



# Surfer

APRIL 2023



## ACTIVITIES

TRIVIAL PURSUIT  
By Andrew Langley



Do you know the only mammal with four knees, or the name of the play that Lincoln was watching when he was assassinated? If so, or if not, then Trivia Tuesdays might be for you!

Every Tuesday at 2 p.m. for the past three years the Prime Gentlemen Zoom link was activated and players from across the globe (Literally: Belgium, Canada, the U.K. and wherever Joel Rothstein is this week) get their thinking caps on and their hand raising arms limbered up as I confound them with hand-selected questions such as, "Who was George H. W. Bush's second Attorney General?" (Do

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Over the years, members have asked me why there aren't many younger members who like older men in our organization. I have wondered also. I brought this up in a conversation and one member hypothesized that it has to do with what I mean by younger men and older men.

He went on to explain that when he was in his 20s he was attracted to men in their 40s. Time passed and when he was in his 40s he liked men in their 60s. Now he is in his 60s and likes men in their 70s and 80s. He suspects that when he is in his 80s he will be attracted to fewer men. I think he is on to something.

Turn to **ACTIVITIES**, Page 3

### BOARD MEMBERS & CONTRIBUTORS

2

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH Meet a great Prime Gentleman!

5

FOOD & DRINK See what's cookin,' and where to join us to eat and drink

7

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Help these guys celebrate

10

CALENDAR Check out all the things to do and join in!

11

PHOTOS See what we've been up to (Send your photos to [PGSurfer@icloud.com](mailto:PGSurfer@icloud.com))

12

# PRIME GENTLEMEN



*A social club of mature men and  
those who enjoy their company*

**To join, go to:** [FtLPrimeGentlemen.org](http://FtLPrimeGentlemen.org)  
**and click on:** *Membership*

## Surfer

April 2023 Volume 20, Issue 4

Published by  
Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, Inc.



PO Box 100666  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310



[FtLPrimeGentlemen@gmail.com](mailto:FtLPrimeGentlemen@gmail.com)



[FtLPrimeGentlemen.org](http://FtLPrimeGentlemen.org)

### STAFF

#### Editor

Dick Huitema (773) 782-1608  
[DHuitema@mac.com](mailto:DHuitema@mac.com)

#### Contributors

Doug Kent: Lunches and Events  
Jim Richardson: Birthdays & Anniversaries  
Ken South: Formal Dinner &  
Gentleman of the Month  
Henry Penas: Obituaries  
Mike Trask: Photographs

*Please submit all materials to the Editor by the  
10th of the month before publication.*

#### Distributors

Auggie Azzarello: Paper  
Henry Penas: Digital

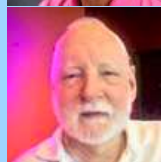
© 2023 by Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, Inc.

## BOARD MEMBERS



### PRESIDENT

Henry Penas  
(954) 971-6514  
[HPenas@gmail.com](mailto:HPenas@gmail.com)



### VICE PRESIDENT

Ken South  
(301) 461-4516  
[southy2222@gmail.com](mailto:southy2222@gmail.com)



### TREASURER

Paul McNamara  
(561) 254-9622  
[polmac@aol.com](mailto:polmac@aol.com)



### SECRETARY

Lou Wangberg  
(954) 295-0236  
[Wangberg@gmail.com](mailto:Wangberg@gmail.com)



Jim Flora  
(646) 208-8092  
[JamesFlora@aol.com](mailto:JamesFlora@aol.com)



Ron Grassullo  
(516) 670-7799  
[ronsullo@aol.com](mailto:ronsullo@aol.com)



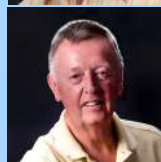
Stew Pepper  
(954) 532-5451  
[flot@comcast.net](mailto:flot@comcast.net)



Jim Richardson  
(303) 638-5690  
[jimedrich@gmail.com](mailto:jimedrich@gmail.com)

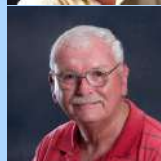


Dick Huitema  
(773) 782-1608  
[DHuitema@mac.com](mailto:DHuitema@mac.com)



### Special Advisor and Board Member Emeritus

Richard Lefebvre



### Treasurer Emeritus

Mike Trask

## ACTIVITIES

from page 1

you know?) Trivial Pursuit question writers really stretched the idea of a trivia question to pad out those boxes of cards. There's the added challenge of hearing them asked in the thickest Southern accent this side of the Mason-Dixon line, frequent mispronunciations of non-English words and, sometimes, regular English. If you are really lucky you might also get to hear me sing.

Instead of the traditional Pub Quiz format, we use the 'hand-raising' method because it has the added benefit of someone having an interesting or funny (never both!) story about the question or answer, and we learn about each other.

Also, after each game ends at 3:00 pm I do a short slide show of the funny memes and pictures I have found for the group to laugh at or not (It was funny to me!). I don't use Facebook for them and hopefully have funnies the players have not seen.

If you are easily offended you are more than welcome to duck out at 3:00 and go on with your day. No holds are barred!

So if you find yourself at loose ends on a Tuesday at 2:00, click on the [Prime Gentlemen Zoom link](#) and join us for some educational fun and get to know people you only have as a first name in your phone's contacts list.

(An Elephant has four knees and the play Lincoln only got to see part of was "Our American Cousin." The second Attorney General was William P. Barr.)

## PRESIDENT

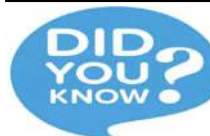
from page 1

I've spoken with more than a few who find themselves in the same position. For as far back as they can remember they liked older men. They all speculated about why this was the case but they each had a somewhat different thought about why this was.

Some thought it was a father fixation, others remembered specific people they were attracted to. Some were convinced it was because of the age of the person with whom they had their first gay sexual encounter. But most didn't know why.

I guess it's no different than being attracted to muscular men, chubby men, men with piercing eyes or the Scandinavian god type. Ask 100 gay men to name their biggest movie heartthrob and you will probably find a lot of agreement about Tyrone Power, Montgomery Clift, Troy Donohue, Raymond Burr and maybe even Oliver Hardy!

Our motto is: "A social organization of mature gay and bisexual men and those who enjoy their company." Although we enjoy each other's company because we are contemporaries, would it be so terrible to have some more young guys around?



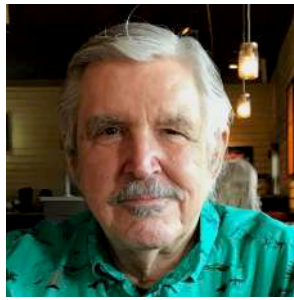
### 40 percent of jobs could be replaced by AI

In 20 years, Artificial intelligence expert Kai-Fu Lee says 40% of human jobs could be replaced by equally capable robots. Drivers might be affected most.

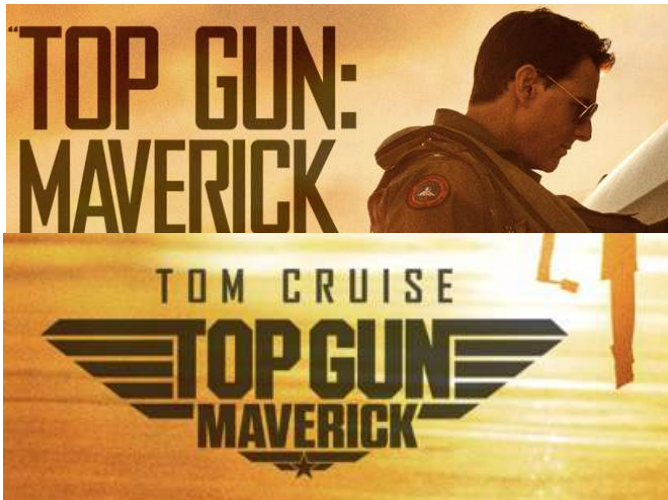


# MOVIE

By Ed Slough



Our next Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movie will be "Top Gun: Maverick" on April 21 at 1:30 in the Pride Center's Main Hall.



After more than 30 years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in

rank that would ground him. Despite many achievements, repeated insubordination has kept him from flag rank.

The Navy has been tasked with destroying an unsanctioned uranium enrichment plant located in an underground bunker at the end of a canyon before it becomes operational. Maverick devises a plan, but instead of participating in the strike, he is to train an elite group of Top Gun graduates.

When the mission parameters are relaxed, they are easier to execute, but make escape much more difficult.

Maverick makes an unauthorized flight through the course, proving that it can be done. He is reluctantly appointed team leader. but must confront the ghosts of his past and his deepest fears.

The mission demands the ultimate sacrifice from those who chose to fly it.

Top Gun: Maverick is the highest-grossing movie of all time!

Free popcorn and soda will be served.

## March Membership Meeting



# GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



The Supreme Court affirmed a woman's right to choose in passing Roe v. Wade in 1973. And the World Trade Center became the tallest building in the world, while Spiro Agnew, Vice President under Richard Nixon, resigned in October.

On October 7 of that year, Mr. April was born in Managua, Nicaragua. He joined the family as the second oldest boy, followed by a sister and two additional brothers.



At 13, the family moved to Costa Rica where he worked for 3 years. When 16 years of age, he called Los Angeles home and in 1993 he graduated from HS having taken ESL classes to master English.

Mr. A then enlisted in the US Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA and trained in an artillery unit at Camp Sill, Oklahoma.

After his discharge in 1997, he enrolled at El Camino Community College, in Torrance, CA and following a few semesters transferred to the University of Southern California with majors in pre-med and history. A highlight for him was singing with the university choir's performance in 2000 of Messiah at Carnegie Hall in NYC!

Following his graduation in 2002, he worked as an assistant lab director in a nanotech synthesizing lab that analyzed DNA strands for Ph.D. students at NYU and at a brokerage house for 3 years.

In 2006, Mr. A met Bob DeBenedictis, who was an entrepreneur, investor and philanthropist. His business model involved investing in facilities with hard-working undercapitalized people who added their own skills. He invested in NYC's Townhouse Piano Bar and East Side Sauna, as well as LIPS and Tropics in Wilton Manors, among hundreds of other ventures.

Mr. A started working for Bob by managing several of his properties, all while going to Columbia Business School and getting a degree in executive education.

In 2008, he started managing some hotel properties in the Ft. Lauderdale area and

Turn to **Gentleman** on the next page



became involved with a unique business. "The Belles Answering Service" started in 1956 and catered to some of the biggest names in show business.

After the service had been open for just a short time, celebrity lyricist Adolph Green and songwriter Jule Styne, clients of founder "Ma Belle," told her they were going to write a Broadway musical about the business. The result was the Broadway production of "The Bells Are Ringing." Mr. A bought the business and made major upgrades to modernize it.

He also had a long and loving friendship with Tom, who became very ill and depended on Mr. A for his care. Tom passed on in 2021. In the midst of all this, Mr. A managed to go to night classes at The Juilliard School in NYC and studied voice, piano and music theory!

Mr. A and Bob were together for 15 years until Bob's passing in 2021 when he was 87 years old. With Bob's passing, Mr. A moved from Gramercy Park in Manhattan to Pompano Beach.

He was introduced to Prime Gentlemen through his friend AJ and he also joined the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida. He's looking forward to the next chapter in his interesting life.

**I LOVE BACON**  
**because I can wrap**  
**it around anything.**  
**Essentially, it's the**  
**duct tape of food.**

## ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Roundtable sessions are held at the Pride Center in Room 206 and broadcast on Zoom via the SAGE dedicated link ([here](#)). Join these fun, interesting discussions in person!

**Monday, April 10, 2:30 PM**

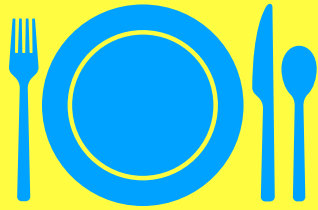
***Michael Vita - Is the word "gay" falling out of fashion?***

The word "gay" is increasingly being substituted by "queer" or, more broadly, "LGBTQ." The word "queer" is climbing in frequency and can be used interchangeably with "gay," which itself not so long ago replaced the dour and faintly judgy "homosexual." Michael will lead a discussion designed to encourage participants to share their personal preferences.

***Monday, April 24 - No meeting***



"There's always one annoying piece left over."



# FOOD & DRINK



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Sunday, April 2, 2:00 pm**  
**Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall**  
**2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors**  
Pot Luck Meal served after the meeting program.  
[Be sure to bring a dish to share!](#)

## EARLY BIRD DINNER

**Wednesday, April 12, 4:45 pm**  
Ed Slough has not yet settled on the location. Watch the weekly Bulletin for it.

## DINER LUNCH

**Thursday, April 13, 1:00 pm**  
**Lester's Diner**  
**1924 E Atlantic Blvd, Pompano Beach**  
Join us for a wonderful afternoon with your Prime Gentlemen friends. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to reserve your seat.

## DINNER

**Wednesday, April 19, 5:00 pm**  
**Bahama Breeze Island Grill, in The Gazebo**  
**3339 N Federal Hwy | Oakland Park**  
We'll be in a private space that has requirements that lead us back to the practice of ordering and paying in advance. See the next page for details.

## REGULAR LUNCH

**Thursday, April 27, 1:00 pm**  
**Sicilian Oven**  
**2761 E Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale.**  
This wonderful Italian eatery is famous for its reasonable prices and great food. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495- 2978 or email him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to reserve your seat.

## MIXER

**Every Tuesday, 5:30**  
**Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar**  
**2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305**  
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet spread!.](#)

## APRIL DINNER



### Bahama Breeze Island Grill

In The Gazebo, a private space

3339 N. Federal Hwy.  
Oakland Park, FL 33306

**Wednesday, April 19**

5:00 pm Cash Bar

6:00 pm Island Indulgence Dinner

Fixed Price:

**\$35**

(Subsidized  
by Prime  
Gentlemen)

### HOUSE SALAD

*Fresh greens, tomatoes, cucumbers & pumpkin seeds, drizzled with Island vinaigrette.*

### ENTREE (Choose one)

#### 1 Jerk Chicken Pasta

*Sliced jerk chicken breast, fresh asparagus and mushrooms tossed in a rich Parmesan cream sauce with bow-tie pasta.*

#### 2 Tequila Sunburn Glazed Salmon

*with our Tequila Sunburn glaze and topped with pineapple-mango salsa, served with cinnamon mashed sweet potatoes and green beans.*

#### 3 Grilled Top Sirloin Steak

*Juicy, 8-oz. center-cut sirloin with our mashed potatoes and broccoli.*

### MINI DESSERT SHOOTERS (At table, choose one or a mix of all three)

*Rebecca's Key Lime Pie*

*Rocky Road*

*Fresh Mango, Strawberry & Pineapple*



Fill in your name(s) and one Entree number for each:

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Entree \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Entree \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Entree \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, April 17**

**To cancel or for questions on reservations contact:**

*Ken South 301-461-4516 or southy2222@gmail.com*

***To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on April 18***

**Make check payable to Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen** and write **GRILL in the memo blank**. Send it with this stub to: Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, PO Box 100666, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310 or go to: [ftlprimegentlemen.org](http://ftlprimegentlemen.org) and click on Reservations to pay with a credit card.



**Fred Paiz**  
**December 19, 1944 - February 24, 2023**

Fellow member, Fred Paiz, passed away on February 24 in Imperial Point Hospital from complications resulting from pneumonia and Parkinson's disease.

Fred had been a member since February, 2014. He met Tony Moore at Celebration of Friends and they were partners until Tony passed away in December of 2017.



Fred was Man of the Month in May of 2016. You can read the article about his life by clicking [here](#).

Fred joined our Bowling Group early on and continued bowling for quite some time. He was a soft spoken individual with a winning smile. Everyone who knew him liked him. His friends and family will miss him.

**Grant Leonard**  
**March 30, 1937 - March 3, 2023**

Long time member, Grant Leonard, passed away in At Home Hospice at midnight on March 3. He had been a member since January, 2007.

He was originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota. He pioneered, made and sold a mechanism that operates player pianos. He owned a piano store where he was called "General" by his employees and then his friends.

Grant was referred to by his family as "F.U." which stood for Favorite Uncle.



He had a game room in his house just for the kids in the family.

He owned an amphibious car and an amphibious plane to the delight of his family and friends – and himself!

Grant did not want a memorial service and donated his body to science.

He was loved by everyone who knew him. He is survived by his dear husband Michael Costa.

# BIRTHDAYS

John Baron	4/2
Ronald Seidle	4/2
Lamond Smith	4/2
Edward Black	4/2
Rick Hurd	4/2
Jeffrey Stern	4/3
Danny Olinger	4/4
Michael Nelson	4/4
Stanley Lou	4/5
Gary Miller	4/7
Roger Alec	4/8
Elliot Lipof	4/9
Eliot Cohen	4/14
Carl Hill	4/14



Jose Solernou	4/17
MD Hussain	4/17
Luiz Ramos	4/17
Giacomo Castagna	4/19
Michael Keller	4/21
Norman Okroy	4/21
William Farrington	4/21
Alex Zapata	4/22
Tom Pence	4/23
James Restricks	4/23
Richard Mariano	4/24
Craig Maurice	4/27
Michael Cochran	4/27
Jack Faraci	4/28



# ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Gavigan & Thomas Mack	4/29/1979	44 yrs
Bill Sandrik & Henry Smith	4/30/1983	40 yrs
John Dool & Ric Buchanan	4/1/1995	28 yrs
Mike Martin & Rick Martin	4/25/2002	21 yrs
Jorge Hernandez & Danny Oberg	4/17/2010	13 yrs
John Sorrell & Alex Zapata	4/22/2014	9 yrs
Jim Gunter & David Heikkila	4/18/2016	7 yrs
Don Klein & Jocko Castagna	4/15/2018	5 yrs
Charles Lockyer & Smittie Smith	4/2/2019	4 yrs

MR APRIL  
**Roger Snyder**



# APRIL 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	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>ML</b> = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, 33305 <b>PC</b> = Pride Ctr, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy 33305			<b>SC</b> = Skolnick Ctr, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069 <b>SL</b> = Stonewall Lib, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311 <b>TR</b> = Tropics Bar & Grill, 2000 Wilton Dr 33305 <b>Zoom</b> = See email Weekly Bulletin for link.			1
<b>2</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> *  2:00 Membership Meeting @ <b>PC</b>	<b>3</b>   6:00 Mixer @Zoom*	<b>4</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> * 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ <b>TR</b>	<b>5</b> 11:00 Bowling @ <b>ML</b> * 1:00 Bowling @ <b>AL</b> * Drop In @PC & Zoom*	<b>6</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> * 1:00 Diner Lunch p 7 3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ <b>SC</b> *		8
<b>9</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> *	<b>10</b> 2:30 Roundtable @PC & Zoom* 6:00 Mixer @Zoom	<b>11</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> * 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ <b>TR</b>	<b>12</b> 11:00 Bowling @ <b>ML</b> * 1:00 Bowling @ <b>AL</b> * Drop In @PC & Zoom* 4:45 Early Bird Dinner p 7	<b>13</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> * 12:00 Board Mtg @Zoom* 2:00 Collectors @PC & Zoom Computer Class @PC* 3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ <b>SC</b> *	<b>14</b>   2:00 History @Zoom*	15
<b>16</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> *	<b>17</b>   6:00 Mixer @Zoom	<b>18</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> * 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ <b>TR</b>	<b>19</b> 11:00 Bowling @ <b>ML</b> * 1:00 Bowling @ <b>AL</b> * Drop In @PC & Zoom* 5:00 Dinner p 8	<b>20</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> *  3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ <b>SC</b> *	<b>21</b>   1:30 Movie @PC p4	22
<b>23</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> *	<b>24</b> 2:30 Roundtable @PC & Zoom* 6:00 Mixer @Zoom	<b>25</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> * 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ <b>TR</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 Bowling @ <b>ML</b> * 1:00 Bowling @ <b>AL</b> * Drop In @PC & Zoom*	<b>27</b> 9:00 Tennis @ <b>BP</b> * 1:00 Regular Lunch, p 7 2:00 Collectors @PC & Zoom 3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ <b>SC</b> *	<b>28</b>   2:00 History @Zoom*	29
<b>30</b> Tennis @ <b>BP</b> *	<b>31</b> 6:00 Mixer @Zoom					



## MARCH PHOTOS



Mixer  
serving  
line



Mixer



Membership Meeting



Potluck serving line



April Birthday Boys