

PRIME TIMES

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17th Biennial Convention
October 20-23, 2021
Embassy Suites/Hamilton Place
2321 Lifestyle Way, Chattanooga
COVID-19 vaccinations are required!

Register Online Below or Mail

https://primetimersww.com/convention/?page_id=70

Get your preferred badge name, sign up for Prime Games, and get on the mailing list for info on convention updates, prix fixe dinners and drink packages.

Pay Online Below or Mail-in

ptww-chattanooga-convention-105096.square.site/

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

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

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

Reserve a Host Hotel Room

Room rate of \$186.43/night including tax!!

Each two-room suite sleeps 1-4 persons, King or two Queens, Cook-to-Order Breakfast, and Manager's 5-7 PM Reception for each person registered in that room.

Call the Hotel at 423-602-5100

State you are with **Prime Timers Worldwide** or use group code **CESPTW**. Official room block is for **TUE-WED-THU-FRI** nights. Additional nights can be reserved **MON** and **SAT** at the Embassy Suites with the same **CESPTW** code.

Regional Zoom Calls In July

PTWW VP Sam Powell hosts with your Directors-at-Large for an hour-long video conference. Each Chapter President receives an invitation to share with up to 5 other officers or leaders.

We'll update details about the 2021 Convention hotel, schedule, and registration.

During each session there will be a Q&A time for Chapters to ask PTWW and each other about their activities to 'Come out of Covid' and any other questions that Chapters may have.



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Nominations and Elections Timetable

THU, JUL 8 - NOMINATIONS **OPEN**

Local Chapter Presidents may nominate ONE member in good standing to serve on the 2021-2023 WW Board of Directors in any position, open or opposing an incumbent.

Each Chapter's nomination will include that candidate's letter of qualifications and goals in wanting to be a PTWW leader on this volunteer Board. Send nominations to:

nominations@ptww.org

SUN, JUL 31 - NOMINATIONS **CLOSE**

MON, AUG 1 - SUN, AUG 15 REVIEW

The Nominating Committee reviews each nomination and may approve all, some, or none of the submitted nominees.

Committee members are Chair Jim S. (Chicago), Pat K. (Houston), Marc G. (Santa Barbara), AJ R. (Cross Timbers), and Coley K. (Boston).

SUN, SEP 9 - NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

THU, OCT 21 - VOTING and RESULTS

Board Roles & Responsibilities

Each Board candidate for a Directors-at-Large, Chairman, or Officer role ***MUST*** be able to manage emails with attachments and navigate spreadsheets proficiently, and participate in occasional video meetings of the Board. Role-specific skills must include business oversight, process and project management, and being part of a WORKING Board.

Director-at-Large (up to 4 maximum)

Communicate with assigned Chapters every few months as the primary contact for the Chapter Care Program, plus facilitate officer changes and leadership.

Chairman, I-Guys

E-communicate with 80+ individuals every two months.

Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Support Chapters, Bylaws, operations, and approve Policies & Procedures.

As of 1-JUL, here are plans for incumbent members:

President

Mark is seeking re-election.

Vice President

open - Current VP Sam is again seeking Chair, I-Guys which he chaired in 2017-19.

Secretary

Charles is seeking election.

Treasurer

open - Current Jim O'Brien is term-limited and is seeking a Director-at-Large role.

Chair, I-Guys

open - Ron is not seeking a Board role, see Sam above.

Director-at-Large

open - Rafael is seeking Vice President.

Director-at-Large

open - A.J. is not seeking a Board role.

Director-at-Large

John is seeking election.

Director-at-Large

M. Sinn is seeking re-election.

Prime Timers Worldwide Leadership Team and Board*

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Recharging First Timers' Impressions

As this pandemic slowly ends, each Local Chapter should be prepared for the avalanche of men looking for new social opportunities.

Today is the time to SHOUT OUT your activities to current and potential members.

1. On your website, post a monthly "general public venue" to meet for lunch or dinner at a set location - allowing for seating with tables of 4-6 men.
2. A buffet or counter service allows men to show up, without having to necessarily RSVP.

3. This also gives a newcomer the option to show up or "walk on by", as we all can relate to showing up the first time at a gay bar or social event.

4. Have someone wear a Prime Timers shirt to help identify the group.

5. Keeping the same restaurant each month provides a common space

and regular timing, like First Tuesday Lunch at 11:00 AM, for example.

6. MOST IMPORTANT: If you see a man looking around, SOMEONE needs to go up ask, "Are you looking for Prime Timers?"

We all need to reconnect with our fellow Prime Timers and welcome those looking for new social opportunities.



Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

Energizing Chapter Business Continuity

As we look to Chattanooga 2021, PTWW is committed to strengthening our Chapters. Here's how we'll do it:

1. Each Chapter receives a **NUMBER** recognizing its official affiliation with PTWW. As officers change over the years, documents get misplaced, so let's refresh from the start, like Boston 1987 as Chapter #1.
2. **Chapters** will be asked to credential their current operations.

3. There **MUST** be at least **three (3) different contact names** in a Chapter Profile since time-sensitive emails or phone calls need to reach Chapters. Your Director-at-Large will be assisting updates.

4. Like me, some local leaders have **2+ roles to fulfill** in a Chapter. We all need "back up" since tough life events like auto accidents, health issues, and COVID-19 quickly impact us all.

Ask someone to help out with a regular task, like being a greeter, handing out badges, hosting a potluck or being a dine-out captain. We need friendly, kind men to keep socializing as Prime Timers.

Join us in Chattanooga, join us for the Thursday Open Forum to share your local success stories on keeping your Local Chapter going through the pandemic while looking forward to 2022.

Mark H.



Our Biennial Convention includes a regular business meeting. This is the official governance activity for our incorporated Original Prime Timers Worldwide, Inc.

Credentialed Voting Is Only by Chapter Presidents of Record or Their Designated Proxy Holder

Each Chapter gets one vote in electing Board Members and Officers, with the Chapter President being the authorized delegate to cast any vote.

If a Chapter President cannot attend, he can formally designate a voting delegate for the meeting **in advance of the election date**. The PTWW Secretary Charles will distribute chapter proxy forms mid-September.

However, last minute walk-in proxies will not be accepted as an authorized voting delegate for any Chapter at the business meeting.

What You Can Expect At The Business Meeting

Thursday, 22 October, 2021

Tentative Agenda and Expected Votes

Roll Call of Chapters

Review of 2019-21 Financials

Bylaws Change (*re: handshake logo*)

2022-23 Budget Approval

2021-23 Board Elections

Open Forum / Presidents' Roundtable

Attendance is open to all Prime Timers from all Chapters. Selected Chapter Presidents and designated scribes will discuss assigned topics and recommend how PTWW can better Local Chapters.

Post-Convention and Follow-ups

Meeting minutes, election and by-laws results, along with Forum/ Roundtable output will be communicated within two weeks of the event.

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. **Public Service Announcements** may be published when regional/chapter gathering events are Board approved.

3. **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.

4. **Human interest or feature content** submitted by an individual from a Chapter (including Independent) in good standing may be published as space allows.

Central Florida Prime Timers Remembers the Pulse Tragedy



Interim memorial at Pulse nightclub

Many people remember where they were and what they were doing when they first heard about a momentous historic event occurring, such as the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963 in Dallas or the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center in New York and damaged the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

To mark the fifth anniversary of the June 12, 2016 Pulse tragedy in which 49 people

were killed and 53 others wounded by Omar Mateen and many more injured as they escaped the carnage, several Prime Timers of Central Florida members share their memories of when they first heard the news.

For some Prime Timers, the first news they heard of the Pulse tragedy came from phone calls.

Carlos Murphy said he “learned about the Pulse nightmare after receiving phone calls

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from my much younger cousins inquiring if I was OK. Then I hear the news on TV.”

Likewise, Ron Bush said, “A former co-worker called me about 7 o’clock that Sunday morning asking if I was OK. She then told me she had heard about the shooting on the early morning news.”

Other Prime Timers such as Matt Stewart and Gary Snider heard about the shooting when they began receiving texts from people they knew. Matt said, “Gary and I were on our way to Vermont to be married. We were getting texts and messages from people. We were at a loss to know what was happening.”

Prime Timer Jeter Walker said he first heard about the Pulse shooting at “a 10 a.m. Sunday meeting which had been moved from the [LGBT+] Center [Orlando] to a space across the street. . . . Our meeting rapidly turned into a grief counseling [session] trying to make sense out of the largest mass shooting in the U.S. at that time. Afterwards, I walked over to the Center to offer whatever help I could.”

Some Prime Timers first heard the news when they turned on their TV Sunday morning. Norm Blanchette said, “I first heard the news about the Pulse shootings on TV at home early Sunday morning. Later that afternoon, I went to the Parliament House to socialize with fellow Prime Timers. I just had to be with friends that day.”

Bob Frew said he and his late partner Urbie Madore first heard about the Pulse shooting “when we woke up and Urbie went on the computer. . . . that was about

6 a.m. . . . [We thought] the reports were being blown out of proportion because why would anybody do something like that? We went to church and everything there was speculation. Then a person no one knew came in visibly shaken. The ushers helped him and then went to tell the pastor who invited him to share his experience . . . he was our firsthand report of what happened when he was in the club.”

News of the Pulse tragedy was heard around the world. For Richard Nottingham who was in the midst of wrapping up his teaching job at the Kyiv International School in the Ukraine before the summer break, the shooting was just another mass shooting in his homeland where such shootings occur way too frequently. The fact that the shooting happened at an LGBT club only sunk in recently.

Nottingham, who has embarked on a new relationship, said, “The other day driving in Orlando, I passed the Pulse nightclub. For the first time I saw the club and the faces on the surrounding protective walls that close off the site of this horrific crime. That’s when it hit me. I am moving to Orlando with my lover whom I hope to marry. Our lives could be lost in a senseless act just as easily as were those pictured in the memorial wall. . . . It could happen to us, to Gene and to me. We must never forget that or take what we have for granted. That’s the lesson of Pulse.”

Photo courtesy of Ken Barnard



Ron Bush
Secretary (PTCF)

Charlotte Prime Timers Picnic



Having to cancel last year's picnic due to Covid-19 made this year's picnic an even more joyous occasion for the Charlotte Prime Timers. Nearly 70 members and guests met at Park Road Park, Large Shelter 1, on June 19 to enjoy a day of barbecue, fellowship, yard games, music, and hiking. The meal consisted of pulled pork, beef brisket, macaroni and cheese, and green beans and was catered by City Barbecue. The desserts were prepared by various members. All the food and desserts were delicious. Most important of all, six new members were added to the Chapter at the picnic.

All photos courtesy of Max Carroll

Max Carroll
Communications



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New Logos from Two Chapters

Prime Timers of Phoenix



Wichita Prime Timers



If your Chapter is about to launch a new logo, please let us know!

Baltimore Prime Timers Book Group

In September 2011, a small group of Baltimore Prime Timers assembled at a member's house in Fells Point and chatted about Annie Proulx's novella, "Brokeback Mountain." The film based on Proulx's story had come out in 2005, but many have never read the original.

And, thus, the Baltimore Prime Timers Book Group came into existence.

The Book Group continues to meet (currently via ZOOM) each month and has become one of Baltimore Prime Timers longest-lived activities, marking its tenth year this fall. Prior to the pandemic, the Group met at the home of another member and his husband. The hosts have been active participants in each evening's discussion, along with whichever members are able (or are sufficiently engaged by that month's chosen title) to join in. One very regrettable side-effect of the Group's (hopefully, temporary) migration to ZOOM is the absence of the hosts' generous post-discussion refreshments. More than once, a home-made Birthday cake has honored one of the readers!

The Book Group has, over the near-decade of its existence, read nearly one

hundred books. Selections are limited to gay-themed or gay-authored titles. Discussions are lively ... and opinions are by no means always unanimous.

On two occasions, the Group was honored to invite authors to attend the discussion: James Magruder (*Love Slaves of Helen Hadley Hall*) and John McLucas (*Dialogues on the Beach*). Those were incredibly special nights!

Book groups typically have a notoriously short life span. The Baltimore Prime Timers Book Group has defied those odds ... and shows no sign of slowing down!



Ralph Welsh

President

Bingo Winners

MAY Multi-Chapter	Gary P. - Austin TX
Bingo Winners	Justin A. - Dallas/FW
Gary W. - Dallas/FW	David T. - Pittsburgh
Ed C. - Dallas/FW	

Wanted: Chapter Host for PTWW 2023 Convention

Prime Timers Worldwide is looking to future Biennial Conventions in either Canada or the United States.

If your Chapter is interested in hosting the 2023 convention, you don't have to go it alone. Based on 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 questions or want details.

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Free Program for Adults with Memory Loss and their Care Partners

Aging with Pride: IDEA (Innovations in Dementia Empowerment and Action) at the University of Washington is offering a free program for the LGBTQ community. The IDEA program is the first federally-funded research study examining ways to improve the health and quality of life for adults with memory loss and their care partners in the LGBTQ community.

The study seeks to determine if an evidence-based program developed by leading experts in dementia is effective in helping people in the LGBTQ community who are experiencing memory loss or caring for someone with memory loss. Care partners can be a spouse, partner, adult child, relative, friend, or anyone who helps the person with memory loss. Either the person with memory loss or their care partner must be LGBTQ and both participate as a pair. The person with memory loss must be 50 years or older.

The IDEA program includes nine individualized sessions with a trained coach. The coach teaches the pair problem-solving skills to improve behavioral challenges and issues and improve communication. A low-impact exercise program including stretching, flexibility, and balance to strengthen the body, reduce injury and improve mood is also included in the sessions.

The sessions are individualized and virtual, using easy video chatting. Participants don't have to leave home to participate, can live anywhere in the U.S., and are compensated for completing phone interviews.

To learn more call 1-888-655-6646 or email ageIDEA@uw.edu. You can also visit the IDEA website at <https://ageidea.org/>

Amy Cunningham

Aging with Pride: IDEA Research Coordinator



Does someone you care about have memory loss?

This FREE program for LGBTQ+ adults can help!

CALL 1-888-655-6646

- Nine coaching sessions for you and the person with memory loss.
- Complete the virtual program from the comfort of your home.
- Compensation for completing five phone interviews.

Contact us today

Call 1-888-655-6646, email ageIDEA@uw.edu or visit [ageIDEA.org](https://ageidea.org).

Aging with Pride: IDEA
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With people around the world receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, Prime Timers feel more comfortable being around others without fear of becoming a health statistic.

Keep PTWW updated on your Chapter's activities. Send stories and photo images to Adrian at: newsletter.primetimesww@gmail.com

The Brand: Prime Timers Worldwide

The PTWW Board of Directors is the ONLY authority to approve and give permission to use the identity of “Prime Timers Worldwide” for any activity, event, product, service, or travel recognized as being affiliated with our incorporated international Society for any financial, organization, or member benefits.

Prime Timers Worldwide does NOT support ANY current cruises advertised as “Prime Timers Worldwide and others present...”

1. Prime Timers Worldwide is NOT affiliated with and takes NO responsibility for such cruises and has notified those promoters to immediately remove any stated or implied official or unofficial business connection with Prime Timers Worldwide.
2. Some Chapters have inadvertently posted the misleading “*Prime Timers Worldwide and others present*” flyer on their websites. They are being asked to replace that flyer on their websites with one NOT displaying or listing Prime Timers Worldwide as a current travel promoter on that cruise.
3. A Local Prime Timer Chapter is welcome to sponsor any travel event on its own, although that event will be at its own respective liability. In addition, any associated advertisement must prominently



and clearly display the full name of the sponsoring Prime Timer Chapter(s) and never just use or include the words “Prime Timers”.

Any future cruise, activity, service, event, or product sponsored and/or authorized by the Board of Directors of Prime Timers Worldwide will be clearly identified as such to avoid any misleading advertising.

Use of the PTWW logo, half-page promotions in *Prime Times*, and the official website will clearly indicate whenever Prime Timers Worldwide endorses and sponsors any product, service, activity or event in the future.

From time to time, the PTWW Board may choose to provide space for paid advertisements in this newsletter or website. Such ads cannot in any way indicate that PTWW endorses said cruises, events, activities, products, services or travel ventures. PTWW advertising rates and terms were established and published in the January 2020 *Prime Times*.

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

The following items on this page are unpaid promotions not directly sponsored by a recognized Prime Timers chapter and are published as a public service announcement of social activities which may interest gay/bi men. Prime Timers Worldwide does not receive any compensation nor proceeds from these activities below and in no way assumes any liability for claims, errors, or omissions nor negligence arising from these promotions or activities. Activities may be listed up to 36 months in advance and subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors of Prime Timers Worldwide.

Year	Departs	Destination	Contact	Telephone
2022	20-FEB	Southern Caribbean cruise	Ron Camp	614.581.2700
2022	3-MAR	Athens-to-Rome cruise	Michael Stone	941.359.8212
2022	30-JUL	Northern Europe cruise	Ron Camp	614.581.2700