

# Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

## *President's Message*

By Steve Horowitz



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Happy Independence Day! Here are some facts. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, which asserted the colonists' right to self-governance and declared their separation from British rule. This date is considered America's "birthday" as it marked the formal establishment of the United States as a sovereign nation. Independence Day is celebrated with various activities, including parades, fireworks displays, picnics, and concerts, reflecting the spirit of freedom and unity. The holiday is a reminder of the American Revolution and the struggle for independence from British colonial rule. Independence Day fosters a sense of national pride and patriotism among Americans.

You have already received notification that we will be using a new text messaging service to provide you with brief notices of upcoming Prime Timers events. **Texts from Prime Timers Sarasota will come from 941-280-5340. Please add this number to your phone's contact list as "Prime Timers Events".**

It will be **your** choice whether you wish to continue receiving text notifications. By simply responding STOP to any text notice, you will no longer receive future text reminders about Prime Timers Sarasota events. However, there will be instructions on [our website](#) to show you how to resume receiving text messages if you have turned them off.

We appreciate your patience, your feedback, and your suggestions as we begin to use the texting service. We are sensitive to not overburdening you with too many notices, so your comments about the service will assist your Board of Directors in implementing text reminders in the most effective and least disruptive manner.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, it was decided to hold quarterly membership meetings rather than monthly meetings, so that we can provide you with excellent presenters on topics pertinent to your preferences. For the remainder of this year, membership meetings will be held in September with our Annual Business Meeting to be held in October. Starting in 2026, membership meetings will be held in January, April, July, and October, which will also be the Annual Business Meeting.

Be looking for an interest survey coming your way in the next few weeks. Your feedback is critical to the ongoing success of Prime Timers Sarasota programming. See you around!

**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.

*Steve*

# *July 2025 Calendar of Events*

**Wednesday, July 2 @10:30 AM** Architecture Tour of Sarasota, Discover Sarasota Tours. \$54.99. Use Summersaver to receive a twenty percent discount. Call 94-260-9818. 1826 4th Street, Sarasota.

**Wednesday, July 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 July 5 @ 5:00 P.M.** Due to a wedding, there will be no potluck at the church this month. Instead, please join us at Super Buffet, 5471 Fruitville Road, Sarasota in the Crossings Shopping Center. Cost \$19.95. Meet at 5 P.M. so that we can sit together in the restaurant.

**Wednesday, July 9 @ 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)).

**Thursday, July 10 @ 1:00 P.M.** Northside Lunch at the Terrace on the Green Restaurant at the Peridia Golf & Country Club located at 4950 Peridia Boulevard East (just off Hwy70/53rd Ave., a few blocks east of US301), in Bradenton. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at [danmichaelwarren@gmail.com](mailto:danmichaelwarren@gmail.com) no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, July 9.

**Sunday, July 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, July 15 @ 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 *Work Song* by Ivan Doig. For additional information contact David Guyet ([sandheim@msn.com](mailto:sandheim@msn.com)).

**Wednesday, July 16 @ 10:30 A.M.** Board Meeting at Steve Horowitz, American House, 4540 Bee Rudge Road. 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.

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

**Sunday, July 20 @ 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, July 23 @ 11:00 A.M.** Tour of Sarasota Museum of Art followed by lunch at the Museum's Bistro restaurant. \$12 admission to museum. 1001 South Tamiami Trail.

**Wednesday, July 23 @ 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))

**Wednesday, July 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 Timers 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, July 24 @ 1:00 P.M.** Southside Lunch at P.F. Chang's, 766 S. Osprey Avenue in Sarasota. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, [chorkymorky@gmail.com](mailto:chorkymorky@gmail.com), no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday July 23.

**Wednesday, July 30 @ 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))

## UPCOMING

**Saturday August 2 @ 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.

### *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 Griffin 26

Ron Gibson 28

Roger Hazard 30



### *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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### 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](mailto:tominparadise22@gmail.com) / (615) 491-4396 know. Also, if you know of anyone who is in the hospital, please notify Tom. Thank you.

# Silver Pride





## EVENT OF THE MONTH

### *Sarasota Museum of Art*



Please join us on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 A.M. for a tour of the Sarasota Museum of Art, 1001 South Tamiami Trail. The museum is having an eventful summer with exciting exhibits of African American art, tapestries you can wander through, and outdoor interactive sculptures. Lunch will be at The Bistro on the museum grounds.





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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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