

Prime Timers Sarasota

Enriching social lives of mature gay/bi men

President's Message

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Happy Memorial Day! Here are some little-known facts about Memorial Day. **Founded by Freed Slaves:** In May 1865, formerly enslaved people in Charleston, SC, reburied over 260 Union captives, decorated their graves, and held a parade, marking the earliest known "Decoration Day". **Official Birthplace:** In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. **The Original Date:** From 1868 to 1970, the holiday was celebrated on **May 30th** regardless of the day of the week. **Shift to Monday:** The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968, which took effect in 1971, moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May to create a three-day weekend. **The Red Poppy Symbol:** The tradition of wearing a red poppy in memory of fallen soldiers originated from the World War I poem "[In Flanders Fields](#)". **3 p.m. Moment of Silence:** In 2000, Congress passed the "National Moment of Remembrance Act," asking Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day. **Decoration Day Name Usage:** Despite the name changing to Memorial Day in 1967, it was commonly called Decoration Day for over a century. **Conflicting Origins:** While Waterloo is the official birthplace, more than 20 cities claim to be the original birthplace of the holiday. **Not All Veterans:** Unlike Veterans Day, which honors all who served, Memorial Day is specifically meant to honor those who died while in military service. **Regional Differences:** Following the Civil War, many Southern states initially celebrated their fallen soldiers on different days, only later adopting May 30th.

We have another fun-filled month planned for you. On Saturday, May 9, at 2:00 P.M., we are going to the Players Theater to see *Assassins*, an exciting musical by Stephen Sondheim about real and would-be presidential assassins.

Friday, May 1, at 12 noon, join us on a once-in-a-lifetime expedition to experience Titanic, the most luxurious ship to ever set sail. Featuring numerous artifacts, dramatic room recreations, never-before-seen 3D views, video animations, and cutting-edge technology, *Titanic: An Immersive Voyage – Through the Eyes of the Passengers* tells the story of the RMS Titanic like never before.

Join us on Monday, May 24, at 5:00 P.M. to celebrate Memorial Day with a Buffet/Dinner at Der Dutchman,

I'm still looking for members to step up as Ambassadors at potlucks and membership meetings. It's great to be a volunteer and feel like you are really a part of Sarasota Prime Timers. 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.

May 2026 Calendar of Events

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 PM. *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 [The Players](#).

Sunday, May 10 @ 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.

Thursday, May 14 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch at the Marina Jack Dining Room located at 2 Marina Plaza in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, May 13.

Friday, May 15 @ 12 noon. Join us on a once-in-a-lifetime expedition to experience Titanic, the most luxurious ship to ever set sail. Featuring numerous artifacts, dramatic room recreations, never-before-seen 3D views, video animations, and cutting-edge technology, *Titanic: An Immersive Voyage – Through the Eyes of the Passengers* tells the story of the RMS Titanic like never before. 4636 North Dale Mawbry Highway, Tampa. Tickets are \$27.90. Purchase tickets at [Titanic](#). Let's try to carpool.

Sunday, May 17 @ 3 - 5 P.M. Singles and Solos at Purple Rhino at the corner of Beneva and Webber. All are invited. Free raffle.

Tuesday, May 19 @ 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 *Ragtime* by E.L. Doctorow. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com).

Wednesday, May 20 @ 10:30 A.M. Board Meeting at Steve Horowitz, American House, 4540 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. Please e-mail (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.

Monday, May 24 @ 5 P.M. Memorial Day Buffet/Dinner at Der Dutchman, 3713 Bahia Vista, Sarasota. Please meet in lobby outside restaurant, so we can get a table together.

Thursday, May 28 @ 1:00 P.M. Southside Lunch at KeKe's Breakfast Cafe, 3456 Clark Road in Sarasota. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, chorkymorky@gmail.com, no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday April 22.

Sunday, May 31 @ 3 P.M. Membership meeting at Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. Presentation from Equity Florida. Learn how this group works with Florida legislation to support or reject new proposed laws. Optional dinner afterwards at Demetrio's on the South Trail.

UPCOMING

Saturday June 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 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.

May Birthdays



5/1 David Guyet
5/6 Frank Hawkins
5/7 Jerry Travis
5/8 Patrick Paddock
5/11 James Thompson
5/12 Bill Davis
5/20 Elliot Baruch
5/20 Jack Hillman
5/29 Mark Carrier

July Cruise



Join us on the new *Norwegian Luna* cruise ship sailing July 11th to July 18th from Miami.

Ports include:

- ✚ Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
- ✚ St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
- ✚ Tortola, British Virgin Islands
- ✚ Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas

★ Free drink package and special dining options. Call our NCL gay representative, Diego Castro, at 954-233-6345 and mention *Prime Timers and Kurt Juedes* (Jew-des) to get special consideration.

➔ Then sign up for Cruise Connection for bus transportation from Sarasota, Bradenton or North Port to the ship and back for only \$100. Click on [Checkmybus](#).

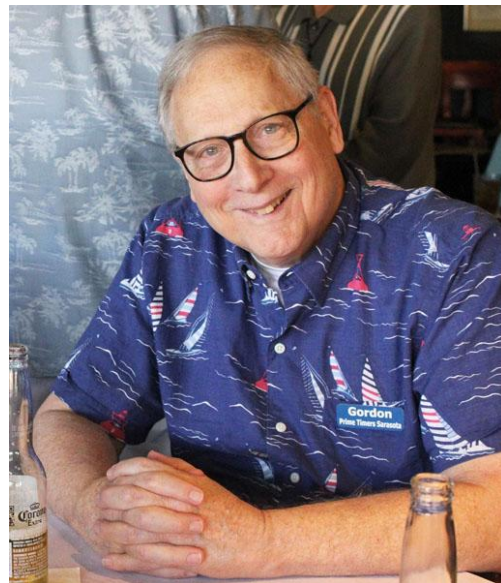
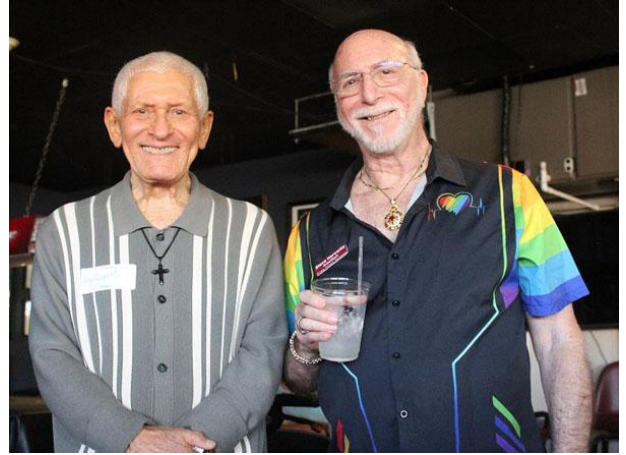
Shamrock Social



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? Does anyone want to join me for lunch on Thursday at The Breakfast House? Send your email (Include your name/email/phone number) to stevehor2004@yahoo.com and I'll send out an Eblast.

Second Sunday Social





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/>

April Spaghetti Potluck





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



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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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