

Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

President's Message

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June is Gay Pride month! Do you know the origin of this? Pride Month commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a pivotal moment in the gay liberation movement. The uprising occurred after a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, sparking six days of protests. The first Pride march was held a year later, on June 28, 1970, to mark the anniversary of the riots. Over time, the one-day celebrations evolved into a month-long recognition of LGBTQ+ history and equality.

We currently have book, Bridge, and theatre clubs. But we want more! Thank you to those members who contributed suggestions for possible new clubs. These included restarting the photography club, Euchre, pickleball, mall walking, bicycling, Backgammon, Wizard, Mexican Train, Uno, cruising, and Antique Car.

Our Directors at the May Board meeting were on fire. We generated a significant number of new ideas for speakers and activities. ***While we still want YOUR input***, here are a few topics that we are considering: what are normal signs of aging and what signs should we be concerned about; County resources for Seniors; What to know about cruising ... opportunities for singles ... promotions; History of Sarasota's Gay Movement; Myakka Elephant Preserve; and Selby Gardens.

I'm excited about the new activities the Board has proposed. Big Cat Habitat, Myakka Elephant Preserve, Myakka State Park E-bike tour/boat tour/canopy walkway, Celery Fields, Save Our Seabirds, [Bluegrass Jam at Bee Ridge Park](#), and [Three-Hour Shelling Cruise to Shell Key Preserve from John's Pass](#).

The Board will soon send out a survey to prioritize clubs, speaker topics, and events based on your feedback. To make the survey results usable, we need ***YOUR SUPPORT***. This means at least 30 members must return completed surveys. Look for survey announcements in the upcoming weeks.

For you Dads, Happy Father's Day! I hope it will be a great one. See you around!

Steve

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 carpool 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.

June 2025 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 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).

Saturday June 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, June 11 @ 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, June 12 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch at Mirna's Cuban Cuisine located at 2921 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, June 11.

Sunday, June 15 @ 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, June 17 @ 10:30 A.M. Cover to Cover Book Club will meet at Fruitville Library. We meet once a month and welcome any-and-all members. This month the discussion is on *Roosevelt's Beast* by Louis Bayard. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).

Wednesday, June 18 @ 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).

Wednesday, June 18 @ 10:30 A.M. Board Meeting at Bill Thomas, Villa Serena, 7014 Willow, 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.

Saturday, June 21 @ 7:30 P.M. *Pippin*. A musical. Dingbat Theater, 7288 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from [Dingbat Theatre](#).

Sunday, June 22 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Singles and Solos at the Purple Rhino at the corner of Weber and Beneva. All are welcome. Free raffle.

Wednesday, June 25 @ 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).

Wednesday, June 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? Hamburgers, grilled chicken and vegetarian burgers are available. Choose sides from onion rings, French fries, and potato salad. All for \$8.50. **Hint**: Get there by 5:30 P.M. to get served sooner.

Thursday, June 26 @ 1:00 P.M. Southside Lunch at Turtles Restaurant, Siesta Key, 8875 Midnight Pass Road/ Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, chorkymorky@gmail.com, no later than 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 25.

Friday, June 27 @ 12 noon. Tea and antiques shopping, Whistle Stop Gardens and Tea Room. 100 4th Ave, NW, Lutz, Florida. The cost is \$36 which includes food, tax and tip/. Limited to 8 participants. Please notify Matt at bongo44@aol.com, if interested.

Sunday, June 29 @ 3 P.M – 5 P.M. General Membership Meeting in Syster Hall at 1st Congregational Church at 1031 South Euclid. The speaker will discuss cruises and special promotions. Dinner afterwards at the Olive Garden.

UPCOMING

Wednesday, July 2 @ 10:30 A.M. Architecture Tour of Sarasota, Discover Sarasota Tours, 1826 4th Street, Sarasota. The cost is \$54.99. Use *Summersaver* to receive a twenty-percent discount. Call 941-260-9818 to make reservations.

Saturday, July 5 @ 5 P.M. Due to a scheduled wedding, there will be no potluck at the 1st Congregational Church this month. Instead, come join us for a great Chinese buffet dinner at Super Buffet, 5471 Fruitville Road in Sarasota Crossing Shopping Center. The cost is \$19.95. Meet at 5 P.M. outside the restaurant so we can all sit together.

May Birthdays

6/1	Donaldson	Bob
6/10	Coyne	Rick
6/11	Bond	Ray
6/12	Burbage	Bruce
6/13	Lopez	Anthony
6/14	Anheier	Rudi
6/14	Mickelbank	John
6/20	Carpenter	Richard
6/20	Espino	Juan
6/21	Cascio	Joe
6/27	Mahoney	Jack
6/27	Speer	Bill
6/30	Kleiman	Paul
6/30	Molinelli	Larry
6/30	Unland	Jerry



Biennial Prime Timers WorldWide Convention

Omaha 2025
Nebraska



The convention takes place in Omaha, Nebraska from October 9 - 13, 2025. Click on the link to learn more about it. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other Prime Timers and have a great time. The sooner you register, the cheaper the

cost will be. <https://theprimetimersww.com/2025-omaha-general/>

Lift Assist



Have you or your loved one ever fallen and needed help getting up? ***Lift Assist*** is a free service for members living in **Sarasota County**. Staff are trained to quickly and safely lift you back up. They don't provide treatment. Put their phone number in your cell phone contacts NOW! **941-316-1201**



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May Picnic at Coquina Beach





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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 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/>

Hospital Team



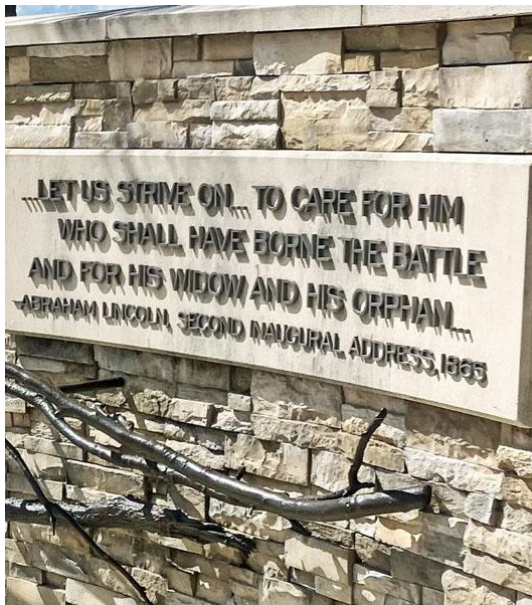
Prime Timers Sarasota has established a hospital team to support our members and their partners who are going through medical issues and could use support. The team started on February 1, 2025. **We certainly can use more volunteers.**

What will our team do? We will call each member who is in the hospital and get their approval to keep in touch with them. We will then determine what they and, if necessary, their partner's needs are. We will develop a plan for the team and determine the frequency of follow-up for the member and/or partner. The follow-up would be a phone call or a

hospital visit. We will offer a post-hospital home visit. The Board discussed other members possibly providing meals for the member and partner if there is need for them after hospital discharge. **Would you be willing to prepare one of these meals?**

If you are interested in joining the Hospital Team and/or being a meal preparer, please let Tom Peterson (tominparadise22@gmail.com / (615) 491-4396 know. Also, if you know of anyone who is in the hospital, please notify Tom. Thank you.

Sarasota National Cemetery





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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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 ***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 a debit card, don't forget to send your check, payable to *Prime Timers Sarasota to*:

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