

Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

President's Message

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Happy Halloween! Halloween originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of summer and the harvest, and the beginning of the dark, cold winter. The Celts believed that on the night of Samhain, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred, allowing the spirits of the dead, fairies, and other supernatural creatures to freely roam the Earth and interact with the living. To protect themselves from evil spirits, people would dress in costumes and masks to disguise themselves, often wearing animal skins and heads to scare them away. The Catholic Church later incorporated some of these traditions into the holidays of All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd), which were called All Hallows' Day and All Hallows' Eve respectively, leading to the name "Halloween."

We have a lot going on in the last three months of the year. The Annual Business Meeting will be held on the last Sunday of October. Elections and a business meeting will be held. Your attendance at this meeting will ensure that we have a quota. Because we will be ordering pizza, please be sure to RSVP to me by Friday, October 24th, so that we know how much food to order.

Our Annual Picnic will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. on November 15th. This year we will hold it in the North Coquina Beach Shelter. The Board of Directors will provide hotdogs and hamburgers in addition to our regular potluck. Please bring an entrée, side dish, appetizer, or dessert. Bring a serving utensil and the name of the dish. **THERE WILL BE NO POTLUCK THE FIRST SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL!**

Once again, we will be holding our Holiday Dinner Dance at Peridia Golf & Country Club on Saturday, December 6th, starting at 6:00 P.M. Our favorite band, Time Trax, also will be performing again. Please mark the date so you don't miss out on one of our favorite events of the year. More information will be forthcoming.

Matt Leona, Events Coordinator, has three special events planned for October. On Thursday, October 16th at 12:00 P.M., *Ideal Classic Cars*, in Venice, has over 100 Classic Cars for us to explore. Lunch will be held at the Dockside Waterfront Grill.

On Saturday, October 18th at 5:00 P.M., we will be meeting for our monthly *Saturday Nite Dinner* at Buffet City, an excellent Chinese buffet in Sarasota. Last time, 24 members attended.

On Friday, October 24th at 12:30 P.M., we will be going to the Big Cat Habitat, Sarasota. They have two great shows we'll see starting at 1:00: Birds; and the Big Cats. If you've never been there, you won't want to miss it.

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.

October 2025 Calendar of Events

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 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.

Thursday, October 9 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch at the Columbia Restaurant located at 411 St. Armands Circle, Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, October 8.

Sunday, October 12 @ 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!

Wednesday, October 15 @ 10:30 A.M. Board Meeting at the home of Lee Linkous, 4601 Del Sol Blvd., Sarasota. Please e-mail (stevehor2004@yahoo.com) ahead of time if you'd like to attend. All members are welcome. See your Board in action and share your ideas and concerns for the good of the club.

Thursday, October 16 @ 12:00 P.M. Ideal Classic Cars, 2224 South Tamiami Trail, Venice. Admission is free. See over 100 Classic Cars. Lunch at Dockside Waterfront Grill, 509 North Tamiami Trail, Venice. [Classic Cars Website](#)

Saturday October 18 @ 5 P.M. Saturday Nite Dinner. Buffet City, Excellent Chinese buffet, 4458 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. \$18 for seniors.

Sunday, October 19 @ 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.

Tuesday, October 21 @ 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 is on *The Water is Wide* by Pat Conroy. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).

Wednesday, October 22 @ 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, October 23 @ 1:00 P.M. Southside Lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse, 2020 Gulf Gate Drive in Sarasota. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, chorkymorky@gmail.com, no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday October 22.

Friday, October 24 at 12:30 P.M. [Big Cat Habitat](#). See two great shows: Birds; and The Big Cats. 7101 Palmer Blvd. Sarasota. \$25 admission.

Sunday, October 26 @ 3 P.M. Annual Business Meeting at Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. Board elections and a business meeting will be held. Your attendance is highly recommended. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP by noon on October 24th to Steve Horowitz (stevehor2004@yahoo.com) so that we know how much food to order!

UPCOMING

Saturday, November 15 @ 3 - 5 P.M. Annual Picnic and Potluck. North Coquina Beach Shelter, Bradenton Beach, Anna Maria Island. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. 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.

October Birthdays

10/3 John Volpe

10/4 Michael Stone

10/14 Dan Warren

10/20 Art Bernabucci

10/22 John Dantzman

10/28 John Eley

10/28 Ron Moerer



Mike Scialdone

David Simpson

Bob Hernandez

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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ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, October 26th @ 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. Your attendance is highly recommended! Pizza will be provided. *RSVP to Steve Horowitz at stevehor2004@yahoo.com NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24th AT NOON so that we know how much food to order.*



Our Annual Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th, at the North Coquina Beach Shelter, Rt. 789/Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach. Prime Timers Tampa Bay members have been invited to join us.

Plan to arrive at 3:00 P.M. to enjoy visiting with other members (2:30 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 5:00 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. Grilled hamburgers and buns, pop, paper plates, plastic wear, cups, and napkins will be provided by the Board of Directors.

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 6th at 6:00 P.M. Peridia Golf and Country Club, 4950 Peridia Blvd., E. Bradenton. Look for more information coming soon!



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 weekend.



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 / (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 24 to 48 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.

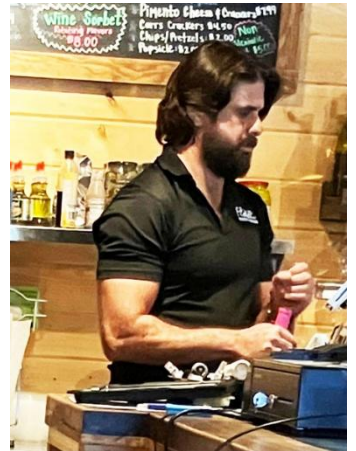
Note: For more detailed information on eligibility requirements, services offered, and how to apply, please contact the specific organizations or the Elder Helpline as indicated above,

September Potluck





Wine Tasting



Second Sunday Social





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Hospital Team: Tom Peterson & Eddie Davis

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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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