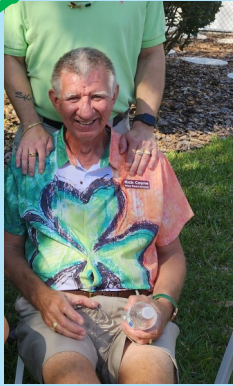
Camille and Tim of the Venice Theater



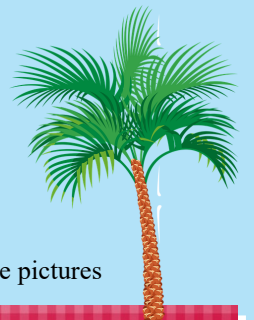


Courtesy of Ron Gibson and Jerry Unland

St. Patrick's Day Party



Embracing Our Differences




Thank you Dan Warren for the pictures



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.

April LOCATION

<https://www.g2h2sarasota.com/>





CMX CINÉBISTRO
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\$10 COVER ▶ Free Appetizers
▶ Door Prizes
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THUR, APRIL 4TH | 5:30 TO 8:30

Featuring The Best LGBTQ-Friendly Businesses In Sarasota!

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SUN 21 Day at Sea
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Wed 24. Belize City
Thurs. 25 Puerto Costa Maya
Fri 26 Day At Sea
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total cost for two people

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total cost for two people

Rates are subject to change and are based
on availability.

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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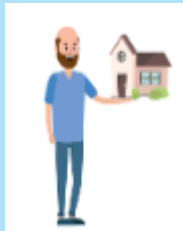
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no drugs, not a partner. Smoking outside only.
Have car and some furniture. Budget is \$500
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Call/Text 941-321-0195.

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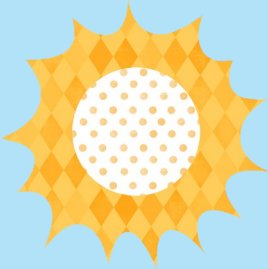
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Theatre Group: Matt Leona
Food Bank: Mike Moran

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Greeting and Name Tags: Mike Moran and Michael Sloan.

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Potluck Supplies: Board of Directors

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CARE AND SUPPORT

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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Be sure to visit our website at: <http://sarasotaprimetimers.org/>

➡ **Interested in joining?** Click on the website link above. Click on *Membership*. Complete an application for each new member. Below the application is the payment method through CedarUp. If you don't pay by credit or debit card, don't forget to send your check, payable to Prime Timers Sarasota, to **Prime Timers Sarasota, P.O. Box 1003, Tallevast, FL, 34270**.

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