



Vaccinations are Required for 2021 Convention

The PTWW Board approved that all Prime Timers and guests attending the Biennial Convention must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

CDC guidelines and State of Tennessee protocols at that time will be followed. Daily temperature checks and face masks in public hallways may be required per PTWW health protocols.

PTWW will inform all registered attendees of any changes to local TN health guidelines. They will also receive updates as noted before Convention Week.



TUE 19-OCT to SAT 23-OCT

Registration Now Open!

primetimersww.com/convention

\$195/man for Local and I-Guys Chapter member

\$235/man for non-chapter member or guest

All fees increase \$30/person on 1-AUG

**Embassy Suites, 2321 Lifestyle Way
Chattanooga TN 37421**

Official room block is for TUE-WED-THU-FRI nights

<https://tinyurl.com/6f4wn4fx>

Click the **Special Rates** button.
Use group code of **CESPTW** to see the base **\$159 before taxes (\$186.43/night inc. tax)**.
Or call 1-800-362-2779

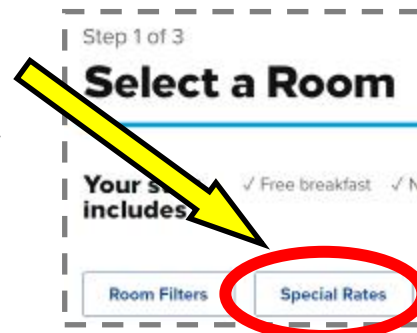
Above room rate of each suite sleeps 1-4 persons (choice of King or two Queens) and includes Cook-to-Order Breakfast, Manager's 5-7 PM reception for each person registered in that room, and free self-parking.

OPTIONAL:

Additional nights at the Embassy Suites with the same CESPTW rate can also be reserved on:

MON 18-OCT before our bus excursion trip to the US Space & Rocket Center. See page 3.

SAT 23-OCT for our *After-Glow* German Rocktoberfest at Rock City and Lookout Mountain.



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Convention Goal #1:

Strengthening Local Chapter Operations in 2022

Chapter continuity is the most important purpose of the Worldwide Biennial Convention. Together, Local Chapter leaders can address the challenges of providing social opportunities for current and future members. Learning how other Chapters develops and support new members is critical as many gay and bisexual men are still unsure of pandemic risks, not sure how and when to socialize safely today.



Photo by Barn Images on Unsplash

Workshops for the various leader roles include focused panels and presentations about specific functions to keep chapters operating as social businesses. PTWW leaders and Chapter Presidents will facilitate each session.

Seminars and guest speakers will focus on how each member can learn more about a variety of topics, including: health awareness, legal options, and the history of the Chattanooga area.

Empowering The Individual Member

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| WED | General Health Seminar |
| | Local History Seminar |
| THU | Men's Health Seminar |
| | Personal Interest Seminar |
| | Smart Technology Seminar |
| FRI | History Seminar |
| | Personal / Legal / Wills |

Sharing Leadership Tools and Processes for Local Chapters

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| WED | PTWW Opening Session |
| | Chapter Membership Workshop |
| | Chapter Finances Workshop |
| | Chapter Secretary Workshop |
| THU | General Meeting & Board Elections |
| | Open Forum Roundtables |
| | Chapter Legal, Insurance, Bequests |
| FRI | Newsletter & Websites Workshop |

Wanted: Guest Speakers at Chattanooga in October

Email us to suggest a topic or recommend an interesting speaker to present at the Convention: ptww.convention.org@gmail.com

Do you play Hearts, Euchre/Pitch or Spades?

Check the interest boxes when registering for the Convention. Games will be individually scored and partners will change each round. We will provide both drop-in or competitive games for you!



TUE 19-OCT DAY TRIP

Enjoy a pre-Convention bus tour with a Prime Timers Worldwide visit to the US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL.

We will depart the hotel at 9:00 AM on busses with restrooms onboard, and will return by 6:00 PM.

See the Davidson Center for Space Exploration, Rocket Park, Military Park, Shuttle **Pathfinder** Park and the spy plane A-12 Oxcart.

This self-guided tour includes docents. Check out all of the USSRC attractions at rocketcenter.com.

Reservation/payment must be received by 19-SEP at [this registration link](#). Any registrations after 19-SEP will be held on a waiting list.

Note: The planetarium, virtual reality, and movie theater each have extra fees which may be paid onsite and are not included in the \$70/person group rate.

Convention Goal #2:

Increasing Social Opportunities

2021 Prime Timers Party Game Championships In Chattanooga

Come to our Game Room if you are looking to meet new friends over a friendly drop-in game or want a more organized challenge. Individual players are welcome since we will have game leaders to help everyone get started.

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| TUE | Dominoes, Bridge, Games | 8:00 - 11:00 PM |
| WED | Dominoes, Bridge, Games | 8:00 - 11:00 PM |
| THU | Dominoes, Bridge, Games | 8:00 - 11:00 PM |
| FRI | Dominoes, Bridge, Games | 2:00 - 5:00 PM |

PTWW tournament rules are designed to speed up play and making scoring easier for individual players.

“Meet-in-the-Middle” for Regional Road Trips

PTWW encourages Local Chapters to stage “road trips” by inviting one or more nearby Chapters within a 2-3-hour drive to gather without having the hassle of overnight stays.



The Convention will have a workshop for organizing Chapters' day trips for a hosted potluck or picnic or table games. Pick a gathering place between your cities and let everyone pay their own way. Just join friendly Prime Timers for the day or for a weekend.

Potential Neighborhood Socials for 2022

I-70 Missouri - Kansas City, St. Louis in Columbia MO

TX Party Bridge - Austin, Dallas, Houston in Temple

I-80 Picnic - Des Moines and Omaha alternate hosting

Convention Goal #3:

Continuing PTWW Business and Operations



In July, PTWW's Nominating Committee will be accepting applicants in good standing to review their qualifications and possible consideration for this year's Board elections. All applications must be submitted by a Chapter Board. Each chapter is limited to only one nominee. Details will be announced in the JUL-AUG *Prime Times* issue.

Usually, PTWW Board Members over recent years have previously served as a Chapter President or Officer. Although not a requirement, this does provide a good understanding of chapter business and operations.

Each Board candidate for a Directors-at-Large, Chairman, or Officer role MUST be able to proficiently manage emails with attachments, navigate spreadsheets, and participate in occasional virtual/video meetings of the Board each quarter.

Volunteer Operations Roles (right) may also be asked to participate in periodic Board or leadership meetings.

ELECTION

BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Director-at-Large (up to 4 maximum)

Communicate with 15-20 Chapters every few months as the primary contact for the PTWW Chapter Care Program. Those chapters are assigned to the Directors-at-Large. Given today's pandemic, any onsite Chapter visits will be determined as travel/health guidelines allow.

Chairman, Independent Chapter

Communicate with all independent members every two months, distribute *Prime Times*, and participate in an I-Guys video meeting every 4-6 months.

Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Communicate with fellow Board Members, support Chapter inquiries, recommend Bylaws, and approve Policies & Procedures.

Role-specific skills must include business oversight, process and project management, and being part of a virtual international work team.

VOLUNTEER

OPERATIONS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

These roles are Board-appointed, non-voting members and are not subject to the nominating process.

Newsletter Editor, IT Web Tigers, Deputy Officers, Special Committees and Task Force Groups

Communicate with Officers to manage incoming Chapter Profiles, publications, technology for email distribution, web presence, and administrative support for business and planning needs.

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Publishing Guidelines for *Prime Times*

Our priorities focus newsletter content on:

1. **Official communication** from Prime Timers Worldwide Board on administration or topics of interest to all members and Local Chapter leadership teams.
2. **Chapter highlights** on visits or events from local leaders and Directors-at-Large, edited as space allows, with the full content

redirected to the website for continuation.

3. **Human interest or feature content** submitted by an individual which may be published as space available. However no author can be published in two consecutive issues unless content is part of a series.
4. **Public Service Announcements** may be published when Regional/Chapter gathering events are Board approved.

The “I Guys” Meeting Via Zoom

On April 17, the “I Guys” gathered via Zoom to chat and get updated on the convention coming up in Chattanooga. The amazing thing about Zoom is that we covered 8 time zones in this group gathering. That leads to unusual Zoom start times to allow a reasonable meeting time in all time zones but we were able to connect and were represented by guys from London, England to Bakersfield, California. This is a new way to help “I Guys” meet and there are plans for gatherings like this to be on at least a quarterly basis, maybe even more often. After information for the upcoming Chattanooga PTWW Convention was presented, it was great to let the “I Guys” know that there is a social/meeting for them in the schedule for the convention. The first such meeting, held in San Antonio, was a great success and the “I Guys” Chapter continues to grow each year.

Based on suggestions from the guys, we will be doing a survey of member interests and will seek ways to help with members connecting within the Chapter.

My thanks to those that joined the Zoom and I hope for an increase as we move forward with “I Guys” activities.

If anyone has friends located in places without a Prime Timers Chapter, please suggest the “I Guys” to them and they can find information on the web at: [I Guys Web Link](#)



Sam Powell

*Vice President & Acting
Chairman of Independent Chapter*

Multi-Chapter Zoom Bingo Hosted by PTDFW

Prime Timers of Dallas/Fort Worth enjoy monthly socials on 3rd Tuesdays. We play six online rounds, with the intermission open to sharing our lives and Local Chapter happenings. For more info email us at: primetimersdfw@gmail.com

BINGO WINNERS

March

Byron - Portland
Coley K. - Boston/RI
David S. - Austin
George P. - Omaha
Neil S. - DFW
Vincent P. - DFW

April

David S. - Austin
Gary P. - Austin
Helder L. - Boston/RI
Jay T. - Omaha (2)
Justin A. - DFW (2)
Ralph B. - DFW

Charlotte Prime Timers Back Meeting in Person

What a happy day it was on Sunday, April 11, 2021, when the Charlotte Prime Timers met in person for the first time since March 2020 because of Covid-19 restrictions. Still being very cautious, the group met on the Courtyard for the first 20 minutes to enjoy meeting and greeting the other members and guests and snacking on prepackaged goodies, sodas, and water.

After the time of outdoor socializing, the 59 guys in attendance moved inside the



gym of the Park Road Church Community Center and sat in chairs that had been arranged 6 ft. apart. The group also wore masks. President Sam P. welcomed the group and made the announcements, including the introduction of a new logo for the Chapter (right). Vice President Ron L. announced the birthdays for the next 30 days, and Jim T. announced the guest speaker, Dr. Keith Shealy (right above logo), who spoke on the current status of Covid-19.



All photos courtesy of Max Carroll

Max Carroll
Communications

Huntsville Prime Timers Resumes In-Person Events

We at Huntsville Prime Timers have started to resume in-person events this year. We all have so much catching up to do as we look forward to seeing past, current, and new members again! We are striving to do this in the best way we know in addressing any COVID-related concerns that anyone has. This includes a lot of outside-related events, and members taking any of the CDC safety recommendations as advised at each event. During our last board meeting, it was decided to continue these practices for the foreseeable future.

As of this writing, we lost two members who have moved out of state. However, since then, we have also gained three new members, in addition to one who rejoined after leaving us the year before. We have a few other prospective members whom I am feeling positive will be joining soon.

Our monthly meetings have been outside at a neighborhood park. The site offers picnic tables, public restrooms, and a nice pavilion which offers shade when needed and sun in the grassy area just outside of the structure. The park does have some activity from people who live in the neighborhood but is not nearly as congested as one finds at some of the larger parks in our city. We have had the run on the space while there! As the weather warms up, we will be returning to the same meeting hall, where we met in

the pre-pandemic days, if we feel it is a COVID-safe meeting place. Dining has been addressed by members bringing their own individual food and drink. There has been limited sharing of things like cookies or light snacks. We look forward to being able to have potlucks or grill outs when things get back closer to normal!

Our dining-out has been limited to outside venues. Food services employees

are masked behind the counter as well as at the table. It is unfortunate that this limits our choice of places, but we are concerned with everyone's safety. Our hope is this is short-lived, and once herd immunity has been reached, we will see something closer to our pre-pandemic dining experiences.

We are also trying to include more events on our calendar that we think our guys are interested in and might like to attend with a group of a few or more members. These include a porch music festival in a local community next month, a Chinese lantern floating event at Big Spring Park, the annual Five Points neighborhood yard sale, a picnic lunch at Cathedral Caverns along with a reduced rate for the guided tour, and the free Summer Concerts in The Park series Mondays, starting in June. We hope to add more public events as they are announced.

Photo courtesy of Dave R Kwit



Dave R. Kwit
Chapter President

Central Florida Prime Timers Go Dinosaur Hunting



In late March, a small adventurous group of Prime Timers of Central Florida members went in search of dinosaurs at Harry P. Leu Gardens in the heart of metropolitan Orlando, Florida.

It was the first major outing organized by the club now that nearly all of its members have received one of the COVID-19 vaccines.

The botanical gardens were host to Dinosaur Invasion, an exhibit created by fossil expert and collector Guy Darrough who has worked in the paleontology field for more than 45 years. The exhibit featured more than 20 life-size dinosaurs that ranged in size from 14 inches to a 33-foot Daspletosaurus, cousin to the Tyrannosaurus or T-Rex.



Started in 1936 by Harry P. and Mary Jane Leu, the gardens are home for an extensive collection of temperate and tropical flora that the Leus brought back from their worldwide travels. The gardens have extensive plantings of aroids, azaleas, bamboo, bananas, bromeliads, camellias, citrus, conifers, crape myrtles, cycads, ferns, flowering shrubs, flowering trees, gingers, heliconias, hibiscus, mallows, magnolias, ornamental grasses, palms, perennials, roses, trees and vines.

The Leus deeded their historic home and the gardens surrounding the home to the city of Orlando in 1961.

After touring the gardens and locating all of the dinosaurs on display, the Prime Timers then had lunch at Lam's Garden.



Top: Prime Timers of Central Florida go in search of dinosaurs at Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando in late March

Above: Daspletosaurus in Dinosaur Invasion exhibit at Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando

Right: Sordes in Dinosaur Invasion at Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando



Ron Bush
Secretary

All photos courtesy of Ron Bush

Cross Timbers Prime Timers Chapter Gathering



On Sunday, April 18, 2021, the Cross Timbers Prime Timers Chapter held a gathering at Dale Baker's home on Lake Leon near Eastland Texas at 1 PM.

Twenty-six members attended the gathering. Only 7 were absent. Those who came enjoyed a meal provided by the Chapter. The meal was pizza and fried chicken. After the meal, the members elected officers for year 2021-2022. The following officers were elected:

President: James Cato-Yates

Vice President: Billy M.

Treasurer: Stan McCracken

Secretary: Randy Crenshaw

Member-at-Large: Billy Parker

Member-at-Large: Brent H.

This is the first meeting of the group in over a year. The members were really glad to

see each other again. Gatherings of the group will be held on a monthly basis from now on. The Chapter has agreed to pay for the registration fee of any member who wishes to attend the PTWW Conference in October.

Both photos courtesy of AJ Ratliff

AJ Ratliff

Member



Men in the Kitchen – A Cookbook from High Sierra Prime Timers–Reno

With everyone hunkered down to stay healthy and safe throughout the last year, some of our members began to exchange recipes to offer variety to meals and suggest some nuances and helpful tips to liven up otherwise everyday dishes.

An HSPT Cookbook Committee formed to collect recipes offered from our Chapter Members and we're in the final stages of compiling our ***Men in the Kitchen*** cookbook of almost 110 recipes! In a quick 'n' dirty breakdown, we have about 45 entrées and an average of 16 offerings that span each of four other categories: Appetizers, Soups & Salads, Dips & Sauces, Breads & Sides, and Desserts & Libations. This will be a digital cookbook with access made available

Men in the Kitchen
A Cookbook from Prime Timers Reno



Favorite Tried & Tasty Recipes & Tips
from Men in the Kitchen

through a nominal contribution to the HSPT-Reno Chapter.

These are all tried ('proven') recipes that have been tweaked and especially crafted by our members, some handed down through generations and some derived through time-efficient shortcuts that offer great tasting dishes with minimal ingredients and effort.

When Men in the Kitchen is ready for distribution, you can obtain a copy with a nominal donation to the Chapter through our [website](#). We anticipate availability by mid-May.

It may sound corny, but we think this cookbook will be a-maize-ing!



Bruce Clatterbuck
Treasurer

Prime Timers of Myrtle Beach Charitable Outreach Program

Each Easter, the members of Prime Timers of Myrtle Beach make Easter Baskets for Help4Kids which is an organization that helps children in need. This year, through the efforts of our "Bunny Crew", 25 Easter Baskets were made and donated. This is part of our Chapter's Charitable Outreach program.



Daniel Hitchens
Chapter President



Photo courtesy of Prime Timers of Myrtle Beach SC

PTWW 2023 Convention Requests For Proposal

Prime Timers Worldwide is planning for our next Biennial Convention. But where will it be in North America?

If your Chapter is interested in learning more about hosting, you don't have to go it alone. Based on the 2019 and 2021 conventions, there

are great processes and people to help plan for 2023.

PTWW offers support and financials for:

1. Finding a hotel and negotiating room rates
2. Website communications and online registration

3. Planning for facilities, catering and hospitality.

Small Chapters can host, as volunteers from I-Guys and other Chapters always help.

Contact Mark H. if you have a question or want details.

ptww-info@primetimersww.com

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



Central Oklahoma Prime Timers Board-of-Directors, announces that the 25th C.O.P.T. Labor Day Get-A-Way Weekend celebration for this September 2021 has been **CANCELED**. Two reasons C.O.P.T. canceled include the hotels major renovations including no restaurant. The other reason is with the current health situation, we want our guests to remain healthy and safe until we welcoming you in 2022.

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 | tomcat9722@aol.com |
| 2022 | 22-FEB | <u>Southern Caribbean cruise</u> | Ron Camp | 614.581.2700 |
| 2022 | 3-FEB | <u>Athens-to-Rome cruise</u> | Michael Stone | 941.359.8212 |
| 2022 | 31-JUL | <u>Northern Europe cruise</u> | Ron Camp | 614.581.2700 |