

2023 St. Petersburg FL Worldwide Convention



PrimeTimers® of Tampa Bay (PTTB) will host our 18th Biennial Convention on the Gulf Coast. The only other time a PTWW tropical convention was held was in 2005 (Orlando). In St. Petersburg, a free LOOPER bus will provide easy transportation around downtown and bayfront attractions and restaurants.

Exact dates, registration, and hotel reservations will start in November, as travel industry limits only allow 11-month advance bookings. Check out more information on pages 2-3.

Omaha NE to Host the 2025 PTWW Convention

Metro Omaha PrimeTimers® (MOPT) was named as the host of the 19th Biennial Convention. September is the expected month to stage the 2025 PTWW event.

The Board voted to award future conventions about 3 years in advance, to allow a host city more time to plan and promote the event.

The 2027 host selection process will begin in early in 2024/2025 with letters of intent to host.

ZOOM LIVE WORKSHOP SIGN UP
<https://theprimetimersww.com/contact-us/>

SAT 14-MAY 3:00 PM Central

**What to Do When Chapter
Leadership Changes**

Everett Rosner / Mark Hatten

MON 13-JUN 7:30 PM Central

**Using Facebook to Recruit
and Inform**

Errol Waits

PTWW Joins ILGA

PrimeTimers® is now a member of the **International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA)**. This worldwide federation of more than 1,774 organizations from over 160 countries and territories campaigns globally for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex human rights.

These six geographic regions work together for ILGA World to provide global outreach and support:

- ILGA Asia
- Pan Africa ILGA
- ILGA Europe
- ILGA Oceania
- ILGA Latin America Countries
- ILGA North America / The Caribbean



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Where is St. Pete?

St. Peterburg is the peninsula on the west side of Tampa Bay and the east side of the Clearwater cities of the Gulf Coast. However, St. Peterburg has its own Gulf beaches accessed by a new, direct Sunrunner bus service from Downtown St. Pete.



How do I get there?

Two airports serve the Tampa Bay area. **TPA** is Tampa International Airport, with service by most US and European airlines. **PIE** is the St. Pete/Clearwater Airport with Allegiant Airlines as the primary carrier. The Pinellas County Visitors Bureau will have welcome desks at both airports to help guide PrimeTimers® to shuttles and ground transportation. **Interstate 75** connects to the north states and south Florida, with Interstate 4 routing down via Orlando from the I-95 corridor.

When is it held?

October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

The first week in October is the planned event, with a weekend before and the long weekend after to allow for extended Monday 9-OCT holidays of US' Indigenous People's Day and Canada's Thanksgiving. Discounted hotel rooms are available 3 days before and 3 days after the PTWW Convention.

What Chapter Workshops are there?



Chapter Membership Development	Chapter Newsletters
Chapter Finances & Management	Regional Meetings – Mountain/Pacific, Central, Northeast, and Southeast
Chapter Websites	Chapters' input at the President's Roundtable
Chapter Leaders & Change	

Events, Happenings, and Sightseeing

Onsite at the Hotel

Outdoors heated swimming pool from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM

Chair volleyball (2 courts in the Grand Ballroom) - multiple sessions

Train dominoes and Speakeasy every evening in the Grand Ballroom



Party Bridge and Woody Baldwin Memorial Bridge Tournament (Tangerine Restaurant)

Starbuck's 6:00 AM until 5:00 PM (breakfast and lunch)

The Dali Bar is open in the evenings.

Personal Learning

BSCI Sexual Health

Men's Health – general 101 and 202

Choosing Solo Housing & Care Residence

Personal Finance & Security

Tips for Mobility & Access

Local St. Petersburg/Tampa Bay history



Half-Day Options

St. Pete's Pier and Tower Pavilion with three Restaurants jutting into Tampa Bay

Tarpon Springs FL Dolphin Cruise and lunch at a Greek Restaurant (4+ hours)

Beachside covered pavilion picnic at Ft. Desoto State Park, view of Skyway Bridge



Art Aficionados – Dali, James, and Chihuly Museums with on-your-own lunch nearby.

Tropics & Greenery – Botanical Gardens and Sunken Gardens, with on-your-own lunch at Carrabba's or Panera.

After Glow

A day trip across the iconic Skyway Bridge to Ringling Circus and Art Museums, lunch with the Sarasota PrimeTimers® Chapter.

Chapter Visits Back On Track for Spring and Summer 2022, with Tentative Plans

PTWW Board Members

are boosted and traveling to Local Chapters that are opening up activities and looking to reconnect with nearby PrimeTimers®.

Here are chapter updates that Mark discovered in “your neighborhood.”

Columbia/Jeff. City MO

With 17 members, 9 men attended a dinner to talk about using Facebook as a recruiting tool. A possible “meet-in-the-middle” speaking event” is being planned for these Mid-MO PrimeTimers® on I-70.

Kansas City MO

A casual Saturday coffee meeting of 16 PTKC leaders opened up ideas of hosting a mini-regional weekend event for PrimeTimers® driving along via I-35, I-29, and I-70.

Oklahoma City OK

The Sunday Board meeting and weekly Tuesday lunch for 28 men at The Anchor & Ingrid’s showed the camaraderie of

Central OK PrimeTimers® after losing its iconic venue of The Habana Inn. The Inn rebadged and changed policies which are impacting planning for its 25th Labor Day Weekend, now set for 2023.

St. Louis MO

Working lunch with PTSL leaders to talk about in-person events and success of their Zoom events for board meetings, discussion groups, online games like Boggle, Trivia Bingo and more during the pandemic.

Sarasota FL

Short lunch with Jerry, Bill, and Michael Stone to introduce the 2023 convention in St. Petersburg.

Tampa/St. Petersburg FL

With six events over five days, 135 PTTB learned more about the 2023 Convention and the volunteer support needed to make it great!

Tulsa OK

The monthly TAPT Board meeting opened with a group reading and com-

mitment of purpose and privacy. Pride-related activities were a priority.

Wichita KS

WPT’s monthly potluck had 32 men enjoying tasty dishes while listening to a local TV anchor talk about his victory over addiction and self-defeating behavior as a black journalist working in CO, OK, & TX.

MAY—Mark (*in-progress*)

Santa Barbara CA

Las Vegas NV

Palm Springs CA

San Antonio TX

JUNE - *Everett*

Washington DC

Anniversary (see page 9)

Rehoboth Beach DE

New chapter forming!

Charleston WV

Reorganizing

JUNE - *Charles*

Toronto ON

Hamilton ON

Ottawa/Outaouis ON

Newsletters Need Articles, Features

Send educational, how-to and “Lessons Learned” stories to *Prime Times* and share with all Chapters. These upcoming issues will feature front page topics:

JUL-AUG

The Founding of PrimeTimers® 1987

SEP-OCT

Boston Chapter 35th Anniversary

NOV-DEC

2023 Convention Registration Opens

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Results from Recent Chapter Survey

During each of the four recent Regional Chapter Zoom Meetings, we conducted a short “5 Questions in 5 Minutes” survey of representatives from all Chapters who attended.

The five survey questions included optimizing Chapter websites and/or Facebook pages to recruit members, Chapter resilience in the event of abrupt leadership changes, concerns about decreases in Chapter membership, the racial and ethnic diversity of Chapter membership, and free Zoom access for Chapters

Based on the responses to those five Chapter-centered questions, it appears that there is a high potential interest in

improving Chapter Websites (and/or Facebook Pages) to recruit, and in **addressing the lack of racial and ethnic diversity** of Chapter memberships, with a notable interest in **free Zoom access** for Chapter use too.

There appears to be a somewhat lesser concern for **Chapter resilience** (*although resilience should be a top priority for every Chapter*) as well as any **decreases in Chapter memberships**.

Please email Charles Koehler at ptww.vicepresident.org@gmail.com if you have questions or wish to include any short survey questions for future Regional Zoom Meetings.

Myrtle Beach's Annual Easter Baskets



Photo courtesy of PrimeTimers® of Myrtle Beach

Help4Kids is a 100% volunteer organization that relies solely on donations. Their mission is to provide food for the hungry children of Horry County, South Carolina who through no fault of their own do not have enough to eat on a daily basis. PrimeTimers® of Myrtle Beach has been donating Easter baskets to this organization for approximately the past 10 years.

The picture (left) shows the baskets in the trunk of one of our members' car just prior to dropping them off at Help4Kids. Thanks to Phillip, Cary, and John for putting together 20 of these baskets to hand out to local kids. I'm sure it brightened their day!



Bob Mathews
President

Laughlin Nevada Annual Bus Trip

Photo courtesy of PrimeTimers® of the Desert



Yes, the PrimeTimers® of the Desert 14th annual bus trip to Laughlin, Nevada did occur after much deliberation over COVID-19. The trip was attended by 45 PTOD members. The 2020 trip with 55 participants was canceled 30 days prior to departure. The 2021 trip never happened. This year, travelers gathered by 7:30 AM, and were welcomed by our President, Alex Meyer. We were provided a mini breakfast sponsored by Marty of Aspen Mills Bakery. We were also provided a bottle of water, compliments of Corporate Charter, a Laughlin Fun Book and one complimentary raffle ticket for drawings. Our destination was the Aquarius Casino Resort in Laughlin. The trip was meant to be fun, relaxing, enjoyable and to get better acquainted with fellow PTOD members. As the ride began, the volunteers distributed snacks, Jason's famous brownies, Richard's delicious home-made beef jerky and brownies. Bingo was played with the winner

receiving cash from the sale of cards for \$1 each. DVDs were played for amusement. Raffles were done through shared cash winnings, gift cards and other gifts donated or purchased for this trip. The onboard birthday boys: Jim Jensen, Rick Shaffer, Rod Rasch-Claussen and Charlie Priest were appropriately celebrated.

At 5 PM, after everyone got settled into their room, many met at the Gourmet Lounge next door at the Don Laughlin Riverside Casino for a time of socializing and sharing stories of the day. As the socializing ended, all went to find a restaurant, gamble, or just enjoy the time prior to turning in for the night.

On Tuesday, April 5, twenty-one people hopped on the bus for a two-hour ride to the Fremont Street Viva Vision Experience in downtown Las Vegas. On Wednesday, April 6, we scrapped our original planned

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Annual Bus Trip

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trip to Oatman, AZ, an old mining town known for its mules running wild on old Route 66, gun fight at high noon, shops, ice cream and other eating places. Strong winds in the area made this trip impossible. Instead, the group proceeded to Lake Havasu City, AZ, home of the London Bridge, brought here years ago stone by stone from London. After returning from that day's activity, we enjoyed casino activities, music drinks and each other. On Thursday, April 7, 2022, day four, all were aboard at 10 AM. The wind had quieted down from the previous day and back to Palm Springs we went, arriving at about 3:15 PM. Organizers were delighted to hear the many positive comments and gratitude shown as the 14th annual PTOD Laughlin Trip came to a

close.

Thanks to the PrimeTimers® of the Desert Board of Directors and membership for their support and allowing such an enjoyable and affordable event. Great Big Thanks to Richard Moberly, Michael Fletcher, Jim Jensen, Curtis Channell, Jim O'Neill, Jason Boone and Alex Meyer, President of PTOD and DeLon Gobeli, for all their work making this trip possible. Come join us next year!

*(written by) DeLon Gobeli
Director of Special Events*



*(edited by) Gary Dougan
Board Member*

Indy's Fellowship and Dinner

PrimeTimers® Indianapolis chapter members enjoyed fellowship and dinner on April 5 at Jockamo Upper Crust Pizza. Sixteen members of the local chapter attended and one member of the former Nashville Prime Timers group, who recently moved to Indianapolis area, joined us. Everyone had a great time and got updated on several upcoming events, including bowling night, game night at a member's home, Indianapolis Men's Chorus concert and dinner beforehand, and dates of our next 3 Prime Timers dinners.



*Steve Hamilton
Board Member*



Chapters' Promotions

PrimeTimers® of the National Capital Area Celebrates 25th Anniversary

PrimeTimers® of the National Capital Area (also known as “PrimeTimers® of Washington, DC) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary as a chapter of PrimeTimers® Worldwide.

PTNCA, was originally part of the Baltimore-DC Chapter, but became a separate, independent chapter on December 17, 1996. The PTNCA Anniversary Dinner will be held on June 18, 2022, from 5-10 pm, at a Hilton Hotel at 950 North Stafford Street, in the Ballston area of Arlington, Virginia. PTNCA's 25th Anniversary had to be postponed from December of 2021 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The festivities will include a “complimentary” happy hour and a fabulous sit-down dinner. The 25th Anniversary Gala will also feature live entertainment provided by “**Potomac Fever**”, a sub-group of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C. Formed over thirty years ago, “Potomac Fever” will perform a mix of contemporary pop music, standards and Broadway songs.

The cost of ticket is \$45 for members of any chapter of PrimeTimers ® and \$55 for non-PT members. The deadline for tickets is May 31st, after which ticket prices will go up to \$55 for PT members and \$65 for non-PT members. For more information contact dcprimetimers@gmail.com.

Monthly Zooms



Pittsburgh PrimeTimers® is inviting you to the monthly Zoom call on the third Saturday of every month at 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time. We welcome you to attend all of our events - in person, as well as our virtual events. We will continue to host online monthly zoom calls for the foreseeable future. Please join us for our informal discussions.

Join our Zoom meeting by clicking the following link or entering the meeting ID in the Zoom app. You can also attend by phone by calling **1 929 205 6099** and entering the meeting ID.

Meeting ID: **830 6055 7493**

Here's the link to the Zoom call: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83060557493> . You can log on 5 minutes before we get started. If you haven't already, download “Zoom Cloud Meetings” on your smartphone. Find the app [here](#) in the App Store; or [here](#) on Google Play. If you plan to instead participate by computer, you'll need a camera and microphone on your computer. Go [here](#) to download the software.

May & June Observances

Men's Health Month - Focus on Erectile Dysfunction

June is Men's Health Month. What better time to learn about Erectile Dysfunction (ED), a common men's health concern that may be an early indicator for more serious medical conditions.

ED is the inability to achieve or maintain an erection that is firm enough to have sexual intercourse. In other words, the penis doesn't get hard enough to allow you to have sex.

ED happens when blood flow to the penis is limited, or nerves are damaged. The causes of ED include diabetes, heart disease, prostate cancer treatment, depression, anxiety, and the side effects of some medications. Stress, lack of sleep, smoking and excess drinking can also affect your performance.

Treating ED

ED is treatable at any age. Most men with ED start with **pills**, such as Viagra™, Levitra™, Cialis™ and Stendra™. These may improve blood flow to the penis, and with sexual stimulation, can help you achieve an erection. Some men cannot achieve a satisfactory erection with pills and other men will switch the type of pills to achieve a satisfactory outcome.

Medications are typically followed by one or more of these treatments: vacuum devices, surgically implanted devices (penile implants) or penile injections.

A **vacuum erection device** (VED) is a mechanical ED pump used to pull blood into the penis to cause an erection. The system includes a plastic cylinder, an external penile pump, and a tension band to place at the base of the penis. When the penis is erect, the ring is placed at

the base to maintain an erection long enough to have sex (up to 30 minutes). The VED is an economical option; however, men using VEDs reported discomfort and bruising when pumping and some men experience numbness so using it just before intercourse may spoil the mood.

Penile injections are medications (alprostadil, papaverine, etc.) which may be combined and injected directly into the base or side of the penis. The recommended frequency of injection is no more than three times weekly and should produce an erection in 5-20 minutes. The injection is administered using a fine gauge needle that may feel like pin prick; however, men may experience pain, fibrosis, and risk of a persistent erection.

A **penile implant** allows direct control of both the timing and duration of an erection. The 3-piece system includes a reservoir placed in the abdomen and two fluid filled cylinders completely concealed within the penis. Squeezing the pump in the scrotum can achieve an erection. A natural looking appearance when flaccid or erect, the implant offers concealed support for an erection whenever and wherever desired; however, this requires manual skill to use. Some risks include but are not limited to device malfunction and postoperative pain.

For more information, visit www.EDCure.org/equality where you can take an ED assessment, find a local physician who specializes in ED, or find educational events in your area.

May & June Observances

National Honor LGBT Elders Day, May 16, 2022

The National Honor LGBT Elders Day was established to recognize, pay tribute to and celebrate those older men and women whose courage, determination and sacrifices have made positive change possible for millions of LGBT people everywhere.

This day of recognition is an opportunity to reflect on those who have come before us, allowing us to enjoy the hard-earned progress and protections that we enjoy today, while keeping in mind that our fight for equality is far from over.

Juneteenth, June 19, 2022

Juneteenth was established to mark the anniversary of the last African American slaves being freed in Texas. On June 19, 1865, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. This, however was two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect January, 1863. This day, the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, has become a day for African Americans to celebrate not only their freedom, but their history, culture and achievements.

Paid Promotion

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"A writer of extraordinary sensitivity and grace."

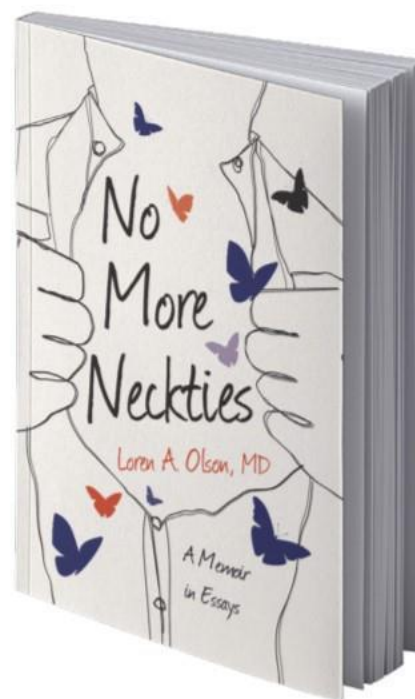
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"A gifted storyteller."

—William Dameron, author of *The Lie*

"A carefree, explosive enthusiasm and talent."

—Larry Jacobson, author of *The Boy behind the Gate*



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PrimeTimers® Worldwide Publishing

Our newsletter’s priorities focus content on:

1. **Official communication** and news from the PrimeTimers® 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.

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

Travel Opportunities

dates are subject to change

The following items listed below are unpaid promotions not directly sponsored by a recognized PrimeTimers® chapter and are published as a public service announcement of social activities which may interest gay/bi men. The Original PrimeTimers® Worldwide, Inc. does not receive any compensation nor proceeds from these activities listed 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 The Original PrimeTimers® Worldwide, Inc.



Central Oklahoma Prime Timers Board-of-Directors, announces that the 25th C.O.P.T. Labor Day Get-A-Way Weekend celebration has been **postponed until 2023**. Central Oklahoma Prime Timers look forward to seeing all of you in 2023, for a super grand reunion to celebrate the 25th together. Please feel free to call (405) 603-8997 (Landline) or E-mail COPT.LaborDay@gmail.com .

Departs	Destination
2022 16-JUL	<u>EverythingToSea/Indonesia</u>
2022 31-JUL	<u>Northern Europe cruise</u>
2022 17-SEP	<u>EverythingToSea/Indonesia</u>
2022 5-NOV	<u>Western Caribbean/Tampa</u>
2023 3-FEB	<u>Caribbean cruise</u>
2023 3-JUL	<u>Alaska Cruise</u>

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