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## TAMPA BAY'S NEW LOGO

BY WALLY DEARWESTER, MEMBER-AT-LARGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
PRIME TIMERS OF TAMPA BAY



In the spring of this year, our Prime Timers of Tampa Bay (PTTB) Board of Directors decided to launch a campaign for new members. There is a local publication that is of interest to the gay community and available bi-weekly. Our newsletter editor, Steve DePenning, put together an ad that we decided to

use in this local publication. Our board commissioned a new logo for use in that ad and promoted PTTB in general. We utilized the services of a graphics artist to produce the logo. We gave him the guidelines to include the familiar handshake of PTWW but incorporate something unique to the gay Tampa Bay area. He provided us with the beautiful logo above that preserved these essentials. We are very pleased with the result and see it as an exclusive and vibrant logo.

## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: MIAMI VALLEY, OHIO

BY RON MEHL, PRESIDENT, MIAMI VALLEY OHIO PRIME TIMERS



### "Prime Time is GREAT in Dayton, Ohio"

Beginning in January 2018, the Dayton, Ohio based Miami Valley Ohio Prime Timer (MVOPT) chapter started a new era. This year is the first time in several years we have a fully staffed Board of Officers. I suggest getting a very early start asking for nominations for board positions and appointing members to the nomination committee.

I am relatively new to the Prime Timer organization. Before I decided to run for president, there were discussions of dissolving our chapter. I did not want to see the chapter disappear so I volunteered to run for President of the MVOPT chapter, with the following three main goals:

1. *Stimulate GROWTH of the membership;*

2. *Bring ORGANIZATION to the chapter and the meetings;*

3. *Add a variety of NEW EVENTS to the activities list.*

I feel I am succeeding at accomplishing my goals and our members are stepping up to volunteer for the success and continuation of the chapter.. Last month, we had 4 guests at

our monthly social meeting. This month, we had one new guest with two additional guests interested. So our membership seems to be headed for GROWTH.

In the past, many of the members were frustrated with the rambling of the meetings, switching back and forth between agenda topics and interjection of personal comments. We now have meeting agendas, the chapter has a newsletter published again, which not only de-

tails the upcoming chapter events, but also other local area chapter events, regional events, and the Prime Timers' Worldwide National Convention. I created MVOPT Business Cards for the members to pass out to prospect Prime Time gentlemen. Hopefully, the MVOPT Business Cards is an easier way to invite some-

one to check-out the MVOPT chapter without coming off too pushy. I also created a tri-fold brochure which details the monthly & weekly activities of the MVOPT chapter. It is also a way to invite men to participate in some of our activities. MVOPT has bright orange logo t-shirts printed to wear for the month of June LGBT Pride month and other events. My suggestion would be to add your web address or contact information in addition to the chapter logo.

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We recently had a joint monthly social meeting with the Tri-State Prime Timer's chapter located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Many of our Dayton Members are dual or triple members of the Miami Valley Ohio Prime Timers (Dayton, Ohio); Tri-State Prime Timers (Cincinnati, Ohio)) and Columbus Ohio Prime Timers (Columbus, Ohio). I plan to try to organize additional

orange



meetings and social activities with other local area Prime Timer organizations. Locally we have a rafting group called the "Rainbow Rafters" which hosts a rafting trip twice a year in West Virginia. Our Tri-State

Prime Timer neighbors in Cincinnati are hosting a Riverboat dinner cruise, which several of our members are signed up to participate. Collaborating with other friendly organizations

spreads and unifies the "Family Community" If you have a smaller chapter membership, this is a very good way to provide more activities, expand your membership, and share the burden of organizing all the events. Everyone benefits. "It's GREAT in Dayton, but we are getting Better!"

Photo courtesy Ron Mehl



## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

BY ADRIAN LIAU, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

Summer is in full swing in the Northern Hemisphere and this issue is a reflection of the season: there are several reports of trips and celebrations from various featured chapters. Don't forget, if you want recognition from your chapter, you need to write to us to be featured.

Also, we continue to look for someone with experience in the health field, either as a clinician



or a researcher. Or you may even have an interest in wellness issues? We are thinking of starting a new series on health and lifestyle issues that would be relevant for all mature men, and are looking for such potential writers.

As always, we still want your contributions. Just remember, the more you contribute, the "fatter" this newsletter will be! Email us: [newsletter@primetimersww.com](mailto:newsletter@primetimersww.com)

Editor's note: Here are our final 2 profiles of members of the Worldwide new Board of Directors to introduce themselves, Michael and our newest member, Mark.

## INTRODUCING: MICHAEL STONE 'CREATING A CHANGE IN THE WORLD'

BY MICHAEL STONE, DIRECTOR EMERITUS, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

It all starts with the individual and the vision he has of something he feels he needs to get accomplished. It's only when that vision is fed by the support he gets from people who are able to align themselves with its purpose that it begins to grow. Lastly, only when that vision becomes much greater than the individual, can it become a force for change in the world.

I'm starting off with a bit of my personal philosophy. Knowing me should be a part of that biography! I feel I have a unique outlook; I awake each morning in celebration of my life and the world around me. I feel that each day provides a clean slate of unwritten history. What I do will dictate how that history is written. I can sum up my feelings in this short statement, "Our lives are what we make them. Our sorrows are our own, but our joys, surely, belong to the world.

My journey began in Southern California. I longed to be in education but had not the discipline or devotion to follow that path at that time. Cars and clothes and good times came first. I later moved on to San Francisco. After 5 fun years there I relocated to Denver, Colorado, where I remained for the next 33 years. I moved to Sarasota, Florida nearly 20 years ago. Until age 29 I worked in the construction equipment industry, both in California and Colorado.

Never being one to rush things I completed work at the University of Colorado, receiving my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at age 31. During my 26 years of teaching I returned to school for two post graduate degrees: A master's degree in International Relations in 1983 and another master's degree in

Special Education in 1991.

Most of my teaching years were spent working with children and the last 9 years were spent teaching Special Education to children with special needs, in addition to working at the University of Denver working with adults. You'll often

hear me joke when I say that my years working with children helped to prepare me for my work with Prime Timers

After retiring, I moved to Sarasota, Florida in 2001. I started the Prime Timers chapter there later that year. I was President for 5 years with membership eventually reaching 263. Concurrent with that and continuing on and off, I was also President of the homeowners' association board.

In 2003, I joined the Prime Timers Worldwide board. My first 4 years were as Vice-President of Chapters and the next 4 years I served as President. At the end of that term the board asked me to stay on and created the position of 'Director Emeritus' which I continue to serve. I returned as President for a 2-year term from 2015 until last November. I'm proud to say that during my time with Prime Timers, I've helped start about 35 chapters.

For the past 10 years, I spent much time traveling the world, usually escorting Prime Timers on cruises and travels, along with my partner Robert Rosenthal. We've taken Prime Timers to China, Amsterdam, Germany, Southeast Asia and Paris. In September we take a group of Prime Timers (including our current President) from London to Miami. Other travels are spent visiting chapters and relatives. I still have a 95 year old mother! I've never loved anything more and am happiest when I am interacting and working together with fellow Prime Timers.



Photo courtesy of Michael Stone

## INTRODUCING: MARK HATTEN

BY MARK HATTEN, DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

I'll answer your two questions about my picture: "Yes, I'm shaped like a Teletubby and 'no' I'm not an astronaut." However, I, Mark Hatten, did stay at a Holiday Inn Express in May. In the picture, I was actually SCUBA-like diving in Cozumel, Mexico and it was a memorable experience.

This was not as memorable though as the PTWW 2003 Houston Convention, where I met my life partner, Brian. Two bridge players suggested I join Dallas/Fort Worth Prime Timers (DFWPT) when I moved into town. That fall, I signed up for the PTWW bridge competition as a stopover on the way to a cruise departing Galveston. A nice Prime Timer, Tim from Cleveland, introduced us at the welcoming party and cosmic forces matched Brian and me. Now Brian maintains the DFWPT chapter website and I manage leadership and our newsletter. We also host one of the semi-monthly Sunday Games days. Great things can happen when meeting new guys at a PT Worldwide Convention!

Brian and I enjoy visiting PT chapters as we drive to family reunions in Colorado, Massachusetts, Missouri, Upstate NY, and South Carolina. It's always nice to attend events to meet new friends and see how different activities succeed in other chapters. For example, four of us DFWPTers visited Prime Timers of Phoenix after Thanksgiving and enjoyed a downtown dine out and a Sun City coffee klatch with John and his "Valley of the Sun" boys.

As a background check, I grew up in Denver and traveled extensively around the US and Canada for a building and roofing materials manufacturer. Working in IT with Electronic Data Systems and Hewlett-Packard, I have en-

joyed client project assignments in Italy and India along with global sales support for Asia Pacific and Europe-Middle East-Africa. So long distance and off hours conference calls are a given, making me feel comfortable with my Director-at-Large responsibilities

In college, I became a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and thrived on playing competitive volleyball, eventually serving as a Garden-Empire Region (NJ-NY) Commissioner for the US Volleyball Association. I then "discovered and switched" over to the North American Gay Volleyball Association, eventually ending up as President. At the same time, I served on the Federation of Gay Games board for ten years and helped organize volleyball in the 1986 San Francisco, 1990 Vancouver, and 1994 New York games. While living in Philly, the lesbian and gay community center project asked me to join them as their "sports rep." And I just LOVE the Mummurs!

As for my spare time now, I play both party and competitive bridge (Life Master) plus being an ACBL-certified Cruise/Club Director for tournaments. American Theater Organ Society is my musical choice as it features the Wurlitzer theater pipe organs from the movie palaces of the 1920s-30s. I've just attended the 2018 Pasadena ATOS Convention. I love listening to bouncy rhythms, saucy lyrics, and watching the artist play up to 5 keyboards and 45-key pedal board like conducting a one-person orchestra. I find theater organ amazing as I can barely keep ONE keyboard going on the piano. I also follow stock car racing and volunteer for Board Game Geek, a week-long 24/7 strategic games convention at DFW.

Photo courtesy of Mark Hatten



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I'll be looking forward to meeting some of you soon. Brian and I have a couple of cruises and road trips planned, including the Aquafest Halloween and Ultimate Disco in February sailings. Sadly, we'll be missing the Prime Timers Transatlantic cruise due to a family reunion,

but hopefully we'll join a PT cruise or travel buddies in the future. Brian and I enjoy so many DFWPT friends to share our travels, bridge, potlucks, and pool parties each month. I'm thrilled to be involved – thanks to Jim R. and Bill T. for getting me to join Prime Timers.

## PASSING IT ON

BY JIM O'BRIEN, CPA AND TREASURER, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE



Towards the bottom of this article is a link from Gay RVA in Richmond, Virginia, highlighting the inaugural recipient of a scholarship given by our chapter, Cen-

tral Virginia, to a deserving student that is a participant in an organization called Side-by-Side. The organization helps youth that are questioning their sexuality and, accordingly, awards deserving youth the opportunity to higher education.

The youth deserving of this opportunity is Ryan Koegh, who was awarded \$1,000 by our chapter, and will be entering college later this year. Mr. Koegh has said that he plans to study art, with the goal of creating more positive LGBTQ representation in the media.

This is the inaugural award of the Woody Baldwin Scholarship, and is presented as a good example of using the Woody Baldwin Gifts to further our positive representation in the LGBTQ com-

munity. Honoring the vision of our founder, Woody Baldwin, this could accomplish one of our needed goals to increase awareness of the purpose of Prime Timers and contribute to the growth of our membership.

Additionally, the togetherness of both older and younger LGBTQ individuals could strengthen

our community, create better understanding, and bridge generation gaps to allow the motion of our purposes and mission to forge ahead. The Prime Timers' Central Virginia chapter through the Woody Baldwin scholarship and Side-By-Side are working together to strengthen this connection between LGBTQ youth and older members of the community. Answering the question What is Prime?, this could refer to older persons or it could be helping younger people grow in their understanding of themselves.



Photo courtesy of Gay RVA magazine

Here is that [link](#) for the full article. We wish to thank GayRVA magazine for giving permission to publicize this report and for use of their photo.

## SMILES AND CAMARADERIE!

BY JACK NIMMO, PRESIDENT, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE



While visiting a recent Prime Timer event at another chapter, I met a smiling, relatively new member who related the story of his life-long partner's passing. His despair was treated by a doctor who dealt with the loss of "the love of his life". Yes, grief happens when the loss of a wife or husband happens just as it does when there are two men joined in a life of togetherness! The "straight" doctor advised that it would be good to get back out of the house and socialize to combat the loneliness. "Why don't you try Prime Timer?" the doctor suggested. "Who?" that new member said he asked.

That exchange in a doctor's office began this new Prime Timers association with his chapter of men who gather for the positive interactions that brings smiles and bursts of laughter I've witnessed in all the chapters I've had the pleasure to visit to date. Our organization brings together men with more commonality than just being gay or bisexual. We all have all experienced life's events. However, I've observed, a gay man can tell the story of an experience in a way that forces a grin or outright belly laugh. That's a very healthy addition to anyone's day.

Why did my new friend and his partner not know of Prime Timers until a doctor providing therapy mentioned the organization? Until a friend from church mentioned Prime Timers to me along with an invitation to a luncheon meeting, I also

had never heard of this group? We tend to be a more silent segment of the gay community. Fortunately, that is changing.

We all need the camaraderie that can be found in Prime Timers and we need to share our story with those we know. As a former membership chairman in the San Antonio Chapter, I was pleased to see membership double to over 200 in four years. That was not the result of my performance as membership chairman. The growth is attributed to San Antonio Prime Timers telling their friends about the fun they were having in their chapter. It is a sure way to bring new members to your chapter, too. Your Worldwide Board will be bringing ideas and recommendations on how to spread the news about Prime Timers very soon!

In the next two months, I will be visiting chapters in Phoenix, Palm Springs, Hamilton and Toronto in Ontario and crossing the Atlantic on a cruise with Prime Timers from across the breadth of our 75 chapters. I'll also be encountering men from many chapters at the Central Oklahoma Prime Timers Labor Day Weekend Getaway and the North and South Carolina chapters Carolina's Prime Regional in Myrtle Beach. I am sure to add to the list of stories of how members became Prime Timers and observe the antics used by Prime Timers to provoke laughter and smiles while relating their stories. It's good medicine!

## HEALTH BRIEF

BY ADRIAN LIAU, NEWS-LETTER EDITOR, PRIME

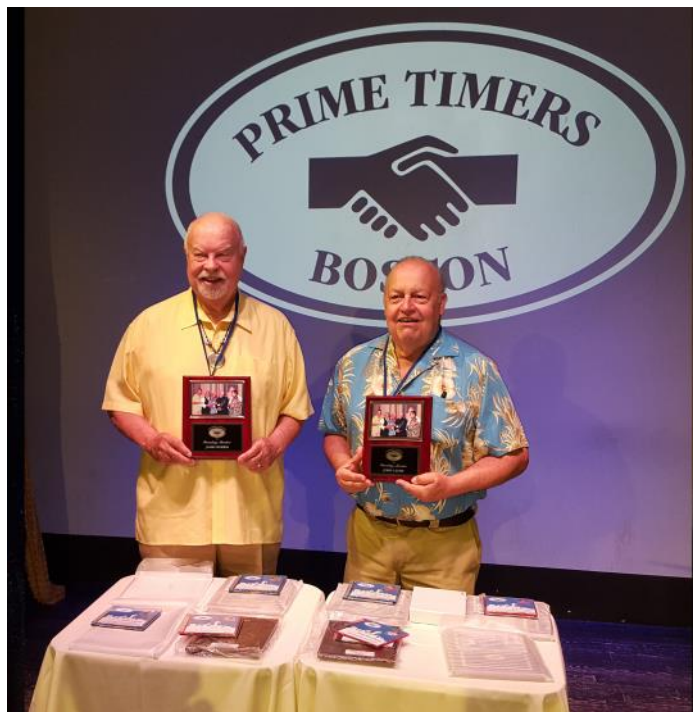


Murray Betts and Gene Poole, both Prime Timers from the San Antonio chapter, have alerted us to a recent announcement in the U.S. regarding a recall of a common prescription medicine used to treat high blood pressure. If you are taking such medication, we urge you to contact your doctor to find out if it contains Valsartan, either by name or as an active ingredient in the medication. Currently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a recall of certain drugs that contain Valsartan due to a manufacturing impurity that poses a potential cancer risk. However, the recall **does not affect all drugs containing Valsartan**. Therefore, it is important to speak with your doctor before you stop taking any medication prescribed for you. Have your doctor help make this determination with you. **Do not attempt to make any decisions completely on your own.**

## TWO CHAPTERS CELEBRATE THEIR ANNIVERSARIES

### BOSTON'S 31ST (THE BIRTHPLACE OF PRIME TIMERS)

BY HARRY FULLERTON, PRESIDENT, BOSTON PRIME TIMERS



Although our anniversary isn't until August 15, we decided to hold our celebrations on June 16 due to the poor health status of three of our founding members\*. The two remaining founding fathers who were able to attend that day, Jerry Leone and Jim Norris, received a picture award taken of them alongside Woody Baldwin during the 20th anniversary event. A video recording of Jerry and Jim relating the events leading to the formation of Prime Timers and what Prime Timers has done for them over the years, was also presented.

\* The Founding Fathers are Woody Baldwin, Richard Bourbeau, Camille Bourque, Albert Cortese, Jerry Leone, and James Norris.



Both photos courtesy of Boston Prime Timers

## CHARLOTTE'S 25TH

BY MAX CARROLL, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, PRIME TIMERS OF CHARLOTTE

During the weekend of April 20th, the Charlotte Prime Timers celebrated the 25th anniversary of their founding. Before the weekend, the Charlotte board members hosted Jack Nimmo, president of Prime Timers Worldwide with a dinner at 300 East Restaurant on Thursday evening, April 19. On Friday evening, approximately 20 Prime Timers met at Sidelines Sports Bar and Billiards on South Boulevard for an evening of fun and the opportunity to meet Jack.

The major event of the weekend was the Anniversary Gala which was held at SMS Catering Services, Inc., and attended by 104 Prime Timers, entertainers, and guests. The dining hall was beautifully decorated with red checkered tablecloths, bandana placemats, and lantern centerpieces. The theme of the gala was country-western, and many attendees wore their finest cowboy attire. After a social hour, Frank Kalian, President of Prime Timers of Charlotte welcomed the group and read a proclamation from Mayor Vi Lyles. Bill Starnes, a charter member, made a few remarks praising the growth of the chapter. Homer Gaddis, another charter member, was also in attendance. Following the introductory speeches, the crowd enjoyed a delicious barbecue buffet, and then Lana Kane, the host for the evening performed a musical number and introduced the keynote speaker,

Jack Nimmo. After Jack's remarks, Lana did drawings of wonderful door prizes including wine, gift certificates, and gift baskets. The two top door prize drawings were a top-of-the-line vacuum cleaner and a 42" television.

Two performing groups provided entertainment for the evening: 7th Son, an ensemble of the Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte and the Charlotte Pride Band Brass Quintet.

The finale of the evening was the serving of the Anniversary cake.

The weekend festivities concluded with a complimentary dinner on Sunday evening at the Woodshed Bar and Lounge with over 30 Prime Timers attending.



All photos courtesy of Max Carroll

## CHAPTERS' EVENTS

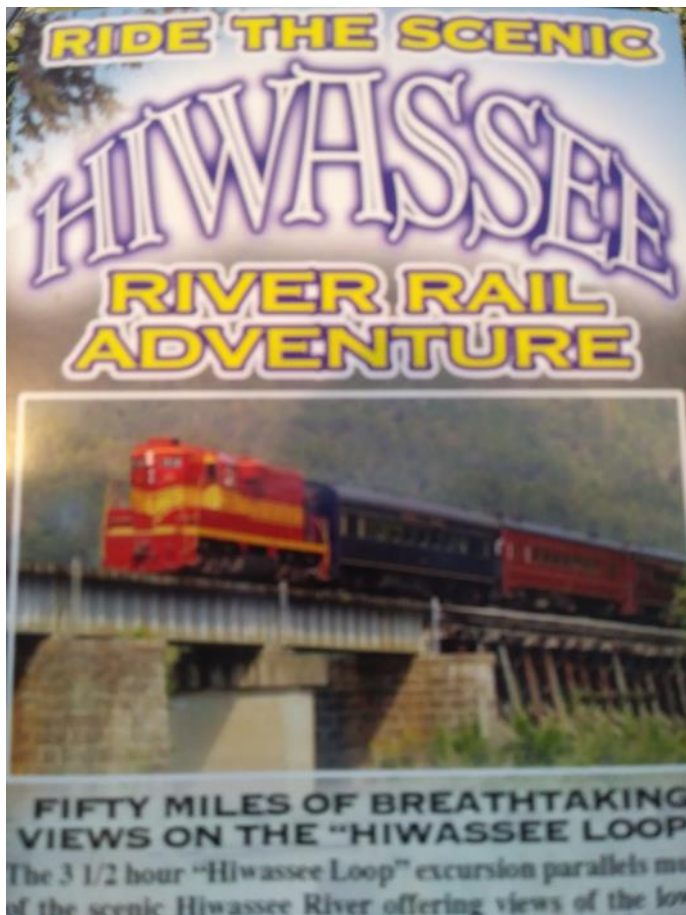
### CHARLOTTE PRIME TIMERS HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC

BY MAX CARROLL,  
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR,  
PRIME TIMERS OF CHARLOTTE

After weeks of planning, the Charlotte Prime Timers held their annual picnic at Park Road Park on Saturday, May 19. The weather forecast had been bad all week, calling for thunderstorms. However, the guys lucked out, and the weather for the picnic was great—not too hot or cold and no rain. Dennis, John, and Sam fired up the grills about 10:30 a.m. and grilled hamburgers, brats, and wieners, ready for serving at noon. Sixty-five members and guests assembled by noon, bringing delicious potluck dishes and mouth-watering desserts. After the meal, some played croquet, cornhole, and horseshoes, while others simply walked around the lake. Another group played Dominoes with a formation that looked like a large city freeway. Thanks to all who worked hard to make the picnic a success.



All photos courtesy of Max Carroll



## CHATTANOOGA PRIME TIMERS' RAIL TRIP

BY WAYNE HARTMAN, PRESIDENT,  
PRIME TIMERS CHATTANOOGA

On May 19th, ten Prime Timers Chattanooga rode the Tennessee Valley Railroad Hiwassee Excursion train from Etowah, Tennessee round trip. Our destination was Copperhill, Tennessee, which is a historic copper mining town in the beautiful East Tennessee mountains. It turned into a real adventure. A few miles into the trip, the train encountered a fallen tree on the tracks. The crew sawed it up and we were on our way after an hour's delay. A few more miles further and now climbing the mountain, a large boulder was blocking the rails and was impossible to move, so the train had to back down the mountain.

The train encountered yet another fallen tree on the way back. This one was larger than the first one. The crew had to saw this one up which took well over an hour. These obstacles were caused by high winds and heavy rain which swept through the area the night before.

Our group had a great day despite the setbacks. We made new friends on the train and were told that we made their trip a joy! We enjoyed lunch at a riverside establishment called the Flip Flop in Reliance, Tennessee and shopping for vegetables at a nearby Mennonite Farmers Market. The railroad refunded our money, so we plan to take the trip again during the fall and enjoy the fall leaf colors.



All photos courtesy of Wayne Hartman



# PITTSBURGH PRIME TIMERS TOUR OF FORT LIGONIER AND THE FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL

BY MIKE MADEYA, NEWSLETTER EDITOR,  
PITTSBURGH PRIME TIMERS

The first of our summer trips included a scenic drive along Pennsylvania's historic Lincoln Highway to Fort Ligonier and then to Flight 93 National Memorial.

Many Pittsburghers are familiar with the Lincoln Highway (U.S. Route 30), but did you know the highway started out as a dirt road cleared by early American settlers in the 1700s? After crossing the Delaware the road sprawled westward to Fort Ligonier. From there, a segment called the Forbes Road reached from Ligonier to Fort Duquesne which is now marked at Point State Park in Pittsburgh.

Fort Ligonier was a stronghold built by the British in 1758, an unpenetrated fort used as a vital link in the storage and transportation of supplies during the French and Indian War. Now the fort serves as a vital part of the local community as a tourist attraction.

Another destination is located just two miles off the Lincoln Highway, the Flight 93 National Memorial. The memorial is a tribute to the brave men and women involved in one of the most tragic events on American soil. Since its opening in 2015, the memorial has been enlarged and enhanced. The Tower Of Voices monument is currently being installed and is scheduled to open in September. A visit to the Flight 93 memorial promises to be a moving experience.

The Tour of Fort Ligonier and the Flight 93 Memorial was attended by 12 Prime Timers. We gathered at Starbucks in West Homestead and enjoyed coffee

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while we eagerly anticipated the journey ahead. The weather was nice and we had no significant problems with the selected route.

Though it took longer than we expected, everyone had fun exploring Fort Ligonier and learning or reinforcing history lessons from the past. Minutes away, we enjoyed lunch at Ruthie's Diner before continuing to The Flight 93 National Memorial. At the Memorial, although the sky was bright blue and the temperature was in the 70s, emotions turned slightly somber. Thoughts of being an American and sorrow for the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country overcame all of us. Before we left I signed the guest book on behalf of The Pittsburgh Prime Timers.

Here is what one of our members, Stephen Mallinger, wrote:

"Mike,

If I understood correctly, you were preparing the next newsletter. So I just want to add a few words about our trip today which you may want to include.

When Robert picked me up this morning for our excursion to Fort Ligonier and the 9/11 Memorial I never expected to have the emotions I had today. While Fort Ligonier was interesting and I was fascinated by the dioramas I saw in the museum, my real emotions came to fore when we entered the visitors' center at the 9/11 memorial where the American Flight 93 was seized by terrorists and the passengers fought back even though the plane crashed, killing all aboard. When we were looking at the multimedia exhibits there were probably about a hundred other people in the center, including a bus full of high school kids. You could have heard a pin drop in that building. I must admit as I was looking at the photos of the passengers on that American Airlines flight I was in tears. While I watched the monitors of those CNN broadcasts of the events the same feeling of horror came over me as it did those many years ago. And as I watched Presidents Bush and Clinton speak I was struck with the eloquence and comfort of their words. This was a very special PPT trip. Thank you, Robert.

Stephen Mallinger"



## VANCOUVER & NANAIMO PRIME TIMERS: TWO PRIME TIMERS' CLUBS MEET

ARTICLE TAKEN FROM VANCOUVER PRIME TIMERS NEWSLETTER AND REPRODUCED WITH PERMISSION FROM PETER MCCARTHY, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, VANCOUVER PRIME TIMERS

Two Prime Timers clubs met for a brief visit, sightseeing, and of course lunch, on June 11, 2018, in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

The Prime Timers Nanaimo Club organized a group of 7 men with 5 cars to transport the Vancouver Prime Timers group of 18 men to a local restaurant for lunch and afterwards to tour several communities including Ladysmith and Chemainus. The visit to Vancouver Island's Nanaimo area was brief but packed with sight-seeing drives and explanations provided by our gracious hosts, the Prime Timers Club of Nanaimo.

Club President Wiley Fargen and Event Coordinator Doug MacIntyre arranged for Nanaimo members to sit at each table for lunch and to share information about their club and highlights of Vancouver Island. Doug was instrumental arranging lunch at The Pantry Restaurant.

The Vancouver Group had only a short visit between the scheduled ferry crossings, but had a full day, beginning by taking the regularly scheduled express bus from Downtown Vancouver to the Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal. They then boarded the 11:00 am ferry, travelling 30 nautical miles, to arrive at the Vancouver Island Departure Bay Ferry Terminal where they were met by members of Prime Timers Nanaimo.

Prime Timers Nanaimo Club was founded only two years ago and has grown from 30 to over 61 members serving the many Vancouver Island communities north of Victoria. The area covered stretches from approximately Cowichan Bay in the south to Sayward in the north, a driving distance of 288 kilometres (179 miles).



All photos courtesy of Vancouver Prime Timers

## CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS: OUR AFTERNOON AT THE 911 CALL CENTER

ARTICLE TAKEN FROM CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS NEWSLETTER AND REPRODUCED WITH PERMISSION FROM ZACH MULLANEY, ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE, CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS



All photos courtesy of Central Oklahoma Prime Timers

Sunday afternoon's field trip to the 911 Call Center was a fascinating learning experience. Seventeen of us made the trek downtown, pushed the various buttons to let ourselves in, saw one of our members, David, watching for us in the parking lot, and then enjoyed immensely the presentation in the lounge.

Jamie O'Leary, 911 Supervisor, gave us a power point presentation, speaking regarding personnel qualifications and the extensive background checks. When hired, the training takes a full year. We heard types of calls, such as the kid hiding in the closet while burglars are ransacking the house, suicidal calls (about three a day), and laughable calls. She explained why a fire truck always answers 911 calls. We heard that a land line immediately plugs in the address to the call. If no land line, and the caller is on a cell phone, hopefully the caller is able to say where they are. Jamie's 45 minute presentation, with her dynamite personality, went by as quick as the snap of a finger.

We were led into the area of the phones, and most were surprised at the enormity of the work area: arc-shaped desks with four TV

screens on each desk. The next operator available takes the call. Every Saturday at noon, we hear the tornado siren blow. That blowing is manned, although' the timing is auto-set. Every siren throughout the city has a red dot on the yard-square screen. At the noon blowing, if a certain dot doesn't come on, it means that the neighborhood siren did not function.

In calling on Monday to thank Jamie, she thanked us for being so attentive and asking such intelligent questions. The 911 procedure is so much more involved than we thought it was. We guys felt it was a very worthwhile afternoon.



## COLORADO PRIME TIMERS: BEER BUST

BY DICK MOORE, PRESIDENT,  
COLORADO PRIME TIMERS

On May 26th the Colorado Prime Timers held their second very successful Beer Bust at The Trade bar. The beer busts are one of our most successful fundraisers during the year. It was very profitable. The attendees were very generous and we raised \$501.00 in total. The breakdown was \$246.00 worth of generous tips and a sale of \$255.00 in beer cups. Not bad for four hours work! Our next outing at The Trade for our third beer bust will be on the Labor Day Weekend, September 1st. This is really a great way to raise money for your chapter and at the same time, have lots of fun doing it.

Photo courtesy of Rafael DeJesus

Partial group of workers shown:  
from left to right: Mark, Dick,  
George, Howard, Darrel, and Don



## HERE AND THERE

COMPILED BY JIM OLIN, SAN ANTONIO PRIME TIMERS

### U.S. WEST

**PHOENIX:** The chapter is trying a Phone-a-Friend program. An August trip is planned to Phoenix's Musical Instrument Museum with 6800+ instruments on hand. Chuck Walko published a new novel Greenwich village Tales. Has also published Robbie Keps the Key. The newsletter shows smiling faces of members on the train during the Verde Canyon Railroad Trip.

**RENO:** High Sierra Prime Timers celebrated their 18th anniversary in June. Members and some guests attended. Ribs, pulled pork, brisket, chicken, corn on the cob, beans were

served. There were leftovers to take home. Also planned for June was a day trip to Beckworth, Cleo, and Portola, California. The draw was a trip to the farmers' market for shopping, lunch in Clio, and ice cream treats in Portola. At a recent membership meeting, it was decided to have the meetings combined with a Monday lunch.

**SEATTLE:** The chapter held its August picnic at Woodland Park. Some members went to the free viewing of the 1985 movie "My Beautiful Laundrette". The July potluck and movie was held in a member's home. In August, it will be held at The Cuff, a commercial establishment.

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**PALM SPRINGS:** The Prime Timers of the Desert is offering a trip to the Getty Center. The facility describes itself as Art and Architecture at the top of Los Angeles. The trip consists of round trip transportation and venue admission. Participants will have lunch on their own at several on site choices.

**COLORADO:** The Denver chapter offers a number of monthly events. One of them is the card game Hand-Knee-Foot. Over Easy Breakfast recently met at the Perfect Landing restaurant located at Centennial Airport. There was not a lot of activity going on at the airport but the food was good. The Canasta Card Club recently had a dozen participants. Playing inside, they remembered the prior meeting when they played outside and the cards had blown around in the wind. The chapter went to the Cussler Car Museum in mid-July. The annual mountain picnic is in the planning stages with an August target date.

#### U.S. SOUTH

**TULSA:** The chapter is celebrating its 25th anniversary. They are looking for prior members from days back to invite to the anniversary celebration. The chapter is asking people who have stories about deceased members to share them at the 25th anniversary event. The club has donated a new Teddy Bear to the Tulsa Police Department Children's program.

**CENTRAL FLORIDA, ORLANDO:** The chapter had a table at the June LGBT Pride Event located at the Veterans Administration. The club is planning their 23rd anniversary. Also in the works is a potluck BBQ at Lakeshore Landings. Several Prime Timers from Tampa Bay and Sarasota Prime Timers are expected to participate in the event.

**SAN ANTONIO:** The chapter is planning a Veterans Day project to highlight some members' military experiences. San Antonio was inspired by the Tampa Bay chapter who had a similar feature in their newsletter around Memorial Day. A fourth of July party was held at the home of Jack Nimmo and Tim Butler. It was also a Newbie event where the newest members don't pay anything to attend and wear a different colored name tag so longer term members notice and say hello to the newer members. The club is still holding two bowling events every week.

**DALLAS:** A celebration was held in June with what the chapter proclaimed as Jack Heath Day. This day honors a member who is no longer living. There was a private pool party in his honor. Prime Bingo is starting too. A summer pool party was planned for early July with hopes of beating the heat and mosquitoes. Pizza was provided. The Cross Timbers chapter members have been invited to participate.

**SARASOTA:** In the July newsletter the president noted that attendance at events has been increasing in the past few months. A guided tour of a waste materials recovery facility has been offered. A number of members have expressed an interest in going to this event. The chapter is trying a bake-off event. Each participant or couple brings an item made from scratch at home. The host will provide coffee and tea. Non-bakers are welcome too.

**TAMPA BAY:** The chapter is addressing the issue of making inaccurate participant counts when reserving space for dine outs. Restaurant servers can be denied tip money if more space was reserved than used. If more Prime Timers show up than the space available can accommodate, the management will have a problem accommodating the larger crowd. An online reservation form will be used. Members without internet can phone in advance. At the end of the newsletter presentation, the best part was a hot link to the 1950's song "If I Knew You Were Comin' I'd've Baked a Cake." A chapter member shares his first experiences with Pride 15 years ago. He talks about his initial uneasiness of it and as years went by how he finally embraced Pride.

#### U.S. MIDWEST

**CINCINNATI & TRI-STATE:** A joint dinner meeting was held with the Miami Valley Chapter (Dayton) in Lebanon Ohio. The Cincinnati chapter is planning an Ohio River dinner cruise in early August. The river boat has an air-conditioned interior and is wheelchair accessible with an interior elevator.

**MINNEAPOLIS ST PAUL:** The chapter recently dined at a Russian restaurant specializing in Russian food. The History Boys group visited Coldwater Spring, an early historical site dating back to 1825. Run by the National Park Service, the area is ADA-compliant. The book club has been reading The Pink Marine by Greg Cope White.

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**DES MOINES, CENTRAL IOWA:** A float was prepared for the Des Moines Pride Parade. On the morning of the parade, there were showers followed by thunderstorms. The parade was canceled, although the pride festival went on later in the day. Central Iowa chapter members drove to Omaha for an out- of-town trip. The occasion was to join the Omaha chapter's July picnic. A pool party was held at the end of July at a Central Iowa chapter member's home. Burgers and Brats are furnished by the club. Guests of members were welcome to attend.

**CHICAGO:** The Member Profile feature of the CPT Herald is about Gary Kenzer, who is the husband of Prime Timers Worldwide newsletter editor Adrian Liau. Another member profile is written as Tom and Bill's Excellent Adventure and focuses on how they got together. Each person writes their own perspective of the adventure. Member Bob Barth writes letters to the editor and reprints one that was recently published in the Chicago Tribune. Bob is also offering a two part workshop in writing effective letters to the editor. It will be open to non-members as well. A tour of the Hanlin Time and Glass Museum was held in July.

**WICHITA:** Chapter members went to the Wichita Riverfest Sundown Parade. There was a performance by the Wichita Symphony followed by fireworks. The club participated in the Stonewall Celebration at the Park City public library. A question that was pondered was "Where were you on June 28, 1969?". A recurring event for the club is "Pitch Night". Pitch is an American card game that was more widely played years ago. A Memorial Day cookout was held and drew a record 52 participants.

**COLUMBUS:** The board is proposing a change in the election cycle of Council members so that Council member terms would start on July 1st and end the following June 30th. This will avoid having new terms start right after the busy holiday months of November and December. The July Social was held at a member's home and featured a steak dinner. A new potluck system of bringing dishes was tested based on where in the alphabet a member's name falls. The first group brought traditional dinner food, such as beans, slaw, and similar appropriate items. The second group brought snack items like chips or cheese plate. The third group brought deserts.

## U.S. NORTHEAST

**WASHINGTON, DC:** The chapter had a baseball night out with the Nationals. There was a July trip to the Renwick Gallery. Of special interest was the "burning man" exhibit, an event that takes place every year in the Nevada desert. After lunch, there was a walk to the Octagon House Museum.

**BOSTON:** The Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence is organizing Project Ugly Dress. It's a fundraiser for Community Grants. In the past, the Boston chapter received a grant from Boston Sisters to help replace Boston Prime Timers office computers. The chapter is encouraging members to support and promote the event. Christmas in July was the theme of the July pot luck. A number of Boston area organizations are considering establishing an LGBT Virtual Senior Center. Boston Prime Timers is providing information in the chapter newsletter. The purpose of the center would be to reach out to provide information and services for the older LGBT community.

**RHODE ISLAND:** The chapter is planning its 11th anniversary and looking forward to the August tri-chapter meeting involving the chapters of Rhode Island, Boston, and Connecticut (see ad next page).

## CANADA

**HAMILTON:** The club had a table at Hamilton Pride and had several hundred people stop by for information. They had a raffle for 22 men who signed up for Hamilton Chapter email. The winner received a \$25 gift certificate. Members working the table wore different outfits to show diversity. A bow tie and parasol, bicycle gear, leather kilt, and a provocative apron were all part of it.

**TORONTO:** The chapter's book club is reading "Who Do You Think You Are?" by Alice Munro. Saturday night movies are being revived. The club held its annual June Pride Social Event. It delivered food and offered a T-shirt for \$10. The Toronto Chapter newsletter had a solicitation for volunteers to work at the Toronto International Film Festival. Also, there was information about Pride Month in June, along with a Pride Social for the Prime Timers on the 21st of that month.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Tri-Chapter Prime Timers' Anniversary Party

Announcing our first summer gathering of the Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut chapters to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Prime Timer organization. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship with fellow Prime Timers at **12 Acres Farm in Smithfield Rhode Island**. Spend the time enjoying a game of bocce, horseshoes, volley ball or wandering the scenic grounds with old friends or make some new ones.



A good old fashioned New England Clambake will be provided featuring red clam chowder, steamed clams and mussels, choice of Lobster, Steak or Chicken Breast for your entrée, red bliss potatoes, corn on the cob, rolls and butter and watermelon for dessert. A cash bar will be available.

For Boston chapter members needing assistance with transportation, if there is sufficient need, group transportation from the Boston area will be arranged. For those wishing to make a weekend of it in Rhode Island, there is a Holiday Inn Express nearby also in Smithfield.



When: Saturday, August 11, 2018  
 Start: 11:00  
 End: 4:00  
 Cost: \$50.00 pp  
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Photo courtesy of Jim Houk & Steven Dubois

Oklahoma City offers lots of things to do. We have plenty of museums, entertainment and dining districts, and the Oklahoma City National Memorial. If antiques are your thing, there are hundreds of stores available for your shopping pleasure. As always, we will have local tours, and we hope to have a Bridge Tournament.

**The schedule for the weekend:** Scheduled events include a Happy Hour every day (Thursday through Sunday), a Welcome Party on Thursday, dinners with entertainment on Saturday, poolside continental breakfast five days (Thursday through Monday), a poolside box lunch on Friday and Saturday, Friday BBQ dinner and a brunch on Sunday and Monday.

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### The Cost

The Labor Day Weekend is a great entertainment value. You can select the **FULL PACKAGE** this includes your registration and all the events, including the five paid meals. If you register for the package deal after July 10, the price is \$220. After August 11 and at the door, the price is \$250 (No Shirt & Credit Cards only).

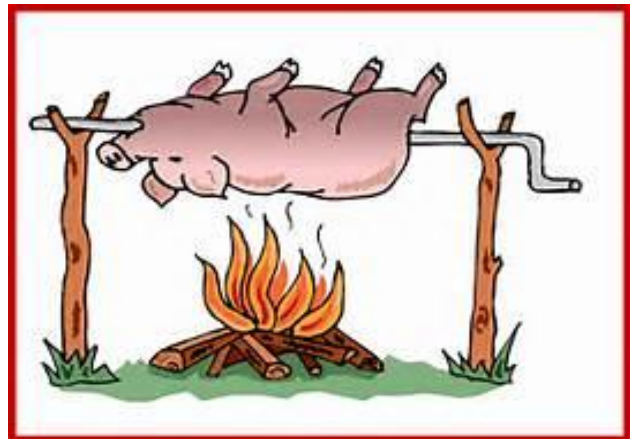
You can select the **BASIC PACKAGE** for. \$160. After August 11 and at the door, the price is \$190 (No Shirt & Credit Cards only). This package includes your registration and all the events with the exception of Saturday night dinner, Sunday and Monday Bunch.

Both the full or basic registration only gives you access to the event, all happy hours, all continental breakfasts, the hospitality room and any other included events we introduce. We have always allowed guests to register when they arrive, but based on last year's attendance, we could easily run out of capacity at some of the meals, so it helps to register early. For more information or extra forms you may visit Prime Timers Worldwide Website at [www.primetimersww.com](http://www.primetimersww.com) or please feel free to contact me at [COPT.LaborDay@gmail.com](mailto:COPT.LaborDay@gmail.com) or call (405) 603-8997.

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## TRI-STATE PRIME TIMERS

# PIG ROAST



When: September 9, 2018

Where: Laural Ridge Farm

2062 Franklin Laurel Road

New Richmond, Ohio 45206

Times:

1:00 pm social time

2:00 pm Dr. Loren Olson (Guest Speaker)

3:00 pm corn hole tournament

4:30 pm dinner

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Other activities will include split the pot, A free adult (or general) book/video/DVD exchange table (bring what you want, take what you want), In addition, we will have cards available. Side dishes and soft drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring your preferred alcoholic beverage.

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Dr. Loren Olson, MD

We are happy to announce that our September meeting will feature an informative seminar on aging and gay by Dr. Loren Olson, MD. Loren is a psychiatrist with over forty years of experience. He is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and has been named an Exemplary Psychiatrist by the National Alliance for Mental Illness. He has appeared on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," and is a regular blogger for *HuffingtonPost.com* and *Psychology Today*. He has also been active in Prime Timers, including serving on the PTWW board and as President of the PT chapter in Iowa.

The seminar is part of the book tour of Loren's new book *FINALLY OUT: Letting Go of Living Straight*, which has received very strong reviews. Loren has already visited several PT chapters for the tour, and the feedback has been uniformly positive.

August News Release:

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Editor's note: Here's this issue's legal column. Please remember that the information provided is intended only for educational purposes; consult with a local attorney for specific answers to your own situation.

## THE U.S. SUPREME COURT: ITS FUTURE

BY JIM SCHWARTZ, JD, CHICAGO PRIME TIMERS



About the author:

Jim grew up in Philadelphia. After graduating from Penn State with a B.A. in history, Jim went to Villanova University School of Law where he graduated with a J.D. After graduation, Jim first went to work for the City of Philadelphia and then became employed by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In private practice, Jim's areas of concentration have been securities, commodity futures, real estate, tax, wills and trusts.

Of late, much has been in the news about the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy and the President's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to be the next Supreme Court Justice. As a result, I thought it appropriate for this month's column to give a perspective about the Court, who sits on it, what they do, who the proposed justice is and the possible implications for us all from his confirmation.

The framers of our country provided for a court system as a check and balance on the other branches of government. At the top of it is the Supreme Court which is the final arbiter of disputes. The Constitution also provides for such other, lesser courts as are needed. There are 9 members of the Court, all of whom serve for their life (or until they retire or are removed). When a vacancy exists, the President nominates a replacement to the Court but that person first needs to be confirmed by a vote from the Senate. The philosophical make-up of the current Court is 4 conservatives, 4 liberals and Justice Kennedy. On most business issues, Justice Kennedy votes as a conservative. For example, near the end of the Court's term in June, Justice Kennedy voted with the majority to hold that government workers who choose not to join unions may not be required to help pay for collective bargaining. Thus, those government workers get a benefit without having to pay for it. This decision is viewed as hostile to those unions and will work to weaken them. In another case, the Court ruled that President

Trump had the legal authority to restrict travel to the U.S. from several mostly Muslim countries. In yet another decision, the Court upheld Ohio's aggressive program to purge its voting rolls, thus allowed a state to purge their voting rolls of persons who have not voted recently. It is viewed this decision will adversely affect minority groups. Kennedy voted with the other conservative justices. Lastly, Kennedy voted with the majority on the gay baker case but specifically said his decision was limited to the animus showed by the Colorado Human Rights Commission toward the baker and was not his opinion on the whether someone (the baker) may discriminate (not make a wedding cake) against a group (LGBTQ) based on the baker's religious belief that homosexuality is wrong.

On the other hand, Justice Kennedy has been a swing vote on the Court, at times voting with the liberal justices. For example, in the landmark ruling that recognized same-sex marriage in 2015, Kennedy wrote for the majority "no union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family." He then wrote "As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, ex-

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cluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right." He (and Chief Justice Roberts) also sided with the liberals in the 2015 landmark ruling on the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"). The 6-3 ruling allowed the federal government to provide nationwide tax subsidies to help Americans buy health insurance in the Obamacare program. In 1992, Kennedy joined four other justices in a ruling upholding *Roe v. Wade*, the decades-old decision which holds a woman's right of choice is paramount. Thus, Justice Kennedy has often been the swing vote in significant social cases and voting with liberals.

On February 13, 2016, Justice Scalia passed away. Soon thereafter, President Obama nominated Judge Merrick Garland to replace Justice Scalia. Senator Mitch McConnell refused to allow the Senate to vote on the nomination of Judge Garland citing it was "too close to the 2016 Presidential election" and the nomination died. Soon after President Trump won the 2016 election, Judge Gorsuch was nominated to fill Justice Scalia's seat. Until this nomination, all candidates to the Court needed to be confirmed by at least 60 votes. McConnell caused a rule change to be implemented in the Senate to permanently change the number of votes needed to confirm a nomination to be a majority of the Senate or 51 votes (in case of a tie, the Vice-President casts the deciding vote). After a filibuster by the Democrats, the Senate voted 54-45 to approve Justice Gorsuch (with 3 Democratic senators, all up for re-election in 2018, Manchin, Heidcamp and Donnelly voting to confirm)..

With Kennedy's retirement, it allows President Trump a second opportunity to fundamentally alter the nation's top court for decades by moving it solidly to the right. By this I mean that while the Court's vote will remain 5-4, that conservative vote will include all social issues where Kennedy often voted with the Liberals. To the delight of conservatives and in furtherance of his plan, President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace Kennedy. Liberals are frightened that Kavanaugh's addition to the Court might result in *Roe* being overturned (meaning that there would no longer be a right to an abortion under federal law). In that

event, it would be the law of each state which prevailed and if a state prohibited abortions then someone would have to seek one elsewhere. Other prior decisions might be overturned in favor of conservative thinking including gay marriage and/or gay adoption (indeed, a House committee recently, as part of an appropriations bill, voted to ban gay adoptions which could be affirmed by the Court on appeal if passed by Congress).

However, many speculate that the most important reason for Trump nominating Kavanaugh is Kavanaugh's position on the extent of a president's powers.. In general, he states that a president should have very broad powers. Indeed, he appears to state that a sitting president may not be prosecuted or even investigated for anything (even a crime), while he is in office. Stated another way, Kavanaugh seems to confirm what Trump has stated which is that he (Trump) could shoot someone while walking down 5th Avenue and not be prosecuted because he is the sitting President. In other words, Trump believes he is above the law. As we all recall, during Watergate, Nixon was ordered by the Supreme Court to turn over the tapes he secretly made in the oval office. Those tapes conclusively proved Nixon was part of the Watergate cover up, a crime, and caused him to resign. In a 1999 article, Kavanaugh stated that the "tensions of the moment" in Washington may have resulted in the Court's decision to order production of the tapes and Kavanaugh was not sure if it was decided correctly, i.e. he might have voted to say the tapes need not be turned over or Nixon could not be charged or impeached. However, the DOJ's current guidelines do state that a sitting president cannot be indicted (as you may recall, the Special Prosecutor in Nixon's case found he was an unindicted co-conspirator).

In any event, these are scary times currently, no matter what your political view. It is important that citizens have confidence in their government. The Supreme Court is very much a part of our government. As we know, the country is currently very polarized. A lack of confidence in the Supreme Court as the final and fair arbiter of disputes will most likely result in a further erosion of that confidence. On the flip side, if decade old decisions are overturned such as *Brown v. The Board of Education* or *Roe v. Wade*, then one might argue that doing so erodes our fabric and principles just as much.

## WHY SHOULD I BOOK EARLY WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN

BY ROBERT ROSENTHAL, PALM BEACH PRIME TIMERS

Who can tell the future? Who knows what's going to happen? Will I be healthy enough to make plans a year away? Why should I even think of that?

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### Sounds of Summer

Summer is now in full swing in the Northern Hemisphere. We associate summer with fun activities, like the movies we watch, the trips we take, and the events we attend. And then, there is music that reminds us about the good times of summer. How many songs with the title “summer” in them do you know? Take this pop quiz and see how well you can name the song title and the singer who sang them.

1. A summer love between a couple who sings as a duet in the movie “Grease”
2. Reminiscing the final year of the 60s
3. A “family” enjoys the fun and games of summer
4. A former Eagle sings about aging and questioning the past
5. A song that features a series of car horns during the instrumental bridge, starting with a Volkswagen Beetle horn, and ends up with a jackhammer sound
6. A song is about the struggle between a teenager and his parents, his boss and his congressman
7. This “King” had a major hit 2 years prior with this song before he died in 1965
8. A “fruity” group is unhappy with their summer
9. The Chairman of the Board sings about the changing of the seasons using the Southern European sirocco wind as a metaphor
10. The King of Pop sings goodbye to romance
11. A song that has a Triumph sports car sound towards the end of the song
12. A Chicagoan male singer sings about a summer love that does not last when lovers go their separate ways in the fall
13. A soft rock duo enjoys the winds of summer
14. Lady Day sings George Gershwin

### ANSWERS

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| 1. Summer nights – John Travolta & Olivia Newton John (1978)   | 8. Cruel summer – Bananarama (1984)                  |
| 2. Summer of '69 – Bryan Adams (1985)                          | 9. Summer wind – Frank Sinatra (1966)                |
| 3. Hot fun in the summertime - Sly and the Family Stone (1969) | 10. Farewell my summer love – Michael Jackson (1984) |
| 4. The boys of summer – Don Henley (1985)                      | 11. In the summer time – Mungo Jerry (1970)          |
| 5. Summer in the city – Lovin' Spoonful (1966)                 | 12. Endless summer nights – Richard Marx (1988)      |
| 6. Summertime blues – Eddie Cochran (1958)                     | 13. Summer breeze – Seals & Crofts (1972)            |
| 7. Those lazy-hazy-crazy days of summer – Nat King Cole (1963) | 14. Summertime – Billie Holiday (1936)               |