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PRIME TIMERS Is 32!

BY HARRY FULLERTON, PRESIDENT, BOSTON PRIME TIMERS

On a hot summer day in Boston, MA, 40 men met for the first time in a new group. The men had responded to a small ad in a local newspaper. The meeting was organized by Woody Baldwin and his partner John (Sean) O'Neill. The first meeting was held on August 15th, 1987. Not long after that meeting, they put together the first Board and created the new banner. From there, Prime Timers was born.

Four of the members from that first meeting are still with us today. We would like to thank them and the many people who have served and contributed to the Prime Timers success story.

The first Board



The surviving four from the first meeting: Below (L) Al Cortese, (R) Jim Norris, Next Page (L) Jerry Leone, and (R) Bill Kelloway



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SAN ANTONIO WORLDWIDE CONVENTION

October 29-November 2, 2019



An exciting, affordable convention in a beautiful city! Our hotel is right on San Antonio's famed "River Walk".

Registration has already begun; see [here](#) for updates. And check out the next page for coordinator Gene Poole's latest article on the convention.

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2019 PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE CONVENTION UPDATE

GENE POOLE, VICE PRESIDENT, SAN ANTONIO PRIME TIMERS

Things are coming together for what we believe will be one of the best Prime Timers Worldwide conventions for a long time. The primary convention committee has been supplemented with hospitality and registration committees. They have met to define responsibilities for food, alcohol and the registration process. Our fellow Texas chapters will host a Texas Hospitality Night along with San Antonio on Wednesday the 30th.

The spacious lobby of the hotel with its dramatic staircase will be the location for our Halloween costume party. The hospitality suite will dispense food, alcoholic and soft drinks during the event to save you money. Every day, our hospitality suite will be available with a happy hour and snacks.

A **free** walking tour on the evening of the 29th will take you to the San Fernando Cathedral to see the laser light show. For those who elected the river taxi, your registration packet will contain a pass for a narrated River Tour and a one-day bus pass. A three-day bus pass is the other option instead of the river taxi/one-day bus pass. Other tours are available to get you to the San Antonio World Heritage Site Missions which is one of only three Urban World Heritage Sites in the US. The other two sites are the Statue of Liberty and Independence Hall. Sign up and pay here for the San Antonio Missions tour. You can book directly with the tour company.

If you haven't registered for the convention yet, it is time to do so. The entire 275 rooms in the hotel are reserved for us. But the hotel is starting to fill up. To get the type of room you want may be impossible if you wait too long to register for the convention. We periodically review convention registrations against reserved rooms to make sure rooms are reserved by convention registrants. It is important to provide the hotel with all names of people in your room so they will all receive the daily provided breakfast.

The final reminder in the Worldwide Newsletter will be in October when the price will have gone up. To take advantage of the current \$200 registration cost and to be able to reserve the room you want, click [HERE](#) for a registration form and the ability to pay with a credit card for a \$6 credit card fee. You can also mail the form with a check to save the \$6. Make checks payable to SAPT and mail to P.O. Box 6421 in San Antonio, TX at zip code 78209. The credit

card fee went up to \$6 when the price increased on 1 June. Lock in on our current lowest registration rate now.

I hope to see you here and to escort you on the Cathedral Tour.

P.S. If you are wondering what the building is in the first picture, the clue is found in the second picture (lower left corner).



2019 PTCV WOODY BALDWIN – SIDE BY SIDE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

GENE HALL, VICE PRESIDENT, PRIME TIMERS-CENTRAL VIRGINIA
REPUBLICATED WITH PERMISSION FROM PRIME TIMERS-CENTRAL VIRGINIA

For the second year in a row Prime Timers - Central Virginia (PT-CV) is so pleased to be able to continue to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a needy and deserving LGBT youth to further their higher education.

This year's winner, Wes, is a graduating senior from West Point High School. Since his sophomore year he has tried to help form a Gay Straight Alliance Club (GSA) at the school. During his senior year a change of administrations at the school made this a reality! Thanks to his and other student's efforts, future LGBT students will have a place to meet and a group to belong to.

Wes plans on pursuing a career in journalism. As he said the following in his winning essay:

"I plan to pivot my stories towards the LGBT community and help spread the stories that are not usually exposed or told."

"I want to help spread awareness through the community and help LGBT kids of all gender and sexual identities."

"In the news today, it is rare to see LGBT persons explained the way they desire or even should be explained."

PT-CV was able to make this generous gift due to a bequest from the estate of Woody Baldwin, the Prime Timers Worldwide founder.



Photo courtesy of
Side By Side

These funds are not unlimited and if we are to continue to do this good work it will be necessary for our members to step up and contribute. A donation in memory or in honor of someone

special to you might be a way to contribute. You can make your donation via cash, check or online PAYPAL payment on our [website](#). (Note: we do not charge you the PAYPAL fees when you make a donation of any sort.) Be sure your donation indicates the purpose for which it is intended, to keep our Treasurer from pulling his hair out.

If every member gives just \$7.00 per year, we would be able to keep this fund at the current level.

For those that are able, more would be appreciated to make up for the ones who can't contribute.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WES AND ALSO TO PRIME TIMERS - CENTRAL VIRGINIA FOR SHARING IN SUCH A MEANINGFUL WAY TO OUR COMMUNITY.



OUR TENDENCY TO “PUT OFF”

BY JACK NIMMO, PRESIDENT, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE



Have you ever procrastinated? Opening that refrigerator door and noticing the leftover stew that should have been tossed a week ago reminds me it's time to clean the refrigerator. But, it is easier to close the door and think – I'll get to it tomorrow. These “put offs” to tomorrow can eventually cost money or our health.

As we grow older, health issues are often ignored in an effort to avoid the thought of having to deal with an age-related ailment. In some cases, ignoring a nagging pain in your hip or knee will delay the ultimate comfort that a joint replacement will give. That isn't a life threatening put off. However, other symptoms of potential serious illness can make treatment more difficult or beyond your ability to be cured. A “put off” can become deadly.

At the upcoming Prime Timers Worldwide Convention in San Antonio on October 29th to November 2nd, we are planning a health seminar that will deal with male health issues. The information provided will inspire you to get moving on those ignored symptoms or at least explain them. Another seminar will deal with the changes in law relating to gay marriage and estate planning. This is another area where we often put off dealing with things like wills, funeral planning and other aspects of life that are often assigned to tomorrow. Our subject matter experts can answer questions and provide vital information to help you be proactive in you planning. The convention schedule also includes breakout sessions on chapter development and the specific tasks performed by chapter officers. Worldwide Board members will be joined by officers from various chapters to provide tips and clarification on the performance of local chapter duties.

A key element of the Worldwide Convention is the election of a Board of Directors to lead the organization from 2019 to 2021. Each chapter has a vote for the various offices of the Board. Normally, the chapter president is your designated representative. When he is unable

to attend the convention, an officer or member of the chapter will be designated that authority. Nominations are being accepted through August 13th. All Worldwide Board positions are open for nominations. This is another way you can serve the organization. Your chapter president has been sent information on the nomination process and Gary Payne, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, is standing by to receive your nomination. He can answer questions by email [here](#). The election will be held on Thursday, October 31st at 9:00 am at the convention.

Have you made plans to attend the Worldwide Convention? Did you register and make your reservation or was it like the stew that could be dealt with tomorrow? While you may have missed some bargain basement early registration fees, the current \$200 registration is still a real bargain for all the fun and benefits you will receive at this convention. Can you imagine several days of completely free hospitality suite drinks and snacks or food? What would that cost? It's included in your registration fee. So are lunch and final dinner buffets, an embroidered polo shirt and a transportation option. Put all those inclusions with a hotel totally occupied by Prime Timers from throughout the USA, Canada, Australia and Europe and place it in the beautiful city of San Antonio and you've got an affordable convention vacation with a great bunch of guys. Look for details on the [Prime Timers Worldwide website](#). And, if you have considered serving Prime Timers in a larger way, this is the time to submit your nomination!

This week, I threw away that stew and the grape jelly that had blue fungus growing on top into the garbage disposer. I stopped procrastinating. An easy action you can take today is to make that decision to be in San Antonio this fall, register for the convention and make your reservation at the El Tropicano River Walk Hotel. A fun fall vacation plan will generate good thoughts because you have not procrastinated.

Now that I have finished this article, I think I'll open that clean refrigerator to get a nice cold beer! Have a great rest of the summer and we will see you in San Antonio!

LOOKING AT LIFE AS A BRIDGE

BY MICHAEL STONE, DIRECTOR EMERITUS, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

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What has happened to just sitting back and just riding along in life as a passenger on a journey? I'm finding, more and more, that I've started looking at life in a whole new way. In my senior years, I've become a philosopher. My mind is filled with so many wonderful, new thoughts and ideas and I've also begun to pull up memories that I thought were long forgotten. I love this change!

I'm seeing that life, for each of us, is a bridge. We are intensely linked to the past. For me reaches back to 1942 and I've begun to recall, with great detail, so many things from that past. I have one foot firmly planted in that past. I remember so many wonderful relatives and friends that have long since departed this world. I remember radio when it was an invisible way to enjoy dramas. I recall large rough riding automobiles whose names no young person today could possibly know. Some had running boards and some had visors! Most were black in color and we could sit three across in the front seats. There were no 'fast food' places. Traffic was light and electric streetcars quietly just rolled along. People were patient and people were polite!

Using the other foot and both hands, I continue stretching and reaching out and pulling into the future; a world that changes every day; a world that I don't always know, yet a world I'm also in. This new world offers technologies I

could have never dreamed of. It offers us opportunities as Gay men were could have never realized: freedom to marry and the beginning of freedoms as full citizens with everchanging equal rights. Grocery store shelves are loaded with a dizzying variety of cereal choices. Shopping is never quick but usually impersonal. Cars come in every color and size and some run on electricity and are nearly silent.

So, it is, that I am a bridge. I span and am linked with the past while still linked onto the future. I guess it's always been this way for everyone who has ever lived. Our 'bridges' are merely links in a chain that continue from us forward. Each 'bridge' spans a period of time and each bridge forms a link that is life.

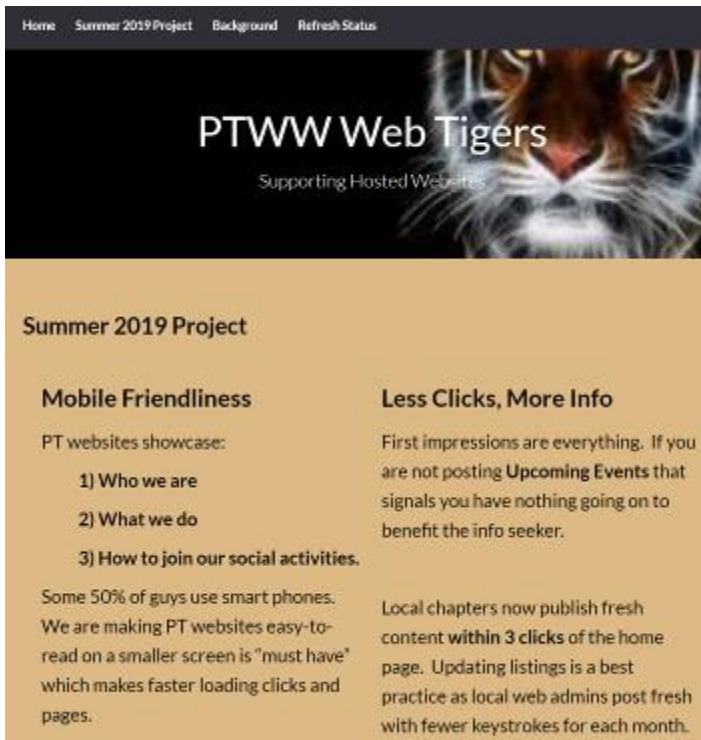
Enjoy your time on the bridge! Walk into a room of strangers and wear a smile on your face. Guess what? The smile will be warmly returned. When I allow myself to realize this joy that is my life I notice that perfect strangers often come up and ask how my day is going. This joy in living is catching! It can rub off on everyone you come in contact with.

In October, many of us will be in San Antonio to celebrate our Prime Timers Convention. There will be more people that we don't know than people we do know. What a fantastic opportunity to wear a smile that comes from deep inside. I promise you will go home with a whole new additional set of people you might have never come to know.

“PROJECT REFRESH”

BY MARK HATTEN, DIRECTOR- AT-LARGE AND INTERIM WEB-COORDINATOR,
PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

<https://chapters.theprimetimersww.com/WTIGERS/2019-refresh-project/>



2019 WW Convention Sessions for Website Administrators

Participants will have **two different days/times** to choose attending.

PRIMER TIMERS PRIVACY ON ANY SITE

“What info should be public and displayed forever on your website?”

#2 RELEASE HANDS-ON TRAINING for PTWW-hosted WordPress Websites

Focused training for refreshed websites.

Bring your laptop!

PTWW Web Tigers Volunteer Support Team

Online “how to” instructions are being posted to access anytime. Requests for website questions can also be opened from the Tiger Home page.

Migration Updates

40+ PTWW-hosted websites have been provisioned and are being tailored to each chapter’s online needs and its ability to provide local web support.

Release #1 priority is updating **events** along with new, step-by-step training for chapters to change monthly calendars.

Release #2 in October provides options for chapter admins to customize backgrounds - with more work - to create and send emails and newsletters.



GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

BY MARK HATTEN, DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE

Face-to-face visits are best, yet teleconferencing works for leaders

Prime Visits

Drive a carload of guys to the next nearby chapter for visit. Make it a joint event like Central Iowa and Omaha trade picnics along I-80 or Nanaimo and Vancouver ferry across for day trips. Find neighbors on primetimersww.com and let them know your joining their dine out.

Board Visits

Back when, PTWW reps visited chapters in person for communicating and offering Board support or special skill - *if any* - that might be helpful.

Let's get new Board reps "out working the streets," connecting with chapters and individual members.

Of course, many chapters are happy managing as whatever they do works for them. Let's all share what works for us!



Live Conferencing and Chapter Leadership

Let's use roundtable calls for presidents or liaisons to talk with PTWW Board on local topics as well as hear worldwide news.

A question/answer session will document new topics and finding solutions

Maybe we start with 3 calls based on time zones:

- Eastern
- Central
- Mountain & Pacific.

Let's try one to see how participation goes and if guys want it to continue.

As I mapped out chapters, some groupings make a "neighborhood" while some cover a distance. I envision neighbors just talking, planning a combined picnic, or organizing a Carolina PRIME regional.

Once we talk, who knows?

*"That's just my opinion.
I could be wrong."*

Jim Jefferies, The Jim Jefferies Show

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR PTWW BOARD

BY RICHARD TOBIASON, SECRETARY, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE



The Request for Nominations message has been sent to the Prime Timers Chapter contacts. This provides information on the submission of nominations to serve on the PTWW Board of Directors.

Prime Timers who are interested in serving on the PTWW Board should contact their chapter Board for the details that are in the Request for Nominations message and were previewed in the June "Prime Times" Newsletter.

There will be openings on the Board for this election. Some current Board members are term limited in their current position and others have indicated that they will not seek reelection. Chapter members should consider the volunteer positions on the PTWW Board that will be elected at the San Antonio Convention beginning Oc-

tober 29, 2019.

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. Nominations are due to the Nominating Committee no later than August 13, 2019.

Prime Timers should consider this opportunity to serve on the PTWW Board of Directors as it is sure to be an interesting and rewarding experience.

THE "I GUYS" INDEPENDENT CHAPTER NEWS

BY SAM POWELL, CHAIRMAN OF INDEPENDENT CHAPTER, PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE



What great news I have heard from the guys planning the San Antonio Biennial Convention. We may have over one-half of the "I Guys" coming to the convention! This is so great that a Tuesday, 10/29 late afternoon social gathering is now planned for us "I Guys" and we will be recognized both at the opening session of the convention as well as recognized by our distinct color golf shirt that comes as part of the convention registration. Every effort will be made to have guys from all the other chapters know who "I Guys" are, and I feel sure we "I Guys" will be a special part of this San Antonio convention. When we leave San Antonio, we will have many new friends from around the USA and Canada.

This Prime Timer Worldwide newsletter,

Prime Times, is distributed electronically every other month to all "I Guys" to provide Independent news, chapter news, major regional events information, and information about activities sponsored entirely or in part by Prime Timers. For us "I Guys", there are numerous opportunities to network with others and many venues to meet and socialize with other Prime Timers. So, if you know of gay friend(s) who do not live close to an active chapter, give out the information about the Independent Chapter and encourage others to join.

AND, if you have not yet considered attending the San Antonio Biennial Convention, please check out convention details in this newsletter and online [here](#). Register and join in the fun both with our other "I Guys" and with all the great friends in the many prime timers chapters that will be represented in San Antonio.

PRIDE REPORTS

BOSTON

BY HARRY FULLERTON, PRESIDENT,
BOSTON PRIME TIMERS

We were honored to have David Bermudez Velasquez (left) and his partner Bob Isadore (right) join the Boston Prime Timers on a Duck Boat for Boston's Pride Day. David is an activist and was present at the Stonewall Inn during the riots that launched the Gay Pride movement.

Both photos courtesy of Harry Fullerton



CINCINNATI

BY TED RICHMOND, PRESIDENT, TRI-STATE PRIME TIMERS



As part of Tri-State Prime Timers' (TSPT) celebration of Pride 2019, 25 members continued a weekly TSPT social event: a gathering at a local bar, Below Zero, for drinks and social time. This was later followed by dinner together at a restaurant chosen by the group that night.

June 21st was billed as the "Annual Gayest Happy Hour" by the Below Zero Lounge. In addition to the snacks provided each week for TSPT by the Below Zero Lounge, the food selections were expanded and everyone attending the bar was welcome to join us for drinks, food, and socializing. Following the drinks and snacks, we went together to a local delicatessen for dinner.

The next day, June 22nd, we gathered for the Parade marching through downtown Cincinnati,

Ohio. The parade lasted over two hours with over 150 groups marching. TSPT was placed 36th in the parade and consisted of 3 cars and marchers behind a banner. We handed out pens, wristbands, and pamphlets along the parade route and enjoyed the cheers from the crowd as we passed by. While affirming our pride, it was wonderful to hear the crowd affirm us as history makers in this event. TSPT first marched in 2001 at Cincinnati Pride.

That afternoon, we again shared our Pride from our booth telling people about TSPT and encouraging out-of-town visitors to find the nearest Pride Timers group to their home. It was encouraging to find men who expressed an interest in the many social events TSPT offers and

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All photos courtesy of Ted Richmond,
Michael Scott & Jerry Shipley

we made new friends and potential members that day.

Our participation at Pride events affirms the importance of Prime Timers in the lives of older gay and bisexual men. TSPT truly strives to be a brotherhood of caring supportive men building a family together as we experience the golden years of life with those who share our lives.



DENVER

BY DICK MOORE, PRESIDENT, COLORADO PRIME TIMERS

Photo courtesy of Brian



From left to right: Charles McDonald, coordinator; Geof Jones; Jim Parks; Mark Angelos; Andrew Domenico; Don Harvey; Toby Davis, secretary; and Dick Moore, president.

Thirty-four Colorado Prime Timers volunteered in the Coors Beer booth, the Pepsi Water booth, and the Pepsi soda booth for this year's Denver PrideFest. 2019 marks the 17th year the Colorado Prime Timers have volunteered their services to the PrideFest. It is Denver's LGBTQ major fundraiser for the year. It was two days of fun and a great time to meet new friends. The Colorado Prime Timers are set to go again next year.

TULSA

BY JIM MACCATAIN, PRESIDENT,
TULSA AREA PRIME TIMERS

Tulsa Area Prime Timers participated in Tulsa Pride as we have done for many years. We had our booth at the Equality Center where we spoke to many people and passed out our information brochure. The crowds at Tulsa Pride were estimated at around 50,000. The city set aside several blocks in downtown to accommodate the crowds for the Pride celebration. Our Pride Parade stretched on for many blocks. It was a great Pride Day for Tulsa and for Tulsa Area Prime Timers!



Photo courtesy of John Madigan

CHICAGO

BY LARRY LESPERANCE, ENTERTAINMENT AND OUTREACH DIRECTOR, CHICAGO PRIME TIMERS

Included in our regular calendar of club activities were several specific to celebrating Pride Month. Members attended a Pride concert by Windy City Gay Chorus. The concert commemorated Stonewall. A Board member led a walking tour of Halsted St. in Boystown. The guided tour started with a tour of Chicago's gay center, the Center on Halsted, with later stops at the Town Hall Apartments, a gay housing development, the monument to gay veterans, the history plaques of the Legacy Walk, bronze plaques mounted on Rainbow light poles which tell the story of famous LGBTQ's, and ended at a gay bar, Sidetracks. There Tree Sequoia, bartender at Stonewall Inn the night of the raid, was interviewed. A group attended a play, *Ms Blakk for President*, a true story about a Chicago drag queen who ran for president. One member joined a Pride Month panel discussion at the suburban North Shore Senior Center following a screening of the documentary, *Stonewall Uprising*. The panel, which paired LGBTQ seniors and youth, discussed Stonewall's effect on our struggle today to defend spaces for us to be our true selves. Many CPT's joined the crowd of one million which viewed the Pride Parade which featured Chicago mayor and out lesbian Lori Lightfoot, then attended a post-parade party hosted by a Board member. CPT celebrates Pride all year.



The Center on Halsted is the glass building in the background

Both photos courtesy of Gary Kenzer



NEW YORK CITY: WORLD PRIDE AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONEWALL RIOTS

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



Left picture: Prime Timers of Central Florida take in Pridefest on Sunday, June 30. (Photo courtesy of SS)

Next page, top picture: New York Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks at Stonewall 50 Commemoration Rally Inn on Friday, June 28, which honored several of the "heroes" from the 1969 riot. (Photo courtesy of Ron Bush)

Next page, bottom picture: Pride March float rolls down 5th Avenue in New York City on June 30. (Photo courtesy of Ron Bush)

A small but hardy contingent of Prime Timers of Central Florida (PTCF) members ventured to New York City on the last weekend of June to attend World Pride and the events marking the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

They found the city awash with thousands of LGBTQ people from around the world in town for the occasion. Some estimates had a million or more people in New York specifically to participate in World Pride and the Stonewall anniversary events.

People came not just for the parties and entertainment connected with World Pride but also to re-commit themselves to fighting for the basic rights that everyone should have: the rights to live their lives openly without fear of losing their

jobs or homes or being killed and to love the person(s) they wish.

The Prime Timers joined the queue of LGBTQ people at the entrance to the Stonewall Inn at least once during the weekend to have a drink in the legendary bar in which LGBTQ people stood up to police on June 28, 1969 and said "We're not taking your crap anymore". Fifty years later on the evening of June 28, thousands gathered for a rally which included speeches by such people as New York Mayor Bill de Blasio and Barbara Poma, founder of One Pulse Orlando and owner of Pulse nightclub where 49 LGBTQ people and allies were killed on June 12, 2016 in Orlando. The evening also included entertainment.

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Over the course of the weekend, LGBTQ people flocked to the New York Public Library to see the *Walt Whitman: America's Poet* and *Stonewall 50: Love & Resistance* exhibits, the Guggenheim to see *Implicit Tensions: Mapplethorpe Now* exhibit of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs, the Leslie-Lohman Museum to see *Art After Stonewall 1969-1989*, and the New York Historical Society to see its *Stonewall 50* exhibits. Several other New York cultural institutions also had exhibits and events connected to the 50th anniversary of Stonewall.

Sunday, June 30, was the big day for the Pride March and Pridefest. The march 'stepped off at 12 noon from 26th Street and 5th Avenue, went past the Stonewall Inn and Stonewall National Monument and did not wrap up until after midnight at 23rd Street and 7th Avenue. An estimated 150,000 people marched and a million people viewed the march.

Once people had their fill of watching the march, they could take in the booths and entertainment at Pridefest which was held on 4th Avenue between 14th and 9th Streets.



In addition to the main Pride March, there was a Queer Liberation March that started at the Stonewall Inn at 9:30 a.m. and went up 6th Avenue to Central Park where a rally took place. The organizers of the march said the Pride March had become too commercialized and had lost sight of the struggles many LGBTQ people still face today.

All in all, we PTCF members had a great time enjoying the festivities of both World Pride and New York City's Pride. It was a once-in-a-lifetime twofer event that we will definitely cherish for the rest of our lives.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

WICHITA'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

BY STEPHEN GRAGERT, PRESIDENT, WICHITA PRIME TIMERS

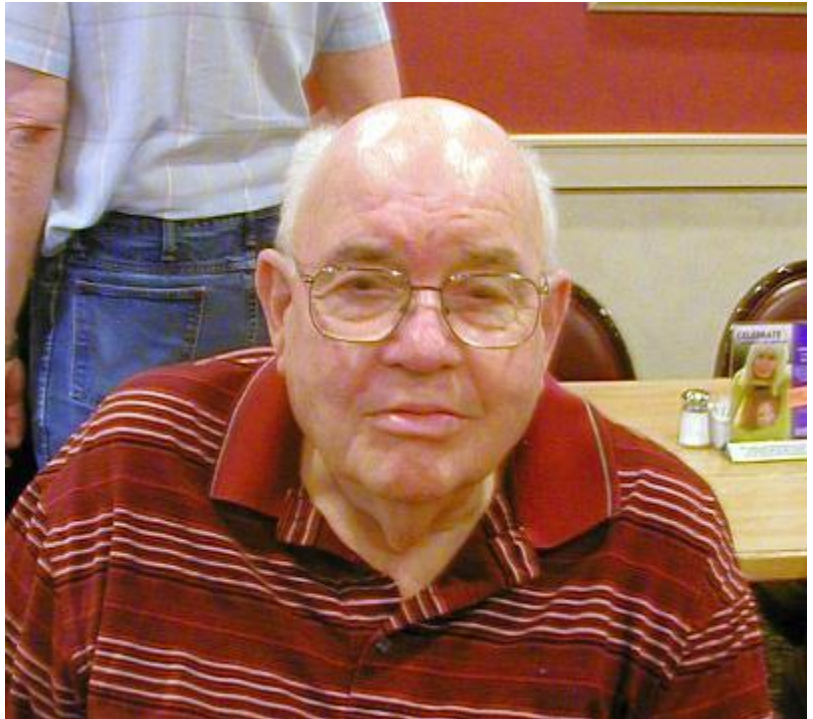
The Wichita Chapter of Prime Timers are celebrating 20 years of serving bi and gay men in the surrounding Wichita area. In fact we reach out quite a ways off. We have members in Nebraska, western Kansas and southeast Kansas.

When the Chapter started, there were just eight men who agreed that Prime Timers would be a good fit for Wichita. Dale Sneeringer and Jim Funk became aware of the Worldwide organization in 1998. In April of 1998, there was an organizational meeting held with Dale being elected the first president of the local organization. Others included Gary Hime as Vice-President, Bob Eberly as Chapter Treasurer and Gary Jones as Secretary. It was noted that four others were involved in the startup but their names are not listed.

After a while, a need for a Board of Directors became evident. Bylaws were created based on the Oklahoma City Chapter's and the Chapter was off and running. The Chapter held meetings in members homes at first but as it grew that became a thing of the past, meeting at local restaurants instead.

Our group has a number of couples and one of the first couples was Clyde Mason and Greg Fitzgerald. Clyde was the first chapter publicist creating the first bulletin. After Clyde's death in 2002, a humanitarian award was created in his honor and it still is presented today; the Clyde Mason Award. Greg, who changed his name to Mason, is still a member of the chapter as we continue to honor Clyde for his efforts.

It has not always been easy for the Chapter. A few times some internal strife almost caused the Chapter to go under but some of the guys saw the value of such an



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Previous page, top picture: Wichita Prime Timers' founder Dale Sneeringer.

Previous page, bottom picture: Clyde Fitzgerald/Mason helping President Mike Barker present the Clyde Mason outstanding member award to Martin Mendoza.

Right picture: PTWW Director Emeritus Michael Stone presents charter to John Whearty, president; Dale Sneeringer, Wichita PT Founder; and Bob Eberly, charter member.

All photos courtesy of Lewis Bacher



organization and picked up the leadership responsibilities.

David Luke became the editor after Clyde. During his tenure, he held many positions on the Board. Norm Gentry is the current editor as well as membership chairman and webmaster. He is dedicated in his efforts.

Our first activities director was Greg Fitzgerald/Mason followed by Michael Lange and Martin Mendoza. Martin continues in that position today and is a big reason the chapter is extremely active. Members' suggestions are often given and he does well to work them into the itinerary. His weekly updates and presentation of the calendar at business meeting are always full of wit and humor.

We do have a website and it is partially responsible for presenting a positive image for all who are searching for something that will give fulfillment to men who would be otherwise engaged. As I said before Norm Gentry was the creator of that instrument. We do appreciate Chuck Spady for updating it in 2011 and since then, the Worldwide webmaster has helped to make it what it is today.

Our chapter believes in getting our name out into the community. And another important tool we use is a business card. The layout is

simple, stating what we are and gives pertinent contact information. We have posters placed in the local gay bars and clubs as well as affirming institutions in the community. Business cards are placed in a pocket attached to the posters. Members hand out the business cards to friends whom they think would benefit from our group.

We continue to have a presence in Wichita's Pride parades and have an information-and-signup booth at the annual fair.

We also serve the community by providing a meal for the homeless during the Christmas season.

It is important to note that not everyone attends every event but there is something for everyone to enjoy if they are looking. Most of all, we have fun and enjoy each other's company.

This is just a short history of the Wichita Chapter of Prime Timers. We are now the leading organization for activities and fellowship for Bi and Gay men in the state of Kansas.

Our August 17th Business/Pot Luck will be our Founder's Day Celebration. We are having it catered and we plan for a nice evening. PTWW President Jack Nimmo will give the keynote address. The Clyde Mason Award will be given. The Chapter is now 20 years old. Wow!

CHAPTERS' EVENTS

OUTING: BEACH TIME!

BY DONNIE BARNETT, PRESIDENT, PRIME TIMERS MOBILE

Our trips to the beach seem to be a popular event for us at Prime Timers Mobile. We are lucky to have Gulf Shores and Pensacola Beach nearby. For this particular party, we had fifteen members. Pensacola Beach is about an hour's drive away from Mobile. The area we visited is known as the Gay Beach. Even though this area is considered a part of Pensacola, it is not the public area that people commonly refer to as Pensacola Beach. This spot is more secluded and not nearly as crowded as the Public Beach. The LGBTQ+ community has claimed this area for years as their own. The one time of the year when this area becomes really crowded is Gay Memorial Day weekend in Pensacola. This is an annual beach gathering of thousands of LGBTQ+ locals and tourists all through the holiday weekend. Rainbow umbrellas are everywhere. These pictures are not from the Memorial Day weekend, but a couple of weeks after.



On this particular day, each member was encouraged to bring food to share, picnic style. Even as a picnic, our guys sometimes try to out do each other and bring only their best creation. Sometimes, it may be just sandwiches or Fried Chicken and potato chips and other snacks. We stayed for several hours, leaving the beach late in the afternoon. In the past, we sometimes stop in for a beer at one of the local Gay bars in Pensacola before we drive back to Mobile.



Once we returned to Mobile, we all stopped to dine at a local seafood restaurant on Mobile Bay called Ed's Seafood Shed. After a day in the sun and being well fed, it is always a great feeling to be back in the comfort of our home. Getting a good nights sleep did not seem to be a problem at all.

Top right picture: from L to R: Donnie Barnett (President), Richard Bullard, and Ron Feuerlein (Treasurer).

All photos courtesy of Donnie Barnett



OUTING: BOWLING PARTY

BY HUCK FITTERER, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, PRIME TIMERS OF PHOENIX



Photo courtesy of Dennis Hill

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, a small but friendly group of members from the Prime Timers of Phoenix met at the Let It Roll Bowling Alley to compete in team bowling. Team One consisted of Bill Ma-laier, Ed Bourassa, Jimmy Kerr, and John Purvis, with Pat Strayer, Dennis Hill, Mike Scheiller, and Huck Fitterer as members of Team Two. After bowling three challenging yet fun games, Team One with an average team score of 117 was declared the winner. Ed rolled the highest game with a score of 156 and Pat followed closely with a score of 155. In addition, Pat had the highest average score of 131. Team Two's average team score was 107.

MEETING: DISCUSSION GROUP

BY DICK MOORE, PRESIDENT, COLORADO PRIME TIMERS

EVERY Wednesday after the Colorado Prime Timer weekly luncheon, a group called the "Discussion Group" meets from around 1:00 pm until ? The discussions are wide ranging, from birth to death, local, national, and worldwide news. From politics to religion, and a lot of other subjects to keep them occupied for a few hours. Of course none of this would happen unless there was gin, vodka, scotch, wine or another libation to be had. Some of these topics are very interesting and some are just downright ridiculous but fun. Anyone is welcome to join this group.



From left to right: Toby David, secretary; Rafael de Jesus, vice president; David Hetzel; Jim Patterson; Claudio Vigil; Tom Maestas; Dick Moore, president; and Joe Saman, activities director. Photo was taken by "Juice" the bartender at Trade.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING THE NEXT CONVENTION?

BY PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE BOARD

The PTWW Board is seeking out chapters interested in hosting future Worldwide Conventions. A letter has been sent to all Chapter Presidents and Liaisons with specifics and the proposal process. In San Antonio, a face-to-face session is scheduled to discuss the needs and requirements for hosting our every-other-year PTWW Conventions. The session will be open to all.



HERE AND THERE

BY ADRIAN LIAU, NEWSLETTER EDITOR. PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

CANADA

CALGARY, AB: Weekly activities include coffee at a downtown co-op every Saturday morning at 10, pool night on Mondays, 7 pm at Mr. Schnapps Pub & Rest, and lawn bowling, which starts on Tuesdays at 7 pm but also includes a dinner an hour earlier. There was also a Stampede Potluck Brunch at Neil & Todd's on Sunday, July 14.

VICTORIA, BC: July 7 was Victoria Pride Day where members were encouraged to help in setting up, tearing down, and manning the Prime Timers' booth at the Pride Park after the parade. This chapter's monthly meetings are normally scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month and begin at 3 p.m. and are held at the James Bay United Church Hall. Meetings are followed by coffee and a social.

U.S. WEST

TUSCON, AZ: This chapter's website is different from most other chapters' websites. There is an interesting article on achieving a well-

functioning metabolism based on one's metabolic type. There is a section called 'Our Lives, Our Friends' where a short biography of several Prime Timers members are featured. And more snippets of the lives of various members are found in "The How And Why" and "You're In The Army Now".

U.S. MID-WEST

KANSAS CITY, KS: There are two weekly gatherings going on in the PTKC group: a Monday early dinner meeting at Bistro 303 and a Thursday morning meeting at Westport Coffee House for coffee and discussion. There are also the occasional meals, such as Saturday lunch on July 20 at Margarita's and Saturday brunch (Big Biscuit Breakfast) on July 27. This month's outing was the Kansas City Zoo on July 24.

GRAND RAPIDS, MI: This chapter has monthly Member Meetings held on the first Thursday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. with a social period from 6 – 6:30 p.m. There is also a breakfast social held on the final Saturday of each month.

KANSAS CITY, MO: President Bill wrote a farewell

letter in the June newsletter, stepping down at the end of May after serving in that capacity for nearly 5 years. There are weekly events, such as Dinner at the Bistro every Monday and Coffee Talk every Thursday morning. There is also a monthly potluck on the third Saturday of the month, which is followed by a board meeting.

ST LOUIS, MO: While the chapter did not attend the Pride Parade this year, members helped out in manning their Prime Timers booth at the St. Louis PrideFest celebration. This year marked the 40th anniversary of the first St. Louis Pride celebration. The festivities were held at the newly-revamped Soldier's Memorial in Downtown St. Louis on June 29 & 30. The 11th Annual Independence Day Pot Luck was held on Saturday, July 6 in the downtown area just north of the arch. Members were invited afterwards to walk down the block to see the riverfront fireworks.

CANTON, OH: The chapter holds three dinner outings, on the first, second, and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The meetings are held at various local restaurants. In addition, the monthly board meeting is held alongside with the first monthly dinner.

U.S. SOUTH

LOUISVILLE, KY: Each Sunday evening, both PT members and non-members join for a Happy Hour at Play Dance Bar. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to share with friends and have a good time. On the third Tuesday of each month, there is a dining-out experience at various local restaurants. There is also a lunch-and-movie on the last Tuesday of each month. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL, NC: The chapter hold various dining out experiences during the month. In June and July, there were gatherings at such restaurants such as Maggiano's, Players Retreat, and Manchester's. The Prime Timers were also invited by SAGE for their Independence Day Cookout and Potluck on July 4.

HOUSTON, TX: Houston Prime Timers recently celebrated their 28th anniversary party at Theo's Restaurant. 59 members and guests showed up, which was their largest attendance in the last three years of their anniversary parties. In addition,

the chapter has weekly get-togethers, such as Daytimers, where they meet every Thursday morning at Café Express and Sing Along, where members meet every Wednesday evening at Michael's Outpost.

McALLEN, TX: The Rio Grande Valley Prime Timers have weekly bowling activities on Tuesdays, Wild Wednesdays, alternating between lunches and late Happy Hour every other week, and Freaky Friday Funfest on Friday evenings.

U.S. NORTHEAST

HARTFORD, CT: Some standout events mentioned in the CT Prime Timers' latest newsletter include attending the Hartford Gay Men's Chorus production of "Pride" May 12 in Hartford and dinner afterwards, the annual pool party at Bill and Jay's home on July 13, and the annual picnic on July 20 at the Wharton Brook State Park in Wallingford, CT. There is also a weekly breakfast meetup every Saturday morning at the Tripple A Diner in East Hartford and a monthly "Men's Night Out" on the third Wednesday of each month at Brazi's Restaurant in New Haven.

BALTIMORE, MD: June 16 was Gay Pride Festival where Prime Timers attended the festivities. An Independence Day picnic on July 4 was held at President Ralph's yard. Hot dogs, hamburgers & rolls were provided by the board. There was no fee for members who brought a dish; without a dish, it was \$10. Guests were welcomed. There are monthly activities such as evening dining out at various local restaurants on the first Saturday, the Clubhouse dining at Valley View Inn on the third Saturday evening, and a Monthly Social and Potluck on the second Sunday evening.

NORTH JERSEY, NJ: The chapter had several activities lined up in July. Sunday afternoon on July 14 was a musical performance, Into the Woods. Later that week, on July 19, was the play Hamlet, a National Theater of London production. And there was Beach Day at Asbury Park on July 23. Every third Wednesday of the month, members would meet at IHOP for dinner. This was followed by a monthly bowling at Boonton.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

The 2019 Prime Timers Labor Day Weekend is this month. The five day event held at the Southwest's premier gay resort – Hotel Habana in Oklahoma City. **The theme is the 50th Celebration of Stonewall.**

Call Hotel Habana at (405) 528-2221 or toll Free (877) 303-2221 to book your room. 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. 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. 135 rooms booked and 15 rooms available at Hotel Habana. What Habana full! You can still attend the event. Ask where they would recommend you stay. Need other recommendations of places call (405) 603-8997.

Every year 170 Prime Timers from around the US and Canada converge on 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 \$220 before August 11th (**No Shirt**). This includes your registration and all the events, including the five paid meals. After August 11th 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 accepted.**



You can select the **BASIC PACKAGE** for \$160 before August 11th (**No Shirt**). This package includes your registration and all the events with the exception of Saturday night dinner, Sunday and Monday Bunch. After August 11th 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.**

Either the Full package or Basic gives you access to the event, all happy hours, all continental breakfasts, the hospitality 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).

ANNOUNCING...

MIDWEST REGIONAL GATHERING



AUGUST 5-9, 2020

Chicago Prime Timers is sponsoring its second **Midwest Regional Gathering** in - "that toddlin' town. . .that Billy Sunday could not shut down."

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CHANGES TO THE BRAIN CAN MAKE SENIORS MORE VULNERABLE TO FINANCIAL SCAMS

BY RICK STACY, SECRETARY AND TREASURER, PITTSBURGH PRIME TIMERS

The other day, a coworker told me a story about her father-in-law. He had received a call from the IRS about an overdue tax bill, and needed to pay to get the IRS off his back. He drove to Target, where he purchased \$5,000 worth of gift cards to settle his debt.

Many of us find that sad story hard to believe. We wonder how anyone could be that gullible. The truth, however, is that as we get older, each of us becomes more vulnerable to financial fraud, particularly these gift card scams, a favorite among those who prey upon senior citizens.

Scientists are conducting brain research that looks into why some older people, who when tested show absolutely no cognitive impairment, are at special risk for financial fraud. They are lucid and alert, but it's as though their defenses against scams have quit working altogether.

Mark Lachs, M.D. is a professor of medicine and a geriatrics physician at Weill-Cornell Medicine in New York City, where he focuses on the disenfranchised elderly. Lachs' research has shown that changes in the brain as it ages can make older adults almost defenseless against financial hoaxes—and those are in instances where Alzheimer's or other degeneration of the brain is not present. Lachs calls this "[age-associated financial vulnerability](#)".

Nathan Spreng, a neuroscientist at McGill University, put together two study groups of older persons: one group consisted of scam

victims, and the other group comprised persons who had averted a scam. Studying the structural integrity of these groups' brains, Spreng found a region that was remarkably smaller in the scam victims than in those who had fended off a scam.

In each of the scam victims, Spreng found a discernable thinning in a part of the brain known as the "insula". The insula is thought to be involved in decision making, and quite possibly may influence our perception of what is and what is not a chancy financial situation.

While the research is promising, it is still in its infancy. Meanwhile, the population is aging. The number of people age 65 and older will nearly double in 30 years, and the fraudsters will grow with us. Only an estimated one in 44 cases is reported. Published studies estimate that older persons lose from \$3 billion to \$36 billion a year to financial exploitation.

If you think it's possible you could be a victim of a financial scam, get a state-specific referral from the [National Center on Elder Abuse](#). If you're concerned that someone close to you could fall victim, have the conversation before a financial or health setback occurs. Look into a limited guardianship, an instrument where a judge grants only certain powers to a trusted person. Also consider a "springing" power of attorney, a document prepared in advance that springs into action when someone's cognitive powers decline past a certain point.

Rick Stacy can be reached [here](#).

WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

BY PETER BORGEMEISTER, RHODE ISLAND PRIME TIMERS

"Depression is the smoke from a fire burning somewhere else in your mind"

- Dr. Frank Faltus, psychiatrist with Brown University and Butler Hospital in Providence, RI (and who treated me for a number of years)



Definition: Depression, or persistent feeling 'blue' or 'down', can show up in many ways, and there are a number of checklists (see below) to help you identify it. Common to most of those lists are hopelessness or guilty thoughts, loss of interest in activities, changes in sleep and/or appetite, loss of energy, and, perhaps most seriously, suicidal thoughts. Kindly note that I'm not

seeking to give medical advice, for which you should have your own team including, if possible, your physician, therapist(s), and perhaps a naturopath or other specialists. There are many good sources of help, including the [National Institute of Mental Health](#) and your local chapter of the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#).

Causes: There can be many causes which can include:

- Genetic; depression can run in families;
- Childhood trauma or abuse;
- Major life changes (e.g., divorce, loss of a partner or job);
- Loneliness;
- Drug and alcohol abuse (often, ironically enough, as an effort to treat depression);
- Other conditions such as, in my case, low thyroid and Vitamin D levels caused, in part, by lead poisoning that likely occurred from stripping paint in old houses.

Treatment: Many treatments have been developed. These include

- 'Talk' therapy;
- CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy);
- Exercise programs;
- Prescription medications (e.g., Prozac & Paxil);
- Naturopathic products such as SAME, (S-Adenosyl Methionine) and St. John's Wort;
- TMS (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation).

Treating 'depression' itself can be like ventilating a building to remove the smoke rather than finding the fire and putting it out, to follow through with Dr. Faltus' analogy. This may be one of the reasons that the successful treatment rate hovers at around 50-60%. Different people respond to different things and you may need to keep trying until you find the thing, or combination of things, that brings relief.

Because there may be several causes for your depression, you may need to do several things at once. In my case, to move my treatment-resistant case, I've had to assemble and manage a team that includes people from both the mental-health and medical realms. A breakthrough came last summer when my physician recommended a new test that revealed toxic lead levels, after assuring me several years before based on previous testing, that the levels

were OK. Few therapists, being so focused on the mind, would think of testing for the effects of heavy metals on the brain!

My first memory of depression dates from age three which neatly coincided with the age at which I was sexually abused by my father. My mother nicely complimented his efforts, on the physical and emotional fronts. Unsurprisingly, I was an isolated, unhappy kid with the added burden of being gay during the 1950s and '60s, when being gay was still very shameful. As an aside, I didn't begin the process of accepting I was gay until I was 47 and it took another ten years before fully acknowledging it.

By high school I was thinking about suicide constantly and at age 16, had to get the school doctor to write my parents a letter advising professional help. That summer, with great reluctance, my mother took me to see my very first psychiatrist; beginning a series that would stretch, on and off, over 51 years.

What had been deep unhappiness turned into depression after my freshman year at college, in the summer of 1970. It was so bad that I had to withdraw from college. Not knowing what I had and hoping that travel might provide a cure, I took a solo extended trip to Mexico.

Returning to Rhode Island, via Los Angeles and San Francisco, I tried college again with the same results. This was followed by about ten years as a self-employed carpenter, struggling with depression all the while. In 1983, I decided I was finally ready to complete college and graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture from Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) in 1986 - 17 years after matriculating there in 1969! Fortunately, RISD is unusually patient.

This was followed by an internship in various architects' office, a process that was almost painfully difficult, followed by a licensing examination, and a 25-year career as an architect which I'm starting to wind down, with some reluctance given how hard it was to get there, in favor of spending more time writing and doing sculpture, which have been lifelong dreams.

During that period I've learned a lot about depression: what seems to work for me and what doesn't. In the next newsletter, I will share some of this.

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Asheville Prime Timers is getting ready for the Greatest Halloween Party ever with a 5-Day Cruise out of Charleston, SC to Nassau and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas.

Sailing on Carnival's newly Transformed Sunshine, the new specialty features including a 3-deck, adults only Serenity Lounge area. What makes this cruise so fabulous is that Carnival and Great Expeditions are ready to celebrate not just for one night; but the entire cruise. So much will take place during your trip, from costume and Thriller dance contests, to scary movies on the large poolside theater screen. There will even be trick-or-treating throughout the ship for adults.

The cruise is booked through Great Expeditions Travel; a knowledgeable company, and serving the gay community since 1994. The cost of the cruise is as follows:

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Per person Double Occupancy plus taxes and fees of \$112.52 per person.

Your reservation deposit of \$50 per cabin will reserve your place at these rates. Send it in anytime. Full first full deposit isn't due until July 1, 2020.

The ship is already filling up and our group allotment will go fast, so we suggest that if you would like to join Asheville Prime Timer, get in your reservation deposit as soon as possible.

For more information on the cruise, the ship, and a reservation form visit

<https://greatexpeditions.net/> or ashevilleprimetimers.com

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THE BACK PAGE

BY ADRIAN LIAU, NEWSLETTER EDITOR. PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE

ANNIVERSARIES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER



75 YEARS AGO: Capture of Anne Frank

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Anne Frank lived most of her life in or near Amsterdam, Netherlands, having moved there with her family at the age of four and a half when the Nazis gained control over Germany. As persecutions of the Jewish population increased in July 1942, the Franks went into hiding in some concealed rooms behind a bookcase in the building where Anne's father worked. Following their arrest by the Gestapo, the Franks were transported to concentration camps. In October or November 1944, Anne and her sister, Margot, were transferred from Auschwitz to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they died a few months later.



50 YEARS AGO: Woodstock

The Woodstock Music Festival began on August 15, 1969, as half a million people waited on a dairy farm in Bethel, New York, for the three-day music festival to start. Billed as "An Aquarian Experience: 3 Days of Peace and Music," the epic event would later be known simply as Woodstock and become synonymous with the counterculture movement of the 1960s. Woodstock was a success, but the massive concert didn't come off without a hitch: Last-minute venue changes, bad weather and the hordes of attendees caused major headaches. Still, despite, or because of, a lot of sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll and rain, Woodstock was a peaceful celebration and earned its hallowed place in pop culture history.



60 YEARS AGO: First US State visit by a Soviet leader

Nikita Khrushchev becomes the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States. During the next

two weeks, Khrushchev's visit dominated the news and provided more of a goodwill visit than an opportunity for significant negotiations.

Khrushchev's first day in America was mostly taken up with formal receptions and a motorcade from the airport to downtown Washington. At the airport, Khrushchev announced that he had arrived in America "with open heart and good intentions. The Soviet people want to live in friendship with the American people." During the next few days, Khrushchev took the opportunity to tour the United States before his summit meeting with President Eisenhower.



150 YEARS AGO: Opera Das Rheingold first performed

Das Rheingold is the first of the four music dramas that constitute Richard Wagner's Der Ring des Nibelungen, (English: The Ring of the Nibelung). It was first performed, as a single opera, at the National Theatre Munich.

Wagner wrote the Ring librettos in reverse order, so that Das Rheingold was the last of the texts to be written; it was, however, the first to be set to music. The score was completed in 1854, but Wagner was unwilling to sanction its performance until the whole cycle was complete; he worked intermittently on this music until 1874. The 1869 Munich premiere of Das Rheingold was staged, much against Wagner's wishes, on the orders of his patron, King Ludwig II of Bavaria.

TV ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER:

First aired 60 years ago: The June Allyson Show; Many Loves of Dobie Gillis; Laramie

First aired 50 years ago: The Brady Bunch; Love, American Style; Marcus Welby, M.D.

First aired 40 years ago: Buck Rogers in the 25th Century; Trapper John, M.D.; Benson