

Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

President's Message



Happy Holidays! Christmas traditions, rich in history and vibrant in celebration, often trace back to ancient pagan roots, particularly the festivals of Yule and Saturnalia. The iconic Christmas tree, adorned with ornaments and lights, originates from early Germanic tribes and Roman customs celebrating the winter solstice.

Do you know the origin of Hanukkah? The Maccabees, led by Mattathias and his son, Judas Maccabeus, rebelled against the Seleucid Greek empire, which had outlawed Jewish practices and desecrated the Temple. According to legend, when the Maccabees regained control of the Temple, they found only enough oil to light the menorah for one day. However, the oil miraculously burned for eight days, giving the Jews time to secure more oil. The following year, the priests decreed that the festival of Hanukkah be celebrated to commemorate the rededication of the Temple. The name Hanukkah means *dedication* in Hebrew.

Over thirty Prime Timers from Sarasota and Tampa Bay went on a 5-day cruise on the Margaritaville of the Sea Islander to Mexico. The ship was beautiful and there were plenty of food stations and bars for everyone. It was a fun trip and was a great way to get to know our fellow members much better. For me, it was the best part of the cruise.

I hope you are as excited as I am about the Holiday Dinner Dance on December 21st at Peridia Golf and Country Club. The food, music, and service have all been excellent in previous years. It's also the perfect time to wear your best finery. You know that I will. As of December 1st, men from ROMEO and Prime Timers Tampa Bay will be invited to participate. If you haven't already signed up, do so ASAP before we run out of space. Don't forget that there will not be a membership meeting this month.

On Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 P.M., there will be the final fund raiser for a new awning at the Purple Rhino. Many fun events and food, will be offered such as a Chili Cook off and Deck Your Balls Christmas attire contest. Sausage & Peppers and Meatball Subs will be for sale.

Do we have any miniature golfers out there? You must be under 3-feet tall to play. Just kidding! On Friday, December 13th at 11:00 A.M., we will be trying out the Fish Hole Mini-Golf in Downtown Lakewood Ranch. Lunch will follow at *The Station*.

Last year, we had 165 members. Can we beat it this year? Believe it or not, there are still a lot of gay men in the area who have never heard of Prime Timers. I encourage you to invite your friends to join you at one of our events. With all the good looking, friendly men in our Chapter, how can they resist joining? I've been sending out weekly reminders to renew your annual membership dues. Please try to renew before February 1, 2025, to be kept on the membership roster and receive the February newsletter. *New members MUST complete the membership application on our website (Sarasotaprimetimers.org) to provide us with all the necessary information we need for the membership roster and for them to receive a new name badge.*

Have a happy and healthy holiday season! See you around!

Steve

December 2024

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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.

December 2024

Wednesday, December 4 @ 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, December 5 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch. The Park Grille & Cafe at the University Park Country Club in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at dannichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, December 4.

Saturday, December 7 @ 6:00 P.M. Potluck. Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. Prime Timers of Tampa/St. Pete are invited. 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.

Sunday, December 8 @ 5 P.M. Final Fund Raiser for awning at Purple Rhino. Many fun events and food. Chili Cook off, Deck Your Balls Christmas attire contest and Sausage and Peppers and Meatball Subs for sale.

Wednesday, December 11 @ 10:30 A.M, Board Meeting at Matt Leona, 3416 21st Street East, Bradenton. 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.

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Thursday, December 12 @ 5:00-6:30 P.M. Rainbow Connection Social, Senior Friendship Center, 1888 Brother Geenan Way, Sarasota. Reservation required from Rainbow Connection website *NO LATER THAN TUESDAY*. \$10. [Rainbow Connections | LGBTQ+ Social](#)

Friday December 13 @ 11:00 A.M. The Fish Hole Mini Golf, 10725 Rodeo Drive, Downtown Lakewood Ranch. Cost \$13.08. Lunch afterwards at The Station, Lakewood Ranch.

Sunday, December 15 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Prime Timers Second Sunday Social and Singles and Solos together 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, December 17 @ 10:30 A.M. Cover to Cover Book Club will meet at the Fruitville Library, Sarasota. We meet once a month and welcome any-and-all members. This month the discussion will be *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. For additional information, contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).

Wednesday, December 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).

Thursday, December 19 @ 1:00 P.M. Southside Lunch. Dutch Valley Restaurant, 6721 S. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Kurt Juedes, chorkymorky@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday. December 18.

Saturday, December 21 @ 6:00 PM to 10 P.M. Prime Timers Holiday Dinner Dance at Peridia Golf and Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd. East, Bradenton 34203.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, January 4 @ 6:00 P.M. Potluck. Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. Prime Timers of Tampa/St. Pete are invited. 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.

New Members

Glenn Teller
Steven Warfe





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Prime Timers Holiday Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 21, 2024, from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Peridia Golf & Country Club

4950 Peridia Blvd E, Bradenton 34203

Acceptable attire will be from Dress Casual to Formal. Shirts must have a collar. The cost per person is \$42.00.

The attendance limit is 70. The deadline to sign up is *December 16th. As of December 1st*, invitations will be opened to ROMEO and Prime Timers Tampa Bay, so sign up ASAP!

To reserve your meal and to pay by credit or with a debit card, Click on:

[Order My Dinner](#)

Or you can mail the form with your check, payable to: *Prime Timers Sarasota* to:

Prime Timers Sarasota

P. O. Box 1003

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DIRECTIONS TO PERIDIA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

From Lockwood Ridge Road/45th St E., turn West onto 53rd Avenue. Entrance to the Club will be on the North side of 53rd Avenue at Peridia Boulevard East. (Watch out for the speed bumps.) Follow it to 4950. The parking lot is opposite the clubhouse.

Don't Forget that there is NO Membership Meeting in December.

December Birthdays

12/3 Gary Davis

12/29 Steven Rowe

12/7 Donn Smith

12/29 Nick Tamborello

12/10 Ron Polley

12/29 Tom Black

12/12 Marcus Milland

12/15 Joe Fuleki

12/19 Jim Nichol

12/21 Philip Elk

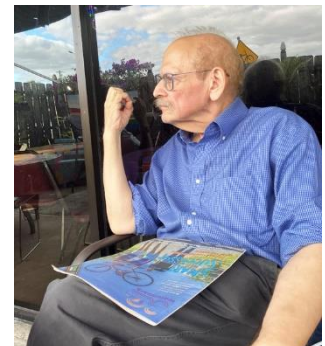
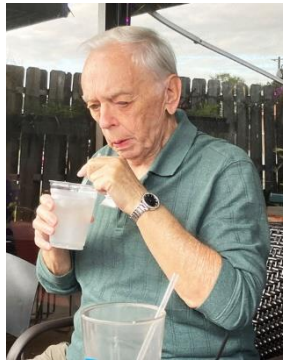
12/21 Edward Hurley

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Singles and Solos



Southside Lunch at Chili's





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2024 BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Events Coordinator: Matt Leona
North Lunch: Dan Warren
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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 Stephen Stanley 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 Cheddar Up. If you don't pay by credit or with 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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