



ACTIVITIES

• Dick Huitema

The count of our in-person activities continues to climb!

The latest additions are the *Collectors and Movies* groups! Ron Grassullo says the *Collectors* can also attend their sessions via Zoom. *Movies* will probably not have popcorn or drinks, because food and drink are still not allowed indoors at the Pride Center. See the calendar on page 8 for times and locations.

The *Roundtable* will not meet at all this month, as is usually the case in August. It'll resume on September 13.

As we “go to press,” our Membership meeting, complete with pot-luck meal, will not happen because food and drink are not allowed in the Center. The restrictions can change quickly, though, so keep your eyes on our Weekly Bulletins for the latest news. 🏴☠️



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

• Henry Penas

According to our bylaws, the membership elects the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors elect the Officers. We have four officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. At the July Board Meeting we elected our Board Officers for the next two-year term.

Our Secretary for the past five years has been Lou Wangberg. He was nominated and reelected. Our Treasurer for those past five years has been Jim Flora. He was nominated and reelected.

Carl Hill had been Vice President since February of 2020. He decided not to enter his name for the position this term because of his job responsibilities but will remain on the board and fulfill all of the duties he has been doing. The new Vice President is Ken South.

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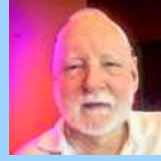
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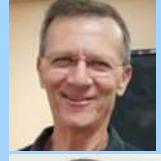


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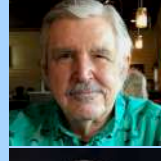
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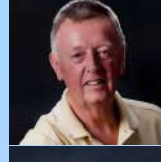
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(PRESIDENT, from page 1)

I have been President, most recently since 2015. I was reelected again.

Congratulations to our continuing and new officers.

By the time you read this, I hope we will have reached a deal with the Pride Center about our rental agreement. All its rental fees have gone up considerably since the pandemic.

We pay rent regularly each month for the spaces we use for our meetings. That includes our Membership/Potluck, History Group, Roundtable Group and Eric Runyan's free computer class meetings. We also pay to use the Schubert Building's Main Hall for the monthly movie.

The total monthly amount we pay the Pride Center could be considerably higher than it was before we stopped having meetings because of COVID-19.

The one exception is the Collectors' group which meets at the Stonewall Library for free. We gave them a monthly donation that was the same as the amount we paid for one of the rooms upstairs at the Pride Center and we will continue to do so.

The Board of Directors is grappling with the choice of paying the new rents or finding an alternative meeting space. We have gathered data about a few other locations, and are weighing the pros and cons. We will get the word out once we have decided. Feel free to share your thoughts with us. 🏄



We have a wide assortment sessions that are held on the zoom.us platformat least until they are back to being fully in-person meetings after all CDC-recommended limits are lifted by their venues, especially those held at the Pride Center.

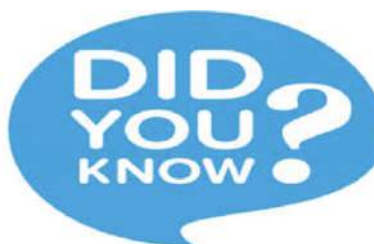
Here's a list of Zoom meetings for August:

- Membership, 8/1, 2:00 pm
- Mixer, Mondays at 5:30 pm
- Trivial Pursuit, Tuesdays at 2:00 pm
- Collectors, 8/5 & 8/19 at 11:00 am
- Board Meeting, 8/19 at 1:00 pm
- History, 8/13 & 8/27 at 2:00 pm

You will reach all of these meetings using the same Zoom link, namely:

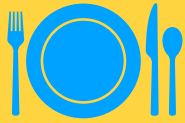
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Why not Bookmark it? 🏄



Alcohol affects your brain in just six minutes

Researchers at Heidelberg University Hospital found that six minutes after consuming alcohol changes are already taking place in the brain!



FOOD AND DRINK



Diner Lunch - Our 1:00 PM Diner Luncheon for Thursday, August 12 will take us to a diner icon, the famous *Egg & You*. It's at 2621 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale 33306 and has been serving up hash since 1956. Be prepared for great food, great service and great conversation. The *Egg & You* follows all CDC guidelines. To enjoy this diner experience, contact Doug Kent (next col.).

Upscale Lunch - As summer progresses, our 1:00 pm, Thursday, August 26 lunch will

take us to one of Fort Lauderdale's favorite sea food restaurants, the *Sea Watch on the Ocean*, 6002 N. Ocean Blvd, Fort Lauderdale 33308. It's been the leading sea food restaurant in the area since 1974 and has served nearly 10 million satisfied customers. You'll love its food, service and scenery. Contact Doug by Tuesday, August 24 to reserve your seat.

E-mail Doug Kent at dutchwood@att.net or text/call him at 305-495-2978.

Formal Dinner - Details are below.

UMBERTO'S	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	Member: \$25
2780 E Atlantic Blvd	5:00-6:00 pm: Cash bar	Guest: \$29
Pompano Beach 33062	6:00 pm: Dinner (arrive by 5:40 pm)	(Tax & Tip included)

Starter: Rolls topped with garlic, olive oil, herb dressing and baked

First Course (choose one):

S1. Lentil Soup S2. Pasta Fagioli S3. Tossed Salad

Entree (choose one):

E1. Rigatoni With Broccoli Rabe (slightly nutty flavor, sautéed) and Italian Sausage
E2. Chicken Pizzaola W/cheese, mushrooms, peppers, onions, garlic, in marinara
E3. Eggplant Rollatini Lightly breaded, w/ricotta & other cheeses and spaghetti
E4. Baked Lasagna Meat ragout, cheeses, béchamel and pomodoro sauce
E5. Wild Mediterranean Sea Bass Piccata Pan seared w/olive oil, capers, linguini

Desserts (choose one):

D1. Tiramisu D2. Limoncello Cake D3. Fresh Fruit cup (sugar free)

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Iced tea (at table only)

Wear a mask except when seated.

Live Music by Dr Wayne on Piano

Fill in your name(s) and THREE choice codes:

Member _____ Codes: _____

Member _____ Codes: _____

Guest _____ Codes: _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: August 13
To cancel, call Ed Slough, 754-200-4060, by 5 pm, August 16

Make check payable to Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen and write UMBERTO'S 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 and click on Reservations to pay with a credit card.



GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

• Ken South, interviewer

It was the first full year of the Great Depression. Herbert Hoover was President. The Chrysler Building, the tallest man-made structure at the time, opened in New York City and cartoon character Betty Boop made her debut. It was 1930. Several famous Americans were born that year, including Buzz Aldrin, Sandra Day O'Connor and Don Shula.

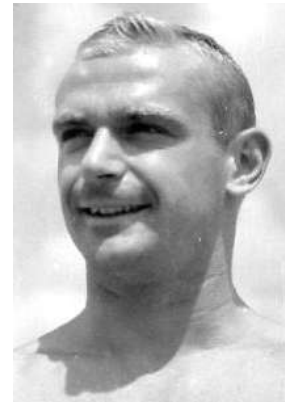
And, on June 3, The Gentleman of The Month, Mr. A, was born in Mineola, Long Island, NY, five years before his only brother. As a result of the depression, the family was forced to move several times: first to Poughkeepsie, then to Peekskill, where Mr. A attended grade school. Then on to Massapequa, but there was no high school there so he attended the one in Amityville and graduated in 1949. He enrolled at Cortland State College with a major in K-8th grade education. He graduated in 1953. For the next six years, he taught 6th graders in Eastchester, NY.

One of the delightful perks of the teaching profession is that summers are free for other adventures. Mr. A took full advantage of this fact. A friend suggested that he might enjoy a trip to California and recommended a fun place to stay in LA, the YMCA! During that summer, Mr. A explored his long-held feelings that he was “different.” He met a young lady, who became his “pal,” and it was to her that he first acknowledged his secret. He recalls

saying to Sandy, “I think I may have homosexual tendencies!” His experiences that summer at Laguna beach, including visits to several gay bars, confirmed his suspicions!

Then he fully embraced San Francisco and taught several different grades in Redwood City. He enjoyed teaching them all but after 36 years, he was ready to retire.

While in San Francisco, he met his first partner Jack. They relished their 16 years together until Jack’s passing. Their favorite bar was The Toolbox.



Mr. A and Jack had a mutual friend, Bob, who after a time, became Mr. A’s partner. They moved to Vero Beach’s Island Club in 1991. Their 14-year relationship ended when Bob died.

Mr. A met his current partner, Terry, while on a cruise in 2011 and moved into John Knox Village in January, 2016. The couple enjoys a cordial relationship with Mr. A’s nephew and two nieces who were all involved in the move.

Mr. A has long had a passion for travel and has explored the world. He toured South East Asia, South America, and the
(see **MAN** on next page)

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“Old World” of Europe, including Greece.
Mr. A was one of the founders of Prime

Timers of South Florida and attended the first meeting of the group.

Know Mr A? If not, meet him on page 7. 🏴‍☠️

Jim Fahy

September 19, 1945 - June 19, 2021

Jim Fahy was accidentally killed at the start of this year's Stonewall Parade in Wilton Manors.

He became a *Prime Gentlemen* member in September, 2002 and was Man of the month in the *Surfer* in January, 2020.

Jim had been a Maryknoll missionary and served the people of East Africa for 20 years. He was always involved in programs designed to help others. He even had a part time job at the Port Everglades cruise terminal helping



passengers navigate the port.

He was a very spiritual man and attended mass at Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church. He was a member of the Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus.

Jim was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Plans for a service of are in the works and word will go out when details are known.

His *Man of the Month* article ([here](#)) gives insights into how he lived his life and the kind of man he was.

Phil Rand

November 19, 1940 – June 18, 2021

Fellow member Phil Rand passed away on June 18 at Holy Cross Hospital. His partner of 47 years, John Dowd was at his side.

Phil and John joined our group in November, 2005. People will remember his exuberance and good cheer at our events.

He had a lucrative career as a CPA and ran his own accounting firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For many years he was a community activist in Wesley, Massachusetts, where he and John lived.

He was a great organizer and became deeply immersed in any activity he took



part in. He ran a bingo event for Saint Mark's Episcopal Church and brought home-baked cookies for its fans.

A Celebration of Phil's Life will be on July 16, from 3 - 5 pm, at Broward Burial & Cremation, 1801 E. Oakland Park Blvd, 33306. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Lung Association or National

Foundation for Cancer Research. He will be inurned in Massachusetts.

All Prime Gentlemen extend to John our deepest and heartfelt sympathies as he goes through this very difficult time.

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 Mark Speer 8/1
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 Luis Granada 8/4
 Charles Scarcella 8/4
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 Michael Thau 8/7
 Daniel Weiss 8/8
 Stephen Thayer 8/9
 Harvey Rappaport 8/12
 Patrick Noon 8/13
 John Sorrell 8/14
 Doug Carnahan 8/14
 Austin Lee 8/14
 Bennett Siu 8/14

Neal Clark 8/15
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 Jeffrey Covey 8/19
 Stephen Barnhart 8/19
 John Charles 8/19
 Francis Castelli 8/20
 Joel Rubin 8/20
 Philip Prentice 8/21
 Richard Lenzi 8/21
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 Scott Jensen 8/22
 Charles St. Clair 8/24
 Henry Smith 8/26
 Francis Buckley 8/27
 Jack Harrington 8/30
 Andrew Mariano 8/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Don Perkins & Wil Niebles
 8/20/2005 16 years
 Carl Orr & Jason Sapp
 8/5/2014 7 years

MR AUGUST DONALD HARRIS



Dominic Bisignano July 27, 1930 - June 28, 2021

Dominic Bisignano passed away on the morning of June 28, 2021. Dominic joined our organization in August 2003, two months after our Prime Timers chapter started.

He had been a member of the board and was the force behind our Opera and Ballet groups for over 15 years. Dominic's great loves were opera, symphonic music, ballet and food. He had a massive collection of classical and operatic CDs and DVDs. He was an excellent cook and host.



He was born in Brooklyn, New York and recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship which enabled him to live and study in Italy for 3 years. He was a professor of English Literature at Indiana University for 25 years.

Those of us who knew him will remember his love of life, the enthusiasm he brought to his every endeavor and his vast knowledge of music. His passing leaves an emptiness in the lives of all who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship.

AUGUST 2021 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
1 2:00 Members Meeting Zoom*	2 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	3 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom*	4 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	5 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 11:00 Collectors @ SL & Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	6	7 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
8	9 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	10 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom*	11 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	12 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Diner Lunch, p4 7:00 Walking @ SC*	13 2:00 History @ Zoom*	14 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
15	16 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	17 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom* 5:00 Formal Dinner, p4	18 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	19 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Board Mtg @Zoom* 2:00 Collectors @ SL & Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	20	21 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
22	23 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	24 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom*	25 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	26 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Upscale Lunch, p4 7:00 Walking @ SC*	27 2:00 History @ Zoom*	28 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
29	30 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	31 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @Zoom*	<p>*LOCATIONS</p> <p>AL = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063</p> <p>BP = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069</p> <p>MA = Matty's, 2100 Wilton Dr 33305</p> <p>ML = Manor Lns, 1517 NE 26th St. 33305</p> <p>SC = Skolnick Ctr, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069</p> <p>SL = Stonewall Library, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311</p> <p>Zoom = Online meeting at zoom.us. Some events may be in-person. See the Weekly Bulletin email for details.</p>			