



The beginning of PTWW: Boston Chapter 's 35th Anniversary

We celebrate August 15, 1987 as the first gathering of mature gay and bisexual gentlemen looking for social acceptance outside of the bar scene. Boston Prime Timers (BPT) enjoyed a 3-day festival of events with a Friday brunch and mixer, a Saturday banquet and recognition of those men contributing to recent chapter operations, a show at legendary Jacque's Cabaret, and a closing Sunday DUCK boat tour of the city. The tour actually

drove by the original 1987 meeting site!

Pictured above are some of the men viewing the photo collage showing the history of BPT over the years.

Below (l-r) BPT President Harry Fullerton, PTWW President Mark Hatten, recognizing Founders Jerry Leone and Jim Norris, and peeking from the curtain PTWW VP Charles Koehler. The third living Founder, Bill Kelloway, will receive his recognition later in Florida.

Regional Zoom Leaders' Meeting

All Local Chapter Leaders are invited by time zones to a Fall Regional virtual meeting. Topics will include an intro and updates from each chapter president, PTWW visits in your area, and a roundtable to talk about concerns. Dates by time zone:

- SUN 11-SEP** Mtn/Pac
- SAT 17-SEP** North/East
- SAT 17-SEP** South/East
- SAT 24-SEP** Central



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Each chapter participating in this Fall Regional Zoom Call will receive ONE entry for a drawing to win a free individual 2023 PTWW Biennial Convention registration for St. Petersburg FL next year!

Recent Chapter Visits and Beyond

Here are chapters' updates in the Northeast region during July and August 2022:

Boston Prime Timers (BPT)

With 114 members, BPT is making a remarkable return to pre-pandemic levels of activities with an active Board offering a wide variety of 18 engaging activities and events for current and potential members each month. A new eight-man Board will be guiding the chapter's next 35 years, along with a website refresh and a reorganized chapter operations space.

Connecticut Prime Timers (CPT)

President Roy leads a 9-man board and a 4+ committee leads the Men's Chorus, "CPT is The Imperial Court", and spiritual groups. There is a birthday dinner each month on the 1st WED, with approximately 37 members coming from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. CPT awards Youth Scholarships and has a great recruiting brochure.

Pittsburgh Prime Timers (PPT)

Some 28 men enjoy socializing with 2-3 activities a month, including a picnic, bike rides, Oktoberfest, and a train trip. PPT is also reorganizing and identifying 1-3 leaders to help with the newsletter, recruiting brochures and more. Mike M. has updated the PTWW-hosted website for a stronger online presence and communication. PPT is looking for a few good men!

Rhode Island Prime Timers (RIPT)

RIPT has a 5-member leadership team, with Steve also managing the website

and a monthly dinner on the 3rd Sunday. There are 37 current members, many who live in MA and also belong to the Boston Chapter, and help plan the "Halloween in Provincetown" weekend, an event enjoyed for years by both Boston and Connecticut PrimeTimers® Chapters. RIPT is working on increasing its online exposure with an updated Facebook group.

2022-23 Milestone Anniversaries

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
Tri-State (CIN OH)	25	1-Sep-22
Canton OH	20	12-Sep
Des Moines IA	30	12-Sep
Seattle WA	30	13-Sep
San Francisco CA	20	24-Sep
Kansas City MO	20	1-Oct
Charleston WV	15	1-Jan-23
Phoenix AZ	30	1-Jan
Richmond VA	20	1-Jan
Asheville NC	20	19-Feb
Huntsville AL	5	19-Mar
Charlotte NC	30	18-Apr
Tucson AZ	30	1-Aug
Tulsa OK	30	21-Aug
Austin TX	35	1-Oct
Ottawa ON	25	1-Oct
Omaha NE	30	1-Dec



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Save these dates for our 18th PTWW Convention in St. Petersburg, FL

OCTOBER 1-5, 2023

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

PrimeTimers® of Tampa Bay is our host chapter for next year’s PTWW business meetings, seminars, and chapter workshops. PLUS, there will be warm days and cool nights for socializing all week!

Grand Announcement In NOV-DEC Prime Times

Fee schedule will be set and published for both Local Chapter and Independent Members and Non-members.

Convention Activities will be posted online.

Monday, November 6

Hotel reservations will open online or by direct telephone with the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront.

Airline flights can be booked just 331 days out from your travel dates next year.

“Early Bird” discounts for online and mail-in fees.

Vendor and Exhibitor Booth Requests open for 2023 vendor booths, sponsorships, and speakers.

Friday, September 1, 2023

Late Registration fees increase.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

ON-SITE registration fees will be announced next year.



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Sunday, April 30, 2023

End of “Early Bird” registration discounts.

Monday, May 1, 2023

Regular registration fees increase.

We are expecting 400-600 attendees in St, Petersburg featuring 5 active chapters, lots of friends in SE Florida, two airports, and drivable distances from a large number of chapters.

PTWW is looking for a few good men to help improve our team recordkeeping as a Deputy Secretary! 

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Regional Calendars**

For more details, contact: ptww-info@primetimersww.com

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Local Chapters & Numbers

Which Chapters are active?

Currently, we PrimeTimers® have **71 operating chapters today and the Independent Chapter** to fulfill our mission of socializing, education, and culture. Keeping a website or Facebook group updated is essential to verify a chapter is “active.”

And three more are organizing later this year in Lewes/ Rehoboth Beach DE, Daytona Beach FL, and San Diego CA.

Where were the Lost Chapters?

PTWW had chapters in Australia, Sweden, and Israel. These lost chapters truly underscore just how much PrimeTimers® has a worldwide impact and presence. A new 2023 email campaign will target the previous chapters in Australia and a general outreach will target gay men’s groups across Europe and Asia.

Why did they get “lost”?

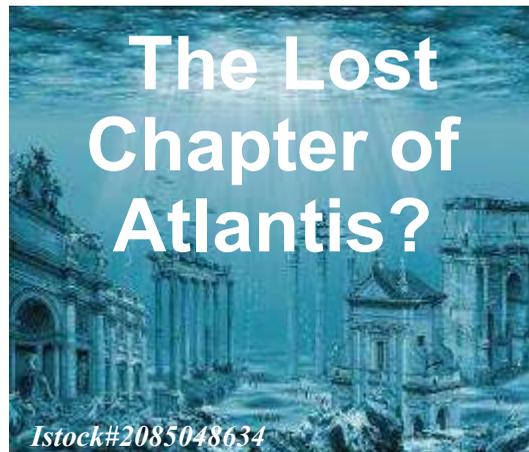
Over time, most chapters simply faded away due to NOT having enough volunteers for a 3-7 man leadership team to manage club functions. The end result was a solo leader shouldering the burden, trying to keep the doors open until a successor stepped up to be a new leader. Or not. Without help, burnout and inactivity occurred.

How can I better support my Local Chapter?

A man doesn't have to be an Officer or have a voice on the Board to have a positive effect.

Once in a while, just offer to help out with seating or badges or greet guests, or set-up or clean-up at a potluck dinner. Suggest or scout an activity or parking spaces for a dine out. New venues are adventures!

Just ask “What can I do to help?” as it signals that you value your PrimeTimers® chapter.



Keep Up With Leadership Turnover!

Go online and update your chapter changes at:

theprimetimersww.com/contact-us/

Name of Person reporting changes *

First Last

Email *

Local Chapter with Leadership Changes

My role reporting these Chapter changes is: (choose one) *

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Regional Chapter Care Representative

Other Role

1A. Change Chapter President's name

First Last

1B. Updated President's Email

1C. New President's Telephone (123-456-7890)

2A. Change Vice President's name

Check out our Local Chapters at: <https://theprimetimersww.com/directory/>

Rhode Island PrimeTimers® 15th Anniversary

The Rhode Island PrimeTimers® celebrated 15 years on July 17 with a great turnout and a lot of energy at Gregg's Restaurant in East Providence.

Our chapter is small, under 50, but we have fun and enjoy socializing. Beginning with a small group we added members and as the years have gone on, we also lost some. Our activities are mostly limited to dinners.



We have been at several different dinner venues.

In August, we hosted Mark Hatten and Charles Koehler after their whirlwind visits to Connecticut and Boston for PTWW's 35th anniversary (see below).

Steve Kagan

President



Photo courtesy of Rhode Island PrimeTimers®

Connecticut PrimeTimers® Hosts the President and VP of PTWW



It was a great evening at our monthly dinner, August 10, 2022, with the presence of Mark Hatten, PrimeTimers® Worldwide's President and Charles Koehler, PTWW's Vice President and Chapter Care Coordinator.



Paul Brady

Vice President

Photos courtesy of Paul Brady

PrimeTimers® Indianapolis' Recent Social Events

PrimeTimers® Indianapolis had 22 members attend July 17th Sunday brunch at Another Broken Egg Café, including two prospective ones (right). The Indianapolis chapter welcomes members and guests to a brunch or dinner event at a different local restaurant once every three weeks. The attendance has increased significantly at these meal events during the last few months over the pre-Covid numbers.



The August 5th's game night was held at President Michael Landon's home (left). Ten members enjoyed pizza dinner followed by multiple card games. With this being the third game night, this get-together will likely become a regular event for the Indianapolis chapter.



Steve Hamilton

Board Member

Photos courtesy of Steve Hamilton

Five Years of Stitchn N Bitchn

On Wednesday, August 3, 2022, Phoenix's Stitchn N Bitchn celebrated their 5th Anniversary. For the past five years, on the first Wednesday of each month, members from the PrimeTimers® of Phoenix have met at Mark Willis and Dan Riffel's house to stitch and bitch. Dedicated to our founder's mission, Dan Riffel, members crochet, knit, do needlepoint, and work on a variety of crafts as a group. This creative and talented group of men even met virtually during the pandemic via Zoom.



Huck Fitterer

Vice President

Photo courtesy of Mark Willis

Life Always Goes On

Maybe this sounds like a strange title and an unfocused beginning for an article. In the past two years, so many of my friends and acquaintances have passed away or have lost partners. I try to be there for them, to help them out with chores and, sometimes, motivating them through their days. They are now in a *special place* with their emotions unlike any other place and adjustment is not always easy.

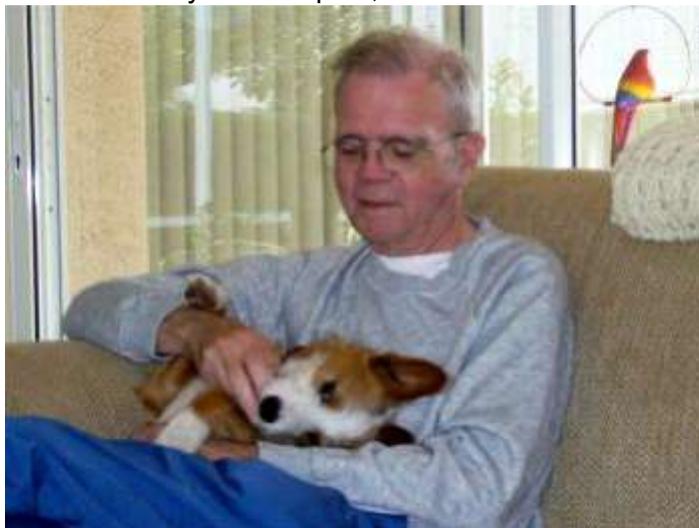
Seventeen years ago, Ed and I adopted a young male dog who was around eight months old and just leaving puppyhood. We never wanted a male dog, having lost one in the late 70s due to his roaming nature. He never realized he was neutered. The day after this little guy joined our household, we took him to a Prime Timers picnic. He loved all the attention he got.

We've always had pets. When we met 53 years ago, Ed had two dogs and I had one. We were never without pets and usually had two or three dogs as a part of our household. Concurrently with that, we had a cat for 21 of those years and also had five chickens. We had a huge fenced-in yard in Denver on 1/3 acre with a pet door so that the dogs and cat could go in and out to do their business. Following years

of travel and relocation for us, we arrived in Sarasota in late 2000 with our last dog, Tina.



Toby with his pets, Michael and Ed



We got very busy with a new home and had a new adventure; dog walking. We started PrimeTimers® Sarasota in 2001. With the new home, came lots of new work and I started to travel a lot. Sadly, Tina died in 2004 and we vowed no more pets. Like most of you, the great pain we experienced when our pets pass on makes us feel that the time with them is always too short. I wasn't around enough and eventually became the President of PrimeTimers® Worldwide. I also started escorting one to three gay group trips a year for Courtyard Travel.

Between travel for the PTWW and the travel agency, it seemed a wise decision not to get another dog.

Then along came Toby, 17 years ago. He was a male and came totally housebroken. In 17 years, despite age and failing health, he never made a mess in the house. He was so smart and learned words much too well. Eventually, he even understood when we spelled out the words. He remembered everything. I'm sure you know where this article is going.

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Earlier in the year, he, like many of us, became arthritic and developed heart issues. Medications kept him going. In the last few weeks, he wanted to shorten his walks and seemed to be struggling at times. Ed travels north for the summer to escape the heat. When he left, he told me Toby could only walk for about 1/2 block.

I mentioned this dog was intelligent. On his last night, he ate his dinner but struggled to walk. For the first time in his life, he lay next to my bed all night. His morning walk was only a few feet, because he was so weak and panted heavily. He lay down and looked into my eyes. This is hard to admit but I know he was telling me this was *the time*. The vet agreed.

Life has continued. The house is silent when I come home and there's no one to greet me and make a fuss. Now, over a

month later, occasionally, when a shadow crosses the room from the outside, I jump to see him. As I write this, I seem to hear him in the other room.

We received so many wonderful cards and letter from friends. There have been suggestions and offers for another dog or cat. I now know there are no replacements for the little guy who has left the family. Ed and I are old now and taking in a pet probably is not wise. I'm not saying *no* but, instead will say, *not at this time*. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful and kind words. You helped fill the vacant spot in my heart.



Photos courtesy of Michael Stone

Michael Stone

Director Emeritus

Stress-Free Communications

At one time or another, we all have encountered difficulties communicating with a friend or partner. Poor communication often leads to stress and conflict but dealing with conflict doesn't have to be stressful. There are several things that *YOU* can do to improve your communication skills (with others). Before anything else, remember to always respond with loving and kindness, not anger. Take a moment to catch your breath and then schedule a time to discuss the problem without distractions when neither of you is quite so angry.

Think back to the last argument or misunderstanding you had. Was your attention completely focused on the other person or were you texting or watching TV

at the same time? Did you make eye contact? Did you wait for the person to pause just so that you can interject your "wise advice" (which the person probably receives as criticism or nagging)? What words did you use and what was your tone of voice? Did your facial expressions and body language show that you were interested?

Pay close attention to what he/she is saying, not only with their words but also with their body language. Use what you know about him/her to imaginatively place yourself in their shoes. How is this person feeling that hasn't (yet) been said? What is the person concerned about? What does he/she want? Try to be more

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reflective by actively listening rather than simply reacting as you may previously have done.

Active Listening

involves focusing on what's going on with the other person. The next time this person is speaking, listen without formulating a response or deciding what they are saying before they complete their thought. Make sure you understand them by asking relevant questions and summarizing what they said back to them. Questions should foster a dialogue, eliciting more than just "yes" or "no" responses. Try to be more empathetic. For example:

Ask what the problem is. "Can you tell me what's bothering you?" rather than "What's bugging you now?"

Clarify the comment. "Are you saying that you're upset with me because I arrived late for dinner?" Not "You're always yelling at me!"

How does the person seem? "You seem angry because I went to bed earlier than you." Not "Why are you always complaining?"

Be empathetic. "I can understand why you are upset with me." Instead of "You are so sensitive."

Making an effective request is important. Effective requests are specific, actionable,

include a deadline, and offer an opportunity for everyone to negotiate on the best plan forward. The wording might go something like the following:

"If I immediately start arriving on time for dinner, will that make you feel better?" rather than "If I'm always late, plan to have dinner whenever I arrive."

"If you stop shouting at me when I make a mistake, I won't be so nervous all the time, and we won't get into

an argument." Not "If you would just shut your mouth for a change, it would make my life easier."

Sometimes, it helps if you first rehearse what you will say with another friend or partner to see the effect it might have on the person with whom you want to speak. Approaching the situation with humor often defuses the potential conflict. Remember that communication skills, like sports skills, take time to learn to do it well. Be patient with yourself. You'll find that your stress-free communication skills will improve each time you make the effort.

Sources: O'Malley, Jeff. *Three tips government leaders can use to communicate effectively*. Online. October 21, 2020, [Flecky](#), Alex. *Communication, Conflict, Listening, Relationships*. Online. September 29, 2019.

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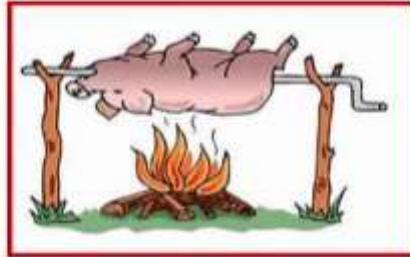
Chapters' Promotions

Tri-State PrimeTimers® (Cincinnati) Annual Pig Roast

Tri-State PrimeTimers® will once again hold their annual Pig Roast on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at Winton Woods Park (Orchard Area Shelter) in Springfield Township, a northern suburb of Cincinnati. All food and soft drinks/water will be provided. The cost is \$20. Social time starts at 1:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 4:30 pm.

year's celebration is even more special as it is TSPT's 25th anniversary

Tri-State Prime Timers



Pig Roast

Although the park's address is 10245 Winton Road, the closest entrance to the shelter area is off W. Sharon Road, west of Winton Road

Link to a park map:

<https://www.greatparks.org/>

[parks/winton-woods](https://www.greatparks.org/parks/winton-woods)

Last year, PrimeTimers® from across the Midwest attended this annual picnic, which has become TSPT's largest event, and this

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Paid Promotion

No More Neckties

[Loren A. Olson, MD](#)

"A writer of extraordinary sensitivity and grace."

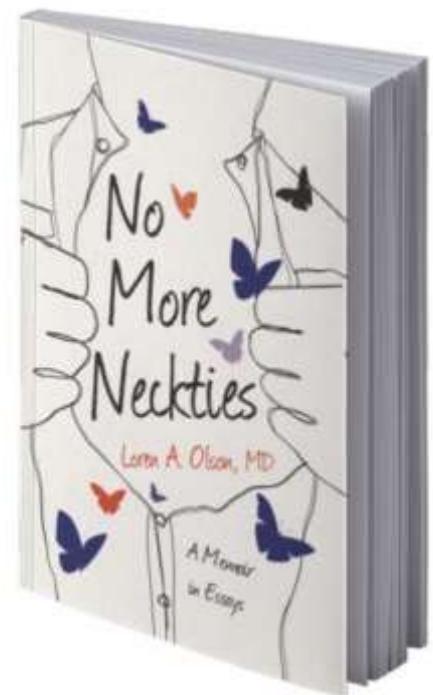
—Norm Goldman, Publisher and Editor, Bookpleasures.com

"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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Regional / Local Chapter Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Contact</u>
SEP 25	Annual Picnic	Columbia SC PT	primetimerscolumbia@gmail.com
OCT 9	Annual Pig Roast	Tri-State PT	tristateprimetimerp@gmail.com

Boston Prime Timers Annual Spooky Bear Weekend Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 28-30 Provincetown MA

WHERE

Harbor Hotel
698 Commercial Street
\$222/night, two queen beds

Call **508-487-1711** to book directly with the hotel and say you are with the Boston Prime Timers for this rate.

FRIDAY, Oct. 28

6:00 PM Meet & Greet
Whalers Dining Room

SATURDAY, Oct. 29

- 6:30 PM dinner buffet, **\$25/man**
- Cash bar available
- Costume Contest



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Call: **617.286.4440** Email: contact@bostonpt.org

Travel Opportunities

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