

# Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

## President's Message



September  
2024

Hi All,

Happy Labor Day! Because it's a federal holiday and everyone is off work, shouldn't they call it *Happy No Labor Day*? Okay, I heard those groans.

We have another great month of fun events planned for you thanks to our Events Coordinator, Matt Leona. See the newsletter Calendar of Events for more information. **Please note that because of the way the weekends fall in September, Sunday events are all pushed back one week. This means that the Social will be held on the THIRD Sunday, Singles and Solos will be held on the FOURTH Sunday, and the general membership meeting will take place on the FIFTH Sunday. Be sure to mark your calendars!**

Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, is the next Rainbow Connections for 50+ LGBTQ people at the Senior Friendship Center. We heard a wonderful jazz group last month. The free appetizers are delicious, which come from Sage Restaurant. They also serve wine, beer and bottled water at no charge. We've already made some new friends there. You must register at least two days in advance. Click on [Rainbow Connections LGBTQ+ Social](#) to register. Give it a shot! You won't be disappointed.

On Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, John Neubert is hosting a movie night showing *Latter Days* about a gay Amish man. I've heard that it's very interesting. It's limited to six members, so be sure to RSVP soon. When will YOU host an in-home event, such as a coffee, pool party, games, cards, or movies? Contact Matt Leona if you are interested.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be joining the Tampa-St. Pete members to see the terrific *James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art*. The museum is beautiful and interesting. 150 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg. Lunch follows at The Hanger.

The general membership meeting is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a presentation by someone from the Alzheimer's Association on dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. In our age group, I think everyone is interested in the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's and dementia and, perhaps, what we can do about it. Dinner will follow at Demetrio's.

We also have a new computer helper. Julio Agudelo is an information technology technician and is willing to help other members when he is available. He works in Bradenton. Please feel free to reach out to Julio at [julioc2-@hotmail.com](mailto:julioc2-@hotmail.com). Now, if only those members who need help would seek it out.

I'm still waiting for members to contact me when they know about another member who could use some cheering up by having us send them an Ecard. C'mon, guys, I need your help! I know that it's something new, but the more you do it, the easier it gets.

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.

# September 2024

Please note that because of the way the weekends fall in September, Sunday events are all pushed back one week. This means that the Social will be held on the **THIRD** Sunday, Singles and Solos will be held on the **FOURTH** Sunday, and the general membership meeting will take place on the **FIFTH** Sunday.

**Wednesday, September 4 @ 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](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com)).

**Saturday, September 7 @ 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, September 11 @ 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](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com)).

**Thursday, September 12 @ 1:00 P.M.** Northside Lunch at the Sunnyside Cafe located at 4900 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at [danmichaelwarren@gmail.com](mailto:danmichaelwarren@gmail.com) no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday.

**Thursday, September 12 @ 4:30-6:00 (Second Thursday)** Rainbow Connection Social, Senior Friendship Center, 1888 Brother Geenan Way, Sarasota. Free. Reservation required from Rainbow Connection website. [Rainbow Connections | LGBTQ+ Social](#)

**Sunday, September 15 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. (THIRD SUNDAY THIS MONTH!)** 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!

**Wednesday, September 10 @ 10:30 A.M.** Board Meeting at Michael Sloan, 6203 North Adventura Drive in Sarasota. Please e-mail ([stevehor2004@yahoo.com](mailto:stevehor2004@yahoo.com)) ahead of time if you'd like to attend. Any member is welcome. See your Board in action and share your ideas and concerns for the good of the club.

**Tuesday, September 17 @ 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 *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley. For additional information contact David Guyet ([sandheim@msn.com](mailto:sandheim@msn.com)).

**Wednesday, September 18 @ 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](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com)).

**Friday September 13 @ 7 PM.** Movie night at John Neubert's home, 18028 Gawthrop Drive, Unit 402, Bradenton. The film will be *Ladder Days*, the story of a young Mormon who is gay. Water, soda and snacks will be provided, but feel free to BYOB. **Only 6 openings.** Reserve your spot at [jneuberts@yahoo.com](mailto:jneuberts@yahoo.com).

**Sunday, September 22 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.** (FOURTH SUNDAY THIS MONTH!) 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!

**Tuesday, September 24 @ 11 AM.** The James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art. 150 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg with the Tampa-St Pete Prime Timers. Lunch afterward at The Hanger. If you need a ride or are willing to drive other Prime Timers, please notify matt Leona at [bongo44@aol.com](mailto:bongo44@aol.com).

**Wednesday, September 25 @ 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](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com))

**Wednesday, September 25 @ 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, September 26 @ 1:00 P.M.** Southside Lunch at the IHOP located at 4000 South Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at [danmichaelwarren@gmail.com](mailto:danmichaelwarren@gmail.com) no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday.

**Sunday, September 29 @ 3 P.M.** (FIFTH SUNDAY THIS MONTH!) General Membership Meeting in Syster Hall at 1st Congregational Church at 1031 South Euclid. Presentation by Alzheimer's Association on dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. Dinner afterwards at Demetrio's.

## **UPCOMING**

**Wednesday, October 2 @ 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](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com)).

**Saturday October 5 @ 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.



Robert Allan

Ron Mobley

## ANNUAL PICNIC



Our Annual Picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **South Coquina Beach, Rt. 789/Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach**. Prime Timers Tampa Bay members have been invited to join us.

Plan to arrive at 2:00 P.M. to enjoy visiting with other members (1:15 P.M. to help set up. And please hang around a few minutes afterward to help clean up.) Food will be available from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Bring a dish to share (main, side dish, appetizer, dessert.) Don't forget to bring a serving utensil and the name of your dish. There are NO electric outlets, so plan accordingly. Grilled hamburgers, utensils, plates, cups, and napkins will be provided by the Board of Directors.

No need to RSVP. We hope to see you there. Please direct your questions to Matt Leona (Bongo44@aol.com).



**Holiday Dinner Dance, Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** Peridia Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd., E. Bradenton. Look for more information coming soon!



## September Birthdays



9/1 George Kraper, 9/2 Pat Hartery, 9/2 Dale Moore,  
9/2 David Sellars, 9/5 Bill Dail,  
9/6 Tom Peterson, 9/8 Ron Robuck, 9/9 Gary Larson,  
9/9 Peter Evans, 9/9 Jon Stone, 9/14 Rick Greenthal,  
9/14 Lee Linkous, 9/15 Michael Perdue, 9/16 Tom Kearney,  
9/25 Michael Sloan, 9/26 Vaughn Patterson,  
9/27 Steve Wilton, 9/29 Dale Curtsinger, 9/30 Bruce Vanderstowe,

## FOOD BANK

Now that the kiddos are back in school, they again have regular access to daily meals. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the efforts to help feed the children during the summer. I live in Manatee County, serviced by other food pantry groups. The pantry where I volunteer gave out regular summer bags to keep the children's energy level up during an active summer. Of course, hunger never takes a holiday! All Faiths Food Bank is now embarking on their Autumn Harvest Campaign. You might be interested in participating in a special event at the Food Bank Warehouse, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. For details visit [allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://allfaithsfoodbank.org). When you participate in this important campaign your partnership will provide nourishing, much-needed food for neighbors like Victor.



Victor, 52, is a lifelong DeSoto County neighbor with deep roots here. In fact, his family has lived in the same beloved house for generations. He and his wife Cynthia, enjoy close bonds with their daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren who share the home. After Hurricane Charlie left him paralyzed, Victor had to retire from his career in the DeSoto County School District and focus his energy on recovery. He regained his strength and ability to walk, but then Cynthia developed a nerve

condition that impacted her ability to work. Nutritious food wasn't in the budget- but thankfully friends at All Faiths Food Bank stepped in to make a difference. Prime Timers Sarasota can be a part of this good work by sending a gift to All Faiths Food Bank, 8171 Blaikie Court, Sarasota, FL 34240. Be sure to note *Prime Timers Sarasota* on your check. Thanks for helping our group make a difference in the community. Blessings and peace to you! Mike Moran

## Sarasota and Tampa Bay Prime Timers Singles and Solos

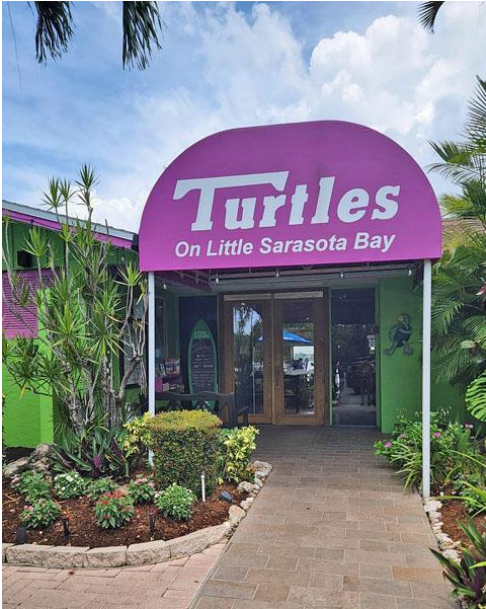








# Prime Timers Lunch at Turtles





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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 Stephen Stanley rather than to [primetimerssarasota@gmail.com](mailto:primetimerssarasota@gmail.com).

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