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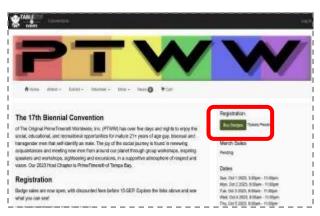
How to Sign Up For 2023 PTWW Convention

PTWW is using the website **Table Top Events** (TTE) to handle both your registration application, scheduling, communications and purchases all in one place.

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Option A: ONLINE

https://tabletop.events/conventions/2023-biennial-convention



- 1. Click on the link **above** to go to the Convention Home Page or type it into your web browser.
- 2. Click on the **Buy Badge** button to register.



Option B: MAIL-IN

Print the attached PDF found on the PTWW website. Complete the form and mail with a check/money order by 15-SEP to:

PTWW Convention P.O. Box 191101 Dallas TX 75219-8101

- 3. Click on **Buy** as a Non-Member Guest or as a Prime Timer Chapter Member.
- 4. Create a TTE account for yourself with a user name and your email address.
- 5. Then enter your credit/debit payment details and other required information.
- A current PTWW Member pays \$290 and a Non-Member pays \$335 at the door.
- 7. Early registration saves you money: \$60 off for Jan/Feb, \$40 off Mar/Jun, \$20 of July-15-Sep.

Need help? Leave a voice mail at 727.386.6383

Click and book your hotel room

\$166/night with tax

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/primetimersoftampabayblock/

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PTWW 2023 Convention Overview

The 17th Biennial Convention

of The Original PrimeTimers® Worldwide, Inc. (PTWW) has over five days and nights to enjoy the social, educational, and recreational opportunities for mature 21+ years of age gay, bisexual and transgender men that self-identify as male. The joy of the social journey is found in renewing acquaintances and meeting new men from around our planet through group workshops, inspiring speakers and workshops, sightseeing and excursions, in a supportive atmosphere of respect and vision. Our 2023 Host Chapter is PrimeTimers® of Tampa Bay.

Registration

Badge sales are now open, with discounted fees before 15-SEP. Explore the links above and see what you can see!

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Opening Lunch, Beach Cookout w/transportation, Closing Banquet and entry
to the variety of personal interest seminars on men's health, finances, and
planning, plus the chapter development workshops. And, you can always
enjoy free admission to the evening speakeasy/hospitality socials, cabaret
night, table games, and just meeting new friends.

NOT INCLUDED and OPTIONAL TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for:

- · Merchandise: Souvenir Polo shirt, PTTB and PTWW t-shirts
- Magic Show, dolphin cruise with lunch at a Greek restaurant, botanical gardens, drag bingo benefit, After-Glow excursion to Sarasota FL Ringling Brothers Circus museum-mansion-gardens-lunch.

Hotel

PTWW is excited to have the **Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront** as our main venue. Guest room reservations can be made directly telephoning the host hotel +1 727.894.5000 asking for the special "PrimeTimers® of Tampa Bay" rate *or* click below online at:

https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/primetimersoftampabayblock/

Rate-per-night is \$166, including tax. Parking onsite at hotel is discounted, with offsite options available nearby. *PTWW group rates are valid until 2-SEP-2023. *Room reservations can be cancelled by 28-SEP-2023 without penalty.

Email News Updates

PTWW will email you with **news updates** with information regarding Volunteer Sign Ups, Badge Transfers, Exhibitors/Sponsors, Merchandise Pre-Orders, Day One/Check In information, etc. So please make sure your TTE account here is set up to allow email from TTE and PTWW convention organizers.

Questions?

If you have any questions not answered through any of the links on this site, please let us know at ptww.convention.committee@primetimersww.com.



Buy Badges

Tickets Pending

Merch Sales

Pending

Dates

Sun, Oct 1 2023, 3:00pm - 11:00pm Mon, Oct 2 2023, 8:00am - 11:00pm Tue, Oct 3 2023, 8:00am - 11:00pm Wed, Oct 4 2023, 8:00am - 11:00pm Thu, Oct 5 2023, 8:00am - 11:00pm

Time zone: America/New_York (UTC -04:00)

Location

St. Petersburg, Florida



Web Site

Email

√ 727-386-6383 vmail

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Venue

Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront

333 1st St SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, USA



Time zone: America/New_York (UTC -04:00)

A Driving Directions

Web Site

(727) 894-5000

Schedule of Convention Activities

subject to change

To enable you to enjoy the wonderful sights and social experiences, PTWW is scheduling TWO sessions for many workshops and personal interest seminars.

Pick up your official attendee badge and swag bag at the Sign-In/Bayboro Room.



*The beach lunch includes buses out/back for 200 men each day on TUE and WED.

THURSDAY, 5-OCT

9:00 - 12 Noon Seminars/Workshops Personal Investment 1:00 - 5:00 PM

PTWW Championship Games

6:00 - 10:00 PM Closing Banquet

SUNDAY, 1-OCT

Pre-Glow Meet & Greet

3:00 - 9:00 PM
Onsite Check-in
7:00 - 11:00 PM
Social & Speakeasy

Photo by AK on Unsplash

MON, 2-OCT

8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Onsite Check-in

10:00 - 11:45 AM Opening Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 PM
Chapter Workshops *
Individual Seminars *

7:00 - 11:00 PM Social & Speakeasy Chair Volleyball Table games/dominoes

TUESDAY, 3-OCT

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Beach Lunch* GOLD

9:00 - 10:30 AM
PTWW Elections and
General Business
Meeting

11:00 AM - 2:45 PM Beach Lunch* AQUA

1:00 - 5:00 PM Chapter Workshops Individual Seminars

7:00 - 11:00 PM
Social & Speakeasy
Cabaret / Bingo
Table games/dominoes

FRIDAY, 6-OCT

After Glow Add-on

Join Sarasota Chapter at the Ringling Bros. Circus Museum and Lunch Day Trip.

General information

Hotel rooms are available for your check-in after 4:00 PM.

The Registration Room is open from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM MON-WED.

Updates for souvenir shirt sales and all excursions will be emailed to everyone who has registered.

WEDNESDAY, 4-OCT

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Beach Lunch* GREEN

11:00 AM - 2:45 PM Beach Lunch* BERRY

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Chapter Workshops Individual Seminars

7:00 - 11:00 PM Social & Speakeasy Table games/dominoes Map of major airports, host hotel, and beach



Chapter Care Visits and Beyond

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Mountain & Pacific by Larry Lamoureux

Calgary, AB PTC

Calgary has been operating since September 2003, looking forward to celebrating 20 vears at the Worldwide Convention in St. Petersburg. The organization has maintained a relatively simple structure for the last 10 years. With approximately 50 members and the potential of a lot more, PTC is active pursuing leadership roles in 2023 to continue growing. It is a very active group with about 16 inperson events every month.

Edmonton, AB PTE

The Edmonton Chapter has shared a long history with the Calgary chapter and both have held several joint events in the past. A very friendly and receptive group but like many, it is struggling to get the word out. Dunc Mills has been the rock of PTE and has outreach connections with other men's groups in North Alberta, as the Chapter is exploring ways of increasing leadership and participation roles.

Kamloops, BC

Kamloops is a newly formed chapter that just celebrated its first year. They are doing amazing things with lots of energy and interests. I attended the Kamloops Pride parade with the group It was great fun plus they signed up several more members. The biggest current challenge is getting the word out about their Chapter, but they have lots of planned events.

Nanaimo, BC PTN

I attended several events with the group, including a barbecue in Parksville. This event was very well attended with nearly 60 men. I received a very warm welcome and they were very happy to have a representative from the PTWW Board. Nanaimo covers a very large area that draws from several surrounding communities. Three new members from the BBQ event joined that day! I also connected with President Paul Tilroe and former PTWW Board Member Don Gillette.

Seattle, WA SPT

There is a large base to draw from as Seattle is a

very gay-friendly city. SPT has lots of interests and energy. I met with their Board who were all very engaged and delighted to feel the support from PTWW. This Chapter was established in 1992 and like many, they have suffered during COVID lockdowns. SPT has a new vigor about them and I feel they have turned the corner on in-person socializing.

Vancouver, BC PTVan

There's a large base to draw from as Vancouver is a very gay-friendly and beautiful city that lends itself to a lot of great outdoor activities. I met with their Board for a lovely dinner and then several of us went out to enjoy the city's wonderful attractions. The Chapter is planning more in-person socializing and activities.

Victoria, BC PTVic

I attended their annual corn roast with nearly 100 men. Very friendly and super receptive crowd of men. Meeting up with the PTV Board was rewarding as I got to hear of the chapter plans and membership activities being planned for 2023.

To help cover expenses, Local Chapters may provide meals, local transportation and hosted housing, if available. PTWW covers travel and other costs for the chapter visits.

North/East Region by Joe Robinson

Cincinnati OH TriState

We met Rich, the president, and several of the other board members, in Batesville for an early dinner, then met up with roughly 16 of their members at a gay bar in downtown Cincinnati, and finally went out with a group of them for a second dinner near the bar. This is a large chapter with about 140 members and they offer lots of monthly activities. By advertising their events in their monthly newsletter, they have been getting great turnout at events. Their challenge is to find venues that can accommodate this large sized chapter in SW Ohio.

Cleveland OH PTC

Ralph is a stellar and very dedicated PTC President. He has been running the chapter, with a few members helping organize and host events before and during the pandemic. Ralph welcomed and hosted us and took us to a neighborhood restaurant where we had the opportunitv to meet a few of the members and chat about the future of their chapter. Their next event was a US Thanksgiving Dinner hosted at a member's home.

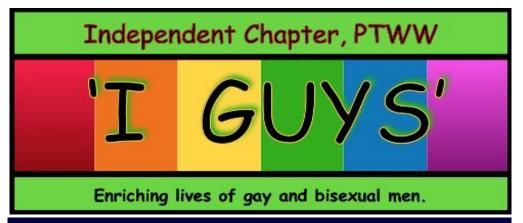
Grand Rapids, MI PTGR Ir

President Vern, Secretary Neil, and Treasurer Kelly, manage the 40-member chapter with monthly dinner meetings at local restaurants. They have established a monthly roster and members can take turns organizing these dinners. My husband and I attended one of these dinner events and had a lot of fun with the 15 or so members who joined us. We were warmly welcomed and hosted by Vern and his partner, Gene, who even flew the British Columbia flag in front of their house the day we arrived. What a welcome!

Indianapolis IN

PTI

President Michael and his team run an active chapter in Central Indiana. We were hosted by Steve, one of the members, at his downtown condo and given a tour of their beautiful city. Steve hosted a brunch so that we could meet their 7-member Board. Indianapolis Chapter followed later that evening with a potluck dinner where we met a dozen more active and enthusiastic members. The Indianapolis Chapter has 52 members, offers 2-3 events per month, and is working towards becoming a more inclusive group.



PTWW 2025 Convention is in Omaha!

Embassy Suites Downtown, Old Market

FRI 9-OCT to MON 13-OCT

Early Registration will officially open NEXT year at the Closing Banquet in St. Peterburg

Omaha?
You will be surprised!!



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PTWW Business

 Update your newly-selected chapter leaders online at:

> https://theprimetimersww.com/ contact-us/

- PTWW 2023 Dues notices were emailed to Chapter Presidents and Treasurers with:
 - \$2/member as of 31-DEC, due by 15-FEB.
 - If PTWW hosts your website with a domain, there will also be an ICANN fee.
 - Otherwise PTWW hosting services are free of charge for ALL chapters.

Email: <u>ptww-info@primetimersww.com</u>

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Live from Delaware!

At the beginning of 2022, Frank Pirhalla and Richard Shrout began a journey to bring the vision of Delaware Coastal PrimeTimers®, Inc. to life. That vision has now come to full life as a Delaware 501(c)(7) corporation. The preliminary monthly social events were attended by between 75 and 100 guests interested in seeing this organization succeed. The response to the first social gathers was so strong and positive that it is no surprise the day has finally come.

On Tuesday, December 6th 2022, Delaware Coastal PrimeTimers®, Inc. held its inaugural members-only event and election of directors. As of that date, we have received 95 membership applications and dues. Of these, 52 attended our first members-only function, Holiday Wine and Cheese meeting to elect the inaugural Board of Directors. We will soon hold our first organizational meeting and establish the officers of the Board of Directors.

Our calendar is starting to fill with fun events and activities. We are excited to start our new chapter and be part of the global PrimeTimers® Worldwide team. If you are planning a trip to the Delaware Shores, give us a heads up! We'd be glad to see you at the

Beach! coastalprimetimers@gmail.com

Our warmest regards, The Delaware Coastal PrimeTimers®, Inc. Board of Directors: Frank Pirhalla, Richard Shrout, Steven Swierzy, Stephen Reustle, Roger Nisewarmer, and Tom Ketterman







Tucson Update

Tucson PrimeTimers® is coming back strong. We have almost doubled our membership since the lows of the pandemic. Our Wednesday lunches have been very

well attended - at levels higher than before. The Monday lunch bunch continues going strong, although numbers are small -- they powered through the last two years. Bowling fun has begun anew. And a new book club is getting off the ground. We have made alliances with several other local groups and have members enjoy activities of multiple groups, such as the Tucson Front Run-



ners & the Valley Male Nudist Group.

Our new governing board took office for a two-year term on 1 January. We are working on updating our website; we are partic-

ularly hoping to add to the section, "Our Lives, Our Stories." Check out those already there! Follow us on Facebook for our events and more. Oh, and if you are heading this way -- we are always pleased to welcome visitors to sunny Arizona.

> Stephen Stillwell At-Large Board Member

HOLIDAY PARTIES' REPORTS:

PrimeTimers® of Phoenix

Thanksgiving with Friends

Every year, Mark W. and Dan R. host a Potluck Thanksgiving in their home for those who don't have anywhere else to go. This year, 22 members went to the party and had a great time in between friends.



Daniel Pereira

PTOP Holiday Party

More than 90 members and guests attended the Holiday Party last December 03^{rd} to celebrate the holiday season. The event had a lot of food, dancing, fun and games. Everybody had a marvelous time.



Newsletter Editor

TriState PrimeTimers® (Cincinnati)

Once again, TriState
PrimeTimers® held its
December meeting at
The Farm, a banquet
facility in the western
part of Cincinnati. TSPT was
pleased to see not only
a large number of
members (80) but also
nine guests, six of
whom joined the chapter.

After announcements and the recognition of December birthdays and anniversaries, the members of the 2023 Board, elected at the November meeting, were formally



introduced. Then the winners of Split the Pot were drawn, and a winner for the Mega Holiday Gift Basket was chosen.

Afterwards, the buffet lines were opened, and everyone sat down to enjoy a good meal and the company

of friends and new acquaintances.



Rích Pingilley Past President (2022)

Atlanta PrimeTimers®

The Holiday Party for Atlanta Prime-Timers® was held on Saturday, December 3rd at Mary Mac's Tea Room. Members

adorned crowns of gold to celebrate the success of the APT throughout 2022.

The room was full of catch-up conversation and well wishes for the Holiday Season. Over 50



raffled off gifts to the lucky ticket holder. Everyone was a winner and went home with something to remind them of the wonderful time they had socializing with our Atlanta PrimeTimers®.

members attended to enjoy the Southern cooking of the historical Mary Mac's Tea Room on Ponce De Leon Ave. in downtown Atlanta. Food was aplenty and members went home with leftover southern fried chicken, fried catfish, roasted turkey and all the sides for a Sunday meal.

President Mike Murphy publicly thanked members who had organized and hosted events throughout the year. He thanked departing board members, Chris Harris, Gregg Melton and Daniel Barker for their service throughout 2022. Members Bob Elkinson, Barney Hill, Ricky Gallman and Brian Hankin were welcomed as members Overall, it was a fun time once again with the great men of Atlanta......thank you to all of our members for supporting the AT-LPT chapter throughout 2022. We invite all PTWW members to join us for some social fun when in Atlanta. Check out our website for upcoming activities, atlantaprimetimers.com. We would love to see you in 2023. Happy New Year to Y'ALL.

of the 2023 APT Board of Directors.

Membership Director, Jason Calvert, had

Everett Mike Murphy President



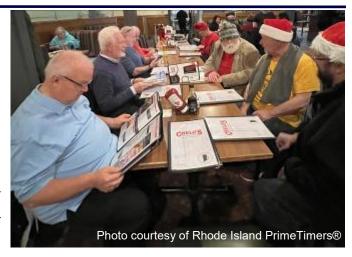
Rhode Island PrimeTimers®

Fourteen of us met for a Christmas/ holiday dinner Sunday December 11 at Chelo's hometown bar & grill in Woonsocket, RI. We enjoyed a variety of dishes.

Many were unable to attend due to either health or weather. It snowed enough to make driving tricky.



Steve Kagan President



On Top of Office Ergonomics

Proper office ergonomics can help you and your joints stay comfortable. Here are some suggested ways:

Chair and Desk: Your knees should be bent at a comfortable angle and greater than 90° flexion. If this strains your lea muscles, or if the feet do not reach the floor, use a footrest. The footrest height must allow your knees to be bent at 90°; adjust the height of the footrest if necessary. Adjust the backrest to supports the lower back when you are sitting upright. If the work surface is used for writing on paper and computer use, the flat surface should be between 28-30 inches (71-76 cm) above the floor. Choose a system that is height adjustable; that allows you to tilt the keyboard down away from you slightly for better wrist posture.

Monitors, Light & Glare: Place the monitor directly in front of you, about an arm's length away. The top of the screen should be at or slightly below eye level directly behind your keyboard. If you wear bifocals, lower the monitor by 1 to 2 inches for more comfortable viewing. Place the monitor to the side of the light sources, not directly underneath. If the lighting is fluorescent strip lighting, the sides of the desks should be parallel with the lights. Try not to put the screen near a window. If it is unavoidable, ensure that neither the screen nor the operator faces the window. To determine whether there is glare from overhead lights, sit down and hold an object, such as a book, above the eyes at eyebrow level and check whether the screen image becomes clearer in the absence of overhead glare. To detect whether there are reflections from the desk surface, hold the book above the surface and assess the change in reflected glare from the

screen. You can eliminate or reduce these reflections in several ways: Tilt the screen (top part forwards) so that the reflections are directed below eye level. Use an LCD screen. Cover the screen with a light diffusing surface or anti-glare screen. A negative contrast screen (dark characters on light background) will reduce the influence of these reflections. Change the text and background colors, either black characters on white/yellow background, or white/yellow on black, white on blue, and green on white. Avoid both red on green and yellow on white. Look away into the distance to rest the eyes briefly every 10 minutes.

Document holder: Place the document holder close to the monitor screen in the position that causes the least twisting or inclination of the head.

Mouse: Place your mouse within easy reach and on the same surface as your keyboard. While typing or using your mouse, keep your wrists straight, your elbows bent at 90°, forearms parallel with the floor, your upper arms close to your body, and your hands at or slightly below the level of your elbows.

Posture: Adopt a natural and relaxed position to provide an opportunity for movement, from which you can assume a few alternative positions. Maintaining a fixed posture for long periods increases the likelihood of muscular aches and pains. Also, long periods of repetitive movement and sustained visual attention can give rise to fatigue-related complaints. Take regular postural/stretching breaks to reduce intense periods of repetitive movements.

Steve Horowitz

Board Member & Newsletter Editor
PrimeTimers® Sarasota

Members of PrimeTimers® Indianapolis Enjoy 2022 Post-Thanksgiving Cruise

Eight members of PrimeTimers® Indianapolis set sail on Celebrity Reflection cruise ship for the 2022 Post Thanksgiving Cruise to the eastern Caribbean from November 27 - December 4. Joining over 400 other gay men for a week

Joining over 400 other gay men for a wee of sunny weather

of sunny weather in the Bahamas, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten, we enjoyed onboard activities and exciting shore excursions. We also had an opportunity to meet many men from our

hometown of Indianapolis that we hadn't previously known, as well as meeting more Prime Timer members from other chapters around the country.

Steve Hamilton

Inter-Chapter Liaison Board Member



Photo courtesy of Steve Hamilton



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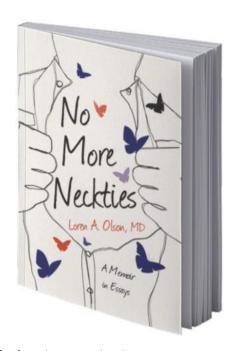
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-William Dameron, author of The Lie

"A carefree, explosive enthusiasm and talent."

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



To invite Dr. Olson to speak to your local PrimeTimers® chapter, contact:

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PrimeTimers® Worldwide Calendar

Chapter/Event

15-FEB Worldwide Chapter Dues/Domain Fees deadline

28-FEB \$60 off Early Bird PTWW Convention Registration Discount ends

APRIL Regional Zoom Meetings for Chapter Leaders by Central, M/P, NE, SE

31-MAY \$40 off Advance Discount PTWW Convention Registration ends

Mid-JUN North/East Region Chapter Visits

Baltimore, DC, Richmond, New Jersey, Norfolk, Rehoboth Beach

Mid-JUN South/East Region Chapter Visits

Mobile, New Orleans, Orlando, Palm Beaches, Sarasota, Tallahassee

AUGUST Regional Zoom Meetings for Chapter Leaders by Central, M/P, NE, SE

15-SEP \$20 off General Discount PTWW Convention

Registration ends

1-OCT PTWW Biennial Convention, St. Petersburg FL



Travel Activities

The Original PrimeTimers® Worldwide, Inc. (PTWW) does not receive any compensation nor proceeds from these events or activities below and in no way assumes any liability for claims, errors, or omissions nor negligence arising from these promotions or activities listed. Beginning January 2023, only activities and events sponsored by an organization or group recognized by the PTWW Board of Directors may be published.

Paid advertising may be available upon request and approval by the PTWW Board. Contact the Newsletter Editor.

Activities and contact information of potential interest to members are:

<u>Activity/Event</u>	<u>Organizer</u>	Contact Info	
Cruises - Ron Camp	Ron Camp	614.581.2700	
Cruises - Michael Stone	Michael Stone	941.359.8212	
Event - A Celebration of Friends	Tom Pence	tomcat9722@aol.com	
Official PTWW Fundraising Cruise	to be determined		