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Who Do We Call?
Michael Stone, President Prime Timers Worldwide



By Michael Stone, President

Well, unlike the commercial for the film of yesteryear, you do not call "Ghostbusters!" During my fourteen years of service on the board of Prime Timers Worldwide, I'm asked a lot of questions and received many phone calls. I always welcome these interactions and often end-up meeting wonderful new friends. At some point, our board made the decision to be available to our members. Now, you might ask, "when I need to see a bylaw and find another chapter, where do I find that information?"

The place to start is our Prime Timers Worldwide website at www.primetimersww.com. Familiarize yourself with this website. One of the best places to start is by placing your cursor over the headings at the top of the home page: *Home, Membership, Events, Community, Newsletters, Store, Tell Us, Tell You, and About Us*. The "drop-down" menus under each heading will tell you who, where, and

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**FOUNDER FILOSOFY**

BY WOODY BALDWIN, FOUNDER
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This could be called things you never knew or cared to know about Woody Baldwin. These are things that you won't read in my obituary or in Lawrence Peterson's biography of me on "www.tinyurl.com/woodybaldwin".

The motivation for my academic grades in school was pretty bizarre. In grade school, there was a boy who came from a wealthy family and he was the only one who knew how to run the movie projector, always knew the meaning of new words in vocabulary study, etc. Well, my motivation was to rank higher in grades than Bedford Johnson. And when we had graduation at the end of the 7th grade and all our grades for seven years were averaged, I ranked 5th in class and Bedford was 6th. Hallelujah, mission accomplished!

*I am the world's worst operator
 of any kind of mechanical or
 technological machine. I am
 a people person, not a thing person
 (well, maybe some "things")*

In college, I studied just enough to stay above the fraternity house scholastic average as we were always contenders for the scholarship cup given annually to the fraternity with the highest grade average, and I didn't want to be blamed if we lost. I was, for a while, on the advisory board for the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. On the occasion that I was elected chairman, I invited the outgoing chairman and a few others to my house for drinks, etc. Well, the outgoing president pretended to be too drunk to drive home and insisted on staying over at my digs. I only had one bed and conveniently he sobered up as soon as everyone left. The next morning he said, "This is the way gavels should always be passed".

I think the hardest thing I ever did was to judge a queen contest, along with two other profs at UCLA. The two finalists were both students of mine and I had to break the tie vote. To this day, I worry that I made the wrong decision. I once made a xylophone out of whiskey bottles and water. It worked, and I am the world's worst operator of any kind of mechanical or technological machine. I am a people person, not a thing person (well, maybe some "things").

I met my Sean while we were briefly in the "leather scene". We belonged to a leather club called the Vikings. Stayed in-touch with some of the wonderful friends I made there. We finally gave all our leather to a bar that was raising money for AIDS.

I have always said the only modest thing about me is my income. I even modeled for life drawing classes, but in those days we

didn't show our tallywackers like they do today. During college, I was a model for a big clothing store in Oklahoma City. I'd like to think it was because of my looks, but it was because I was a perfect 36 and they didn't have to alter anything and could put the clothes right back on the shelf.

And in the first grade, two girls and I sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" at a PTA meeting. If I was as bad a singer as I have always been, then I had to have been chosen because I was red headed and freckled face and a real ham.

See what I mean by more than you ever cared to know about Woody Baldwin?

Woody

Woody was not only our founder; he was our leader; he was our teacher; he was our mentor and without him this wonderful organization would have never come about. I think you'll agree, the philosophy in 'Founder Filosofy' is profound.

LET'S DO LUNCH

BY HARRY HARTIGAN, PRIME TIMERS MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL

Prime Timers Minneapolis / St. Paul has been working to raise awareness and visibility of GLBTQ seniors in our community. Our partnership with Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly, a 501(c)(3) organization, has given us the opportunity to apply for several grants focused on GLBT senior related issues. Our first grant from PFund was in the amount of \$5,000. We used this grant to advertise both organizations in our local GLBTQ magazine (Lavender) and to hold a forum focused on GLBTQ aging issues. We showed the documentary "Gen Silent" and had a panel of experts discussing Gen Silent and issues that senior GLBTQ folks face today. We were able to get coverage for the forum in the mainstream press. The forum attracted over 125 folks and was a huge success. The night of the forum was a typical Minnesota February winter night.

Our second grant from PFund of \$3,000 allowed us to create the "Let's Do Lunch Café". Over the past two years, Prime Timers MSP and Little Brothers-

Friends of the Elderly have hosted a monthly lunch for GLBTQ senior folks. We have had wonderful meals, fantastic presentations, and growing interest in the café. Each month, we have twenty-five to thirty-five folks for this event.

This monthly event is free and we have worked with the organizations who wish to present to the folks to provide lunch as well as a great presentation. We are now faced with funding into the future. One of our partners, St. Theresa's Parish (a member of the Catholic Apostolic Church in North America), helped raised \$1,300 to help with funding of the café. We are grateful for any support we can get to keep this café going.

Our biggest challenge is reaching the senior GLBTQ community. Even with some advertising, e-mail blast, and word of mouth it is a challenge.

The efforts of our outreach chair, Harry Hartigan, has been critical in making the cafe a reality. Terry Kyweriga and Harry Hartigan work together to make sure this monthly event happens seamlessly.



Photo courtesy Harry Hartigan

NOOGA PRIME TIMERS IN NEW QUARTERS

BY THOMAS HARTMAN
CHATTANOOGA PRIME TIMERS

In response to the growing number of members (over thirty at present) and the demand for more space, Chattanooga (Nooga) Primer Timers has moved to a new location: the fellowship room of the Pilgrim Congregational Church at 400 Glenwood Drive.

The space is large enough to comfortably accommodate comfortably the new members Prime Timers anticipates this year and features a full kitchen that can easily handle large parties and potlucks. In addition, there is an adjacent parking lot members can

use for events.

As a result of our up-to-date website, over the



Photo courtesy Thomas Hartman

last few months we have received innumerable inquiries about the group from such places as Connecticut, Chicago, Alabama, Nashville, and Wisconsin. Friends moving to Chattanooga from these locations have joined straight away. And in some cases, some became members even before moving down.

Prime Timers has chosen several charities to help and distribute canned goods and household items to Chattanooga Cares, toys for the Forgotten Child Fund, and assistance to the Welcome Home Hospice. We are researching other service organizations in Chattanooga as well.

Going forward, Nooga Prime Timers will offer a "Coffee Klatch" once a month for interested members and will continue with our third Saturday Dine Out, a popular staple throughout the history of the group. We also offer a variety of "day trips", visiting

sites of interest in the Chattanooga and surrounding areas.

The year offers a number of speakers sharing information on local services and current events of interest to members. Thus far, they have included James Brantley of the Chattanooga Zoo and Ricardo Morris of The Association for Visual Arts. In April, Leland Wykoff of the FBI Citizens Academy will speak. All are members of the group. Other speakers are planned for throughout the year, both members and otherwise. The response has been enthusiastic. There are also a number of outings planned, including attending plays such as "Steel Magnolias" and a barbecue and summer swim party at Wayne and Glenn's house.

This year promises to be rich and rewarding.

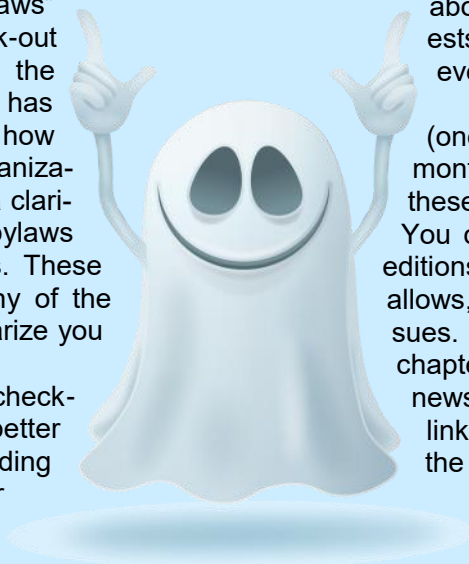
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how to get in-touch with us.

That said, I now recommend you look at "About Us" and click on "Constitution/Bylaws" under the drop-down, then check-out "Policies and Procedures" under the same drop-down. The first category has been recently revised and explains how we govern and administer our organization. The second category is often a clarification and interpretation of the bylaws and is updated on a regular basis. These two categories should answer many of the questions you may have and familiarize you with the organization.

While you're on the website, check-out our other chapters. There's no better way to learn about them than by reading their newsletters and looking at their events. Also, carefully look over



the articles and links on the home page. Whenever I take the time to do this, I am always thrilled to find-out about how wide ranging our members' interests are. What a great way to get ideas of events you can include for your chapter.

While we publish a monthly newsletter (one month it's "Prime Times" and the next month it's "Outs and Ins"), the cost of mailing these to *all* our members would be prohibitive. You can subscribe, but you can also get these editions free, directly on the website. And if time allows, go back through the archives of past issues. In the near future, we're going to send each chapter a direct link to the current Worldwide newsletter and ask that they, in turn, send that link to all of their members. We need to use the website. Our webmaster has worked hard to make it available to all of us. I know you'll enjoy the website as much as I do!

CHICAGO SELECTED FOR 2017 CONVENTION



The Chicago Prime Timers chapter would like to thank Worldwide for selecting us to host the 2017 Worldwide Convention.

For more information, please visit our website at www.tinyurl.com/2017ptconvention or email us at info@chicagoprimetimers.org

October 29 - November 2, 2017



We're Here. We're Queer. We're Invisible



Gene Autry, photo courtesy Jack Nimmo

By Loren A. Olson, M.D., Prime Timers Central Iowa

When Iowa enacted marriage equality, the fourth state to do so, I heard from a lot of friends, "Iowa? Of all places!" It seemed like being queer and living in a rural state like Iowa was incompatible, as if those of us who live in rural areas are considered by the LGBTQ community as not authentically gay.

And yet according to the 2010 U.S. Census, over 900,000 same-sex couples live outside of urban areas,

a number that has increased by half since the 2000 census. Of those couples, 12 percent live in rural areas and 7 percent live just outside of suburban areas.

When Doug and I bought our farm in 1995 and moved just outside of a town of 450 people, a lot of our neighbors quietly shook their heads with a bit of a smile on their faces. You could almost hear them

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thinking, "These two sissy boys from the city think they can become farmers". No one ever said anything about our being gay other than "Oh, you must know Tom and Dan," another gay couple in the area that after 20 years we still haven't met. Although I had secretly expected to see "faggot" painted in big, white letters across our red barn, nothing like that ever happened.

Our credibility with them changed when they saw us selling small breeding herds of our cattle at premium prices from California to Washington to Texas to North Carolina. Perhaps our previous urban life gave us an awareness of the growing market for grass-fed meat and our lack of ties to traditional farming allowed us to innovate in ways that those with deep roots in Iowa soil didn't have.

I wrote in "Finally Out: Letting Go of Living Straight" that as we become older we can deconstruct our old value system and reconstruct a new one better suited to the life we choose to live. I had to do that when I came out at 40. But reconstructing a new one doesn't mean we must throw out all of our values and replace them with new ones, and living a country life was one of those values I wanted to protect.

We are not alone in this. One of the most surprising things in the 2010 census was how far from the traditional gay enclaves couples have dispersed. San Francisco fell from number 3 to number 28,



Photo courtesy Loren A. Olson, M.D.

while gains were made in New England, east Texas, North Carolina, Alabama, and Kentucky. As we grow older, drinking and dancing the night away have lost their luster. Couples (and probably singles, although not collected in the census data) have chosen to move to areas that are gay friendly but not gay-

exclusive.

Identity politics are a low priority in rural America. Saying "queer" in rural Iowa results in the same reaction one might get when using the "n" word.

Those of us who are queer here in rural America are largely invisible as if we live in a brown paper bag.

Small towns have always had a couple of men or women who were roommates and lived quietly among the community. Those men were often referred to as "confirmed bachelors" and the women as "old maids," but they were largely accepted without questioning the nature of their relationships.

Early research on the LGBTQ community was primarily done on young, self identified gay men. Urban queerness cast a large shadow over rural queerness. So, what happens to advocacy for men and women who don't fit the urban mold? Are we less worthy members of the gay community? Chances are good that the number of LGBTQ people in rural America will increase, but we won't know that. There will not be a question about LGBTQ identity in the 2020 Census as some of us had hoped.

In the past, gay people escaped the countryside to find a new life in the city. Now it appears that many are escaping the city to return to the countryside.

We are here. We will remain invisible unless we raise our voices. We are an important part of our economy. We can help repopulate rural communities and bring innovation and new products. That creativity has always been a dimension that gay people have brought to our lives.



Photo courtesy Loren A. Olson, M.D.

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HERE AND THERE

BY CONTRIBUTING EDITOR
DAN CING, CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PT

WICHITA, KANSAS: The guys are discussing having a Polar Bear Club Splash next winter. Martin suggests doing some body painting of abs where they used to be. Martin's writings always makes me laugh. Prez Richard wrote an excellent article on the history of "Gay", so if you haven't read it yet, check it out. The chapter is just north on I-35 from some chapters and just south on the interstate from others. So, check their lunch schedule, take a drive, and join 'em for lunch one day. They're a fun group.

RENO, NEVADA: A bunch of the guys got together and went to Reno's Cinco de Mayo Festival. This is Northern Nevada's largest Hispanic celebration and seniors got in for only five bucks. One doesn't need to speak Spanish to have a good time, but now and then it "may help". This is my kind of party.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA: Last month's meeting was to a packed house. The guest speakers were from CHAPS which is the Charlotte HIV/AIDS People's Support group. This is a volunteer organization providing toiletries to people that have AIDS in the counties surrounding Sarasota and are unable to get out on their own. Boy, let's hear it for your group, CHAPS!

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – 193 members: It is with a heavy heart the chapter learned of the death of Gene Autrey, the immediate past president. Also passing within days were Ron Casola and Frank Wheeler. These guys were not only leaders in the Prime Timers, but in the community as well. The chapter will feel their absence. The guys are looking forward to their yearly getaway to the Sandcastle Beach Resort at Port Aransas on the Gulf. I remember meeting the group once at the Upper Deck on South Padre Island in days of yore.

DALLAS/FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Their newsletter had an interesting article regarding phone scamming using the area code 473. The caller has the gimmick of calling three times in a row, creating curiosity about "who needs to contact me?" Research has shown that often they are criminals creating cell phone scams. 473: don't fall for it.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA: The chapter is starting a bicycling group. If you enjoy riding your bike, toss the bike in the back of your pickup, and join 'em. This group is an active chapter with several events happening. Look at page two of their newsletter and check-out the picture of their biking coaches. Wow, what an encouragement! You'll have a good time and a lot of good exercise to boot.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Ah, one of our favorite cities, and travel season is just around the corner. If you'll be visiting the Pacific Northwest, Google their chapter to find some of their activities. Their monthly meetings are at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church at 1729 Harvard, behind the Seattle Community College. There is a small charge because they are renting the space for the meetings.

VANCOUVER, CANADA: The guys are beginning a voluntary activity they call "Friends". It is to make a close friend or two or three within the chapter. It can involve a phone call at a certain hour of the morning, letting the other know you got your heart started, or having lunch, walking, shopping, or perhaps having a medical appointment. Many of the members live alone and the contact daily is appreciated. Great idea!

CINCINNATI/TRI-CITY, OHIO: The guys have a once-a-month movie night where they get together at a nearby restaurant ahead of time. The movie will always be a current release. Several of the members are movie buffs and this provides another social outlet for the group. Plans are in the wings for their participation in Gay Pride.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – 191 members (57 couples, 77 singles): Prez John's analogy of the Phoenix seasons made me laugh: "Spring, Summer, and Hell". When Saint Peter asked God, "What's cooking?" God replied, "Arizona!" Gay Pride was April 2nd and 25 of the members walked the parade route, holding banners, others riding in the back of pickups. After, the group went to Los Diablos bar for lunch. The newsletter had several good photos of their fun day.

COLORADO/DENVER – 175 members: The chapter has what they call "coffee time" every Monday and Tuesday. Mondays, at 8-10 a.m., is located at the Panera's on Southern Colorado Blvd. Tuesdays are at 10 a.m. at the LGBT Center. This is also a very active chapter with an event just about every day. If you'll be in the Denver area, check the chapter website and get together with them. You'll be glad you did.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA: If you visit their country, you'd better include their second city in your itinerary. The chapter has many of their activities at the Betty Day Centre, 67 Argyle Street in St. Kilda, a short trolley ride over the river in the suburbs. A contact phone number is (03) 9598-7356. Email is vintage-men@yahoo.com.au or find them on Facebook at Vintage Men Melbourne Australia. If you'll be visiting Down Under, give 'em a shout.

LAS VEGAS REGIONAL GATHERING

BY A.J. RATLIFF, DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

I just returned to Texas from a wonderful Western Gathering in Las Vegas. Ray Plummer (President of Las Vegas Prime Timers) and his large group of volunteers had a really good event.

The first day, we had a welcome Meet & Greet event with food and drink. Afterward, the Hospitality Suite was open until 10 p.m. Next day, there was a continental breakfast and a welcome meeting of the group.

There were four seminars during the event. The first seminar was a presentation on the Mob Museum in Las Vegas. The second was Will Damron who was a previous officer of the Oakland Police Department speaking about his book "Cop Out". The third was presented by AARP about how to protect yourself from fraud & scams. The next seminar was presented by a transgender person about the transgender community. Next was a gay priest talking about his life after coming out. The last was presented by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

82 members registered for the event which was held at the Stratosphere Hotel & Casino. We all had a great ending at dinner on the 108th-floor restaurant on Thursday.

Thank you Ray and all of your volunteers.



Photo courtesy A.J. Ratliff



Photo courtesy A.J. Ratliff

HAPPENINGS AT PRIME TIMERS CENTRAL VIRGINIA

BY SONNY D., PT CENTRAL VA

Spring has been flying by in central Virginia and PTCV has been very busy with many educational, fun, and diverse activities.

Your eyes are not playing games on you. At our March 5th, 2017 General Meeting, we were honored to have FBI Special Agent James Deloatch as our very special guest. Special Agent Deloatch heads the Richmond, Virginia FBI office that deals with civil rights and hate crimes. He gave an interesting and informative speech. This was followed by a wide ranging question and answer session. He encouraged our members to communicate with their office about any concerns of issues. It is truly remarkable how the times have changed.

Our April 2nd, the 2017 Potluck Meeting was also a grand event with local police officers (who are departmental LGBT representatives) attending. We had representatives from Richmond City, the Richmond

Sheriff's Office, and the Police Departments of the counties of Chesterfield and Henrico. Good food and conversation was enjoyed by all.

In addition, PTCV has too many regular activities to mention in this short space: fine dining, weekly bowling, international dining classes, and day tripper's & winery tours. Stay tuned for more exciting updates from the Prime Timers of Central Virginia.

Below: The Vice President of PTCV, Jim R., and behind him the president, Sonny D., along with the police departments at the PTCV April Potluck Meeting.



Photo
courtesy
Sonny D.

DEALING WITH LOW SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE

BY STEVEN THERRIEN, PRIME TIMERS CENTRAL IOWA

Gay men start out their lives as boys but all too often as “little gay boys”. We were exposed to anti-gay messages outright or at least the dominant heterosexual paradigm of society that everyone either is, or *should be* heterosexual. This undermines our self-esteem and confidence from a young age. Furthermore, unless you had remarkably intuitive, open minded parents, we, as gay boys, somehow came to believe that we “deserve” to have a life that is “less than” our heterosexual brethren.

What do we do about it? A lot! Here are several things to consider in combating this negative, distorted thinking.

1) Understand that you didn't create the negative messages in your head, you're only repeating them. Understand that while the messages got “in”, it's up to you to make sure they “get out.” Start-out with the positive affirmation that “I love and approve of myself just as I am”. Start by repeating this until you believe it!

2) Begin to notice how often your mind's “voice” tells you a negative message like “I can't do that” or “He'd never like me”. When you catch

yourself sending yourself a negative message, stop it. To build your confidence, your job is to play “copy editor” with the negative messages in your head until every one of them has been rewritten to something positive or at least something neutral.

3) Apply critical thinking to the negative messages that you carry around in your head about you. Who first told you that? Do you respect their opinion? In the case of parents who told us the negative message, it's only human nature to want to believe what they said when we are young children, but sometimes we are older now than they were when they said it. You must learn to exercise

judgment on when to believe someone's opinions of you and when not to. This is what makes you an empowered adult with the critical thinking skills that children lack.

4) Don't be afraid to use silly mind-trick encouragements. People in Alcoholics Anonymous will often say that acting “as if” something is true helps you to manifest it actually happening – fake it 'till you make it.

5) Be determined. One of the best ways to move past a lack of confidence is to simply declare to yourself that there just isn't *time* for this nonsense. There are projects to be accomplished. There are people to see. There are places to go. There are dates to have. There is sex to be had. There are games to be won. There is *life* to be lived. Because living your life with confidence is what your life is there for. It's what you are here to do!

Based on an article by Ken Howard, LCSW. Please visit www.GayTherapyLA.com



PULSE, A YEAR LATER

BY RON BUSH, PRIME TIMERS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

A year ago this month – June 12, 2016 to be exact – Prime Timers in metropolitan Orlando awoke to the news that 49 people had been killed and 68 wounded in the early morning hours at Pulse, one of the city's popular LGBT nightclubs. Most of those slain were members of the Latino LGBT community.

Members of Prime Timers of Central Florida will join the rest of the greater Orlando community on Monday, June 12th (the first anniversary of that tragedy) to remember those slain and injured.

Pulse was the worst mass shooting in the United States and was the deadliest attack on the gay community in U.S. history. Until that fateful morning, the deadliest attack on the LGBT community had been the fire bombing of the Upstairs Lounge in New Orleans on June 24, 1973. Thirty-two people died in that fire. No one was ever apprehended or charged.

The Pulse shooter – Omar Mateen, a self-identified follower of ISIS – was killed by the police when they breached the building. Some people claimed that Mateen had been at Pulse and other gay clubs in Orlando in the weeks prior to June 12, 2016 but investigators found no evidence to substantiate those claims. In the days immediately following the mass shooting, some speculated that Mateen was conflicted about his sexuality. Investigators, however, found nothing to confirm that theory.

Mateen's widow, Noor Salman, currently is in jail awaiting trial on charges that she helped her husband as he planned the mass shooting. She is charged with aiding and abetting the provision of support to a foreign terrorist organization and obstruction of justice. Her trial is scheduled for March 2018.

Barbara Poma, owner of Pulse and the executive director of onePULSE Foundation, has announced that an "iconic" memorial, and eventually a museum, will be built at the Pulse location on South Orange Avenue.

Orlando, Orange County, and Poma have planned a series of events for June 12 to commemorate those who died. The day which begins at 10 a.m. and continues until midnight has been designated as "Orlando United Day – A Day of Love and Kindness."

The day's events include a display of items left by mourners outside Pulse after the tragedy at the Orange County Regional History Center; the display of Section 93 of the legendary Sea-to-Sea Rainbow Flag at the Orange County Administration Center; a midday ceremony at Pulse nightclub featuring speakers, prayers, a display of 49 wreaths and the reading of the victims' names, and the program

"Orlando Love: Remembering our Angels" featuring remarks by community leaders, musical performances, and the reading of the victims' names. The day wraps up at Pulse with a time of prayers, music, dance and reflection.



Photo courtesy Ron Bush



Photo courtesy Ron Bush

Local Prime Timers, along with the rest of Orlando and the gay community worldwide, have had to deal with the aftermath for months. It has been a draining experience emotionally and physically for some. In the days and weeks immediately after the tragedy, many Prime Timers were busy providing assistance for the survivors and first responders or attending the various vigils that took place.

For weeks after Orange Avenue at the Pulse site was re-opened to traffic, some Prime Timers avoided traveling that section of the street because it was too painful to be that close. Others stopped by Pulse frequently to say a prayer for the 49 killed and those who were injured or to reflect on what had happened. Prime Timers continue to visit the site.

Early on, some Prime Timers avoided going out to the clubs or attending gatherings that attracted a large LGBT crowd. But that has changed as the weeks have passed. Many Prime Timers find they are more cautious now when they visit the clubs or attend events like Orlando's Come Out with Pride celebration. They are watchful for anyone acting suspicious or anything that looks suspicious. They check to see where exits are.

While these days and times require more caution, Prime Timers here in Central Florida are determined not to live their lives in fear but with pride in who they are.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Celebration of Friends, Fort Lauderdale
July 20-23, 2017

Labor Day Get-A-Way Weekend, Oklahoma City
August 31 - September 4, 2017

Prime Timers Worldwide Convention, Chicago
October 29 - November 2, 2017

Family and Friends Winter Cruise
January 7-14, 2018

Transatlantic Cruise from London to Miami
September 29 - October 15, 2018

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*If only should I live to see your face
Again and sail with you the same old sea
Of love we cruised together.*

*If only could I now caress your nape
And let my fingers roam the hidden valleys
And hills they used to wander.*

*If only should my lips just brush and taste
Your salty skin, and with a kiss squeeze
The ripe sweetness of your wrinkles.*

*If only could I have your tender head
Lain on my belly, like in a pillow, and rest
Contented as a suckling babe.*

*If only should I follow in my dream
The wake of the blue ships in your tattoos,
If only could I hold the whole of you*

IF ONLY...

BY MANUEL AVEZUELA
PRIME TIMERS INDEPENDENT CHAPTER



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January 7-14, 2018

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16-Night Transatlantic Cruise from London (Southampton) to Miami

September 29 - October 15, 2018

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