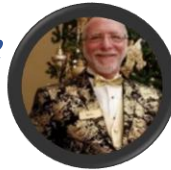


# Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

## President's Message

By Steve Horowitz



September 2025

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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 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.

Happy Labor Day! Do you know the origin of Labor Day? Labor Day in the United States, observed on the first Monday of September, is a tribute to the social and economic achievements of American workers. Its origins stem from the late 19th-century labor movement, which advocated for a federal holiday recognizing workers' contributions to the nation's prosperity and well-being. While Labor Day has become a symbol of the end of summer for many, its core meaning remains rooted in honoring the American worker and their vital role in the nation's development. The holiday is still used by some to bring awareness to workers' rights and concerns.

A few months ago, your Board of Directors made the decision to offer membership meetings on a quarterly, rather than on a monthly basis. I, personally, want to know your opinions on this change. **Do you want to meet monthly with a speaker or do you prefer meeting less often than that?** Please let me know at [stevehor2004@yahoo.com](mailto:stevehor2004@yahoo.com) at your earliest convenience.

Matt Leona, Events Coordinator, has some great events for you. On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a bus trip to Hard Rock Cafe, Tampa. We will leave from the Winds of St. Armands North Mobile Home Park, 4000 North Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, at 10:00 A.M. and leave the Hard Rock at 3:00 P.M. Please contact Irv Krauledis at [ilhairdesign@aol.com](mailto:ilhairdesign@aol.com) or text 562-243-9067 to sign up.

On Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. there will be a Coffee Chat at Bob Evans, 5093 Brookhill Blvd, Sarasota. (Near the intersection of Fruitville and Cattleman Roads.) It's a fun way to share breakfast or just coffee with your fellow members. Please notify Rick Coyne at [RickCoyne507@yahoo.com](mailto:RickCoyne507@yahoo.com), if interested.

Join us to view the *Beyond Van Gogh and Beyond Monet Art Exhibit* at the Straz Center on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at Noon. Lunch will follow at 1:30 P.M. at the nearby Dip and Happy.

The Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 P.M. The guest speaker will be Ken Shelin, former Out Councilman, on the history of the gay movement in Sarasota. Dinner afterwards will be held at the Yummy House.

Don't forget to wear your name badge at all Prime Timers events! See you around!

*Steve*

# September 2025 Calendar of Events

**Saturday, September 6 @ 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 to 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, appetizer, dessert. Don't forget to bring a serving utensil and the name of your dish.

**Thursday, September 11 @ 1:00 P.M.** Northside Lunch at Mean Dean's Local Kitchen located at 6059 26th St. West in Bradenton. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at [danmichaelwarren@gmail.com](mailto:danmichaelwarren@gmail.com) no later than 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 10.

**Sunday, September 14 @ 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, September 16 @ 10:30 A.M.** Cover to Cover Book Club Meeting, will meet at Fruitville Library. We meet once a month and welcome any-and-all members. This month the discussion will be on *Shattered Love* by Richard Chamberlain. For additional information, contact David Guyet ([sandheim@msn.com](mailto:sandheim@msn.com)).

**Wednesday, September 17 @ 10 A.M.** Bus Trip to Hard Rock Cafe, Tampa. \$25 per person. We will leave the Winds of St. Armands North Mobile Home Park, 4000 North Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, at 10:00 A.M. and leave the Hard Rock at 3:00 P.M. Please contact Irv Krauledis at [ilhairdesign@aol.com](mailto:ilhairdesign@aol.com) or text 562-243-9067 to sign up.

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**Thursday, September 18 @ 10:30 A.M.** Board Meeting at Steve Hoffner, 4767 Winslow Beacon, Sarasota, FL. 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.

**Friday, September 19 @ Noon.** Beyond Van Gogh and Beyond Monet Art Exhibit. Straz Center, 1010 NW C Macinnes Place, Tampa. \$43 admission. Get tickets at the [Straz Center](#). Immerse yourself in the history and paintings of two prominent artists. Lunch at 1:30 P.M. at the nearby Dip and Happy, 102 East Tyler St.

**Sunday, September 21 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.** Singles and Solos at the Purple Rhino at the corner of Webber and Beneva. All are welcome. Free raffle.

**Wednesday, September 24 @ 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, September 25 @ 1:00 P.M.** Southside Lunch at the Mellow Mushroom, 6727 S. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, [chorkymorky@gmail.com](mailto:chorkymorky@gmail.com), no later than 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 24.

**Sunday, September 28 @ 3 P.M.** General Meeting at Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. Guest speaker will be Ken Shelin, former Out Councilman, on the history of the gay movement in Sarasota. Dinner afterwards at the Yummy House.

## **UPCOMING**

**Saturday October 4 @ 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 to 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.



## *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 Peter Evens  
 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



## *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**



## ***MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION IF NEEDED***

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# Event of the Month



**Friday, September 19 @12 noon.** Beyond Van Gogh and Beyond Monet Art Exhibit. Straz Center, 1010 NW C Macinnes Place, Tampa. \$43 admission. Immerse yourself in the history and paintings of two prominent artists. Prime Timers Tampa Bay members are invited to join us. Lunch at 1:30 P.M. at the nearby Dip and Happy, 102 East Tyler Street.



**December 19 to December 24, 2025.** Cruise from Tampa on the Norwegian Star to Key West and the Bahamas. Great discounts including free Wi-fi and Open Bar. Click on [cruise](#) to register. Prime Timers Tampa Bay are invited to join us. Let's get a big group together for a fun trip.



**Now you can order your very own Prime Timers Sarasota Name Badge for just \$9.50.**

## **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.



## ***HOW TO USE TEXT REMINDERS***

Prime Timers members may elect to have brief text messages sent to their cellphone to remind them of upcoming Prime Timers events.

Text reminders are usually sent 48 to 72 hours prior to an upcoming scheduled event.

It is totally up to you if you wish to receive text reminders or not. Simply reply **"STOP"** to any text reminder and you will no longer receive texts.

If you'd like to resume receiving text reminders, simply text the word **"START"** to our private text number at **941-280-5340**.

## ***FLORIDA PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR SENIORS SARASOTA***

Several excellent programs and services are available for seniors in Sarasota, Florida, including:

### **1. Senior Friendship Centers:**

- Location: With multiple locations in Sarasota, including a main center at 1888 Brother Geenen Way, and an Adult Day Care center at 1820 Brother Geenen Way,
- Services: Offers a wide range of services including:
  - Adult Day Care: Provides supervised activities and care for seniors with cognitive or medical needs,
  - Activity Centers: Offer opportunities for socialization, classes, exercise, and activities,
  - Nutrition Programs: Including congregate meals at the Sarasota Friendship Café and home-delivered meals.
  - Caregiver Support: Resources and support groups for those caring for older adults.
  - Friendship at Home: A program pairing isolated seniors with volunteers for companionship and support,
  - Help with ACCESS Applications: Assistance with applying for programs like SNAP (food stamps), temporary cash assistance, Medicaid, and refugee assistance,
  - Legal Assistance: Free 30-minute consultations with attorneys by appointment,
  - SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Counseling: Free, unbiased Medicare counseling,
- Mission: A non-profit dedicated to the well-being of seniors in Southwest Florida, empowering them to live fulfilling, healthy, and independent lives,

### **2. Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL):**

- Elder Helpline: A valuable resource providing information and referrals to elder and disability services, Call 866-413-5337 or 800-96-ELDER (800-963-5337),
- Home and Community-Based Care: Connects individuals with in-home care, daycare, and other services to help them live independently,
- SHINE (Medicare Counseling): Provides free, unbiased counseling on Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance,
- Elder Abuse Prevention & Education: Offers resources and education to prevent elder abuse,
- Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP): Provides financial assistance for heating or cooling emergencies for low-income seniors,
- Caregiver Support: Offers support and resources for family caregivers,
- Designated Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC): Serves as a central point for accessing state and federally subsidized care,.



### 3. Home Care Services:

- Seniors Helping Seniors Manatee Sarasota: Provides in-home care services by senior caregivers, promoting independence and companionship,
- Senior Helpers: Offers personalized home health care services, including assistance with daily living, Alzheimer's and dementia care, and personal care.
- Home Instead Senior Care of Sarasota Florida: Provides a wide range of services including companionship, meal assistance, transportation, and hands-on personal care.
- Granny NANNIES: Offers in-home care services, specializing in care for conditions like Alzheimer's, heart disease, and those needing respite or stroke recovery care.

### 4. Assisted Living Facilities:

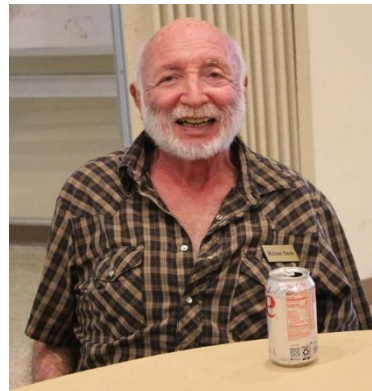
- Various options: Sarasota has numerous assisted living communities offering different levels of care and amenities, including Brookdale Senior Living, American House, Aravilla, and HarborChase of Sarasota,
- Resources for finding facilities: Websites like AssistedLiving.org offer tools to find and compare facilities. You can also find an online locator tool on FloridaHealthFinder.gov,

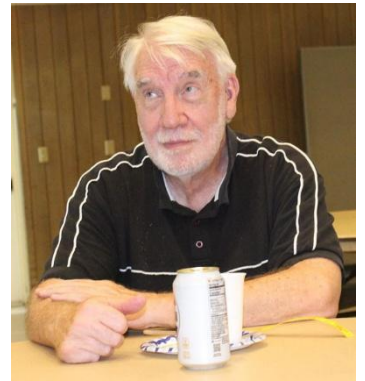
### 5. Other Helpful Programs:

- Sarasota County Senior Advocacy Council, Inc.: Provides resources and assistance for low-income seniors, including a grant program for essential items and emergency assistance,
- Senior Medicaid Solutions: Provides assistance with applying for senior Medicaid, professional guardianships, and notary services,
- Suncoast Center For Independent Living, Inc.: Offers assistance with medical supplies and support for individuals with disabilities.
- Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) of the Suncoast: Provides caregiver support and education, counseling, support groups, and respite programs,
- Sarasota County Veterans Services: Assists veterans in applying for financial assistance and other veteran programs,
- Florida Senior Legal Helpline: Provides free legal advice to eligible seniors over 60.

Note: For more detailed information on eligibility requirements, services offered, and how to apply, please contact the specific organizations or the Elder Helpline as indicated above,

# August Potluck









## Second Sunday Social





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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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