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Registration has already begun; see [here](#) for updates and pages 23 & 24 for the registration form.

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PRIDE CELEBRATIONS

The month of June is LGBTQ Pride Month, chosen to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Briefly, early on the morning of Saturday, June 28, 1969, LGBTQ persons rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York City. This riot and further protests and rioting over the following nights were the watershed moment in modern LGBT rights movement and the impetus for organizing LGBT pride marches on a much larger public scale.

Much has progressed since then, particularly in the last two decades. Anti-discrimination laws against LGBTQ people were enacted in various localities. There is greater exposure of LGBTQ characters in the arts. And marriage equality between same-sex couples is be-

coming more commonplace in various global jurisdictions. Yet, much still needs to be done. There is a segment of society that deems homosexuality wrong and will do whatever it takes to stamp out our progress. Not everyone is willing to come out publicly despite greater visibility of more people doing so. And hate crimes continue to persist, even in safe neighborhoods that are gay-friendly.

For this issue and the coming issues for the rest of this year, we encourage you to send us your articles and pictures for the Pride festivities. Whether it is your chapter getting involved in the events or personal travels that take you to these celebrations, we hope you will share your experiences and memories with us in *Prime Times*. And to kick things off, we have three reports to share in the next 3 pages.

STONEWALL



CELEBRATING STONEWALL AND ASHEVILLE PRIDE

BY JERRY CONNER, PRESIDENT, ASHEVILLE PRIME TIMERS



Asheville Prime Timers continue to use its "Woody money" share to benefit the community and bring awareness to Prime Timers Worldwide. A major celebration of Stonewall will take place on June 28 and the Asheville Prime Timers chapter is one of the main sponsors with the area's premier performance place, Diana Wortham Theater as the backdrop. The Asheville Gay Men's Chorus will showcase music, stage mock demonstrations, as well as gay marriages for the Stonewall celebration. Members of the chapter will be among the staging participants during the celebration.

In recognition of both the 50-year Stonewall Celebration and North Carolina becoming one of the first southern states to allow gay marriage, the chapter changed their Prime Timers logo to be reflective of these events. In addition, the full page ad in the program features joined hands in front of the city courthouse along with a giant rainbow flag. This picture was taken the day North Carolina passed the marriage equality

bill and the joined hands represent our Prime Timers Pride.

Some of the perks of the chapter sponsorship will be a rolling screen at the concert with our logo and tag line, PT logo on all printed materials and promotional spots. Asheville Prime Timers are becoming better known throughout the community with each of our outreach efforts. In a little over 5 years of existence, the chapter has engaged with the community for specialty movies, fundraisers and benefits, as well as some great times. Another of our chapter activities are day trips and cruising together. This coming September, Asheville Prime Timers along with other Asheville Friends will make up a large group to Cuba and plans are in the works for a 2020 Halloween Cruise from Charleston. We are a small chapter with a big heart and an even bigger fun attitude.

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REMEMBERING STONEWALL

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STONEWALL
A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE EVENT
THAT STARTED A MOVEMENT

A PRESENTATION BY STONEWALL VETERAN,
DAVID VELASCO-BERMUDEZ

Come join us as we take a look back at the start of the modern LGBT rights movement.

Saturday, May 18, 2019
3:00 to 5:00 Pm
Club Café
209 Columbus Ave
Boston Massachusetts
Free admission

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS PRESENTATION



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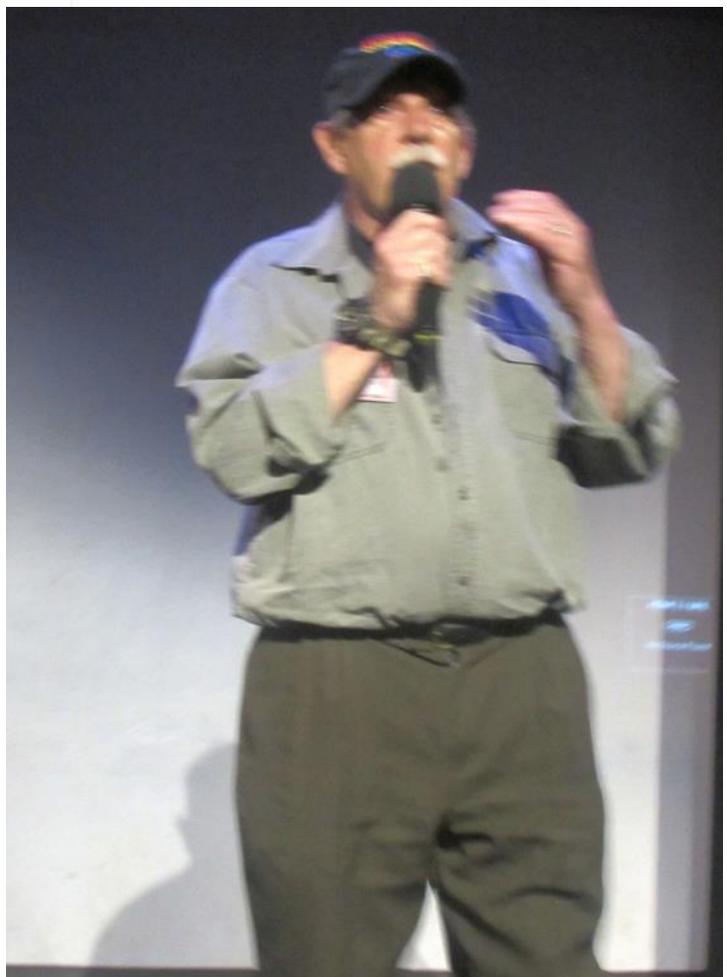
On Saturday, May 18, the Boston Prime Timers and Club Café presented a talk by a man who was there when the Stonewall riots occurred in 1969. Titled ' Stonewall: A Personal Account of the Event that Started a Movement', speaker David Velasco-Bermudez related the infamous incident that occurred.

During the club days prior to the riots, David talked about the names the cops would call them back then, including the 'f' word. He also talked about how if you fought back with the cops, they would practically beat you to almost near death with their billy clubs. He also talked about how the club then was divided by race: Blacks, Hispanics, and Whites. David mentioned that lesbians actually started the Stonewall Club.

David talked about how that fateful evening, the cops broke into Stonewall Club, beat them up with billy clubs, put them in handcuffs, and took them outside before the rioting began. Ironically, the lesbians were there by the men's side all the time the riots were going on which was interesting because back then, lesbians and gays did not like each other nor did they talk to one another. However, this time, the riots united them together and they helped each other out.

The event was well attended by over 90 people.

All photos courtesy of Harry Fullerton



PTTB TAKES PRIDE IN TAMPA

BY STEVE DEPENNING,
NEWSLETTER EDITOR,
PRIME TIMERS OF
TAMPA BAY

The Prime Timers had our first-ever booth at the Tampa Pride festival in March (we've participated in St. Pete pride for many years). Larry Lucas put the finishing touches on the PTTB booth.

Many folks stopped by our booth in Ybor City to chat with our greeters and learn about our local chapter as well as Prime Timers Worldwide. Forty visitors provided their email addresses to receive our newsletter and get better acquainted with PTTB.

Our booth was staffed by Bud Anderson, Dennis Carey, Wally Dearwester, Steve DePenning, Harry Harcourt and Tommy Hornback – thanks, guys for greeting our visitors with friendly faces! Special thanks goes to Larry Lucas who organized and managed our participation in Tampa Pride.



Both photos courtesy of Steve DePenning. Top picture: Bud Anderson (left) and Dennis Carey were among those who greeted our visitors. Bottom picture: Larry Lucas puts the finishing touches on the PTTB booth



CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: INDIANAPOLIS

By EDMOND TALUCCI, PRIME TIMERS INDIANAPOLIS

Annual Meeting and Election of Board on April 9, Bynum's Steak House

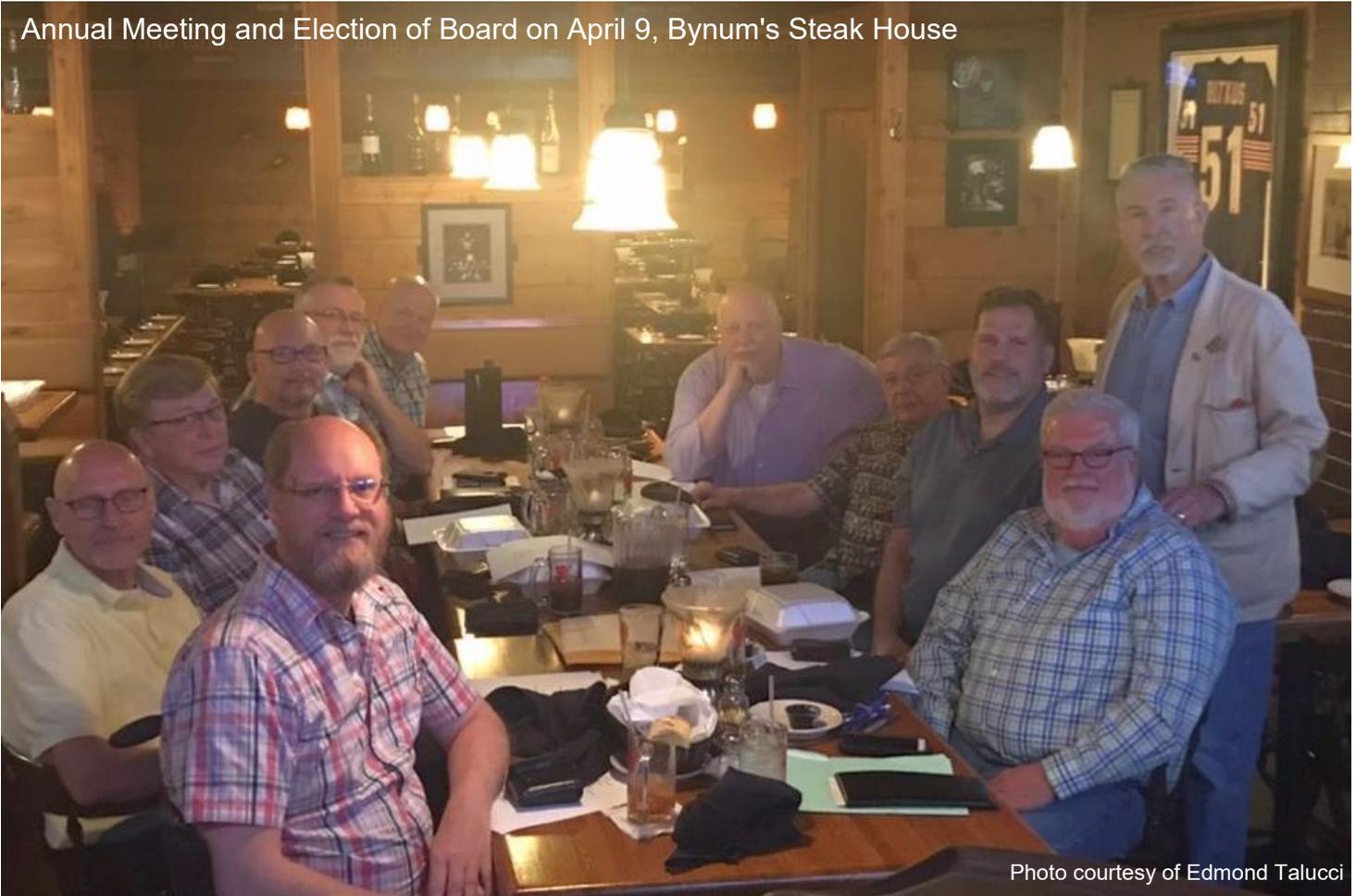


Photo courtesy of Edmond Talucci

Prime Timers Indianapolis received its charter from Woody Baldwin on June 10, 2016. The chapter has 40 members from under 40 to over 90 years of age. Being relatively small in numbers, our members can become fast friends.

Prime Timers Indianapolis is an active group of men who get together once or twice a month at local restaurants. Members enjoy cocktails, supper, and conversation at least once a month at local favorite restaurants. An annual summer pool party and holiday open house also serve as anticipated opportunities for camaraderie. Our chapter also hosts a holiday gathering where member pitch-ins enhance the main dishes provided by the board. There are 15 to 25 members who attend most events.

Indianapolis is Indiana's capitol. The city has a great Zoo, NCAA Hall of Champions, Oldfield's-Lilly House and Gardens, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis Museum of Art,

Newfield's, White River State Park, Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, Eiteljorg Museum dedicated to Native and Western art, Rhythm! Discovery Center, Kurt Vonnegut Museum, James Whitcomb Riley Museum and Home, the Children's Museum, Col. Eli Lilly's Civil War Museum, White River State Park, Indianapolis Historical Society, Conner Prairie, and Indiana State Museum. There are also the annual Indy 500 and The Brickyard 400. The Indianapolis Symphony is internationally recognized. There are always great performances of travelling shows at several impressive venues. Professional sports include the Indianapolis Colts Football, Indiana Pacers Basketball, Indianapolis Ice Hockey, and Indianapolis Indians Baseball.

Indianapolis Prime Timers welcomes fellow out-of-town members and guests to all its events. Please join us by checking out our Prime Timers Indianapolis Facebook page or website for details!

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT: SOUTH EAST MONTANA (3RD ANNIVERSARY)

BY WALT DONGES, PRESIDENT, SOUTH EAST MONTANA PRIME TIMERS

Photo courtesy of Walt Donges



With the support of Prime Timers World-wide Board Members Mark Hatten and Richard Tobiason, South East Montana Prime Timers (SEMT PT) recently received our Chapter Charter. The framed Charter was presented to the Membership during our third anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

This Charter is a small but significant step in further developing our Chapter. It also provides a focus for achieving Woody Baldwin's dream. We celebrate not just being in existence but also with the membership's support and continued growth of the organization.

We celebrated last year's record of 56 social opportunities. This year, we will add another 28 opportunities, thanks to the focused effort of Social Media Director Cornell Thomas' development of our three-month Calendar of Events. This allows our rural brothers a chance to plan better a trip to attend an event.

We celebrated a core of support starting

with our Board of Directors: Vice President Don Christman, Records Director Mark Olson, Treasurer Ed Gabrien, Social Media Director Cornell Thomas, Newsletter Director Jace Dyckman and myself, President Walt Donges and also the membership that supports us.

I have sat at brunches, coffee socials, and dinners and listened to the men gathered around the table. These men are grateful, appreciative and hopeful that we continue to make a difference in their lives.

SEMT PT gained another member at our Anniversary celebration; the new member and his husband are moving to Billings Montana from Cody, Wyoming, to be part of an established gay men's organization and community where there are social opportunities geared for them.

These are testimonials to our success and the support we receive in the greater South East Montana and Northern Wyoming areas, proving Prime Timers are making a difference.

GET READY FOR THE CONVENTION!

BY JACK NIMMO, PRESIDENT, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE



The excitement is building in San Antonio as the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio Prime Timers and the Prime Timers Worldwide Board prepare to entertain and inform you at the Worldwide Convention from October 29th to November 2nd in one of the most beautiful cities in the United States. You will be situated right on the San Antonio River's famous "River Walk" in a very peaceful setting that winds with tropical vegetation through the major tourist area of San Antonio.

The El Tropicano River Walk Hotel is a mid-sized hotel with 275 rooms total. Our convention is contacted for the whole hotel so it will be totally occupied by Prime Timers and our guests. A very affordable convention room rate includes a morning buffet for all registered guests. Prime Timers has ensured the hotel will honor our special convention rates, including the breakfast buffet, for the three days before and after the convention dates to allow you time to enjoy the city longer than just the Prime Timer event. San Antonio airport is a 15-minute drive to the hotel by taxi (about \$25) or Uber (about \$15). There is a city bus available (#5) that will bring you to within ½ block of the hotel at the bargain rate of \$1.30. Once at the hotel, you will be within walking distance of restaurants and other sites along the river in downtown San Antonio so rental cars are really unnecessary. The convention events are all scheduled from October 30th through November 1st. Registration and the hospitality suite will be open beginning October 29th and periodically throughout the convention. The hospitality suite will be the only activity on November 2nd until 5:00pm as a place to say farewell to friends you've made at the convention.

Part of your registration fee is a one day pass on the famous River Walk river taxis. Our research as we've planned the convention indicates river taxis have hourly stops along the river including at our hotel. That may not be as

desirable for Prime Timers who may wish to expand their transportation options to include outlying locations. To address that, we are providing an option to our registered Prime Timers for three days of Via Bus passes to give more frequent and varied route opportunities. If you choose the bus pass option, you can still take a River Taxi excursion on your own and at your own time and pace as most tourists do. The 35-minute narrated river excursion cruises on the river with your captain pointing out historical and interesting facts along the route. A senior rate of \$9 for those over 62 is available for your purchase.

For most of you, San Antonio will be a much warmer environment than back home in October. You will be in the city during Halloween and portions of the Dia del Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) festival where skeletons and skulls become things of art decorating the city. The convention includes a party on Halloween evening at the hotel where those wishing to get into the "spirit" of things can wear a Halloween costume. A contest will judge the most outstanding costumes. Weather on Halloween averages from a high temperature of 76 degrees to 59 degrees for the low. You can plan your wardrobe according to San Antonio's weather and your personal comfort level, but make it casual! Halloween costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory. Plan to spend lots of time in our hospitality suite where all drinks and snacks are free as part of your registration fee. This will be a very affordable convention in a beautiful city.

Tell a friend in Prime Timers about the fun that can be expected. With beverages free and the other registration gifts you receive, the \$200 registration fee is a real bargain! Hotel information is provided below.

El Tropicano River Walk San Antonio

Address: 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone 210 277 4043 Reservations or 210 277 4039 Admin Staff 8-5 PM Mon- Fri E-mail for reservations is reservations@eltropicano.com

Code for reservations is PTWW

2019 Websites Refresh Project

We are updating websites for Prime Timers Worldwide and 40+ local chapters in coming months. Since 50% of online info seekers are using mobile devices, our upgraded websites will have easy-to-read content and quicker search results for info and details you seek.



Local chapters will share "real time" highlights of planned and past activities, along with the WW Newsletter Team keeping you informed of current events. *"Please stand by."*

BY MARK HATTEN, DIRECTOR-
AT-LARGE & INTERIM WEBSITES,
PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

1. PTWW-hosted websites migrate with brand new sites using **WordPress**, used by over 70% of the world's web programmers. WordPress has easy-to-edit content, plus event calendar choices (like Google Calendar). Plus, there are lots of YouTube videos showing how-to-do most monthly updates.

2. Each hosted chapter will be presented options for continuing with PTWW or opting out for self-administered sites. Discussions

are planned for late July or early August, **so more details will be available in the August issue**. Group conference calls will be conducted to explain the migration to several web admins at a time.

3. Early testing chapters include Atlanta, DFW, Phoenix, and Rio Grande Valley.
4. Each website continuing with PTWW's hosting will be **carefully orchestrated** to change over the existing Joomla to new WordPress format, as local chapter members may need to update favorite browser links.
5. A standard "PT-local" template design will be easily supported by 1-2 local chapter admins with step-by-step instructions for monthly updates.
6. If a local admin needs guidance, a newly-organized, volunteer 5+man team will quickly pounce on questions via email or phone with the new sites and "light touch edits." This process will be rolled out with the migration plans.

PTWW Web Tigers 2019-2020

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NOMINATIONS FOR PTWW BOARD REQUESTED

By RICHARD TOBIASON, SECRETARY, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE



At the PTWW biennial convention an agenda item of the Business Meeting is the election of the Board of Directors. Chapter members should start to consider the volunteer positions on the PTWW Board that will be elected at the San Antonio Convention beginning October 29, 2019.

There will be openings on the Board for this election. Two Board members, Vice President Gary Payne and Secretary Richard Tobiason are term-limited from seeking these positions again and neither will be seeking another Board position. Both have served on the Board for several years.

Before mid-July a message will go out to the chapter Presidents and chapter Liaisons requesting nominations for the Board of Directors. These nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by mid-August. The committee will make their report to the President and before mid-September the information about the election, the ballot and proxy forms will be distributed to the chapters. Ballots from each chapter will be presented at the convention by chapter Presidents or chapter representatives holding proxies. If the chapter is not represented in person at the convention the ballot may be returned by e-mail or postal mail prior to the convention. The votes will be counted at the Business Meeting at the convention and the results announced. The newly elected Board will hold its first meeting at the convention.

The PTWW Bylaws describe the positions on the Board and their responsibilities. Anyone interested in being considered for nomination should contact their chapter Board. The Bylaws require that members of the Board be from different chapters, so a chapter may only support one candidate. The prospective nominee must seek support of his chapter and the chapter must submit a letter of support to the Nominating Committee.

The nominee must submit a letter to the Nominating Committee indicating his interest, qualifications and position that he seeks. The details will be communicated in the Request for Nominations Letter sent to the chapters. Information is also available in the PTWW Bylaws and PTWW Policies and



Procedures, both available on the PTWW Website.

After the last convention, new procedures were adopted to ease the financial concerns of potential nominees. Board members attending the convention will have the registration fee and a shared room covered by the convention budget. Partners of Board members will need to cover one half the room cost as applicable. Board members attending the mandatory face-to-face meeting in non-convention years will have any registration fee covered by the PTWW budget if it is held in connection with a regional or similar Prime Timers event.

Board members will find that serving on the PTWW Board of Directors will be an interesting and rewarding experience. Prime Timers should consider this opportunity.

CHAPTERS' EVENTS

ANNIVERSARY: AUSTIN'S 30TH CELEBRATION (MAYOR PROCLAIMS MAY 19 PRIME TIMERS' AUSTIN DAY)

BY JIM HARP, AUSTIN PRIME TIMERS



How special it was to have Marilyn Monroe (Jane Maddox) sing our own version of “Happy Birthday Mr. President” to the members of Prime Timers Austin gathered for the 30th anniversary of our chapter’s founding. PT Austin was founded by Woody Baldwin in 1989. After starting the Boston and New York chapters, Woody and his partner Sean O’Neil moved to Austin and established our chapter with a core group of charter members. Our celebration included a special recognition of charter member Jim Davis.

In order to celebrate this chapter milestone, the Special Events Committee chaired by Board member John Guertin put together a memorable evening at the Sterling Events Center in Austin. Marilyn wowed during cocktails and hors d’oeuvres from 5-6pm. If any woman could mingle and

tease gay men into engaging with her, that would be Marilyn! A classical string trio soothed us during dinner from 6-7 with APT member Ron Allison’s very creative slide show featuring 30 years of PT Austin highlights combined with his signature vintage, softly erotic photos, flashing on the screen in the background.

Speaking of flashy, a slew of amazing door prizes drawn throughout the evening turned out to be plenty of entertainment themselves. These prizes were donated by theaters, restaurants, and bars that we frequent, from Austin Gay Men’s Chorus, from Book People where our weekly Kaffee meets, and which hosts our monthly Book Club, from member and trainer Kirk Kelso, from Deep Eddy vodka, and several others from a single committee member’s chiro-

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The Board is left to right: Tony Krug, John Guertin, Mark Blangger, Terry Neal, Ed Schellhaus, Mike Watkins, and John Stewart



With PTWW President Jack Nimmo

All pictures courtesy of John Guertin, Tony Krug and Daniel Owen

practor, his hair guy, and from an artist friend who donated a 11x14 pet portrait. Finally, a gift card for Central Market came anonymously from another APT member.

President Terry Neal began the after-dinner entertainment with a welcome and introductions, including Prime Timers Worldwide President Jack Nimmo from San Antonio. Jack brought congratulations from the PTWW Board and filled us in on the PTWW convention in the Alamo City in October. The surprise guest of the evening was Jimmy Flannigan, Austin's first openly gay male City Council member who read a Proclamation from Mayor Steve Adler declaring May 19, 2019, "Prime Timers Austin Day." Then APT member Kiyoshi Tamagawa, classical pianist and Southwestern University music professor, came onstage and awed us with his virtuosity. Lastly, the smooth sounds of vocal ensemble Take 5, including APT member Fred Lugo, ended a magical evening.



With Jane Maddox (Marilyn Monroe)

GATHERING: ATLANTA'S MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION BBQ

BY JOHN HUDSON, VICE PRESIDENT, ATLANTA PRIME TIMERS

The APT Board of Directors was advised in late March 2019, that the meeting space for our normal monthly Membership Meeting would not be available. After much discussion and deliberation, the Board decided to hold a Membership Appreciation Picnic. It was determined that the money being saved by not paying rent for our meeting space should be made available to offer this event free to the members.

Naturally, the search for an available picnic site began. It was discovered that within the city of Atlanta, picnic sites were either already booked or the cost was prohibited. Finally, a site, just outside the perimeter (anything outside I-285 which circles Atlanta) was found at a reasonable price. Next came a site

visit which confirmed why the price was reasonable. The BBQ grills were in disarray, the hike from the parking lot to the site was quite long and you needed to climb close to 50 stairs to reach the restrooms. It was quickly decided that a picnic would not be happening.

The Board of Directors then reached out to one of our members who has a great home for entertaining. Since the turnout at a normal potluck was 40-45 members, the Board began to revise the event. It was determined that we would still have the BBQ and prepare simple hot dogs and hamburgers along with a variety of side dishes, soda and water. The event announcement was prepared and sent to all members in good standing. Although labeled as a Membership Appreciation BBQ, we always encourage guest to join us (in the hopes they will become a member). It was requested that each member RSVP for themselves as well as any guest. On the day that the event was announced, we received 27 RSVP. Over the next 5 days, an additional 14 persons had RSVP. As the RSVP continued to come in, it was decided that we need to cut it off at 80 persons as the home we were utilizing would not be able to comfortably handle additional guest. Within 10 days of making the event announcement, we reached our full capacity.

Since the number of members and their guests had doubled from our original estimates, we now had 14 days to reconfigure the amount of food and drinks needed. Determine who could bring BBQ grills (the member's home did not have a grill), who would pick up which items, how they would be transported to the members home and who would be responsible for prep work, cooking and cleanup. It was determined that the Board of Directors would handle all of these items.

As the day of the event approached, the weather forecast called for thunderstorms. Plans had been predicated on the fact that the members home has a lovely yard with a pool and 80 people could be accommodated. Trying to imagine 80+ people inside the house was staggering and it was hoped that many would be no shows if the weather turned bad as no rain date could be established. Fortunately, the rain did not appear that day until around 9:00 PM.



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Saturday, May 11th arrived and the Board Members began early shopping sprees to purchase the perishable items. Many of the non-perishable items had been dropped off at the location earlier in the week. Members were invited to arrive no earlier than 3:00 PM for socializing and appetizers. Around 4:00 PM the Board Members began their various tasks of prepping, cooking and setting up a buffet style dining experience. By 5:00 PM the buffet was opened and members strolled through an organized line to fill their plates and enjoy the food.

The Membership Appreciation BBQ was combined with our periodic recognition of Member's Birthdays and Anniversaries that will occur in the next 4 months. Two homemade cakes were presented, one with Happy Birthday wishes and the other for Happy Anniversary. After the cake cutting, members were encouraged to continue their socializing. However, everyone was advised that while the event was scheduled to end at 7:00 PM, anyone still in attendance at 6:30 automatically became part of the cleanup crew. Everyone pitched in and by 7:00 PM our members home was back to normal.

Overall the event was a resounding success with positive feedback from many members and wishes for similar events in the future. There were two attendees that had the best time ever, they were the homeowners two Bichon Fries puppies who were more than happy to sit on laps and get as many belly rubs as the members could give.



Both pictures courtesy of John Hudson

GATHERING: CHARLOTTE'S 19TH ANNUAL PICNIC

BY MAX CARROLL, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR, PRIME TIMERS OF CHARLOTTE



On Saturday, May 19, 2019, the Charlotte Prime Timers held their 19th annual picnic. Al McElroy was the chapter president in 2000 when the first annual picnic was held at Latta Plantation Park. For the past six years the picnic had been held at Park Road Park in Charlotte, but due to construction, the Board changed the venue back to Latta Plantation. The beautiful park at Mountain Island Lake is located on Historic Latta Plantation, an early 1800's cotton plantation. The park and plantation house are located within the 1300 acre Latta Nature Preserve, about 15 miles north of Charlotte. Approximately 50, including guests,

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attended the event. The Prime Timers used the newly rebuilt picnic shelter #2, located under tall trees with immaculate surrounding grounds between the shelter and the lake. While the grill masters were preparing brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers some of the members enjoyed coffee, sweet rolls, and appetizers, and others showed off their skills in horse shoes, corn hole, and croquet. At noon, the group feasted on the grilled items plus numerous side dishes and desserts brought by the members. After lunch some enjoyed taking a hike down a wooded trail to the lakeshore. Others perused the newly bound volumes of Charlotte Prime Timer newsletters, dating back to 2003.

All pictures courtesy of Max Carroll, Jay Howard and John Caceci



JOINT CHAPTERS: CHATTANOOGA & HUNTSVILLE ENJOY A PICNIC TOGETHER

BY WAYNE HARTMAN, PRESIDENT, PRIME TIMERS CHATTANOOGA
BY DAVE R KWIT, PRESIDENT, HUNTSVILLE PRIME TIMERS

Russell Cave Picnic Group



Photo courtesy of Dave R Kwit

On May 18th, the Chattanooga and Huntsville chapters met for a picnic at Russell Cave National Monument to spend time with each other and to see the beauty of a national park that lies near the half way point of our home cities. Artifacts from the archeological excavations date back 10,000 years and give a glimpse of life for Native Americans during the southeastern Archaic period.

The afternoon started as we gathered by some of the picnic tables to enjoy the food we brought for our lunch as well as engage in banter and conversation with each other. After lunch and a little bit of rest, the park rangers treated us to a presentation which included a demonstration of how the Native Americans hunted, and fash-

ioned musical instruments from elements found in the environment. Then, we watched a brief video on the history of the park, before being treated to a guided tour of the area which leads to the outside of the cave.

While a really informative afternoon, it was not without all the fun that any Prime Timer chapter enjoys at similar gatherings. We were all fortunate enough to have doubled the fun by combining groups and getting to know each other a little more than we have before. It is amazing how well we all have fun together! Members from both chapters expressed both excitement and interest on doing more things together!

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Photo courtesy of Wayne Hartman



Spear throwing

Photo courtesy of Ritch Shepherd

ATTENDING ANOTHER CHAPTER: A VISIT WITH THE CLEVELAND PRIME TIMERS CHAPTER

BY DICK MOORE, PRESIDENT, COLORADO PRIME TIMERS



Pictured: Dick is second from the right with Jim Williams standing right behind

Photo courtesy of Colorado Prime Timers

The president of the Colorado Prime Timers visited Cleveland, Ohio in April to attend his 180th performance of The Phantom of the Opera. While there he also enjoyed another evening at the theater invited by Jim Williams, president of the Cleveland chapter and Mike his friend. Jim also invite Dick to attend the Sunday afternoon chapter meeting. A very cordial group. Dick mentioned a few things about the Colorado Prime Timers and their questions about his obsession with the Phantom. A great afternoon of conversation and delicious pot luck items.

OUTING: DAY-TRIPPING TO CASSADAGA

BY RON BUSH, SECRETARY AND EDITOR, PRIME TIMERS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

A small but enthusiastic group from Prime Timers of Central Florida braved the reconstruction of Interstate 4 on April 10 to journey north from Orlando to the unincorporated community of Cassadaga in Volusia County.

Cassadaga, which was founded in the late 19th century by trance medium George P. Colby, has a large number of psychics and mediums in residence and thus has been named the “Psychic Capital of the World,” according to Wikipedia.

Colby attended summer Spiritualist Camp meetings in Lily Dale, New York. He traveled to Central Florida in 1875 with the guidance of his Native American spirit guide Seneca to the area Colby had seen in a trance. On December 18, 1894, Colby received a charter to form The Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association. On March 14, 1991, the federally tax-exempt Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp was designated as a U.S. Historic District.

Today, the Camp features the Cassadaga Hotel, the Colby Memorial Temple, a community library, the Caesar Forman Healing Center, a bookstore and the Andrew Jackson Davis Educational building which is used for musical performances and gatherings.

The day the Prime Timers visited the town they had lunch in the Cassadaga Hotel’s restaurant, Sinatra’s Ristorante. They were not the only seniors group dining that day: a group of ladies, all members of a Red Hat Society chapter, were in town on a tour organized by the Volusia County Parks & Recreation Department. None of the Prime Timers were adventurous enough to order the “must try” Arthur’s Burger, 8 ounces of char-grilled Black Angus beef topped with peanut butter, grilled bananas, apple cider bacon and mayonnaise. Maybe the next time.

After lunch, the Prime Timers strolled

Photo courtesy of Ron Bush



Having a hearty lunch in Sinatra’s, the Cassadaga Hotel restaurant



Photo courtesy of Ken Barnard

Eloise Page Meditation Garden



Photo courtesy of Ron Bush

around town checking out the various buildings and sites, such as Harmony Hall where several psychics and mediums reside and do their readings, the Andrew Jackson Davis Educational Building and the Eloise Page Meditation Garden.

None of the Prime Timers had a reading done before they returned to Orlando. The going rate was \$60 for a 30-minute reading, cash only no debit or credit cards accepted.

OUTING: ZOO TRIP

BY CHARLIE BUTLER, TREASURER, PRIME TIMERS
OF SACRAMENTO

On May 24, five members of Prime Timers of Sacramento (Bart, Dale, Dan, Larry and myself) met at the Sacramento Zoo in William Land Park. I had arranged a tour with Docent Tom for 10:00.

Docent Tom proved to be very well informed and provided us with excellent information and great stories about the animals we were seeing.

After meeting by the flamingos we went first to the okapi exhibit. Okapis, we learned, are rare rain forest dwelling relatives of giraffes and are found only in the jungles of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

From the okapis we went past the ground hornbills to the red pandas which were highly visible though inactive while we watched them. We then visited the gibbons, orangutans and chimpanzees before proceeding to the zebras and bongos.

Bongos are large antelopes with thin white stripes. There are fewer than 200 of them left in the wild in Kenya. The Zoo is part of the international breeding program to increase the numbers of these beautiful animals.

After a stop by the Australian exhibit of red kangaroos, rock wallabies and emus we went on the aardvark. Docent Tom was amazed that the highly nocturnal aardvark was actually outside of its den in daylight providing us with rare views. Next door to the aardvark were the very cute and active meerkats.

We then ended our tour at the giraffe exhibit. Prime Timer Dale said that feeding the giraffes (a zoo sanctioned event) was on his bucket list. So the rest of us joined him on the feeding platform for the genuine thrill of feeding romaine lettuce leaves to the Masai giraffe.

Our group next ventured to the on site Kampala Café for lunch where we were joined by late arriving Prime Timers Tom and Ahmad. After lunch I remained and did my best to reconstruct Docent Tom's tour for the new arrivals.

I finally left the Zoo after 3:00. Feedback from the group was highly positive and the Zoo Trip was deemed a great success.



Aardvark

Photo courtesy of Charlie Butler



Photo courtesy of Charlie Butler

Meerkat



Bart feeds the giraffe

Photo courtesy of Dan Fiske

FUNDRAISING: ANNUAL EASTER BASKET PROJECT

BY DON BAKER, PRESIDENT, PRIME TIMERS OF MYRTLE BEACH



Photo courtesy of Roy Hardison

Every year, Prime Timers of Myrtle Beach provide 25 Easter baskets to Help4Kids to distribute to children who might not otherwise get a chocolate bunny or a package of jelly beans for the holiday. In addition to the usual treats, each basket contains a school item like pencils or markers, a personal care item like toothbrushes, and a small toy. The Chapter buys the baskets, grass, and cellophane to wrap around them. Individual members purchase the items to go into the baskets and arrange them. This year's efforts were dedicated to the memory of one of our recently deceased members, John Greaser, who was always a key participant in the project.

FUNDRAISING: YARD SALE

BY STEVE DEPENNING, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, PRIME TIMERS OF TAMPA BAY

The Prime Timers of Tampa Bay held its Big Gay Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, March 8-9. Larry Lucas headed up the fundraiser, and Wil Daugherty hosted the sale at his house in Reddington Beach.

PTTB chapter members donated a variety of items, including glassware, china, artwork, housewares, linens, clothing and military paraphernalia.

Thanks to our members who worked at the sale: Larry Lucas, Wil Daugherty, Dennis Carey, Wally Dearwester, Tommy Hornback, Harry Harcourt and Steve DePenning.



Photo courtesy of Steve DePenning

FUNDRAISING: THIRD BEER BUST

BY DICK MOORE, PRESIDENT, COLORADO PRIME TIMERS

The Colorado Prime Timers 3rd Beer Bust fundraiser was big success. The Saturday afternoon drinking crowd was not only thirsty but the eye-candy sure helps four hours of beer pouring worthwhile. Six of the Prime Timers participated in the beer bust. There were three that did the pouring: Charles McDonald, Michael Brascia, and Howard Martin(below photo). The person filling the pitchers was Allan Jorgensen (right photo). 2 people not shown were Geof Jones and Dick Moore, they were the money-takers. A great day all around. Their next Beer Bust is Sunday, July 21st.

Both pictures courtesy of Colorado Prime Timers



HERE AND THERE

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks to your response for our request for newsletters and information about your chapter's happenings. We are bringing back the 'Here and There' feature, although we will be limiting to fewer chapters for now in order to avoid repetition with the same chapters with every issue.

Please continue to send your newsletters to us or let us know what is going on in your chapter.

CANADA

EDMONTON, AB: This Canadian chapter occasionally had a Medical Doctor speak at the monthly meetings. For the May meeting there was a round-table discussion to talk about future events and improving morale and camaraderie of the chapter. A chapter representative attended a meeting with the city government regarding how LGBTQ groups can improve relationships. The police chief is scheduled to speak at the June membership meeting.

HAMILTON, ON: The chapter has active outdoor events schedule with regular hikes and bicycling. They recently took a distillery tour. The club encourages attendance with community coffee groups.

TORONTO: A full schedule of monthly events is offered to members. Events range from Bridge, Euchre, social events and coffee several times a week. Times vary during the week. For example if someone can't make coffee at 11:00 AM, they may be able to attend coffee at 2:00 PM.

U.S. WEST

PALM SPRINGS: Prime Timers of the Desert completed it's thirteenth trip to Laughlin Nevada filling two buses. The group visited a Route 66 museum, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas among other stops. The club continues its Discount Program. It has secured differing discounts from area merchants. The club membership card is shown to guarantee the discount.

SANTA BARBARA: The Southern California chapter president welcomes the trees and flowers of spring. He says "Enjoy the springtime and time for renewal and freedom". The club enjoys Pot-lucks, Movie Night and Restaurant night.

U.S. MID-WEST

CHICAGO: The chapter president mentions to the membership the importance of members talking to their friends about chapter activities. The chapter made an out-of-town trip to visit the Milwaukee Art Museum. The chapter also supports a monthly Widowers Meet-up group.

COLUMBIA, MO: The chapter held their monthly 'gayme' night on April 13 with board and card games along with a huge amount of snacks where more than 16 guys could devour. The next day, a small group attended Columbia entertainment (CEC) production of "noises off" followed by an early dinner. The following Saturday, 7 members met and planted their 'adopt a spot' beautification location in the City of Columbia. On April 25, a group attended the "Queer monologues" at the university of Missouri campus. Two days later, was the monthly meeting followed by several members traveling to St. Louis to JJs bar for a fun night.

MIAMI VALLEY OH: The chapter newsletter editor mentions 50 years since Stonewall. The chap-

ter will participate in local Pride events in early June.

U.S. NORTHEAST

PITTSBURGH: In May, the chapter had a Cinco de Mayo themed pot luck. The chapter is starting the bicycle season this year with a Saturday ride. Western Pennsylvania Rails to Trails rides are emphasized this year.

U.S. SOUTH

NEW ORLEANS: The chapter meets for lunch twice a month, at different restaurants, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, They also took part in the Mardi Gras festivities in March. Several colorful pictures of them dressed up in costume can be seen in their latest bimonthly newsletter.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Over a series of events, members were asked to write down a six-word phrase that would be fitting for themselves. In the May newsletter, 36 of them were published. The chapter is busy with the upcoming Labor Day Weekend event.

AUSTIN: The chapter celebrated their 30th anniversary in May. The chapter has a Member Service Committee. They listen to members who may require their services. With the members' permission, emails are sent out to the membership on a regular basis. The chapter had an April Movie Night with a film introduction and a post-film discussion.

DALLAS/FORT WORTH: The chapter is participating in Pride in early June. This year, the booth will be inside. Road trips to the Oklahoma City Labor Day Getaway 2019 and the Prime Timers Worldwide Convention in San Antonio are mentioned. The chapter newsletter lists the members who have signed up for the San Antonio Worldwide Convention.

NORFOLK TIDEWATER: The chapter has five dining locations most weeks. The chapter offers shirts, hats, other apparel and merchandise. Easter weekend saw their Easter egg hunt event where the lucky member won prizes.

RICHMOND: The Central Virginia Chapter is having a Spring Picnic in early June. The newsletter has a monthly Prime Timers Care Corner feature. Recently the chapter has been looking at a "Share The Ride" program for members' use.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS LABOR DAY GET-A-WAY 2019 AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

We are pleased to invite you to the 2019 Prime Timers Labor Day Weekend. The five day event held at the South-west's premier gay resort – Hotel Habana in Oklahoma City.

If you would like a room call Hotel Habana at (405) 528-2221 or toll free (877) 303-2221. Tell them you are with Prime Timers, no code needed. If you want to reserve more than one room, you will need the name of the person who will occupy that room. **PLEASE NOTE:** Your hotel accommodations are not included in the registration fee. You can check out their website at www.hotelhabanaokc.com. The Habana tries to accommodate your choice of room, but it does not guarantee your choice. If you need a first floor room, please make that your priority when you call.

Every year, 170 Prime Timers from around the US and Canada converge at Hotel Habana for a weekend of fun in the sun. Hotel Habana features two swimming pools, three bars, a restaurant and an adult gift shop, plus shows on Thursday and Sunday nights. It has free wireless internet. It is located in the heart of Oklahoma City's gay bar district. **The weekend begins Wednesday afternoon, early registration 1PM – 5PM.**

Most attendees find their own diversions, but if you want to venture out, 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 (TBA in room 117); Bridge Tournament and any other events we announce.

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.



The Cost

The Labor Day Weekend is a great entertainment value. You can select the **FULL PACKAGE** for \$200 before July 10th (**No Shirt after this date**). This includes your registration and all the events, including the five paid meals. After July 10, the price is \$220. After August 11 and at the door, the price is \$250 (**No Shirt & No Personal Checks**). **Cashier's Check, Credit Cards, Money Order or Cash at the door are accepted.**

The theme this year is the 50th Celebration of Stonewall. This picture is what will be the embroidered logo on the pocket polo shirt.

If you would like a 2019 Labor Day pocket polo shirt, we must receive your registration by July 10, 2019.

You can select the **BASIC PACKAGE** for \$140 before July 10th (**No Shirt after this date**). After July 10, the price is \$160. After August 11 and at the door, the price is \$190 (**No Shirt & No Personal Checks**.) **Cashier's Check, Credit Cards, Money Order or Cash at the door accepted.** This package includes your registration and all the events with the exception of Saturday night dinner, Sunday and Monday Bunch.

Either the Full package or Basic gives you access to the event, all happy hours, all continental breakfasts, the hospital-ity room, Bridge, Tours and any other events we introduce. Register Early! For more information or extra forms please feel free to contact me at COPT.LaborDay@gmail.com or call (405) 603-8997 (landline).

WorldWide Prime Timers Convention

October 29 – November 2, 2019

San Antonio, Texas

If you wish to fill out the form by typing on it, you can go [here](#) and download the form.

Event Registration: Please fill in all the information requested. **Only ONE person per form.** See [registration costs for Prime Timers and guests on page 2 of this registration form.](#)

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State (country if not US): _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ (please print clearly)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name you want on your identification badge: _____

Handicap accessible or other special needs: _____

Prime Timers Chapter or Independent Member, or Guest: _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Transportation Preference: One day River Taxi Pass 3 Day Viva Bus Pass

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL **Note: *Shirt order cutoff is Sept 30, 2019.***

November 1st Dinner Selection:

Chicken Breast Prime Rib Vegetarian List any food allergies: _____

HOTEL: You must make your own hotel reservation. [Your hotel room is not included in event price.](#) To receive the special room rate of \$124 (1 or 2 per room) \$132 (3 or 4 per room) plus tax per night you **MUST** ask for the "Worldwide Prime Timer Event", Rooms can be reserved at the convention price for 3 days before and after the convention with the complimentary breakfast buffet included. Rooms are LIMITED. There is an extra charge of \$16 plus tax per day for parking with "in and out" privileges.

_____ **(Please initial that you have read this paragraph.)**

El Tropicano River Walk San Antonio

Address: 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone 210 277-4043 Reservations or 210 277-4039 Admin Staff 8-5 PM Mon- Fri E-mail for reservations is reservations@eltropicano.com PTWW is the Code for our convention. For requests or special needs ask for Bea, our convention registration expert at the hotel.

TRANSPORTATION:

Bus schedules, routes, fares and discounts plus other information on public transportation are available at <http://www.viainfo.net/bus-schedules/>. The city also operates Viva Centro with routes in the

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downtown area to get visitors to museums, missions and points of interest. Information on routes, times and discounts are available at <http://www.viainfo.net/viva-routes/>. Bus Route 5 runs every 30 minutes from the airport to ½ block from the hotel for \$1.30. Uber saves about 10 minutes for about \$15 and taxis about \$25. There is no hotel shuttle. The River Taxis run hourly from 10:00am to 9:00pm daily. There is a boarding point at our hotel. More numerous boarding points are nearby on the downtown loop but passenger capacity is limited to about 20 persons a boat.

Your Registration Includes: All scheduled training seminars and business meetings which are on the hotel property. A first-floor hospitality suite will be available for games and visiting with coffee, soda and water through portions of the day. Food and alcohol beverages are added during the evening. You receive a special polo shirt, transportation pass, Mexican buffet on October 29th, Halloween Costume Party with entertainment and hors d'oeuvres on the 31st and a final dinner party with entertainment on November 1st. Normal registration costs are \$175 through May 31st or the 300th registration, \$200 June 1st to the 400th registration whichever is first, \$225 beginning with 400th registration or from October 1st to 20th. The "At the door registration" of \$250 begins on October 21st. The lowest available registration fee will be updated on the on-line registration form as lower registration fees sell out. Additional fees apply to credit card and guest registrations. Register early to save money. Note: The hotel provides a buffet breakfast as part of their room rate 10/26- 11/4. Be sure to list everyone staying in your room to ensure you receive this benefit for all of you.

Additional Registration Fees: If you are not a member of a local Prime Timer Chapter or an Independent Chapter member, a \$40 guest fee must be added to the normal registration cost. Join the Independent Chapter to save this fee. Credit cards may be used with a Pay Pal option. There is a \$5 fee you must add to normal registration costs. See the "registration includes" paragraph for current normal registration costs and add any additional fees as appropriate.

**Registration after June 1st is \$200 plus applicable credit card or guest fee.
Convention registration is 231 as of May 17th and the hotel is filling up. Register now!**

**OPTIONAL CUSTOM TOUR of 4 SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS: Through San Antonio
Detours.....\$45 plus \$5 booking fee [Sign Up](#) Or Call (210) 632 7839 to book**

Missions are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are only three Urban World Heritage Sites in the United States. Find out what makes San Antonio an important part of American history while taking in San Antonio's Spanish influences! Explore the grounds at Mission San José, Concepción, San Juan, and San Francisco de Espada. See original frescos at Mission Concepcion- the oldest un-restored stone church in the nation. Explore Mission San Jose, the Queen of the Missions. Enjoy mission silhouettes with Spanish and Moorish influenced architecture against the South Texas Sky and see one of the finest examples of baroque architecture.

Cancellation requests must be received by September 30, 2019. A \$50 cancellation fee is charged. Exceptions for death or major illness will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Make a copy of this form for yourself and mail your payment and the original Registration to:

San Antonio Prime Timers
P.O. Box 6421
San Antonio, 78209

QUESTIONS: [Click Here](#) To Contact San Antonio Prime Timers President.

2019 PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE CONVENTION UPDATE

GENE POOLE, VICE PRESIDENT, SAN ANTONIO PRIME TIMERS



If you are attending the Prime Timers Worldwide Convention in San Antonio this fall you will also be visit-

ing a city containing one of the 23 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Sites in the United States. The San Antonio Missions are the reason for the designation. They are also a National Park. They join a list that includes cultural and natural sites of universal importance such as the Grand Canyon in Arizona, the Taj Mahal in India, and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. Along with Independence Hall in Philadelphia and the Statue of Liberty, the missions are the only urban world heritage sites in the US. This guided San Antonio missions tour will provide you an insider look at what life was like in the 18th century, and how these important religious sites have earned their UNESCO World Heritage status.

The Prime Timers Missions tour is designed to visit the four Missions not directly in town with pickup and return to your hotel. You'll be able to visit the Alamo on your own since it is near the hotel. The Prime Timers Missions tour departs the hotel at 9:45 AM on November 1st. If you have not signed up for the tour, it is important you do so at least two weeks prior to the event. If you don't, there may not be enough busses on hand to accommodate you. First come first served sign up for the tour at this [LINK](#)

The Missions National Park site encompasses a group of frontier mission complexes situated along a stretch of the San Antonio River. You will see, Mission San Jose, Mission San Juan, Mission Concepcion and Mission Espada on the tour. They include architectural and archaeological structures, farmlands, residences, churches, and granaries, as well as water distribution systems. The complexes were built by Franciscan missionaries in the 1700s and illustrate the Spanish Crown's efforts to colonize, evangelize and defend the northern frontier of New Spain.



Both photos courtesy of San Antonio Prime Timers



The San Antonio Missions are also an example of the interweaving of Spanish and Coahuiltecan cultures, illustrated by a variety of features, including the decorative elements of churches, which combine Catholic symbols with indigenous designs inspired by nature.

It should also be noted that the missions, which were built as Catholic churches by the Spanish Empire, are still functional churches today. They still have services on Sundays and events like weddings do occasionally take place.

For a preview of what you will see on the tour, please click [HERE](#) and then scroll down to the video that says learn more.

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ITCHING TO PLANT SOMETHING? TERRARIUM GARDENING IS AN EASY, FUN AND REWARDING PROJECT

By Rick Stacy, Secretary & Treasurer, Pittsburgh Prime Timers

It's early June, and just about everywhere in the U.S. plants are blooming and trees are in full leaf. If you're a gardener, and if you're like me, you are spending most of your free hours either weeding or planting or transplanting or trimming.

As we get older, though, some of us find that we're just not equal to the physical exertion required to tend to an outdoor garden -- or maybe maintaining balance on uneven garden surfaces poses a problem. How do you indulge a green thumb under those circumstances?

No worries, all you need to do is bring the outside in.

And one of the best ways to do that is with a terrarium. Terrarium gardening is seeing a surge in popularity, and for good reason: With a terrarium you have a low maintenance, lush microcosm where plants not just thrive, they're unaffected by wind, snow or drought or any of the other climatic perils that can adversely influence an outside garden. Plus, a terrarium looks great just about anywhere.

A terrarium garden can be as simple or as complicated as you like, and there is a wide array of containers to suit your style. Chain retailers such as Michaels, Home Depot, HomeGoods, Target and Pier 1 are just a few with an assortment to choose from.

Airtight terrariums will provide a jungle-like environment for your plants, and are best suited for humidity-loving plants such as orchids and ferns. Open containers are best for succulents and cacti. All plants require air circulation, so if you choose a closed terrarium, be sure to open it and give your plants a good airing at least weekly.

When planting your terrarium, keep in mind that drainage is important. You can create drainage layers with layers of soil, pebbles and activated charcoal. It's easy to find [step-by-step instructions](#) online that will [walk](#)

[you through the planting process](#) and also [answer questions](#) you may have about caring for your indoor garden.

Once you've planted your terrarium, all that remains is to find the perfect place to display it. If it has a lid, close your terrarium, and locate it away from direct sunlight. Placing a terrarium in the sun will cause intense heat and destroy your plants. Trim the plants when necessary, and don't allow any leaves to grow against the glass. Check the soil from time to time and give the plants a light watering when necessary.

Even if you're not inspired to toil in the garden, a terrarium will bring nature to you. Setting one up is quick and easy, and the benefits last throughout the year!

All photos courtesy of Rick Stacy.

Top photo: Here is a photo of the terrarium I keep in my office. It's called a [Wardian case](#) and is sold by [H. Potter](#).

Middle photo: Two examples of the many types of containers available.

Bottom photo: This terrarium was a flea-market find and houses ivy and an orchid from the Home Depot along with some rehydrated sheet moss.



PANIC IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

BY LES HARRIS, BOARD MEMBER-AT-LARGE, CROSS-TIMBERS PRIME TIMERS



I recently had an incident happen to me that I will never ever forget. It was a lesson learned the hard way. I was given some very good advice that any person can use but I want to pass this information on to the Prime Timers, so they may benefit from my experience. Nine out of ten times I will guarantee that this information will save you a lot of money.

I live in north central Texas after living in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 55 years. I have traveled the highway from Albuquerque to central Texas at least a thousand times over the past 60 years with most of the trips being incident-free, but this trip turned out to be totally different.

On highway 180 is the small town of Albany, Texas which means I am 50 miles from home and I was getting tired, so I was happy that the driving was almost over. West of Albany is a series of three very large hills that stretch over a nine mile area that one has to climb before the highway levels out. I had just descended down the first hill and there was a rest area with picnic tables coming up on my right side. I am thinking that I should stop and take a bathroom break because there is no good place in Albany to stop and it is too far to Breckenridge and McDonald's.

I slowed the vehicle and turned into the rest area. In the back of the rest area was an 18 wheeler parked. I drove toward the back of the area and parked a discrete distance from the parked truck. I noticed that the truck driver had the hood of the truck tipped over forward and was working on the truck. My pickup has four doors so I can be discrete by opening both doors and then stand in between the doors. As I parted the drivers seat I placed the ignition key on the seat and pressed the door unlock button. I then walked around the truck and tried to open the passenger door only to find that it was locked. That is the instant that I realized that I had just locked myself out of the truck because

I had just hit the "lock button" instead of the "unlock button".

This is when the panic hit me like a bolt of lightning. I had been driving a vehicle for the past 68 years and I had never locked myself out of a vehicle before. But here I stood looking thru the passenger's window and I could see the key on the seat inside the vehicle. Now, what do I do?

I walk over to the truck driver and tell him my problem but he tells me he has no way to open my vehicle. He calls his wife and asked her to locate a locksmith in Albany. She gives him a number to call so I dialed the number and only got an answering machine, since it was already 5:30 in the evening. After some time passes the driver said that he could drive me into Albany and I might be able to locate someone to help me.

As we came into town there was a highway patrolman parked on the shoulder of the road. I said, "stop and let me talk to the patrolman". I approached the police car and told the driver my sad story. He said, "I can open it for you. I am not suppose to but I do have the proper tools". That was the best news I had heard in many years. He said, "Come around and climb into the car". What a relief!

On the way back to the rest area I related to the officer that I had never locked myself out of a car in the past. He said, "If it ever happens again, please call 911 and tell the operator the problem. She will put you in touch with a patrolman and he can probably open the door for you. I do it all the time".

This patrolman had literally saved my day from being ruined and saved me at least \$100 dollars. It won't happen again because I went to the Ford garage and purchased a combination keypad that is installed under the drivers outside door handle.

Calling the 911 operator may not work inside some towns but it sure does work when you are stuck out in the country.



March 2nd - 13th, 2020

Serenade of the Seas

11-night South Caribbean Cruise

Fort Lauderdale; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; Colon, Panama; Cartagena, Colombia; Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curacao; Fort Lauderdale

SHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio Prime Timers would like to invite all Prime Timers and friends to share the comradery of a Caribbean cruise. Get the group up close and personal with gorgeous shoreline views onboard Serenade of the Seas. Wide expanses of glass and elevators facing the sea make this ship one of the most panoramic ships in the fleet. On deck, three pools, a rock climbing wall, a mini golf course and a running track will turn breaktime into fun time. And there's no shortage of options for recharging- perhaps among cascading waterfalls at the adult-only Solarium, or in the tranquility of Vitality Spa. Plus, with eleven dining options, Broadway-style entertainments, Casina Royale and exciting nightlife venues, it's not hard to see why this action packed ship will make this trip the best yet.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Interior Cabin - \$1059 - per person (based on double occupancy)

Ocean View - \$1229 - per person (based on double occupancy)

STEPS

1. Simply choose your accommodations on board the beautiful Serenade of the Seas.
2. Email travel agent Cynthia: cynthia@caribbeanweddingtravel.com or call 614-783-4180.
3. No deposit is required to make your reservation. 30 days after making your reservation, \$900 will be due. Pay your final payment before 12/03/2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Ronald Camp 614 581-2700

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June 18th - 28th, 2020

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10-night North European Cruise

**Copenhagen, Denmark; Berlin, Germany; Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia;
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SHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Ohio Prime Timers would like to invite all Prime Timers and friends to share the comradery of a European cruise. Recently revitalized and loaded with onboard attractions, Jewel of the Seas® offers countless ways to spend your days between ports, or after a thrilling day onshore. Catch a dive-in movie on the poolside screen. Scale the Rock Climbing Wall. Go all-in at Casino RoyaleSM. Savor dry-aged steaks at Chops GrilleSM and embark on a varietal adventure at Vintages. From the robot mixologists at Bionic Bar® to the FlowRider® surf simulators, and the tallest slide at sea, Ultimate AbyssSM, to hit Broadway musicals like Grease, whatever thrills you seek, you'll find all sorts of ways to fill your days onboard Royal Caribbean®. Each day and night brings something new to do, see and explore.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Guaranteed pricing for Ocean View - \$1679 - per person (based on double occupancy)
Other cabin categories may be available.

STEPS

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HAVANA, CIENFUEGOS, OCHO RIOS AND GEORGETOWN
JANUARY 15 - 22, 2020



January 15 - 22, 2020

15 - Ft. Lauderdale		departs 4:00 PM
16 - Havana, Cuba	arrives 8:00 AM	
17 - Havana, Cuba		depart 2:00 AM
18 - Cienfuegos, Cuba	arrives 8:00 AM	depart 5:00 PM
19 - Ocho Rios, Jamaica	arrives 10:00 AM	depart 5:00 PM
20 - Georgetown, Cayman	arrives 8:00 AM	depart 5:00 PM
21 - At Sea		
22 - Arrive Ft. Lauderdale	arrives 7:00 AM	

OVERNIGHT VISA REQUIRED (The cruise line will issue visas and add charge to your onboard statement, cost is approx. \$75 per person.)
 Additional charges are Port tax \$170 and Government Tax \$210.
 All rates are per person based on double occupancy. Rates are subject to changes and can be withdrawn at anytime.
Proceeds go to Prime Timer World Wide

NO CHARGE FOR CANCELLATION POLICY BEFORE OCT. 19, 2019.

Rates are as follows:

- Inside from \$839
- Outside from \$939
- Balcony from \$2,339
- Suite from \$2,439
- Deposit \$350

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Sunday	October 18, 2020	At Sea
Monday.	October 19, 2020	Cadiz
Tuesday	October 20 2020	Tangiers
Wednesday	October 21, 2020	Casablanca
Thursday	October 22, 2020	At Sea
Friday.	October 23, 2020	Funchal
Saturday.	October 24, 2020	Overnight
Sunday	October 25-31, 2020	At Sea
Saturday	November 1, 2020	Ft. Lauderdale

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- 1 - Optional 3-night pre cruise stay in Barcelona with 1/2-day tour, and transfers between hotel to ship.
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- 3 - Also looking into optional private tour of Casablanca

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ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE AND JULY



100 YEARS AGO: The United States' 19th Amendment

The delegates to the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention drafted a "Declaration of Sentiments" that advanced what was then a radical principle: "all men and women are created equal." But even with the pioneering efforts of activists such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Susan B. Anthony, the federal government had not followed suit by the time Woodrow Wilson became president. The women's suffrage movement took two main approaches to enlisting him in their cause. One, championed by Alice Paul, focused on protests outside the White House; the other championed by Carrie Chapman Catt, used petitions to demonstrate public support. Wilson thought Paul's protests were unseemly, but he eventually decided to endorse women's suffrage. His support helped change the tide. After several failed attempts, the House voted for woman's suffrage on May 21, 1919 and the Senate followed suit on June 4, 1919.



100 YEARS AGO: First Non-stop Transatlantic Crossing

After nearly 16 hours and approximately 1,890 miles across the shortest part of the Atlantic, the Vickers Vimy flown by John Alcock and Arthur Whitten Brown crash-landed in County Galway, Ireland, to complete the first non-stop transatlantic flight. The Vickers Vimy was a large airplane with twin engine bomber developed for use in World War I, a wingspan of more than 67 feet, the biplane was powered by a pair of 12-cylinder Rolls-Royce engines producing 360 horsepower each.



75 YEARS AGO: Bretton Woods Conference (July 1-22)

As it became clear in early 1944

that the allies would eventually defeat Germany, the U.S. began contemplating what the postwar order should look like. Financial experts from 44 countries gathered in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire in July 1944 for the International Monetary and Financial Conference. A major debate at Bretton Woods pitted famed British economist John Maynard Keynes against Harry Dexter White, a senior U.S. Treasury official. The two battled over whether Britain's pound sterling or the U.S. dollar would underpin the new global financial order. White and the dollar won. The Bretton Woods conference also gave birth to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), but its proposal to create an International Trade Organization was abandoned. Many of the specific rules that Bretton Woods established have been jettisoned or revised over the past 75 years, but it remains the foundation for today's international economic system.



50 YEARS AGO: Moon Landing

"On May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy asked Congress to commit to putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. At the time, the United States had launched just one manned space flight, a suborbital mission with Alan Shepard that lasted only 15 minutes. Seven-and-a-half years later, Apollo 8 became the first manned spacecraft to circle the moon. When Apollo-11 launched from Cape Canaveral on July 16, 1969 with Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins onboard, it had one objective: "Perform a manned lunar landing and return." On July 20, Armstrong and Aldrin spent 21 1/2 hours on the moon. Collins, meanwhile, remained onboard Apollo 11, becoming the first person to orbit the far side of the moon alone, cut off from all human contact. The moon landing effectively ended the "Space Race," which began 12 years earlier when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik-1.