



December Newsletter 2022

A Chapter of PrimeTimers® Worldwide

President's Note

Happy Holidays. We're finally nearing the close of the year. The days are getting cooler and shorter, but before New Year's Eve there will be a gradual lengthening of daylight. Most cultures in the northern hemisphere celebrate our turning back to the light. As individuals and as a group, we've experienced some twilight this year. That includes family or friends passing, struggles with illness, and sometimes simply the effects of aging. And, like the return of light, we've had gifts: new members, developing friendships, new jobs, new pets, new cars... I've observed additional symptoms regarding Mom's aging, yet have also had some special moments with her. And it reminds me how often both patterns of dark and light play out in the same events. For many, this is a time of giving. Possibly something wrapped in sparkling paper and a bow, a container surrendering tempting smells, or cards and holiday letters filled with caring thoughts. For many, this is a time when people reminisce; lighting candles and remembering people and events, reenacting long-standing holiday traditions or creating new, meaningful ones. I hope as folks reflect, you can focus on the positive moments of this past year. Our best gifts, whether given or received are pieces of self, more than packages and gift bags. Sometimes the nicest gift is a brief call or text, reminding someone that you share a connection. It's giving a bit of ourselves in each card, box and gift bag. This might be a good time to appreciate those who have been a gift to you this past year and to thank them. Some of those people likely include other members of our Prime Timer community. We are organizing a toy drive this year, to expand our giving beyond our COPT community. If you have donations, bring them to any meal or the Holiday Party, and we will see that they are distributed on behalf of the Prime Timers. And as things get hectic, it is important to gift yourself. That may be an afternoon unplugged, or treating yourself to a favorite dessert, or a drive to look at holiday lights, or reading a favorite story/listening to music by the fireplace -- whatever helps you celebrate the return of light and hope. May each of you have a wonderful, safe holiday season and a great start to the year ahead. Steve K HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE: Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Holiday Party, on Sunday December 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Kent D has offered to host. He is at: 5 Oakwood Drive, in the Forest Park area. Alex J is doing much of the organizing, including some options for a bridge and/or game tables. If anyone plays the piano, bring along some holiday music- we'll have a baby grand available to us! Prime Timers will provide a catered main course/and sides as well as beverages.

We invite members to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. We are asking for \$15 to help defray costs, and will need a head count by Thursday December 8th, so we can place our order for the main course. If you are attending, email me at steve4lifecoach@earthlink.net or text me at 301-318-4133. We can use a few people to help set up early or to remain and help clean up. I'm aware that last year we asked \$15 without also bringing a side. However, as you know, COVID paused the Labor Day Weekend and we are

not scheduled for another one yet. Therefore, we have also lost that additional annual income. We are also beginning to collect dues for 2023. It's important to have dues paid by January 30th. Part of belonging to Prime Timers World Wide is paying annual dues to the national organization, based on the number of our members. If you don't pay with a check, please give dues only to Steve K or another board member with a receipt book, and be sure to get your written receipt. Last year we had problems in keeping track of who paid dues, when several individuals all give cash at meals and we didn't maintain a written record. Thank you.

Steve K

Know Your Board

This column will return next month.

COPT Monthly Meeting Minutes

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2022

The November 2022 meeting of Central Oklahoma Prime Timers Board of Directors and Members was held at Black Bear Diner on November 20, 2022, at 1:00 PM, 3015 W Memorial Rd., Oklahoma City prior to/and part of COPT's Thanksgiving Dinner celebration at the restaurant.

President Steve K. called the meeting to order with Vice President David H., Secretary Kobe C., Treasurer, Allen G. and at large members Jon L and Kelly P. present.

Minutes of the October 2022 meeting were read and accepted as corrected.

The Treasurer presented a written report which is added to and made a part of this record. Balances in the BOK account are: checking: \$10,069.08 and savings: \$6,112.65 for a total of \$16,181.33.

Continuing a previous discussion of potential on-line dues collection revealed that such a procedure would be too expensive to consider.

The COPT Holiday Party will be held at the home of Kent D. in Forest Park. It will be catered by us and also potluck by members. Details will be forthcoming. Members will be charged \$15 each to cover expenses of catering.

The meeting went into recess to eat with the rest of the group.

Nominations for Board of Directors for 2023-2024 are Kobe C., Jon L., Richard W., and Alex J. Steve K., David H., Allen G. and Kelly P. continue to serve for another year.

The Meeting was Adjourned by Steve K.

Respectfully submitted,
Kobe C., Secretary

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 - Bill C.

8 - Johnny D.

11 - G Q M.

14 - Leon L.

19 - Jim S.

21 - Larry E.

22 - Bill P., Mark V.

25 - Travis S.

28 - Roger H.

COPT **DECEMBER** 2022

				1 Meet & Eat	2	3 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
4	5	6 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	7	8 Meet & Eat	9	10 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
11 Holiday Dinner in Forest Park at 2 PM. \$15 and RSVP.*	12	13 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	14	15 Meet & Eat	16	17 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
18 Monthly Meeting – Evolve Church, 3208 N. May, 1 PM	19	20 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	21	22 Meet & Eat	23	24 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	28	29 Meet & Eat	30	31 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa

***Note: Please RSVP to Steve K. at 301-318-4133 (text or voice) for this event. You may bring a side or dessert and a beverage.**

Meet & Eat Locations for December (all locations are in OKC unless otherwise stated)

DECEMBER 1: DOT WO

3000 W. Memorial Rd., #103; 405-513-5999

<https://www.dotwookc.com/>

DECEMBER 8: PICASSO CAFÉ

3009 Paseo; 405-602-2002

<https://picassosonpaseo.com/>

DECEMBER 15: TUCKER'S ONION BURGERS

5740 N. Classen Blvd., #3; 405-286-3331

<https://www.tuckersonionburgers.com/>

DECEMBER 22: CHARLESTON'S

5907 NW Expressway; 405-721-0060

<https://charlestons.com/>

DECEMBER 29: ABUELO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

3001 W. Memorial Rd.; 405-755-2680

<https://www.abuelos.com/restaurants/okc-north>

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COPT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2024

President	Stephen K.	Secretary	Kobe C.
Vice President	David H.	Member-at-Large	John L.
Treasurer	Allen G.	Member-at-Large	Kelly P.

Appointed Positions

Activities	Gene C.	Membership	David P.
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Newsletter Editor Notes

There has been some discussion about replacing one of the weekly Woodbridge events with another venue. If anyone has an alternative location, please contact me.

If anyone has suggestions, comments or corrections, please send them to me, preferably by text or voice. Also, send pictures or announcements and I will try to publish them.

Kelly P.