

Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

President's Message

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Hi All,

Happy Halloween! Did you know that Halloween was invented in Ireland? The roots of Halloween can be traced back 2,000 years to the pagan Celtic Samhain festival, which is celebrated at the end of summer. Although Halloween is now celebrated practically all over the world, the first Celtic festival of *Samhain* was held around 100 A.D. According to Irish mythology, the night before Samhain, November Eve (or *Oíche Shamhna* in Irish), was a liminal time in which the lines between this world and the *altar* (Irish for *Otherworld*) were blurred, due to the night's lying between one year and the next. Ooooh! Scary!

We had a great time going with the Tampa Bay Prime Timers to see the James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art in St. Pete. The Hangar restaurant was also lots of fun. If you've never been to these places, put them on your bucket list. Don't miss the [Rainbow Connections Social on October 10th at the Senior Friendship Center in Sarasota](#). This month they will present a violinist. They serve free wine, beer, water, and great appetizers from Sage Restaurant. Reservations are required from the [Rainbow Connection website](#) no later than two days prior to the event. (See the [Calendar of Events for more information on events](#).) On Friday, October 18th, we will be going to the new Toy Museum. Lunch afterwards will be at the Azteca Mexican Restaurant. Don't forget that on Saturday, October 19th from 3 to 11 P.M. is the Gulfcoast Pride Festival and Street Party (formerly Sarasota and Manatee Pride Festivals).

VERY IMPORTANT! The **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** will be held on Sunday, October 27th at 3:00 P.M. There will be a business agenda with elections being held. It's extremely important that you attend because we need a quorum of the membership to make the election legal. As an incentive, your Board of Directors will provide sandwiches, salad, and beverages. **RSVP to me at stevehor2004@yahoo.com NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th AT NOON.** The sooner the better!

It's that time of year again. Our Annual Potluck Picnic will be held on November 2nd at South Coquina Beach. The men from the Tampa Bay Chapter will be joining us. Start thinking about what delicious edible you will be bringing.

Just a reminder ... please let me know if any of your fellow members might enjoy receiving an Ecard; sympathy, get well, encouragement, or thinking of you, cards are available. It might just make someone's day.

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.

October 2024 Events

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).

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.

Wednesday, October 9 @ 10:30 A.M. Board Meeting at the home of Steve Horowitz, 3725 Glen Oaks Manor Drive, Sarasota. Please e-mail (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.

Wednesday, October 9 @ 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).

Thursday, October 10 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch at Peach's, located at 6386 N. Lockwood Ridge Road (at the intersection of University Parkway). RSVPs should be sent to Dan Warren at dannichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday.

Thursday, October 10 @ 4:30-6:00 P.M. Rainbow Connections Social, Senior Friendship Center, 1888 Brother Geenan Way, Sarasota. This month they will present a violinist. Reservation required from Rainbow Connection website. \$10. [Rainbow Connections | LGBTQ+ Social](#)

Sunday, October 13 @ 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, October 15 @ 10:30 A.M. Cover to Cover Book Club Meeting, will meet at Oasis Center, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Avenue, Sarasota. We meet once a month and welcome any-and-all members. This month the discussion will be *A Prayer in Ordinary Time* by Prime Timer Stephen E. Stanley. For additional information, contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).

Wednesday, October 16 @ 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).

Friday, October 18 @ 11 AM. Toy Museum. 3581 17th Street, Sarasota. \$10 admission. Lunch afterwards at the Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 1100 North Tuttle, Sarasota.

Saturday, October 19 @ 3pm to 11 PM. Gulfcoast Pride Festival and Street Party. Free. Boulevard of the Arts and Coconut Avenue, Sarasota.

Sunday, October 20 @ 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, October 23 @ 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, October 23 @ 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, October 24 @ 1:00 P.M. Southside Lunch at Demetrios, 4410 S. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. RSVPs should be sent to Kurt Juedes at chorkymorky@gmail.com, no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday.

Sunday, October 27 @ 3 P.M. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** in Syster Hall at 1st Congregational Church at 1031 South Euclid. There will be a business agenda with elections being held. Dinner will be provided. **RSVP to Steve Horowitz at stevehor2004@yahoo.com NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th AT NOON so that we know how much food to order.**

UPCOMING

Saturday November 2 @ 2 to 6 P.M. The Annual Picnic 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 and buns, utensils, plates, cups, napkins, pop, and water 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).

Sunday, November 3 @ 2 P.M. Join us to see the musical, *Merrily We Roll Along*, at Manatee Players, 502 3rd Ave. West, Bradenton. Tickets are \$37 from ManateePerformingArtsCenter.com. Purchase your tickets early as this performance may sell out.



Glenn Addis



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Bring a dish to share (main, side dish, appetizer, dessert.) Don't forget to bring a serving utensil and the name of your dish. Grilled hamburgers and buns, pop, paper plates, plastic wear, cups, and napkins will be provided by the Board of Directors. **NOTE: THERE ARE NO ELECTRIC OUTLETS AVAILABLE**, so plan accordingly.

There is no need to RSVP. Just come with a dish and a smile. We hope to see you there. Please direct your questions to Matt Leona (Bongo44@aol.com).



**Holiday Dinner-Dance, Saturday,
December 21st at 6:00 P.M.** Peridia Golf and
Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd., E.
Bradenton.

Look for more information coming soon!

October Birthdays



10/4	Michael Stone
10/14	Dan Warren
10/20	Art Bernabucci
10/22	John Dantzman
10/28	John Eley
10/28	Ron Moerer

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Here's a message to all of us from the new CEO of All Faiths Food Bank.

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your friendship and support during this year of transition for All Faiths Food Bank. This is the first Fall I've shared with you as CEO, and I can already see how your generosity is making a tangible difference for our neighbors facing hunger. September is Hunger Action Month, and we are proud to have you stand with us to carry out this crucial work. High living costs are straining many families, who struggle to provide consistent nutrition for their children. Sadly, hunger is often just a house away. Nearly one-third of working families in Sarasota alone live paycheck to paycheck, including vital community members like nurses, teachers, and veterans. They face impossible choices: rent or food, utilities, or prescriptions. AFFB can ensure that healthy food is available and accessible during these months of uncertainty. Hunger is close, but with your compassion, we can change that. Thank you for helping us turn hunger into hope!

Gratefully, Nelle S. Miller, President and CEO

You can send your financial support to: All Faiths Food Bank, 8171 Blaikie Court, Sarasota, FL 34240. Be sure to note on your check, *Prime Timers Sarasota*.

Thanks for caring. Mike Moran

Singles and Solos



Second Sunday Social





August Potluck







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North Lunch: Dan Warren
South Lunch: Kurt Juedes
Potluck: Michael Stone
Book Club: David Guyet
Singles and Solos: Matt Leona
Theatre Group: Matt Leona
All Faiths Food Bank: Mike Moran

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Roster: Steve Horowitz
New Member E-Mail Package: Steve Horowitz
Name Tags: Michael Sloan

HOSPITALITY

Membership Meeting Speakers: Matt Leona
Potluck Supplies: Board of Directors

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


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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.

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