



President's Message

By Steve Horowitz

August 2026

Greetings, members! I want to discuss volunteerism and its importance in Prime Timers. Without volunteers, Prime Timers would cease to function. Thank you so much to all our current volunteers! Volunteering is defined as an optional and freely chosen act of an individual or group giving their time and labor, often for community service.

What are the benefits of volunteering?

- ✓ New skills; valuable work experience.
- ✓ Making new and/or better friends.
- ✓ Better physical & mental health and wellbeing.
- ✓ Giving something back.
- ✓ Improving your confidence.
- ✓ Sense of connection to other members in Prime Timers.
- ✓ Improve how things work for the better.
- ✓ Show your commitment.



There are four key elements of **volunteerism: selflessness, sacrifice, service, and support**. Volunteerism begins with selflessness and a desire to help others without expecting economic benefits in return. The golden rule of volunteering is to treat your fellow members with the same respect, empathy, and kindness that you would want to receive. It is about prioritizing dignity, showing up consistently, and putting the genuine needs of others first. Here are five traits that make a great volunteer:

Passion: Passion can be infectious, so it's an important trait that all great volunteers must share. Sincere passion can be inspiring to others that can make a difference in the organization. Passion is what keeps a person going back each day with a smile on their face.

Reliability: There's nothing worse than depending on someone to do something and then having them fall through on their commitment. The golden rule to volunteering is that if you commit to something...do it! Your ability to fulfill a commitment doesn't just reflect on you, it also reflects upon the

organization you are volunteering for. Great volunteers remain professional in all situations.

Integrity: As a volunteer, you are entrusted with an organization's resources, facilities and customers. This can be a huge responsibility! Great volunteers realize that everything they are doing is a direct representation of the organization that they are volunteering for. Integrity is the key to success.

Team Player: As a volunteer, you will work with all sorts of different people. Being friendly and flexible is a key trait of a great volunteer. It's important to know when to speak up and contribute or when to sit back and let others lead the way. Are you approachable and a good listener? These are important qualities of a team player.

Energy: Volunteering isn't just about giving your time. It requires positive energy. You need to be able to hit the ground running and be excited about what you are doing. Energy is a lot like passion. If you have good positive energy, people around you will follow suit.

In the weeks to follow, your Prime Timers Sarasota Board of Directors will be seeking new volunteers to assist in our growing social and recruitment efforts.

I hope we can count on YOU! See you around!

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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.

Steve

August 2026 Calendar of Events

Saturday August 1 @ 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, August 8 @ 12:00 noon. (If 12 noon is sold out, choose 12:30). Banksy art exhibit at Straz Center, 1010 N. Macinness Place, Tampa. The Art of Banksy Graffiti has toured the world for 10 years and features 160 original and authenticated Banksy works. These include prints, canvases, screenprints, sculptures, hand-drawn sketches, limited-edition pieces, and more. Tickets cost \$34.99. Get tickets at www.banksyexhibit.com. Lunch after at the Barrymore Hotel.

Sunday, August 9 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Prime Timers Second Sunday Social. 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 August 11 @ 4:00 P.M. Taco Tuesday get together, Enigma bar, 1110 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg. Drinks then dinner at a nearby restaurant. It's a great opportunity to meet new people.

Thursday, August 13 @ 1:00 P.M. Northside Lunch at the University Park Country Club located at 7671 The Park Boulevard in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at danmichaelwarren@gmail.com no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, August 12.

Saturday, August 15 @ 5 P.M. Buffet/Dinner at Der Dutchman. 3713 Bahia Vista. Let's meet in the lobby so we can all sit together.

Sunday, August 16 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Prime Timers Singles and Solos. The Purple Rhino is at the corner of Beneva and Weber. All are invited. Free raffle.

Tuesday, August 18 @ 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's book is *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. For additional information contact David Guyet (sandheim@msn.com)

Wednesday, August 19 @ 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.

Thursday, August 27 @ 1:00 P.M. Southside Lunch at Carrabba's Italian Grill located at 1940 Stickney Point Road, Sarasota. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, chorkymorky@gmail.com, no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, August 26.

Sunday August 30 @ 3 P.M. General membership meeting at Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. The presentation will be given by Jason Ellis, Director of Operations of *The Sarasota Players*. He will address the development plans for a new theatre and their upcoming season among other interesting facts. Dinner will be at the Dutch Valley, 6721 S. Tamiami Trail, following the meeting.

UPCOMING

Saturday September 5 @ 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.

Monday, November 9 to Friday, November 13. Motorcoach tour to Savannah, Ga; Jekyll Island, and Beauford, SC. Leaves from Sarasota or Bradenton. \$847 a person (\$199 single supplement). Transportation, hotels, meals and sightseeing tours included. See diamondtours.com/JoinTours/2229900. Call Ms. Sky Payne at 800-741-4390 to leave a \$75 deposit. Mention you are joining group with Matt Leona.

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Check out the website: diamondtours.com/Join-Tour/2229900. Call Ms. Sky Payne at 800-741-4390 to leave a \$75 deposit. Mention you are joining Matt Leona's group.



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? Your name/email/phone number. Send your request to Steve Horowitz (stevehor2004@yahoo.com) and he will send out an Eblast to the membership.

Birthdays



John Pelletti 8/1
Bob Marchetti 8/1
David Starnes 8/6
Warren Hurst 8/8
Steve Warren 8/9
Michael Moran 8/11
Michael Fox 8/13
Julio Agudelo 8/14
Jim Fogle 8/22
Keith Kropp 8/22

Tom Hackett 8/23
Matt Leona 8/24
Larry Freeland 8/25
Steve Horowitz 8/29
Ray Dispoto 8/31
Bob Thommes 8/31

July Potluck





Now you can order your very own Prime Timers Sarasota Name Badge for just \$9.00.

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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Theatre Group: Matt Leona
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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/>**



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Prime Timers Sarasota, P.O. Box 1003, Tallevast, FL, 34270.

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