

# Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

## President's Message

By Steve Horowitz



April Fools' Day is almost here—watch out for pranks on April 1st! Now, let's get serious about Prime Timers Sarasota. Why are you a member? What makes you want to remain part of our organization?

For many, it's the chance to meet other gay and bisexual men in a safe, welcoming environment and enjoy genuine camaraderie. Social connection has always been central to Prime Timers, and many casual acquaintances have grown into lasting friendships.

Food is another big draw. From monthly potlucks and Northside and Southside lunches to Second Sunday Socials and post-meeting dinners—sometimes even a Friday night Chinese buffet—our events often revolve around sharing a meal. As we like to say, food makes an event successful.

Many of our members are single or prefer not to attend outings alone, especially at night. Carpooling makes activities more accessible, safer, and more fun. There truly is strength—and enjoyment—in numbers.

Perhaps you like our care and support efforts? Care and support are a big part of Prime Timers Sarasota. There are several components of our care and support program. Many members have offered to drive other members who need a ride locally. Tech savvy members have been assisting members who need help understanding and using their phones, tablets, or computers. Single members have paired up with each other to ensure they are each healthy and safe every day. There is a hospital team who will call on hospitalized members and their partners to help them during their hospital stay and for the short term after they return home. Members receive e-cards to celebrate their birthday, to pick them up when they are going through a tough time, when they are ill, and sympathy e-cards when appropriate. Most recently, we started offering a program called *Just Asking....* Members who need professional assistance will contact me to send out their request to the membership. Members then directly contact the person making the initial request. This seems to be working well.

So, how many of our activities made you join and stay with Prime Timers? Invite a friend to check us out and see what they like. See you around!

*Steve Horowitz*

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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.

## ***April 2026 Calendar of Events***

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

**Thursday, April 9 @ 1:00 P.M.** Northside Lunch at Rico's Pizzeria & Pasta House located at 5131 N. Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at [danmichaelwarren@gmail.com](mailto:danmichaelwarren@gmail.com) no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, April 8.

**Friday, April 10 @ 7:30 P.M.** Pops by the Sarasota Orchestra at 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](#).

**Sunday, April 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, April 15 @ 10:30 A.M.** Board Meeting at Steve Hoffner, 4409 Longmeadow, Sarasota. 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.

**Sunday, April 19 @ 3Pm - 5 P.M.** Singles and Solos at Purple Rhino at the corner of Beneva and Webber. All are invited. Free raffle.

**Tuesday, April 21 @ 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 *State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny. For additional information contact David Guyet ([sandheim@msn.com](mailto:sandheim@msn.com))

**Wednesday, April 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, April 23 @ 1:00 P.M.** Southside Lunch at Millie's Restaurant, 3900 Clark Road in Sarasota. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, [chorkymorky@gmail.com](mailto:chorkymorky@gmail.com), no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday April 22.

**Sunday, April 26 @ 3 P.M.** Membership meeting at Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. What’s your hobby? It will be a fun show and tell. Please share your interests with the group. Pizza will be provided.

**Wednesday, April 29 @ 11 A.M.** Gulf Island Ferry, Bradenton Riverwalk, Bridge Street, Bradenton. Roundtrip tickets are \$6 for seniors ages 60 – 79 and free for seniors over 80 years of age. Take a scenic 50-minute boat ride and have shopping and lunch at the historic Bridge Street Pier on Anna Maria Island. You can purchase tickets as of April 1<sup>st</sup> at [Bradenton Riverwalk Pier](#) → [Bridge Street Pier | Gulf Islands Ferry](#)

### **UPCOMING**



**Saturday, May 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.

**Saturday, May 9 @ 2 P.M.** *Assassins*, an exciting musical by Stephen Sondheim about real and would-be presidential assassins. Players Theater, in the Crossings at Siesta Key Mall at 3501 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Tickets are \$35. Purchase tickets at [theplayers.org](http://theplayers.org).

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## *April Birthdays*

4/2 John Miller  
4/4 Terry Pierson  
4/12 Rick Brown  
4/22 Kurt Juedes  
4/24 Gordon Stanley  
4/24 Bruce Veeder  
4/28 Steven Hoffner  
4/28 George Richardson

## **New Members**



**Riccardo Didlick**  
**Jan Weston**  
**Ray Dispoto**  
**Daniel Lewis**



## 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. Please email [stevehor2004@yahoo.com](mailto:stevehor2004@yahoo.com) who will send out an Eblast for you.



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/>

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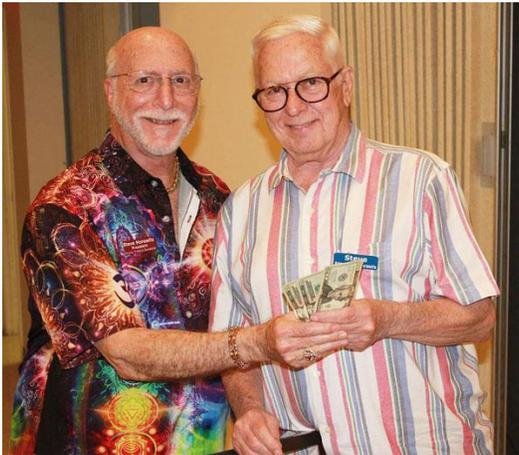
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# March Potluck





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