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2020 in Rear View Mirror, with 2021 the Lighted End of Tunnel

Dear Men of Prime Timers,

I see it now. A dawning of a New Year, with a day we will all leave our homes to again gather in-person, with hugs and handshakes. We will make new memories with good friends, and meet some new exciting ones.

With testing and vaccines now rolling out, Prime Timers can begin to safely evaluate individual health risks, travel and socializing.

I applaud you making tough choices to reduce in-person socializing for now, given your local community risks.

Grand Re-Opening

As vaccinations increase, we look forward to planning monthly meetings, Spring picnics, Summer pool parties, and Winter holidays.

Birds of a Feather

We also need to be ready when many bisexual and gay men are ready to leave the “pandemic closet” and look for new ways to enrich

their lives in 2021. They will be looking for Prime Timers.

Chapter websites will be posting new events at public venues, updated calendars and contact details. Share your ideas or activities and begin getting excited to get out there with Prime Timers, when it is safe to gather.

Socializing and Health

PTWW constantly monitors CDC guidelines for large-scale events, as we look forward to the 17th Biennial Convention at Chattanooga. Travel restrictions to the US should be dropped by then.

Zooming Chapters

I’m thrilled to have joined many Local Chapters using Zoom. More and more PTers are using free video tools to see faces and hear during online socials, games and keeping in touch. I applaud each of you in that! Looking forward together ...

Mark Hatten, President

New Logo for Worldwide Use

Refreshing our brand and better identifying what we are as Prime Timers has inspired graphic artist Mark B. from Austin TX to create an refreshed image with a rainbow logo.



The design is also formatted to display a Chapter name in place of “Worldwide” for local uses in newsletters or merchandise. Chapter leaders can request more information about the new logo by emailing:

ptww.secretary.org@gmail.com

The logo best appears on white backgrounds, with a half-tone B&W available to reduce screen printing expense.

PTWW is always online:

primetimerswww.com

Invite a Board Member* to a Local Chapter's Next Video/Voice Meeting



Zooming with Chapters

We are thrilled to join local calls and connect with your members. Send an invite and we'll be there with you!

It is always a wonderful chance to meet new men, share what is happening around Prime Timers' and look forward to 2021.

Best dates and time

Any time! Mornings, evenings, weekends, and week days! We will be there when your Chapter has time!

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“Who Are I-Guys in Prime Timers Worldwide?” Independent Chapter Members from Anywhere



Zoom for All I-Guys
WED 10-FEB
8:00 PM Eastern

Most I-Guys do not live near an existing chapter, yet want to remain connected with PTWW across North America. Zoom is our face-to-face communication tool to see our fellow Prime Timers once in a while and share our lives. Join us online!

Ron will be sending out details the last week this month. I-Guys, check your inbox!

New Chapters In 2021?

PTWW has received requests to organize Chapters this summer.

- Albuquerque NM
- Killeen/Temple TX
- Metro New York City NY
- Philadelphia PA

If you know someone near these areas that would be interested in enriching their lives with Prime Timers, email us:

ptww-info@primetimersww.com

Chapter Leaders, Board to Zoom In JAN-FEB ...



Our first Regional Zoom calls with local leadership kick off this month, with a second call planned for July 2021.

REGION 1
WED 13-JAN
8:00 PM Eastern
Director-at-Large
Don Gillett



Directors-at-Large will be emailing details to Chapter Presidents about two weeks before your assigned session.

REGION 2
WED 20-JAN
8:00 PM Eastern
Director-at-Large
Michael Sinn



Zoom space is limited to 100 attendees, so we ask each Chapter to have a limit of 5 participants maximum.

Asheville NC	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Atlanta GA	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Austin TX	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Baltimore MD	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Billings MT	WED 13-JAN	6:00 PM Mountain
Boston MA	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Calgary AB	WED 13-JAN	6:00 PM Mountain
Canton OH	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Charleston SC	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Charleston WV	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Charlotte NC	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Chattanooga TN	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Chicago IL	WED 20-JAN	7:00 PM Central
Cincinnati OH	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Cleveland OH	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Columbia MO	WED 20-JAN	7:00 PM Central
Columbia SC	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Columbus OH	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Dallas/Fort Worth TX	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Dayton OH	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Denver CO	WED 03-FEB	6:00 PM Mountain
Des Moines IA	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Eau Claire WI	WED 20-JAN	7:00 PM Central
Edmonton AB	WED 13-JAN	6:00 PM Mountain
Grand Rapids MI	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Hamilton ON	WED 13-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Harlingen/McAllen TX	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Hartford CT	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Houston TX	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Huntsville AL	WED 27-JAN	6:00 PM Central
Indianapolis IN	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Kansas City MO	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Las Vegas NV	WED 03-FEB	6:00 PM Mountain
Mineral Wells TX	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Minneapolis-St. Paul	WED 20-JAN	7:00 PM Central

... WED Sessions Sharing Local News, Updates

Mobile AL	WED 27-JAN	6:00 PM Central
Myrtle Beach SC	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Nanaimo BC	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
Nashville TN	WED 27-JAN	6:00 PM Central
New Orleans LA	WED 27-JAN	6:00 PM Central
Norfolk VA	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
North New Jersey	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Oklahoma City OK	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Omaha NE	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Orlando FL	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Ottawa ON	WED 13-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Palm Beach FL	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Palm Springs CA	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
Phoenix AZ	WED 03-FEB	6:00 PM Mountain
Pittsburgh PA	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Portland OR	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
Providence RI	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Raleigh NC	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Reno NV	WED 03-FEB	5:00 PM Pacific
Richmond VA	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Sacramento CA	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
San Antonio TX	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
San Francisco CA	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
Santa Barbara CA	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
Sarasota FL	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Seattle WA	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
St Louis MO	WED 20-JAN	7:00 PM Central
Tallahassee FL	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Tampa Bay FL	WED 27-JAN	7:00 PM Eastern
Toronto ON	WED 13-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Tucson AZ	WED 03-FEB	6:00 PM Mountain
Tulsa OK	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central
Vancouver BC	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
Victoria BC	WED 13-JAN	5:00 PM Pacific
Washington DC	WED 20-JAN	8:00 PM Eastern
Wichita KS	WED 03-FEB	7:00 PM Central



REGION 3
WED 27-JAN
7:00 PM Eastern
Director-at-Large
Rafael DeJesus

The Regional Zoom format is very informal and friendly, as your hosts are Directors-at-Large and PTWW Vice President Sam Powell.

We start with a QUICK introduction **“Hello, I’m Ralph from Chapter ...”** to recognize the men attending at the beginning of each session.

Updates on the PTWW Biennial Convention in OCT 2021 and Worldwide activities will follow.



REGION 4
WED 03-FEB
8:00 PM Eastern
Director-at-Large
A.J Ratliff

A Chapters’ Roundtable closes the call, for each Chapter to share its local activities, news, and concerns in a 3-5 minute segment.

You can also dial into the session, if you do not have a video camera. Attendee can listen-in to participate using a telephone.

Looking into 2021 PTWW Events

Prime Timers everywhere lost out on travel opportunities to congregate at events, like the 24th Annual After Labor Day weekend hosted by Central Oklahoma Prime Timers. Yet they are planning now for later in 2021!

“What If?”

If a Local Chapter is thinking about staging a joint-chapter event in 2021, let PTWW know ASAP. PTWW is committed to guide Chapters interested in hosting a Multi-Chapter Event for a 1-day picnic or 3-day weekend. The Board can help with publicity, communications, and planning. Limited financial assistance is available.

PTWW can share Best Practices from previous events, talk through food and social activities, and plan your campaign to invite intended nearby Chapters and all regional Independent Members.

Multi-Chapter Gatherings Planned but Canceled in 2020

MAY Las Vegas NV Western Regional

Corpus Christi TX Gulf Weekend

JUN A Celebration of Friends (FL)

JUL Omaha & Des Moines I-80 Picnic

Columbia MO Meet in the Middle
inviting St. Louis and Kansas City

Pig Roast in Western Ohio

AUG Chicago IL Midwest Gathering

SEP Central OK Labor Day Weekend

OCT New England Prime Halloween

Guessing dates!

This calendar below is used only for general planning purposes.

The planning calendar shows **possible** 2021 dates for historical Multi-Chapter Events.

Joint gatherings are the sole decision of Local Chapters, which may choose NOT to plan for 2021 events.

No joint event is official until announced by the hosting Chapter and sanctioned by PTWW.



Annual Dues Reduction Has 2021 in the **Red**

After scaled down activities this year to Chapters, PTWW had to answer the same question every Local Chapter was asking:

What about dues?

Full, half or no dues?

Our Board finally decided to **charge half** the amount as last year or \$1.00 per Chapter member and operate with a 2021 budget deficit.

However, this 1-time dues reduction will not raise

enough money for planned in-person Chapter visits and other operating expenses like insurance, postage, and hosting websites.

PTWW canceled in-person chapter visits and the 2020 Mid-Term Board meeting.

Chapter Care visits are now back on schedule by mid-2021, as local health and travel rules allow. Directors -at-Large will be planning directly with Local Chapters for summer activities.

Donations Accepted

The Board asks for Chapter or individuals to donate any amount of money to Prime Timers Worldwide to help cover operations.

Your **individual** donation is tax deductible* to PTWW as a 501(c)(3) organization.

This is PTWW's first campaign utilizing our charitable status to receive online donations to further our mission of enriching lives of gay and bisexual men.

Donate to PTWW: click <https://tinyurl.com/y6uua5ro>

1. Select the amount you want to donate.
2. Click DONATE.
3. Add ADDRESS, etc.
4. Provide credit card or payment details.
5. Review / SUBMIT.

If you prefer to send a check via postal mail to us, email Jim below for mailing instructions.

Prime Timers

Donation to Prime Timers Worldwide

DONATION to PTWW
\$15.00 - \$100.00

Make a special donation to Prime Timers Worldwide. You may select either item if you wish. Your donation is deductible as Prime Timers WW is a 501 (c)3 non-profit..

More

\$15 \$25 \$50

\$100

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Donate

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* If you have questions about any individual deductions, email PTWW Treasurer Jim at: ptww-treasurer@primetimersww.com

PTWW President Addresses Issues Impacting Older LGBTs at NGLTF's Creating Change Conference

PTWW's Mark Hatten was selected as one of four panelists to discuss issues impacting older LGBT adults at the NGLTF Creating Change Conference 28-31 JAN. He will join speakers from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, SAGE USA and OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change).

PTWW Secretary Charles Koehler will be facilitating this history-making panel. This is the first time that these four national organizations have come together to address the causes and effects of isolation on older LGBT adults and examine ways their organizations have worked to improve older LGBT lives.

There are over 48 panels, workshops or caucuses during this 4-day online Conference. NGLTF even has FRI and SAT Game Nights, as well as Open Microphone.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021
WORKSHOP SESSIONS, BLOCK 1

12 Noon - 1:15 PM ET / 9:00 - 10:15 AM PT

- **Aging in the LGBTQ Community: Strategies for Fighting Isolation and Loneliness**

Now With Online Streaming in 2021

This year's Creating Change conference may be virtual, but our Day-Long Institutes, caucuses, workshops, and plenaries will still give you the opportunity to learn and connect with thousands of other people across the country. It's not all about skill-building and learning, though there's still time for fun with events like the Opening Cruise, Agents of Change Ball, and game nights!

thetaskforce.org/creatingchange

Click the link above to register and pay for the first virtual Creating Change Conference!

Every year, thousands of people from across the country come to Creating Change Conference to sharpen your minds with skills and knowledge, fill your hearts with love and joy, and deepen your valuable commitment to freedom, justice and equity for all LGBTQ people.



Prime Timers of Central Florida Commit Good Deeds

Ron Bush
Secretary

Prime Timers of Central Florida

For several years now, Prime Timers of Central Florida have undertaken various projects throughout the year to help the community. Members term those projects “good deeds”.

Beneficiaries of those goods deeds include Hope & Help Center of Central Florida which provides services for those affected by HIV/AIDS, Orlando Union Rescue Mission which helps the homeless, Seniors First which provides services such as Meals on Wheels to needy elderly, and the toy drive conducted by Nick’s Family Diner for the residents of a children’s home in Sanford.

Two of those projects occur during the holiday season: Seniors First and the toy drive.



Photo courtesy of Ron Bush

In past years, Seniors First has sought donations in alternating years of throw blankets one year and towel sets the next year. This year, however, the COVID-19 pandemic created a problem of how to safely collect and distribute the items. Seniors First’s solution was \$10 grocery gift cards which will be mailed to the recipients.

Prime Timers of Central Florida responded to the challenge. They donated \$510 worth of \$10 gift cards to be used at such retailers as Publix, Aldi, Winn-Dixie, Target and Walmart. President Ken Barnard delivered the cards to Seniors First on December 1.

The next day, December 2, a dozen members arrived at Nick’s Family Diner with toys in hand for Nick’s annual toy drive. About 75 toys and games were presented to the owners of Nick’s for the children at the Sanford home.

While the social and fellowship aspect of Prime Timers is the main object for members, they also believe they have a responsibility to do good in the community and their “good deeds” projects help accomplish that goal.



Photo courtesy of Ken Barnard

Left photo: PTCF President Ken Barnard (right) presents \$510 worth of gift cards to Wendy Jackson, Seniors First chief development officer

Charlotte Prime Timers Accepts “Drive-through” Donations

For many years, the Charlotte Prime Timers have collected funds and staple items to donate to the House of Mercy during the holiday season. However, since we weren't able to have in-person meetings the majority of this year, we had to figure out a way to gather the donations. Bill S. and Sam P. came to the rescue by volunteering to be at Park Road Church on Sunday, Dec. 6 between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM to accept “drive-through” donations. The effort was successful with \$480 in cash and checks being received plus a big box of staple goods. The next day Bill S., Max C., and Jay H. delivered the donations to the House of Mercy. The House of Mercy in Belmont, NC, is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy providing hope, healing, and a home for persons living with HIV.



Max Carroll

Communications Director
Charlotte Prime Timers

Photos courtesy of
Sam Powell and Jay Howard



PT Dallas/Fort Worth Activities Round-up

Our **Outdoors WED Lunch (OWL)** allows a weekly in-person visit to see and catch up with fellow PTDFW men. We rotate locations around North Texas each week, weather permitting 55+F and no rain.



Zoom THU Weekly Socials draw <20 attendees each week. DFW-only Free Bingo is the first week, with The Most Games Won guys receiving gift cards.

3rd TUE Free Bingo/Multi-Chapter Social is open to other Zoom-friendly Chapters and any I-Guys, along with a halftime break to share your life today across Canada and the US.

PTDFW continues to explore limited in-person, masked activities with social distancing, like the Fall 2020 **Pumpkin Fest** at the Dallas Arboretum in OCT. One idea is viewing **Egyptian Queen Nefatari's** artifacts displayed in Fort Worth's Kimbell Museum into MAR. Another is driving out east to the **#1 British Flying Training School Museum for WWII** in Terrell, TX.

We sadly miss our Chapter gatherings as



our last indoors event was Monthly Meeting was 3-MAR, with 40 men at the Golden Corral, with the last dinner out 13-MAR at Mario's Salvadoran in Oak Lawn.

PTDFW looks forward to a better spring, as vaccinations roll out and each feels safe to socialize in-person. By summer, we look forward to celebrate the Chapter's 30th Anniversary canceled last year, the State Fair of TX outing, and indoor socializing.

I want to thank **Dave Bn.**, **Justin A.**, **Ed C.**, and **Ralph B.** for giving "good phone." They call around checking regularly and being social with our PTDFW members. That is truly what Prime Timers is all about.

Mark Hatten, President, PTDFW



Winners of 3rd Tuesday Multi-Chapter Zoom Bingo by Prime Timers Dallas/Fort Worth

November

Helder L. - RI
David S. - Austin
Paul G. - DFW
John R. - Phoenix
Rod E. - Portland

December

Coley K. - Boston/RI
Cory S. - St. Louis
Don D. - Portland
David T. - Portland
Neil V. - DFW



Chattanooga OCT 2021 Planning Continues

After 34 years, we want Prime Timers to feel safe attending our biennial business meeting and social celebration together.

Vaccinations will impact how Prime Timers will gather at the Convention. Questions on distancing or masks at the Workshops,

socializing, and individual sessions cannot be answered now. However, we are exploring every avenue of safety for you.

PTWW will have more registration and hotel details in May. Cancellation policies will be flexible as group health rules changes.

**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS
PLANS 25th ANNIVERSARY
LABOR DAY GET-A-WAY 2021**



Central Oklahoma Prime Timers President announces that the 25th C.O.P.T. Labor Day Get-A-Way Weekend celebration is being planned for this September. More information will be in the March – April issue of the Prime Times Newsletter. Central Oklahoma Prime Timers look forward to seeing you in 2021! If you have questions, please feel free to call (405) 603-8997 or E-mail COPT.LaborDay@gmail.com.

Cruise / Land / Travel Opportunities *dates subject to change*

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Year	Departs	Destination	Contact	Telephone
2021	11-JUN	<u>Key West Celebration/Friends</u>	Tom Pence	954-364-2024
2021	17-JUN	<u>Northern Europe cruise</u>	Ron Camp	614.581.2700
2022	22-FEB	<u>Southern Caribbean cruise</u>	Ron Camp	614.581.2700