



# Surfer

AUGUST 2022



## ACTIVITIES

FORMAL DINNER  
By Ken South



All active members of Prime Gentlemen are invited to attend our monthly dinners and can also invite non-member friends to join them.

We dine at restaurants in the greater Fort Lauderdale area each month, always during the week to avoid over-crowded, peak weekends. I negotiate a fixed price for our meals which includes salad or soup, entree, sides, dessert, soft drinks, tax and gratuities. Diners pre-pay via mail, or online, using the reservations function on our club website. We also try to choose restaurants that offer “all inclusive”

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



When was the last time you went to our webpage? I go there all the time. Each month I update the monthly calendar, the *Surfer*, add photos to the galleries and add the latest Man of the Month to the Hall of Fame. This will be a guided tour of the site, <http://www.ftlprimegentlemen.org>.

*Page 1* is Welcome page which features a table of contents. Clicking on any item will take you to the corresponding page.

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

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**and click on:** *Membership*

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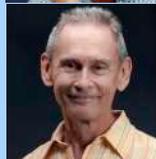
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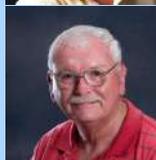
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## ACTIVITIES

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meals with reasonable prices.

Unfortunately, restaurant costs have increased dramatically because of the aftereffects of the COVID epidemic, so restaurant prices have also risen.

Attendees are responsible for paying for their own alcoholic beverages. We try to schedule our dinners to take advantage of restaurants' happy hour prices.

There is no formal program or speeches, just great fellowship. While I do select the restaurants, I appreciate any suggestions you may have.

Guys who have attended in the past have appreciated the chance to experience new cuisines, chat with old friends and new, and enjoy an evening out.

I hope to see you at this month's dinner! See page 8 for its details..



## MEMBER THOUGHTS

(None received this month.)

Send your thoughts: [PGSurfer@icloud.com](mailto:PGSurfer@icloud.com)

## PRESIDENT

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*Page 3* features our monthly calendar. It's one of the best ways we have to entice visitors to attend our mixer and our monthly meetings.

*Page 4* contains links to the current *Surfer*, a year's worth of newsletter editions and the historical first two *Surfers*.

*Pages 5 and 6* are home to our Hall of Fame. There are over 140 pictures of members who were Men of the Month. Clicking on any guy's name will bring up the *Surfer* article about him. If your picture isn't there, contact me and you, too, can become an illustrious Hall of Famer.

*Page 7* contains buttons to bring you to the current picture gallery or to the archived galleries going back to 2012. If you've attended any of our events, your photo is probably there.

*Page 8* is a one stop shop for membership applications and a way to pay dues electronically.

*Page 9* has a link to our Bylaws.

*Page 10* has a roster of our Board members, their email addresses and their phone number. We make ourselves available and easy to reach.

*Page 11* is a storehouse of links to businesses and groups with which we have a relationship. This is a way to point our members to those establishments which have supported us in the past.

*Page 12* is where you can make your reservation for our dinners using a credit or debit card, through PayPal.

You can see there's lots there for you to enjoy. Feel free to give us feedback and suggestions on how we can improve it.

# July Hybrid Roundtable

Topic: Really, what Is a gay man?



# GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy addressed the nation about Russian missile bases appearing in Cuba and imposed a naval blockade, beginning what became known as the “Cuban missile crisis.” In addition, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth, Barbara Streisand made her Broadway debut in “I Can Get It For You Wholesale” and Walter Cronkite began anchoring the CBS Evening News.

On March 21st of that year, Mr. August was born in Springfield, Ohio; a brother joined him a few years later. Mr. A

attended elementary school in Springfield and nearby Kenton Ridge High School. He was an active leader in HS and was voted “most likely to succeed”.



He was Student Government Class President, active in the drama club and ran track, including cross country. He graduated in 1980.

Mr. A was also active in the local

Methodist church and considered becoming a minister. To that end, he enrolled in DePauw University's pre-seminary program but soon switched to a psychology major and earned a full scholarship. He went on some mission experiences like building homes for the poor through Habitat for Humanity in Georgia. He started to wrestle with his sexual orientation in his senior year. He graduated Suma Cum Laude in 1984.

Following graduation, Mr. A returned to Springfield and for the next 3 years worked for the Head Start program, teaching pre-school students from very traumatic home environments. Later he moved to Georgia, where he became an onsite counselor for disturbed teenagers. The program was conducted in a wilderness setting and included camp-like activities, including hiking, canoeing, woodworking, etc. Mr. A, like all the staff, was on duty 24/7 for four days a week and then had three days off. The sponsoring organization also provided Mr. A with funds to earn a Master's Degree in counseling.

On his days off, he enjoyed his home in Atlanta where he explored the

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## GENTLEMAN

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the experiences of the city's gay life and met his first partner, Matt, through a mutual friend.

Matt was an airline flight attendant for a small company, named Tower Air, which was exclusively an international carrier. Mr. A also became a flight attendant in 1989. For a number of years they flew together all over the world and enjoyed "down time" together in places like Paris, Rome, Miami, and Stockholm. He stayed with the company for 12 years.

On one of his trips to Paris in the late 90s, he met Frederic at a gay club. After managing a long distance relationship for a while, Fred moved to Fort Lauderdale so the couple could live together, which they did for the next 9 years. From the beginning however, there were significant stressors on the relationship due to a lack of immigration options for LGBT bi-national couples and a lack of marriage equality. Additionally, securing health-care for Fred, who is HIV+, was difficult. They parted ways in 2003 and Mr. A remains eligibly single.

When Tower Air closed in late 2000, Mr. A found an IT job with Broward Health. Later, Broward Health laid him off, but he became eligible for a computer science training program.

By 2014, Mr. A was ready to start his own IT business, which thrives to this day.

In 2002, Mr. A bought a duplex home in Hollywood, FL, which he truly enjoys. He

is active in the community with AA, where he is celebrating 10 years of sobriety, and with Front Runners & Walkers Fort Lauderdale of which he has been President since 2017. Through running, Mr A gained his latest passion for sprint triathlons in which he has placed in his age group several times.

Can you guess who our August man of the month is? If not, turn to page 10.

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## ROUNDTABLE

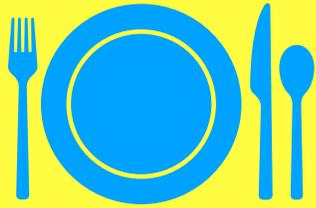
By Paul McNamara



As has been the tradition for the past few years, no Roundtable Meetings will take place during August.

Meetings will resume on Monday, September 12.





# FOOD & DRINK



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Sunday, August 7, 2:00 pm**

**Pride Center, 2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors  
(and via [Zoom](#))**

Pot Luck Meal served at the Center after the meeting program.  
[If you attend at the Center, be sure to bring a dish to share!](#)

## DINER LUNCH

**Thursday, August 11, 1:00 pm**

**Nelson's Diner, 438 Cypress Road, Pompano Beach**

This diner run will hurl us back to the 1950's. Nelson's is a classic diner with memorabilia that features Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley, to name a few. Text or call Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to insure your place at the table.

## FORMAL DINNER

**Thursday, August 18, 6:00 pm**

**5th Element Indian Grill, 1325 Powerline Rd., Pompano Beach**

[See next page for the menu, and instructions for making your reservation and paying with a check or credit card.](#)

## UPSCALE LUNCH

**Thursday, August 25, 1:00 pm**

**Sea Watch, 6002 North Ocean Blvd, Fort Lauderdale**

This is an iconic restaurant. Great food with outstanding views of the Ocean will be the order of the day. Plan to attend by giving Doug Kent a call or text at 305-495-2978 or email him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) so he can save you a seat for this outstanding luncheon experience.

## MIXER

**Every Monday, 5:30 pm**

**Matty's Bar, & Grill, 2100 Wilton Dr., Wilton Manors**

Drinks, followed by free hot food

[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\).](#)

# AUGUST FORMAL DINNER

## 5th Element Indian Grill

1325 Powerline Road  
Pompano Beach, FL 33308

**Thursday, August 18**

6:00 pm Wine Cash Bar

(Please arrive by 6:40 pm)

7:00 pm Dinner



### Member Guest

**Appetizer: Vegetarian Samosa** Fried dish with savory filling such as potato, onions and peas

**Entree** (Enter one code on stub below and pay price shown. Price includes appetizer, entree, dessert, soft drink, tax and tip.):

These prices are underwritten by Prime Gentlemen

<b>E1 Mixed Tandoor</b> Tandoor grilled chicken, chicken tikka, shrimp tandoori, seekh kebab (lamb with herbs), naan (unleavened bread)	<b>\$38</b>	<b>\$42</b>
<b>E2 Shrimp Vin Daloo</b> Shrimp cooked with potatoes in tangy, highly spiced sauce	<b>\$33</b>	<b>\$37</b>
<b>E3 Chicken Tikka Marsala</b> Charcoal broiled chicken in moderately spiced creamy sauce	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>E4 Mutter Paneer</b> Fresh Garden peas cooked with homemade cheese and curry sauce	<b>\$16</b>	<b>\$20</b>

**Dessert: Chocolate Mousse Cake**

**Beverage: Ice Water, Coffee, Iced Tea or Soft Drink**



Fill in your name(s) and ONE choice code:

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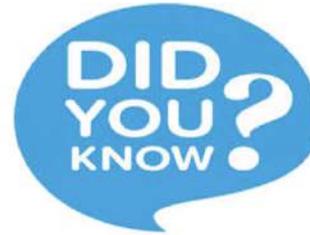
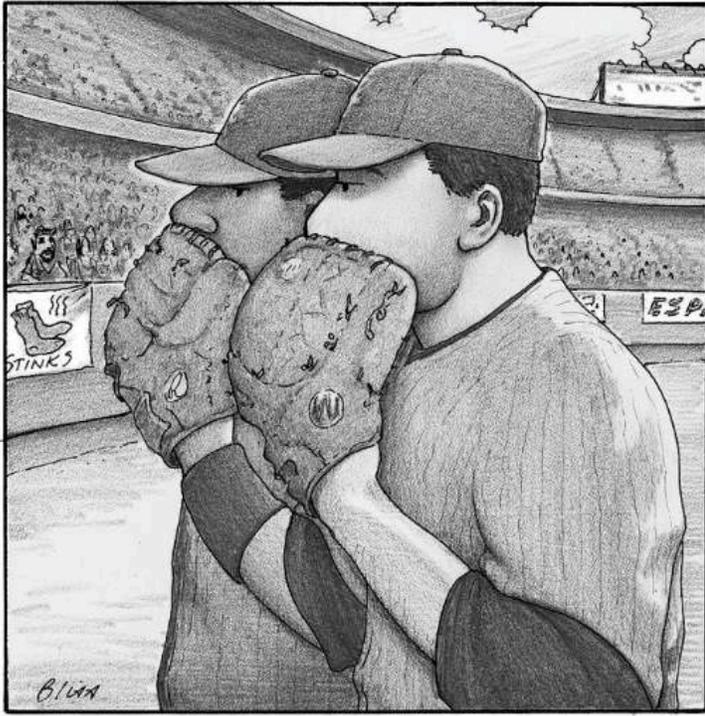
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**RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, August 13**

To cancel or for questions on reservations and payments:  
contact Paul McNamara at 561-254-9622 or [polmac@aol.com](mailto:polmac@aol.com)

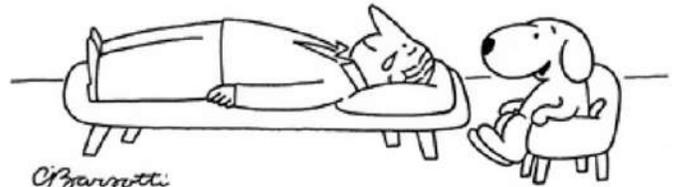
**To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on August 17**

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



## Ancient cats once led to the extinction of ancient dogs

The tension between cats and dogs goes back way longer than you may think. During ancient times, some 20 million years ago, cats and dogs battled for food, and the cats won!



*“Well, there’s your problem right there — you need to sauté the onions in white wine before adding the ginger.”*

*“Well, I think you’re wonderful.”*

### Gibson (“Sandy”) Smith

April 15, 1945 - July 10, 2022

Our friend, Sandy Smith passed away in the early morning hours of July 10. He and his partner, Bill Farrington have been together since 2010.

Sandy became a member of our organization in 2008.

Sandy lived a full, if challenging life. He faced many physical limitations as a child, but persevered. He was undaunted and courageous.

It’s safe to say that he never met



anyone who didn’t like and respect him.

Sandy was Man of the Month in January, 2012. You can read more about his life by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y3krr2cn>.

Bill said Sandy appreciated everything Prime Gentlemen had done for them, and that it brought much fun and entertainment to their lives.

A Celebration of Life was held for Sandy on Friday, July 22.

# BIRTHDAYS

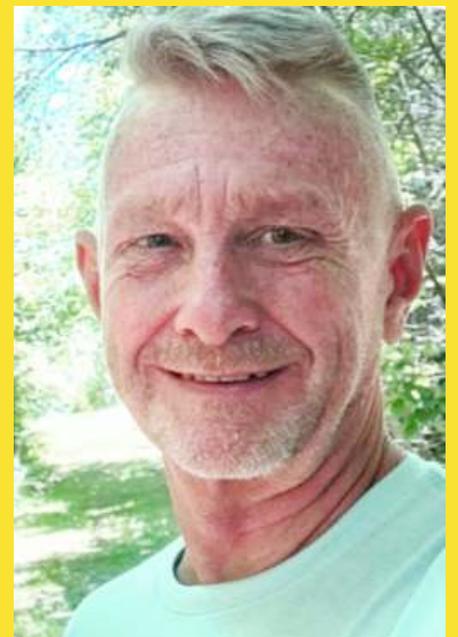
Dean Yanakis	8/1	George Spentzos	8/11	Richard DeVries	8/20
Philip Collier	8/1	Howard Terry	8/12	Joel Rubin	8/20
Mark Speer	8/1	Patrick Noon	8/13	Philip Prentice	8/21
Harold Simpson	8/2	John Sorrell	8/14	Richard Lenzi	8/21
Charles Scarcella	8/4	Bennett Siu	8/14	Scott Jensen	8/22
Dennis Foley	8/4	Austin Lee	8/14	Edward Hill	8/22
John Kraemer	8/4	Doug Carnahan	8/14	Charles St. Clair	8/24
Luis Granada	8/4	Neal Clark	8/15	Michael Gagne	8/24
Andre Horvath	8/5	Richard Connolly	8/18	Leonard Graziano	8/26
Steve Byerly	8/5	Stephen Barnhart	8/19	Henry Smith	8/26
Michael Thau	8/7	John Charles	8/19	Francis Buckley	8/27
Daniel Weiss	8/8	Jeffrey Covey	8/19	Kenneth Morris	8/31
Stephen Thayer	8/9	Francis Castelli	8/20	Andrew Mariano	8/31

# ANNIVERSARIES

(According to our database of the details you've put on your applications, no current member has an anniversary in August!

(If that's not correct or you just want to update your partner/spouse, address, phone number, etc., please contact Jim Richardson, our new Membership Secretary, at (303) 638-5690 or [jimedrich@gmail.com](mailto:jimedrich@gmail.com).)

MR AUGUST  
ERIC RUNYAN



# AUGUST 2022 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

🕒 - Indicates a Joint PG/SAGE event

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 5:30 Mixer🕒@ MA* 6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom*	<b>2</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom*	<b>3</b> 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒 @ Zoom*	<b>4</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Members Meeting @ PC & Zoom	<b>8</b> 5:30 Mixer🕒@ MA* 6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom*	<b>9</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom*	<b>10</b> 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒 @ Zoom*	<b>11</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Diner Lunch p 7 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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# July Membership Hybrid Meeting

