

Photo courtesy of Justin Allen



## 210+ Attend Chattanooga Convention; Attend 32 Workshops, Seminars, and Events

### Required Vaccinations Provided a Safe Space

Over 200 Prime Timers and guests enjoyed the options of socializing with other vaccinated men during the 4-day biennial showcase.

Our friendly Chattanooga Chapter hosts were always friendly, ready to help and provided local answers to attendees questions for sightseeing and dining.

The Opening Session Lunch, Thursday Evening Reception by Boston Scientific, and Closing Banquet were catered by Ruth's Chris Steak House, as the

onsite restaurant at the Embassy Suites host hotel.

Sadly many Prime Timers residing in Australia, Canada, and the UK were not able to easily attend this convention due to US travel restrictions. Their participation was sadly missed.

### Evening Socials, Games

Train Dominoes and Party Bridge (a favorite game of

Photo courtesy of Justin Allen



## Welcome Our New Chapter Kamloops BC!

During a pandemic with 26 men, a new Prime Timers' group in Western Canada is up and running as the fourth chapter in British Columbia. Website and all!

Woody Baldwin) kept most nights buzzing as men "covered their doubles" Tuesday-Thursday nights.

### Boston Scientific

Its education team presented a session on urological prosthetics, followed by an appetizer reception.

## In This Issue

From the PTWW Board	2
Chapter News	6
Research Study	10
Chapter Events	11
Travel and Promotions	12

Take any photos in Chattanooga? Share your pics for the Convention Gallery and email your images to:

[newsletter.primetimersww@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.primetimersww@gmail.com)

Coming soon: <https://theprimetimersww.com/convention-highlights/>

# Convention Photos



Photo courtesy of Adrian Liau



Photo courtesy of Adrian Liau



Photo courtesy of Gary Kenzer



Photo courtesy of David Gunton



Photo courtesy of David Gunton



Photo courtesy of David Gunton

**Top Left:** Registration and volunteers from the Chattanooga Prime Timers; **Top Right:** Opening Ceremony with President Mark Hatten; **Center Left:** Evening Games Night; **Center Right:** At one of the workshops; **Bottom Left:** Friday night banquet; **Bottom Right:** Boots on the Ground Awards ceremony with Stephen Barnhart, Sam Powell, & Mark Hatten

## Minutes from 2021 General Business Meeting

The General Business Meeting and Board Election was called to order by President Mark Hatten at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. A Roll Call of all Prime Timer Chapters was made by Secretary Charles Koehler in order to establish a quorum of at least 28 delegates. Chapter Presidents or Proxy Delegates were called by Nearest Major City with 47 delegates recorded:

Asheville NC	Columbia SC	Hartford CT	Myrtle Beach SC	Reno NV
Atlanta GA	Columbus OH	Huntsville AL	Nanaimo BC	Richmond VA
Billings MT	Dallas/Ft. Worth TX	Independents	New Orleans LA	Sacramento CA
Canton OH	Dayton OH	Indianapolis IN	Oklahoma City OK	San Antonio TX
Chicago IL	Denver CO	Kansas City MO	Omaha NE	Sarasota FL
Charlotte NC	Des Moines IA	Las Vegas NV	Orlando FL	St. Louis MO
Chattanooga TN	Grand Rapids MI	Minneapolis MN	Phoenix AZ	Tallahassee FL
Cincinnati OH	Hamilton ON	Mineral Wells TX	Palm Springs CA	Tampa Bay FL
Cleveland OH	Harlingen TX	Mobile AL	Providence RI	Tulsa OK
	Hartford CT			Vancouver BC

**Chapters not represented at Roll Call:**

Baltimore MD	Columbia MO	New Jersey	Raleigh NC	Tucson AZ
Boston MA	Eau Claire WI	Ottawa ON	San Francisco CA	Washington DC
Calgary AB	Edmonton AB	Palm Beaches FL	Santa Barbara CA	Wichita KS
Charleston SC	Nashville TN	Pittsburgh PA	Seattle WA	Victoria BC
Charleston WV	Norfolk VA	Portland OR	Toronto ON	

### Financial Reports

PTWW Treasurer Jim O’Brian presented the Statement of Activities for FY-2020 (see right box) and YTD-2021 (excluding current convention accounting), the Balance Sheet as of YTD-OCT-2021 (with accompanying notes), and a proposed Budget for years 2022-23. All attendees received the handouts, as Jim explained the planned Chapter Care visit expenses were not incurred due to the pandemic.

**Motion BM21-01: Accept Finance Reports**

David Gunton (HAM) moved to accept the Treasurer’s Statement of Financial activities for 2020 and YTD-OCT-2021. Seconded by Sam Powell (CLT).

*Vote: 47 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.*

Original Prime Timers World Wide, Inc. Statement of Income For the Year Ended, December 31, 2020	
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Membership Dues - Chapters	\$ 12,623.00
Membership Dues - Independent Chapter	\$ 767.25
Chapter Late Payment Fees	\$ 65.00
Convention Income from San Antonio	\$ 6,675.47
Domain Registration Renewals	\$ 89.28
Interest Earned	\$ 8.75
<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 20,228.75</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Conference Call Telephone Expense	\$ 235.72
Insurance - General	\$ 1,734.89
Office Supplies	\$ 159.10
Square Fees	\$ 12.68
Canadian eXchange Rate Fees	\$ 30.63
Travel - Chapter Care Visits	\$ 822.44
Microsoft Office 365 Subscription	\$ 74.36
Website Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,518.82
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 4,588.64</u>
<b>Net Income for the Year</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,640.11</u></b>

## Minutes from Business Meeting (continued)

### Proposed Operations Budget

Dues return to \$2/member and over \$40,000 in reserve funds, the Board plans to again restart the Chapter Visit Program at a cost of \$12,500/year to cover expenses, with no dues increase. This will result in deficit spending for 2022-23.

#### **Motion BM21-02: Accept Proposed Budget**

Ron M. (DAY) moved to accept the 2022-23 Budget as presented below. Seconded by Wally D. (TPB).

*Vote: 47 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.*

Description	2022	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Chapter Membership Dues (5400 Members @ \$2)	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00
Independent Memberships Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
Domain Registration Renewals - Income From Chapters	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,430.00
Interest Earned	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 12,539.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,589.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Bluehost - 3 year hosting Contract	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
Codeguard Entrprise License Back-Up Software	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Chapter Domain Registration Renewals	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 1,430.00
Wordprint The Event Calendar - Enterprise License	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
Annual Zoom Pro License	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Insurance - Director's and Officers and General Liability	\$ 1,061.00	\$ 1,061.00
Quickbooks on-Line	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Microsoft Office Annual Renewal	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Chapter Care Travel Expense	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 18,516.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,816.00</b>
<b>Excess Revenues over Expenitures/ Excess Expenditures over Revenues</b>	<b>\$ (5,977.00)</b>	<b>\$ (3,227.00)</b>

### Biennial Elections

#### **Motion BM21-03: Elections to the Board**

David K. (HNT) moved to accept the 2021-2023 Slate of Candidates by acclamation as presented. Seconded by Marvin L. (CHI).

*Vote: 47 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.*

Those newly elected Board members were then immediately installed. The meeting adjourned for the six Presidents' Roundtables for input on issues for Chapters, PTWW, and Operations.

## 2021-2023 PTWW Board

### **President**

**Mark Hatten\* - Texas**

*ptww-info@primetimersww.com*

### **Vice President**

**Jim O'Brien\* - Virginia**

*ptww-vicepresident@primetimersww.com*

### **Directors-at-Large**

**Pacific/Mtn: John Rachau\* - Arizona**

*ptww.atlarge1.org@gmail.com*

**North/East: David Gunton\* - Ontario**

*ptww.atlarge2.org@gmail.com*

**Central: Rafael DeJesus\* - Colorado**

*ptww.atlarge3.org@gmail.com*

**South/East: Everett Rosner\* - Florida**

*ptww.atlarge4.org@gmail.com*

### **Chair, Independent Chapter**

**Sam Powell\* - South Carolina**

*ptww-iguys@primetimersww.com*

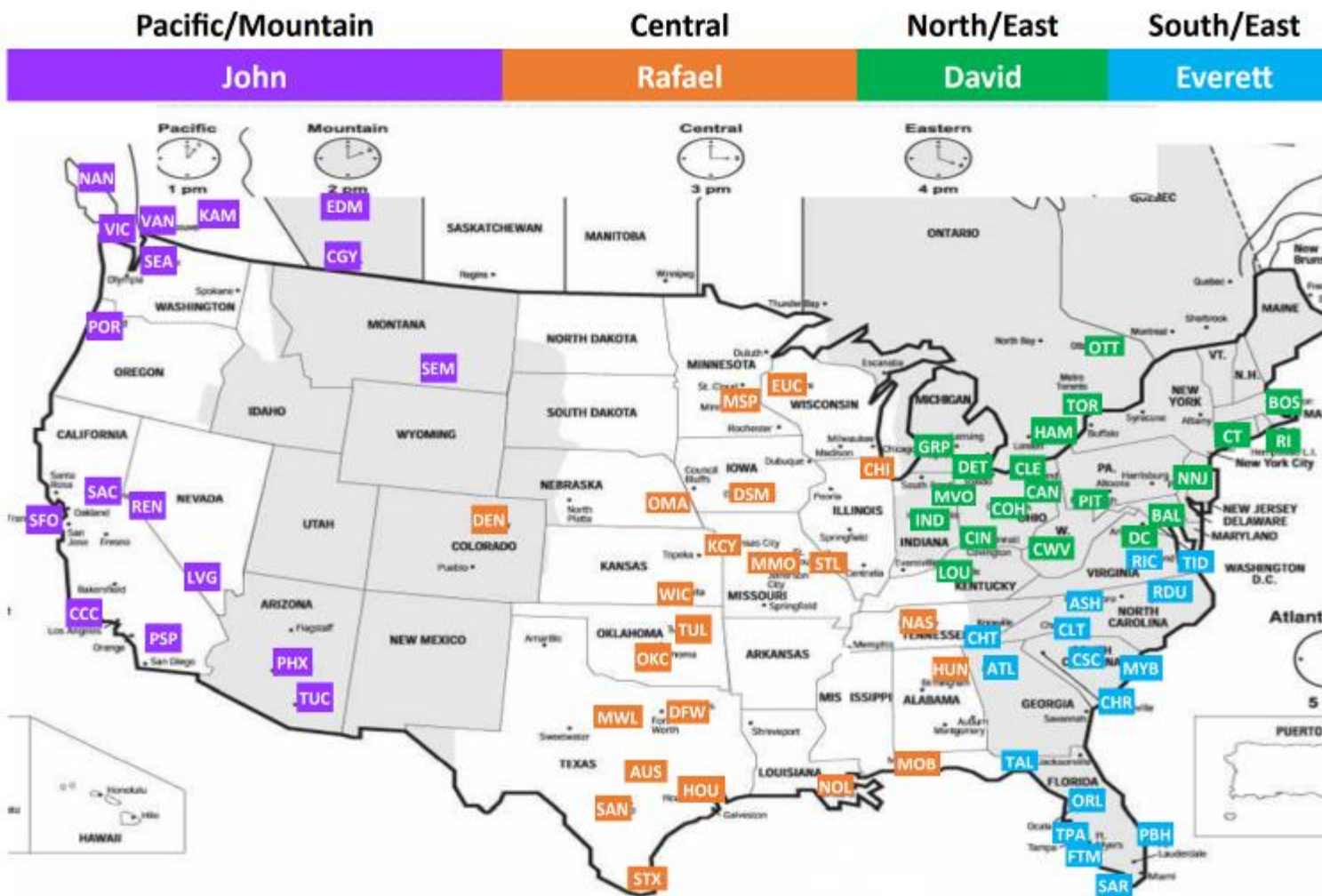
**Treasurer - to be appointed later**

### **Secretary**

**Charles Koehler\* - Illinois**

*ptww.secretary.org@gmail.com*

## Chapter Care Regions - Reorganized by Time Zones



## 2022 Zoom Conferences Scheduled for All Chapters

### Keeping Line of Sight Communications in 2022

PTWW Directors-at-Large are planning sessions for the regions identified above. Invitations will be sent to each Chapter President to share with up to five more of each local leadership team. Topics will include growing chapters and business con-

tinuity options. After several chapters lost records when presidents exited suddenly, it was deemed that PTWW become the repository or archive for key chapter documents. This will help safeguard transfer of key financial or member records.

Sam will hold a separate I-Guys Zoom for travel topics.

### Web Guys Zoom Topics

Re-strengthening each chapter's online presence was identified as a priority. For the PTWW-hosted web sites on WordPress CMS platform, a video conference will discuss and update current best practices, template options, and e-distribution.

### Summer Zoom Topics

A second round of these All-Chapters video call will also be scheduled in late July or early August.

## Recognizing PTWW Convention



Photo courtesy of Justin Allen

Table games anchored evening socializing and are encouraged to be included in all upcoming Multi-Chapter gatherings in 2022-2023.

### 2022 PTWW Bridge Champions (below L to R)

Joe H. - San Antonio, 4th

Jason G. - Dallas/FW, 1st

Jack S. - Phoenix, 3rd

Brian M. - Dallas/FW, 2nd



Photo courtesy of Justin Allen

### PTWW Operations Team (above L to R)

Adrian Liau, Newsletter Editor

Errol Waits, Facebook

Ed Slater, Deputy Secretary

Brian Minnette, Local Web Sites

Thanks to these four men above for managing our *Prime Timers* newsletter, monthly website calendars, updates, and daily Facebook posts.

## TriState Prime Timers Outing



Photo courtesy of TriState Prime Timers

On Sunday, October 10, 83 men gathered at Winton Woods, a park in a northern suburb of Cincinnati, for TriState Prime Timers' annual pig roast. This event has become TSPT's largest with men coming from various parts of the region. This year



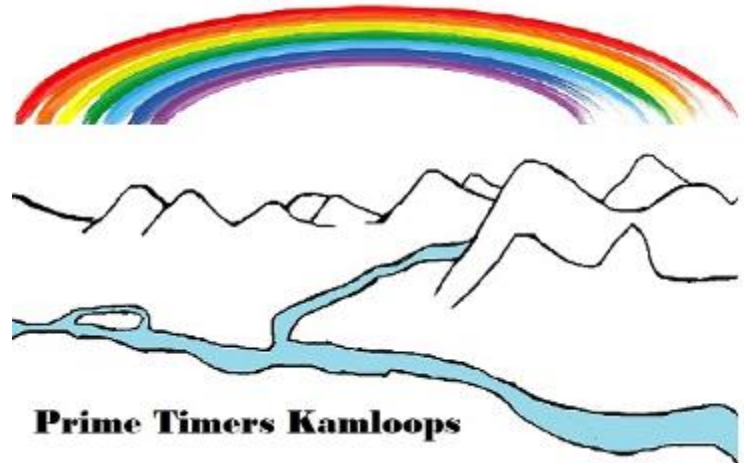
Prime Timers came from Chicago, IL; Bloomington, IN; Akron and Dayton, OH; Charleston and Huntington, WV as well as from the Tristate (OH, KY, IN). Everyone enjoyed the food, conversation, laughter, and perfect weather, which was a nice gift from Mother Nature to help the group celebrate TSPT's 24th anniversary.

*Rich Pingilley*

*Board Member at Large*

## Newest PTWW Chapter: Kamloops

We are pleased to announce the first AGM of the newest chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, Prime Timers of Kamloops, on November 20, 2021, at 11 a.m., at Kamloops United Church. We encourage not only Kamloopsians but residents anywhere in the British Columbia Interior to join us for the meeting and, hopefully, become members, as we are the only chapter of Prime Timers on the BC mainland outside Vancouver. If you are travelling to Kamloops for this event and would like to be billeted please contact us through Facebook!



**Prime Timers Kamloops**

*Joe Robinson  
President*

## Potlucks with Wichita Prime Timers

Our potlucks are generally well attended and most times attended more than any other event in the month. They are not just fun, food and games, although we have played games like Bingo, Family Feud, or Trivial Pursuit and games of our design like Spell It, Draw It or Act It. Other times our potlucks have been educational as when we have guest speakers of gay interest or achievements.

We first started with inviting one of our local TV weathermen, Ross Janssen who is very informative. We had Brian, a college student and representative from That Gay Group at Wichita State



Ross Janssen and the late Millie,  
The Weather Dog

University. He spoke to us about their on campus group and his involvement in the prevention of the high suicide rate among gay youth. Also from Wichita State University was history professor Dr. Jay Price, whom we helped in identifying local gay bar history as we reminisced. When I was growing up gay, we ran from the police, like we would run from the Sissy Beaters, with both results being generally the same. But now, we would invite the Police to come and talk to us. Sgt. Vanessa Rusco, LGBTQ Liaison from the Wichita Police Department, told us of her involvement in our community as it relates to police matters.

*Continued next page*

## Potlucks (continued)

Earlier this year, we had as our guest, Jared Cerullo, our first openly gay City Council Member, and his husband. Jared listened and talked to us about a number of our concerns, including the problem with homeless people. Another first was the first openly gay President of Wichita State University, Dr. Rick Muma. Both he and his husband, Dr. Rick Case attended our potluck. He told us about WSU and they told us about their family. It was a great visit and they were well received.

Occasionally, our potlucks have also been the site for celebrations of life of members who have passed on. This month was one for Bill Hodges, former president of the Wichita chapter as well as the Kansas City chapter. His son, Philip Hodges and Philip's husband, Gary Reed, both members, gave a moving tribute to his father. They also generously provided the food for our potluck; we provided the desserts. We've also had guests from Kansas City and St. Louis. It was one of our bigger crowds.

Next year, after our Thanksgiving and Christmas potlucks, we'll begin with a speaker from the Audubon Society who will give a presentation on National Parks as suggested by one of our members. We'll continue to offer guest speakers at our potlucks as members suggest or as the interest continues.

If you happen to have a chance to visit Wichita, Kansas, please contact us or visit our calendar to see what events we provide and join us.

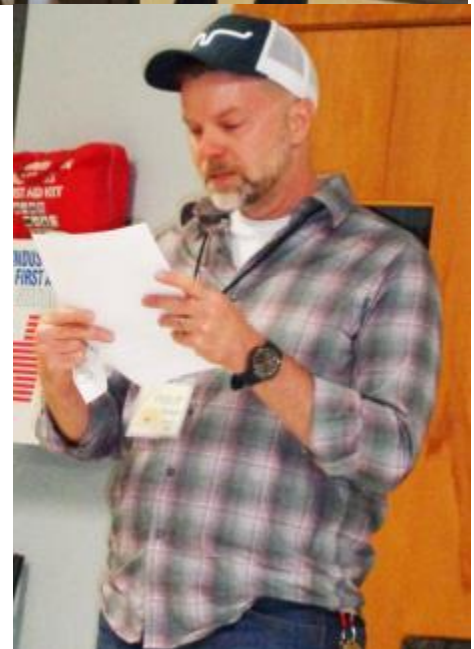
*Martin Mendoza*  
Activities Coordinator

**Right:** Jared Cerullo and his husband, Brandon

**Center:** Dr. Rick Case and Dr. Rick Muma

**Bottom:** Philip Hodges reading his tribute to his late father, Bill Hodges

All photos courtesy of Wichita Prime Timers





## No Man Is An Island

In the last couple of weeks, a couple of our fellow Prime Timers needed some help with making out-patient surgery appointments. Doing this made me think of the quote “no man is an island” and how we need others to help us through this life. I didn’t know where there quote came from so, I Googled it.

The original poem was written by John Donne in the 16th century;

### NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

No man is an island,

Entire of itself:

Every man is a piece of the continent,

A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea,

Europe is the less,

As well as if the promontory were:

As well as if a manor of thy friend’s

Or of thine own were.

Any man’s death diminishes me,

Because I am involved in mankind.

And therefor never send to know for whom  
the bell tolls;

It tolls for thee.

The basic theme of the poem is that we are connect to each other, no one is separate from the rest and every human

being is part of the whole of humanity. Every loss or death is a loss to the whole of us, we are part of the whole and interconnected. We are all involved the workings of Humankind. When the church bell tolls a death, it is not just for that person but like everyone has died.

I find this to be true in the case of Prime Timers. Some have been accepted by our birth families, unfortunately, some of have lost our birth families due to our sexual orientation. Thankfully, many of us have developed families of choice. I see the Prime Timers of Phoenix as a family of choice. We are here to be interconnected, we all need human contact, and we all need each other at some time or another. I have lived through almost seven and a half decades, in parts of two centuries and in two millennium. I did not get here alone and I am proud to say that I have helped many through their journey of life.

Let’s be kind to each other, let’s stay connect to each other, and let’s help each other through life because nobody lives forever. We are diminished when one of us dies.

After all, no man is an island.

*John Rachau*  
*President*



### Prime Timers Worldwide Contact Info

Web: [primetimersww.com/contact-us-form/](http://primetimersww.com/contact-us-form/)

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PrimeTimersWW>

Email: [ptww-info@primetimersww.com](mailto:ptww-info@primetimersww.com)

# Free Program for Adults with Memory Loss and their Caregivers

Caring for a loved one with memory loss is difficult under the best of circumstances, but those in the LGBTQ community face additional challenges because of their identity and a lifetime of marginalization, stigma and trauma. Caregivers might be reluctant to take advantage of resources in the community, fearing discrimination or hostility. They might feel unwelcome in support groups. Or they might forego medical care for their loved one because they don't have an "official" status to make decisions.

Aging with Pride: IDEA (Innovations in Dementia Empowerment and Action) from the University of Washington is the first federally-funded research study examining ways to improve the health and quality of life for adults with memory loss and their caregivers in the LGBTQ community. Aging with Pride: IDEA coaches provide an evidenced-based intervention tailored to reduce stress and improve physical function while addressing the unique needs of LGBTQ older adults.

The person with memory loss and their caregiver participates as a pair and at least one of them must be LGBTQ. The caregiver can be a spouse, partner, adult child, relative, friend, or anyone who helps the person with memory loss.

The IDEA program includes nine

individualized sessions with a trained coach. The coach provides:



**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](mailto:ageIDEA@uw.edu) or visit [ageIDEA.org](http://ageIDEA.org).

Aging with Pride: IDEA  
IDEA is a partnership of Innovation, Empowerment and Action

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

AgeLine  
Dementia Research

**Problem-solving: Coaching** to identify consistent areas of tension and brainstorm ideas and approaches to improve behavior problems.

**Communication: Coaching** in strategies to address communication challenges related to memory loss/dementia.

**Low-level exercise Stretching**, flexibility, and balance exercises to strengthen the body, support independence, reduce injury and improve mood.

**Connection to community resources** specific to LGBTQ aging and caregiving.

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. Tablets with connectivity and plus tech support can be provided if needed.

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

*Amy Cunningham*

*Aging with Pride: IDEA Research  
Coordinator*

## Chapter Events

**Tri-State Prime Timers (Cincinnati OH)** wishes to invite all members of all chapters and guests to our annual Holiday Dinner on December 12, 2021. This year we are offering a free membership for 2022 if you join us for our holiday meal.

For many years we have celebrated together during the holiday season at this family owned Cincinnati Restaurant. The farm is well known for its fried chicken dinners.

### **The Farm Restaurant**

239 Anderson Ferry Rd  
Cincinnati OH 45238

3:00 pm Social Time

5:00 pm Dinner

We will also have: Our split the pot raffle

**ALL FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS INCLUDED**

There will be a cash bar

**A great meal and good time for only \$20.00!**

**Please RSVP by 12/04/2021**

Website at [www.tristateprimetimers.com](http://www.tristateprimetimers.com) OR

Email us [mailto:tristateprimetimerVP@gmail.com?subject=Holiday Dinner 2021](mailto:mailto:tristateprimetimerVP@gmail.com?subject=Holiday Dinner 2021)

Voicemail at 513-956-4398.

As with all current TSPT functions we request that each person attending be vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. Please stay healthy and safe!

We have traditionally supported various nonprofit groups as an outreach into the community at this end of the year function.

This year we will be providing support to Caracole. Caracole is the Greater Cincinnati tristate region's nonprofit AIDS Service Organization devoted to positively changing lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS through prevention, housing and care. They state on their web page "During COVID-19, we are still here for you—our services continue remotely! In-person HIV testing and syringe services are available in-person."

If you are unable to join us at our Holiday Dinner but still want to donate to the Caracole house, feel free to send a gift at the request of TSPT to:

Caracole

4138 Hamilton Ave.

Cincinnati OH 45223

Or via the website at [caracole.org](http://caracole.org)

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Cincinnati) TSPT Board*

## Publishing Guidelines

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.
5. **Distribution and circulation** every other month is by sending an email to each Local Chapter President/Chair, Vice President/Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Web Guy role currently on record in the Chapter Profile. All recipients are blind-copied to protect personal privacy of e-addresses of all chapter leaders.

## 2021-2023 Leadership Team

### PTWW OPERATIONS TEAM

#### Newsletter Editor

**Adrian Liao - Illinois**

[newsletter.primetimesww@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.primetimesww@gmail.com)

#### Hosted Chapter Websites

**Brian Minnette - Texas**

[ptwwwwebtigers@primetimersww.com](mailto:ptwwwwebtigers@primetimersww.com)

#### Facebook Administrator

**Errol Waits - Nebraska**

[ptww.facebook@primetimersww.com](mailto:ptww.facebook@primetimersww.com)

### DIRECTORS EMERITUS

**Michael Stone - Florida**

[ptww.emeritus.michael.org@gmail.com](mailto:ptww.emeritus.michael.org@gmail.com)

**Richard Tobiason - Michigan**

[ptww.emeritus.richard.org@gmail.com](mailto:ptww.emeritus.richard.org@gmail.com)

**THE PTWW BOARD WISHES  
ALL READERS A HAPPY,  
HEALTHY, and SAFE  
HOLIDAY SEASON**

## 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	<a href="#"><u>Southern Caribbean cruise</u></a>	Ron Camp	614.581.2700
2022	3-MAR	<a href="#"><u>Athens-to-Rome cruise</u></a>	Michael Stone	941.359.8212
2022	31-JUL	<a href="#"><u>Northern Europe cruise</u></a>	Ron Camp	614.581.2700
2022	5-NOV	<a href="#"><u>Western Caribbean/Tampa</u></a>	Michael Stone	941.359.8212