



President's Message

July 2024

Happy Independence Day! Another great month has come and gone, and your Board of Directors continues to keep busy. We had a table at Silver Pride, which seemed to be quite successful for meeting potential members and making contacts with other LGBTQ+ organizations. Thank you to all the members who volunteered to staff the booth. We all agreed that Dale Moore was our most vociferous supporter of Prime Timers Sarasota.

Our Events Coordinator, Matt Leona, continues to offer us great opportunities for entertainment. The joint trip with Tampa Bay Prime Timers to the Imagine Museum followed by lunch at the Neon Box, was wonderful. You MUST see this glass museum to believe it. Check the *Calendar of Events* for additional information on these upcoming activities. On Saturday, July 13th, at 6:30 P.M., we will have dinner at the Oak and Stone in Bradenton followed by a 9:00 P.M. Bishop Planetarium Laser Light Show with the music of Britany, Gaga, Christina, and more. On Thursday, July 25th, at 11:00 A.M., we will be going to see the Asolo Summer Circus Spectacular. Lunch will follow at Captain Brian's.

Dan Warren works hard providing us with excellent venues for our two monthly lunches. The North Side Lunch will be at Carrabba's, and the South Side Lunch will be at Turtle's on Siesta Key. Yum! You won't want to miss our July membership meeting. Liz Barker, candidate for the Sarasota County School Board, will share her knowledge and experience regarding all the scary happenings in education in the state and with Sarasota County schools. Even if you have no children, what's happening here affects us all. We will follow the meeting with Dinner at the Olive Garden. Remember, you always can go to our website, www.sarasotaprimetimers.org, and click on *Events* to see everything that's happening during the month.

Speaking of events, don't forget that the Board has graciously offered to give \$25 to each household that offers an in-home program to offset some of the costs of hosting. You may host a movie night, game night, BBQ, pool party, a coffee, or They don't have to be offered only at night. Mornings and afternoons will work, too. You can also limit attendance depending on the size of your home. Please contact Matt Leona if you want to host one of these events. We usually need at least a two-week notice to allow for adequate time to advertise.

Our Care and Support program is expanding. We are now attempting to develop a Computer Help Club where those of you who need support and those members with more computer expertise can meet and organize the best way to help. To make this happen, we need someone to step forward to help coordinate this group if we want it to be successful. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP.

See you around.
Steve

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Prime Timers Sarasota is a nonpartisan 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.

July 2024 Events

Wednesday, July 3 @ 1:00 P.M. Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wednesday. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage (bruceburbage@yahoo.com).

Saturday July 6 @ 6:00 P.M. Potluck. Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. 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. Don't forget to bring a serving utensil and the name of your dish.

Wednesday, July 10 @ 1:00 P.M. Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wednesday. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage (bruceburbage@yahoo.com).

Thursday, July 11 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch. Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5425 University Parkway. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday.

Thursday, July 11 @ 4:30-6:00 P.M. Rainbow Connections Social, Senior Friendship Center, 1888 Brother Geenan Way, Sarasota. Free. Reservation required from Rainbow Connection website:
<https://friendshipcenters.org/rainbow-connections-lgbtq-social/>

Saturday, July 13 @ 6:30 P.M. Dinner at Oak and Stone Bradenton followed by 9:00 P.M. Bishop Planetarium Laser Light Show: the music of Britany, Gaga, Christina, and more. Tickets \$15 from Bishop Planetarium website: <https://bishopspace.org/>

Sunday, July 14 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Prime Timers Second Sunday Social at the Purple Rhino 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 conversation ... good comradery. And a good way to meet some of your fellow Prime Timers in a more intimate setting, See you there!

Tuesday, July 16 @ 10:30 A.M. Cover to Cover Book Club Meeting, will meet at the Fruitville Library. We meet once a month and welcome any-and-all members. This month the discussion will be *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).

Wednesday, July 17 @ 1:00 P.M. 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).

Sunday, July 21 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Singles and Solos at the Purple Rhino. All are welcome. It's a good way to meet some of your fellow Prime Timers in a more intimate setting, See you there!

Wednesday, July 24 @ 1:00 P.M. 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)

Wednesday, July 24 @ 6:00 P.M. Prime Timers Hamburger Night at the Purple Rhino, 2920 S. Beneva (Corner of Webber). You must eat dinner, so why not eat with some of your Prime Timer buddies? **Hint:** Get there by 5:30 P.M. to get served sooner.

Thursday July 25 @ 11 AM. Asolo Summer Circus Spectacular, Ringling Museum. \$20. Buy tickets online: <https://www.ringling.org/event/fy25-summer-circus-3/>. Lunch will follow at Captain Brian's.

Thursday, July 25 @ 1:00 P.M. Southside Lunch. Turtle's, Little Sarasota Bay, 8875 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday.

Sunday, July 28 @ 3 P.M. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING in Syster Hall at 1st Congregational Church at 1031 South Euclid. Presentation by Liz Barker, candidate for the Sarasota School Board, on the (scary!) state of education in Sarasota and beyond. Dinner afterwards at the Olive Garden.

Wednesday, July 31 @ 1:00 P.M. 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).

UPCOMING

Saturday, August 3 @ 6:00 P.M. Potluck. Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. 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. Don't forget to bring a serving utensil and the name of your dish.

Wednesday, August 7 @ 1:00 P.M. Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wednesday. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage (bruceburbage@yahoo.com).

July Birthdays

Roi Parker	9
Robert Lilly	13
David Miedema	14
Richard Walker	15
John Burdette	16
Darren Ferrato	16
Jeffrey Smith	19
Al Doty	26
Ron Gibson	28
Roger Hazard	30

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 (stevehor2004@yahoo.com) know if they have other needs, i.e. transportation.

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! Holiday details as the date draws closer.

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 chitchat. Mark your calendars for this date! More 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>



ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

By now many of you are aware that the only charity we Prime Timers support as an organization is the All Faiths Food Bank of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. Here's a bit of an update as to what our generosity is accomplishing. For the 11th year, AFFB will help feed thousands of students in Sarasota and DeSoto counties as part of their Campaign Against Summer Hunger. We are joining hundreds of community partners and programs to provide healthy, nutritious food for children at 45 sites throughout the community all summer. Last year, with the help of 300 partners and programs, AFFB served more than 107,000 meals through its summer feeding programs. Summer is just beginning so it's the perfect time to get on board with this worthy effort. Send your vital help to All Faiths Food Bank; 8171 Blaikie Ct, Sarasota FL 34240-9886. Be sure to note on your check *Prime Timers of Sarasota*. Have a great summer, knowing you are helping to make the lives of many children so much better.

Thanks a lot. Mike Moran



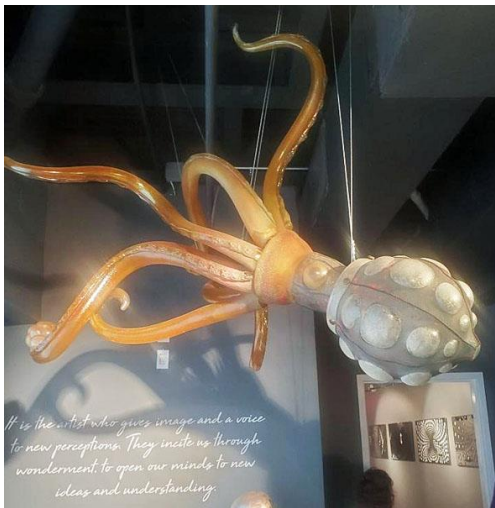
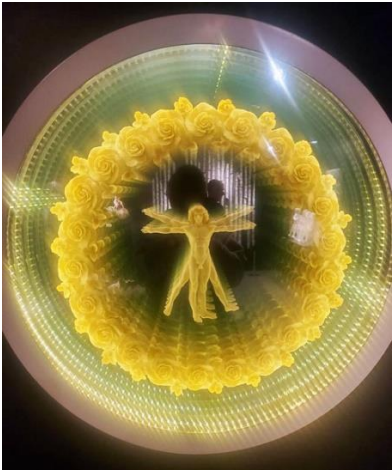
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