

Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

President's Message

By Steve Horowitz



St. Patrick's Day was originally a dry, religious feast day in Ireland, with green as a later, nationalistic color choice over the original blue. It has evolved into a global celebration of Irish culture, featuring surprising, lesser-known facts such as the Saint actually being British, Ireland having no snakes, and the largest parade occurring in Argentina. **St. Patrick wasn't Irish:** Born in Britain (Scotland or Wales) to Roman parents, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at age 16. **His name wasn't Patrick:** He was born Maewyn Succat, only adopting Patricius after becoming a priest. **The original color was blue:** Green only became associated with the day in the late 18th century to represent Irish independence. **No snakes in Ireland:** There were never snakes on the island, as it was too cold for them during the Ice Age. The legend symbolizes his driving out of paganism. **He wasn't technically a saint:** St. Patrick was never formally canonized by the Catholic Church, as the process didn't exist in the 5th century; he was declared a saint by popular acclaim.

We currently have two members who have agreed to serve as ambassadors at potlucks and membership meetings, but we need more! An ambassador greets members and guests encouraging them to wear a name badge and recommending that they get tickets for the 50/50 raffle. The ambassador then takes a new member or guest to a table and introduces everyone to them. Have them sit at the table. Go back to the front door and repeat the process. An ambassador is someone who is friendly and has good social skills. If you are interested in becoming an ambassador, please contact me at stevehor2004@yahoo.com.

Matt Leona, Events Coordinator, has lined up several exciting events for you. On Sunday, March 1st at 2 P.M. we are going to the Zubrick Magic Theatre to see a magic show by two gay magicians. There will be an optional dinner afterwards at a local restaurant.

Ron Gibson & Jerry Unland invite you to their **Shamrock Social #6** on Sunday, March 15, 2026, from 2:00 until 6:00 P.M. RSVP by March 11th.

On Friday, March 20, at 5 P.M., we will be going to dinner at the Super Buffet. And on Tuesday, March 24th, from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. some of us will be taking the bus to Hard Rock Casino in Tampa.

For Thursday, March 26th, at 11:30 A.M. the Southside Lunch will be combined with Embracing Our Differences billboard art show. We will visit the art exhibit in the park and then have lunch at 1 P.M. at nearby O'Leary's Tiki Bar and Grill.

And there is a lot more fun and excitement. See you around!

Steve Horowitz

March 2026

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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.

March 2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 1 @ 2 PM. Zubrick Magic Theatre, 1211 1st Street North, Suite 101, St. Pete, Florida. Magic show by two gay magicians. General tickets are \$50. Get tickets at [zubrick magic tickets](#). Optional dinner afterwards at a local restaurant.

Saturday March 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.

March 12 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch at Victoria's Hong Kong Cafe located at 3232 North Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, March 11.

Sunday March 15, 2026, from 2:00 until 6:00 P.M. Ron Gibson & Jerry Unland invite you to their **Shamrock Social #6** at **6003 45th St West, Bradenton**. Everyone is encouraged to wear a fun, festive and colorful, hat, wig, costume or decoration. Stop by to enjoy refreshments and celebrate the day when we all feel a little bit **IRISH**. **RSVP by March 11th** to ronjerr2@gmail.com. (No Second Sunday Social!)

Tuesday, March 17 @ 10:30 A.M. Cover to Cover Book Club Meeting. The Oasis Center at the 1st Congregational Church of Sarasota, 1031 S. Euclid Avenue, Sarasota. This month the discussion is on *The Naked Civil Servant* by Quentin Crisp. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).

Wednesday, March 18 @ 10:30 A.M. Board Meeting at the home of Matt Leona, 3416 31st Street East, Bradenton. 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.

Friday, March 20 @ 5 P.M. Dinner at Super Buffet, 5471 Fruitville Road, Sarasota. Meet out front so we can enter together.

Sunday, March 22 @ 3 - 5 P.M. Singles and Solos at Purple Rhino at the corner of Beneva and Webber. All are invited. Free raffle.

Tuesday, March 24 from 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. Bus to Hard Rock Casino in Tampa. Cost is \$25. Contact Irv Krauledis at ilhairdesign@aol.com to make a reservation.

Wednesday, March 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.

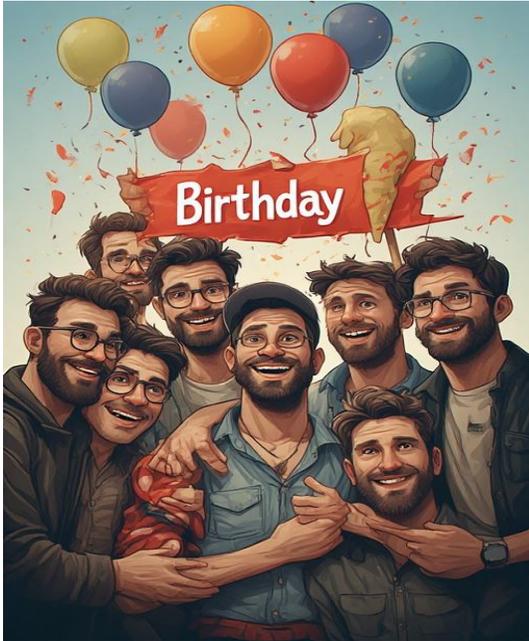
Thursday, March 26 @ 11:30 A.M. Southside Lunch and Embracing Our Differences art show at 5 Bayfront Drive, Sarasota. We will visit the art exhibit in the park then have lunch at 1 P.M. at nearby O'Leary's Tiki Bar and Grill. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, chorkymorky@gmail.com, no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday March 25.

Sunday, March 29 @ 3 P.M. General membership meeting at Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. The speaker is to be announced. Optional dinner afterwards at Olive Garden.

UPCOMING

Saturday April 4 @ 6:00 P.M. Special Spaghetti potluck. Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. Spaghetti with meat sauce will be provided by Rick Coyne. Please bring a salad or dessert to accompany the meal.

Friday, April 10 @ 7:30 P.M. Outdoor Pops by the Sarasota Orchestra. Ed Smith Stadium, 2700 12th Street, Sarasota. Tickets, including fees, are \$28.25. Try to sit in Section 225, so we can sit together. Tickets will go very fast so don't wait! Click on this link: [Get Tickets](#).



March Birthdays

Gerald Bender 3/3
David Rubin 3/4
Michael Venneman 3/4
Frank Richbourg 3/6
James Russo 3/26
Max Givon 3/28
Lloyd Amodei 3/30

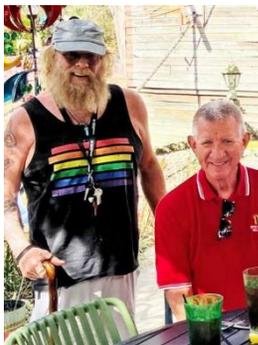
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Solomon's Castle





Just Asking ...

Now you can ask other members for assistance or invite other members to join you for a movie, dinner, or a Prime Timers event. For example: does anyone know of a good handyman? My name/email/phone number; does anyone want to join me for lunch Thursday at The Breakfast House? My name/email/phone number. Send inquiries to me (stevehor2004@yahoo.com) and **RESPOND DIRECTLY TO THE REQUESTING MEMBER'S EMAIL!**



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

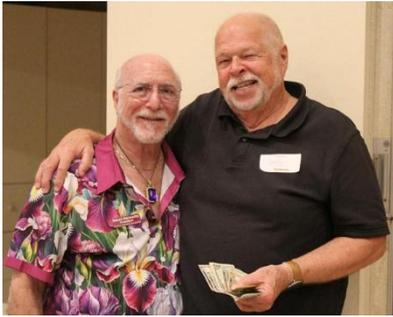
You will be asked how you wish your name to read on the badge. You may use just your first name or your full name on the badge -- whichever you prefer. As

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/>

February Potluck



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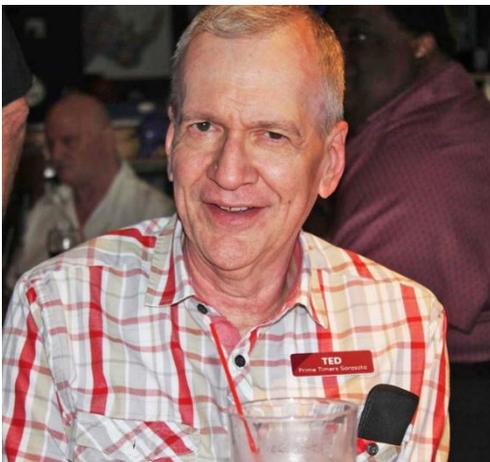


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Second Sunday Social





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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.

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

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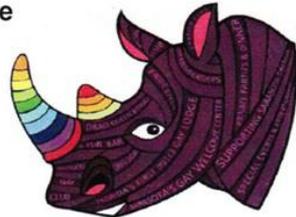
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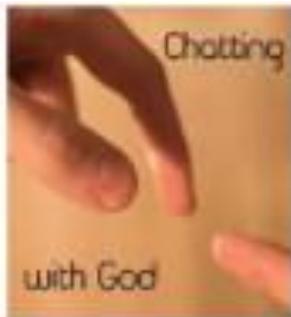
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