

A Chapter of PrimeTimers® Worldwide



May Newsletter 2023

President's Note

It's already May! Seems like the weeks go by so quickly. A month ago, I was on the East Coast for a conference. Afterwards, I visited friends back in the Maryland/DC area. One really nice moment was connecting with members of the Coastal Delaware Prime Timers, in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Twice a week, some of their members walk the boardwalk, followed by brunch. Although I hadn't met any of them before, sharing our Prime Timers connection created an immediate bond. So nice to feel that our group extends far beyond the borders of Oklahoma!

Regarding other connections; April closes with our Anniversary Dinner. And on the first Friday in May we'll connect with other parts of the state, by way of our day trip to Medicine Park.

I recently experienced additional connections during a zoom meeting with chapters in the Central Time region. The big updates were about the World Wide convention in St Petersburg, FL in early October. Apparently, the hotel is over 40% booked. While there are designated overflow hotels, anyone considering attending might want to make reservations before the room block assigned to us fills up. Members of the conference committee identified several points of interest in the area. Find additional information at the Prime Timers World Wide website.

As many of you know, Evolve Church has allowed us to use their facility for our membership meetings. Building on this connection, repeated from last year, Pastor Jenny is willing to share Evolve's booth for Pride on 39th with us. We can have information available to potential members and will look for people who are willing to represent COPT that first weekend in June. Also, Evolve is having a Spring Work day on May 13th; we hope a few can contribute back to Evolve by giving some time after breakfast.

When I began writing this letter, I didn't realize how frequently I would be typing the word "connect." However, it actually makes sense, since we are a social group, working to help make connections among mature Gay and Bi men. We are inviting members to participate in an interest inventory, beginning at the Anniversary Dinner. This is just another way we hope to foster connections among our Oklahoma members. To hold out a gentle challenge: reach out (phone, text, email) to at least one person each week of May and let them know you've been thinking of them.

Steve K

There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will have truly defeated age. - Sophia Loren

Know Your Board

This column will return soon.

MINUTES CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS APRIL MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 16, 2023

The April 2023 meeting of Central Oklahoma Prime Timers Board of Directors, held on April 16, 2023, at Evolve Church, 3208 NW May Ave., Oklahoma City was called to order by President Steve K. at 1 P.M., with Vice President David H., Secretary Kobe C., Treasurer Allen G. and at-large members John L, Kelly P., Richard W. and Alex J. present along with member Jim S.

The Meeting began with a moment of silence for Nathan Bussey and Rusty Robertson. Forrest E. is in hospice Park Place Health at 1530 N. Grand Ave.

Minutes of the March 2023 meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer presented a written report which was accepted and is added to and made a part of this record. At present there are 53 paid members plus 8 lifetime members.

The Newsletter still needs a couple of bios from the board. It was suggested that we request bios from members to be published in the monthly Newsletter.

Meet & Greets are continuing at Kent's place twice a month, the next on April 22nd and 23rd.

Presently there are 21 signed up for the Anniversary Dinner on April 30th at Cheddars on Memorial.

Efforts are being made to contact members who have yet to pay their annual dues.

The Road Trip to Medicine Park on May 5th is taking shape to include a Mt. Scott in the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge tour, a meal at the Old Plantation Restaurant, exploring the town of Medicine Park, its Hotel, and Holy City, leaving OKC around 10 am, returning around 4 pm. RSVP by April 30th. If enough members go, we will rent a passenger van.

Evolve Church has set Saturday, May 13th as a workday, cleaning, and needs volunteers to help.

Pride on 39th is set for Friday, June 2nd through Sunday June 4th. COPT will be sharing the Evolve Church Booth.

A COPT trip to Tulsa has been set for Wednesday, June 28th, details to be determined.

COPT, upon motion passed, is donating \$25.00/month to Evolve Church, to be paid semi-annually beginning in June, 2023.

A Motion to create an In Memoria Page on the COPT website was tabled for further study.

The Meeting was Adjourned by Steve K. at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kobe C., Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS

9 David C.
10 Steve K.
11 Rusty R.
12 Kobe C.
13 Don D.
27 Maurice J.
31 Buzz P.

COPT MAY 2023

	1	2	3	4 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	5 Cinco de Mayo & Trip to Medicine Park 10AM	6 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39 th & Tulsa
7	8	9 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39 th & Tulsa	10	11 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	12	13 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39 th & Tulsa; Meet & Greet, 1pm to 7pm
14 Meet & Greet, 1pm to 7pm	15	16 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39 th & Tulsa	17	18 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	19	20 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39 th & Tulsa
21 Monthly Meeting – Evolve Church, 3208 N. May, 1 pm	22	23 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39 th & Tulsa	24	25 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	26	27 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39 th & Tulsa; Meet & Greet 1pm to 7pm

28 Meet & Greet, 1pm to 7pm	29	30 Lunch Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	31			

Save the date (this is a new section listing upcoming dates of interest)

- *May 5th – Day trip to Medicine Park, OK – leaving OKC around 10AM and returning around 4PM*
- *May 13th, 14th, 27th and 28th – Meet and Greet at Kent’s*
- *May 13th – Clean up at Evolve Church*
- *June 2nd thru 4th - Gay celebration on 39th street*
- *June 28th – Day trip to Tulsa*

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

May 4, 4:30 pm: MAMA ROJA MEXICAN KITCHEN; 9219 S. Lake Hefner Dr.; 405-302-6262;
<https://mamaroja.com/>

May 11, 4:30 pm: YUMMY YUMMY CHINESE RESTAURANT; 6315 N. Meridian Ave.; 405-722-2881;
<https://www.yummyyumyokc.com/>

May 18, 4:30 pm: HIDEAWAY PIZZA; 5022 N. Western Ave.; 405-840-4777;
<https://www.hideawaypizza.com/>

May 25, 4:30 pm: IRON STAR URBAN BARBECUE; 3700 N. Shartel Ave.; 405-524-5925;
<https://www.ironstarokc.com/>

Meet & Greet location is 5 Oakwood Drive, Forrest Park, OK 73121

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Newsletter Editor Notes

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.

If anyone is interested in attending the Prime Timers Worldwide Convention, here is the web address for the forms:

<https://theprimetimersww.com/2023-mail-in-convention-registration/>

Kelly P.