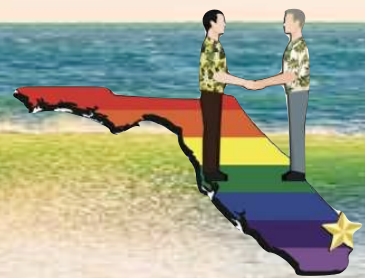


# The Surfer

APRIL 2020



## ACTIVITIES - HISTORY

• Lou Wangberg



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

• Henry Penas

*Disruption* is part of life.

We hear about disaster, crime, scandal, hate, death and war each day; they are *disruptions*. To better understand them, come to our twice-monthly History Group discussions.

Journalism students are taught that "If dog bites man it is not news, but if man bites dog it is news." The study of history is similar because it is not the normal day-to-day activities of mankind that comprise the incidents and lessons of history. Instead, history looks at *disruptive events*.

The History Group discusses the stories and the people who have made *disruptions*.

Today, the *coronavirus* has put the world

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Do you know what an Earworm is? It's a song that gets in your head and you can't get it out. Yellow Submarine is a good example. Try singing that before you go to bed and see what happens!

My current Earworm is a song by an Israeli singer named Dennis Lloyd. The title is *GYF* (and it doesn't mean Good For You). It's about the breakup of a relationship.

Somewhere in the middle of the track, a speaker delivers a *TED* talk about what's really important. It goes like this:

"And whether your relationship is awful,  
good, or great

We don't like endings

We don't like to lose thing

And especially, we don't like to lose things  
that are important to us

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 Mike Trask


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under incredible stress. We see complete upheaval in the travel industry. The stock markets have been falling like rocks. The production of metals and other commodities in the world is reduced and significantly altered. International trade is drastically slowed. The result will be years of decreased economic activity worldwide.

No doubt you can remember many other *disruptions*, such as The Great Depression, World War Two, The Korean War and 911. Some *disruptions* are positive, including discoveries of penicillin and the X-Ray.

If you want to find yourself challenged to think deeply about *disruptive events* and how they have and will continue to impact your life, you absolutely belong at our monthly history discussions. We strive to see the ‘story behind the story.’ We do not just look at the facts, we explore the personalities and their impact on the direction of civilization and culture. What might have happened if better or different decisions had been made? Can we apply the lessons of history to the challenges we face today and maybe do things better as a result?

You can’t afford to stay away. Come, join our discussion, and offer your own perspectives and hear the ideas of others. It will be well worth your time.

We meet at 2:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month at the Pride Center, in Room 206. [Photos p9-ed] 

**(PRESIDENT** from page 1)

And make no mistake

Relationships are the single most important thing to you and your life

It's the source of all of your best memories

It's the source of all of your worst memories

When you think back on your life

And you're 95, a hundred years old

And you look back over the course of your lifetime

You're NOT gonna think

I wish I owned a better phone

I wish I spent more time on the internet

I wish I spent more time at work or sleeping

It's not gonna be any of those kinds of things

It's gonna be I wish I spent more time with the people I love”

If you'd like to get my Earworm too, go to:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tMLPoXvUsSQ>

### **Housekeeping Note**

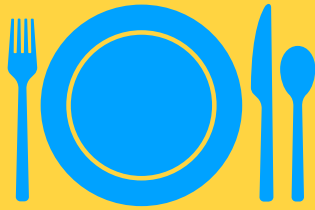
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## FOOD & DRINK



- GENERAL MEETING** April 5, 2:00 pm  
Pride Center, 2040 N Dixie Highway, 33305  
Pot Luck Meal served after the meeting program.  
Please bring a dish to share!
- DINER LUNCH** April 9, 1:00 pm  
Lester's Diner, 250 W State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale, 33315  
To reserve a place, please text, call or email Doug Kent at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) or (305) 495-2978. You'll pay your server.
- UPSCALE DINNER** April 16, 5:00 pm  
Tropics Grill, 2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, 33305  
See page 8 for details and reservation form. Send it with payment.
- UPSCALE LUNCH** April 30, 1:00 pm  
Sea Watch On The Ocean, 6002 North Ocean Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, 33308  
To reserve a place, please text, call or email Doug Kent at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) or (305) 495-2978. You'll pay your server.
- MIXERS** Every Monday, 5:30 pm  
Matty's Bar, & Grill, 2100 Wilton Dr, 33305  
Drinks followed by free hot food  
No reservations; just pay for your drink(s).
- INFORMAL DINNER** Every Monday, 7:00 pm  
04/06- Bona Italian Rest., 2486 Wilton Dr., Wilton Manors 33305  
04/13 - Chuck's Steak House, 2824 E. Commercial Blvd., 33308  
04/20 - Tee Jay Thai Sushi, 2254 Wilton Drive, 33305  
04/27 - Tequila Sunrise, 4711 N Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park 33334  
No reservation needed. Just show up, eat and pay!

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## GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

• Ken South, interviewer

In 1930, Herbert Hoover was the 31st US President and 1,350 banks had closed due to the previous year's crash. Betty Boop made her debut, while Haile Selassie became the Emperor of Ethiopia and NYC's *Chrysler Building* opened.

Plus, on August 21st of that year, Mr. April was born in Muncie, Indiana, joining his parents and older brother. Soon after, the family moved to Auburn, IN where his dad worked for *General Motors*. By 1941 the family had moved to Dayton, OH where Mr. A completed grade and middle school, and attended Oakwood HS, but graduated from Rockville Center, NY HS in 1948. Mr. A was an engineering major at *Otterbein College* in Ohio and later, in 1950, was an art major at the Pratt Institute in NYC.

The following year he joined the US Air Force and served for three years, partly in US-occupied Japan.

In 1952, while stationed in Long Island, NY, Mr. A began his education as a gay man. He was hoping to go to officer training school to become a pilot, but was warned that officers were particular targets during the McCarthyism era. He spent his time off in NYC where he met lots of gay theatre people, sons of diplomats and even his first gay male couple! He also found his first boyfriend while still in the Air Force.

Upon returning to the States, he studied at the *ArtCenter College of Design* in Pasadena, CA.

From 1954 to 1969 he worked as a draftsman at the *Hughes Aircraft Company* in Culver City, CA. In 1958, Mr. A met his partner of 52 years, Ernie, who headed the *Screen Extras Guild* for several years.

By 1966, at the Laguna Beach, CA *Festival of Arts*, he started a new career specializing in wild life portraits. He and a business partner attended conventions and art shows all over the US, selling his art.

Until 1976, he collaborated with an agent and an association of big game hunters to promote his work. With contacts from a friend, he became associated with the *Donald Art Company* in NYC to sell his art prints. In the midst of a disagreement, his disgruntled agent "outed" him to his customers which caused him serious financial complications. However, his career as an artist moved on.

His work was featured in galleries in Santa Fe, NM and Scottsdale, AZ. He was commissioned to paint Ronald Reagan's horse. He completed the painting, but because of a White House gifts policy, it was never delivered. At a low point in his art career, his partner Ernie made connections for him to become a court artist for the movies.

In 1988, he became associated with the *University of Nevada* theatre program. He

(see *MAN*, page 6)

(*MAN*, from previous page)

also enjoyed joining the *Las Vegas Gay Men's Chorus!*

In 2010, Ernie, Mr. A's beloved partner of 52 years, passed away with a heart attack. By 2012, it was time to move to South Florida. He first lived as a housemate with a gay couple, friends he met on a cruise. Then, in 2018, at the *Pride Center's Coffee and Conversation*, he met his current partner, Doug and moved to his place in Palm Aire. 🏳️‍🌈

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## **SPECIAL EVENT - 15TH ST FISHERIES LUNCH**

• Doug Kent

Don your lifejackets for this month's Special Event!

At 11 AM, Wednesday, April 22nd, we will be meet in the lobby of the *Double Tree Suites Hotel*, 2670 E Sunrise Blvd., 33304, just east of the *Galleria Mall*. Parking is available at the hotel. There we will board the *Water Taxi*, purchase our \$23 Senior tickets which are good for the whole day (\$28 for those under 65) and ride down to the *15th Street Fisheries*, where we will have our lunch. It's a very well known, popular Fort Lauderdale restaurant and is right on the Intracoastal Waterway. It is a wonderful treat to have lunch there and watch all the boat traffic.

After lunch there are two options.

You can board the *Water Taxi* and ride it all afternoon, through the *Port of Fort Lauderdale*, and go as far south as *Margaritaville* in Hollywood where you can stop for a drink or just stay on board and ride back to the *Double Tree Suites Hotel*.

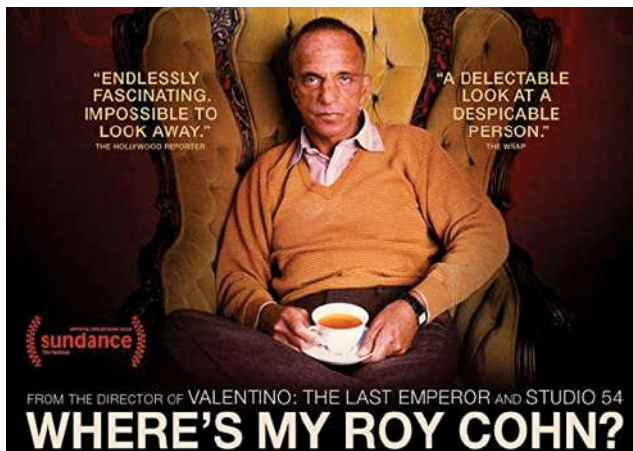
If you are short on time after lunch, you can get on the *Water Taxi* and ride back to the *Double Tree* and call it an afternoon.

It will be a fun-filled afternoon and if you have never ridden the *Water Taxi* or been to the *15th Street Fisheries*, this afternoon is a must. For those of you who have, you know how much fun is in store. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or simply e-mail him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to reserve your spot or if you have any question about the event. 🏳️‍🌈

# MONTHLY MOVIE

• Ed Slough

The SAGE/Prime Gentlemen FREE Movie for April is: *Where's My Roy Cohn?* on Friday, April 17th at 1:30 PM in the Pride Center. FREE popcorn and sodas will be served. It runs 1 hour, 37 minutes and has an IMDB rating of 6.3 (of 10).



Roy Cohn was one of the most controversial and influential American men of the 20th Century --- a ruthless and unscrupulous lawyer and political power broker whose 28-year career ranged from acting as chief counsel to Senator Joseph McCarthy's Communist-hunting subcommittee to molding the career of a young Queens real estate developer named Donald Trump.

Cohn was best known for being McCarthy's chief counsel during the Army—McCarthy hearings in 1954, for assisting with McCarthy's investigations of suspected communists, and as a top political fixer. Cohn rose to prominence as a U.S. Department of Justice prosecutor

at the espionage trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, which concluded with the Rosenbergs' executions in 1953. As McCarthy's chief counsel, Cohn came to be closely associated with *McCarthyism* and its downfall.

He also represented Donald Trump during his early business career. In 1986, Cohn was disbarred from the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court for unethical conduct after attempting to defraud a dying client by forcing the client to sign a will amendment leaving him his fortune. Cohn, who was gay, died five weeks later from AIDS-related complications.

With all we know about this chillingly amoral, black-hearted man, "Where's My Roy Cohn?" still serves as a thorough and insightful history lesson. Cohn's story is revealed through interviews with family members and colleagues which make it very clear that the movie's indirectly telling the story of Trump. This movie irrefutably demonstrates that Cohn's influence is still felt today, all the way to the White House. If you've ever found yourself



wondering how American politics attained its current level of crazed amorality, "Where's My Roy Cohn?" provides a few answers. 🏳️‍🌈



## APRIL UPSCALE DINNER

### Tropics Grill

2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

**Thursday, April 16**

**Cash Bar: 5:00 PM - Dinner Served: 6:00 PM**



#### FIRST COURSE:

House Salad OR Soup du jour

#### MAIN COURSE: *Choose one on stub, below, or online (see stub)*

1. 1.6 oz Filet Mignon barrel cut grilled
2. Pork Rib Eye with a natural cranberry reduction
3. Chicken Parmesan with spaghetti
4. Angel Hair Bolognese (classic beef ragout tossed with angel hair pasta)

#### DESSERT:

Sugar-free Cheesecake OR Fresh berries and creme

#### BEVERAGE:

Coffee, Ice Tea or Soda (At table only)

**COST: \$25.00 per member, \$31 per nonmember**

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Notes: If you must cancel, to get a refund call Henry Penas (954-971-6514) before 5 PM on April 15.  
Please try to arrive by 5:40 PM so our meals can be ordered properly.

**Tropics Grill**



**Cutoff date for reservations is April 13**



Lou Wangberg leads the discussion of the HISTORY GROUP at the Pride Center



Three views of most of the MANpower it takes to make Prime Gentlemen function so well. They were enjoying our annual Volunteer Thank-you dinner. Thanks to all!!

# MILEPOSTS

## BIRTHDAYS

Lamond Smith	4/2	Michael Keller	4/21
Rick Hurd	4/2	William Farrington	4/21
Edward Black	4/2	Norman Okroy	4/21
Bruce Williams	4/2	James Restrick	4/23
Danny Olinger	4/4	Tom Pence	4/23
Stanley Lou	4/5	Richard Mariano	4/24
Dick Sabol	4/5	Frank Mahoney	4/24
Gary Miller	4/7	Arthur Sadoff	4/26
Elliot Lipof	4/9	Kaleed Mohammed	4/26
Rick Kirby	4/10	Michael Cochran	4/27
Eliot Cohen	4/14	Jack Faraci	4/28
Carl Hill	4/14	Edward Green	4/28
Gibson Smith	4/15	Jack Coonrod	4/29
Gerald Dean	4/16	Bob Daugherty	4/29
MD Hussain	4/17	Bruce Elliott	4/30
Joe Labbe	4/18	Larry Scholl	4/30
Kaz Takahashi	4/20	Jerry Kasden	4/30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Gavigan & Thomas Mack	4/29/1979	41 years
Bill Sandrik & Henry Smith	4/30/1983	37 years
Mel Beluscak & Garland Warren	4/19/1984	36 years
John Dool & Ric Buchanan	4/1/1995	25 years
Mike Freeman & Jim Gaffney	4/18/2003	17 years
George-Jorge Hernandez & Danny Oberg	4/17/2010	10 years
John Sorrell & Alex Zapata	4/22/2014	6 years



An even dozen Prime Gentlemen smiles at the March Diner Lunch at the Flashback Diner. Join the festivities this month at Lester's Diner (see page 4).

## MR. APRIL PHIL PRENTICE



## APRIL 2020 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>*LOCATIONS</b> <b>AL</b> = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063 <b>BP</b> = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069 <b>HB</b> = Haulover Beach, 10800 Collins Ave 33154 <b>ML</b> = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th St. 33305 <b>MT</b> = Matty's, 2100 Wilton Dr 33305 <b>PC</b> = Pride Ctr, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy 33305 <b>SC</b> = Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069 <b>SL</b> = Stonewall Lib, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311			<b>1</b>  <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>ML*</b>	<b>2</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b> <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>AL*</b>  <b>7:00</b> Walking @ <b>SC*</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Noon</b> Cards @ <b>PC*</b> <b>2:00</b> General Meeting @ PC	<b>6</b> <b>5:30</b> Mixer @ <b>MT*</b> <b>7:00</b> Informal Dinner, see p 4	<b>7</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b> <b>11:30</b> Cards @ <b>PC*</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>ML*</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b> <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>AL*</b> <b>1:00</b> Diner Lunch, p 6 <b>7:00</b> Walking @ <b>SC*</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>2:00</b> History @ <b>PC*</b>	<b>11</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b>
<b>12</b>  <b>Noon</b> Cards @ <b>PC*</b>	<b>13</b> <b>2:30</b> Roundtable @ <b>PC*</b> <b>5:30</b> Mixer @ <b>MT*</b> <b>7:00</b> Informal Dinner, see p 4	<b>14</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b> <b>11:30</b> Cards @ <b>PC*</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>ML*</b>	<b>16</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b> <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>AL*</b> <b>6:00</b> Upscale Dinner, p9 <b>7:00</b> Walking @ <b>SC*</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>1:30</b> Movie @ <b>PC*</b> p7	<b>18</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b>
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<b>26</b> <b>10:00</b> Beach @ <b>HB*</b> <b>Noon</b> Cards @ <b>PC*</b>	<b>27</b> <b>2:30</b> Roundtable @ <b>PC*</b>  <b>5:30</b> Mixer @ <b>MT*</b> <b>7:00</b> Informal Dinner, see p 4	<b>28</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b> <b>11:30</b> Cards @ <b>PC*</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>ML*</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10:00</b> Tennis @ <b>BP*</b> <b>11:00</b> Bowling @ <b>AL*</b> <b>1:00</b> Upscale Lunch p6 <b>7:00</b> Walking @ <b>SC*</b>	<b>Note: Collectors</b> <b>is cancelled for</b> <b>April.</b> <b>Opera and</b> <b>Ballet Groups</b> <b>are discontinued</b> <b>indefinitely.</b>	

**After we prepared this, other events were cancelled. See PG emails.**

## Here's What You May Have Missed...

If you did, see this month's activities on page 11 and go this month!!



April's Birthday Boys



The great-looking servers, food ....and us!



Henry Penas at the well-attended March General Meeting

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