



# Surfer

CORRECTED JANUARY 2023



This version of the Surfer corrects History & Movie calendar errors (p 11) I made. Ed

## ACTIVITIES

By Dick Huitema



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



## JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON JANUARY 8!

As you may have noticed, our January monthly Membership Meeting would normally be on the first Sunday of the month, but this year that falls on January 1, New Years Day. The Pride Center will be closed then (and you may have other priorities, like sleeping it off), so the meeting will be on Sunday, January 8. (Hopefully, you'll in shape to attend by then.)

*Please change your calendar now.* Remember to bring your potluck dish to share, too!

**January Membership meeting will not be on January 1. It'll be on January 8!**

At the December 4 membership meeting, we had an excellent speaker and a robust 50/50 Raffle.

Also, Stanley Lou donated twenty \$25 gift certificates to be used at any of the shops in his strip mall, the Lion Plaza on west Oakland Park Boulevard. Ironically, Stanley won one of the gift certificates, which he threw back into the pot. When all of the guest certificates were gone, we had a drawing for the big jackpot. Can you guess who won? Stanley Lou. At the mixer on Tuesday, he gave me 8 coupons

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**and click on:** *Membership*

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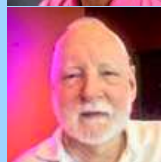
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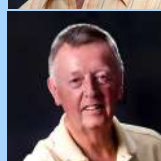
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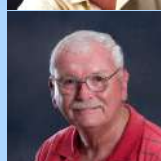
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The Prime Gentlemen crowd at Nick and Shawn's Courtyard Cafe in November.



Just part of the weekly group that attends our Tuesday evening mixer at Tropics in its separate room with great free food.

## PRESIDENT

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for the January meeting. He parlayed his jackpot winning into more certificates for us. Thank you for your generosity Stanley!

Our speaker was Julian Narchet, Communications Manager, Research Support at the John P. Hussman Institute for Human Genomics (HIHG). He was there to tell us about a National Institute of Health sponsored research program called *All of Us*. They are seeking to get one million people across the U.S. to help build one of the most diverse health databases in history. They especially want to reach traditionally underrepresented groups like seniors, minorities and the LGBT+ community.

People who take part in the program will answer surveys on different topics. They will be asked to share their electronic health record. They may give samples of blood, urine, and/or saliva for lab and DNA tests (for which they pay you \$25).

The health information that participants share with *All of Us* will go into a secure database. Researchers all over the world can apply to use this data to study a wide variety of health conditions. This may lead to better treatments and ways to prevent disease.

A number of members joined at the meeting. If you think you might be interested, go to <https://allofus.nih.gov/>. Click on the headings at the top of the page to learn everything you will need to know. I signed up and I hope you do too.

# MOVIE

By Ed Slough



The next Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movie will be *My Policeman* on January 20th at 1:30 PM in the Main Hall of the Pride Center.



This tale of forbidden romance and changing social conventions follows three people and their emotional journey spanning decades.

Tom (Harry Styles) is a young police officer who conforms to everything

expected of him in 1950s Britain — but he instinctively feels a desire for more. When earnest schoolteacher Marion (Emma Corrin) meets him on a summer beach, she's immediately beguiled and they begin a sparkling relationship. It isn't long, though, before the two encounter Patrick (David Dawson), a sophisticated museum curator. They become fast friends but, quietly in the background, Patrick invites Tom to explore his sexual identity and a love triangle is formed that's as tender as it is tenuous. Tom is torn between his passion for Patrick and the love he holds for Marion and the youthful abandon of the trio gives way to more serious confrontations.

As this unfolds, we cut to their older selves (Linus Roache, Gina McKee, and Rupert Everett) decades later, living under the weight of having changed each other irrevocably. As the puzzle pieces of their fallout are slowly revealed, we're reminded of the existence of many intimate stories like these, lost to queer history.

Free popcorn and soda will be served.



# GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



A 1947 Fort Lauderdale Hurricane hit southeastern Florida and caused widespread damage, killing 51 people. Edwin Land demonstrated the first "instant camera," his Polaroid Land Camera and Jackie Robinson was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers, to become the first African American Major League baseball player since the 1880s.

In March, President Harry S. Truman announced the Truman Doctrine, preparing the way for the Marshall Plan. Secretary of State, George Marshall, created this plan for American relief aid to Europe.

And, on August 4th, Mr. January was born in Newark, NJ following his older brother. Not long after, the family moved to West Orange, NJ and then to Rahway, NJ where Mr. J graduated from high school in 1965. He holds on to fond memories of his time on the school's swim team!

Following graduation, Mr. J traded Rahway for LA! He spent many months of discovery there, following a hippie path. Then, following a very different path, he enlisted



in the US Navy and served three and a half years, stationed in Morocco and on LST 758. He got to see parts of the world, including Central and South America! He was honorably discharged at Norfolk Naval Base, VA in 1969.

Mr. J then enrolled at St. John's University earning a B.S. in Transportation Engineering. After graduating in 1973, he was awarded a Fellowship program by the Urban Mass Transit Administration towards a Master's Degree at Polytechnic Institute of NY in Brooklyn.

In 1974 he moved to Washington, DC for a position with the Federal Department of Transportation where he worked until his retirement in 1997.

While in DC, Mr. J met the love of his life, John Pack. John was a freelance collage illustrator. His work was unique in style and his clients included the Smithsonian, Washington Post, NY Times, LA Times, London Times, Encyclopedia Britannica, and many others. John and Mr. J made their home in Arlington, VA.

Over the years, Mr. J and John enjoyed travel, sometimes up to three or more cruises a year and were known for their Super Bowl parties. Also, while in DC, they were patrons of some of DC's favorite gay "haunts" like Tracks, the Lost

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## GENTLEMAN

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and Found, Rascal's, The Chesapeake House, and Pier Nine.

In 1998, the couple moved to Ft. Lauderdale, where John became interested in sculpture, specifically whimsical sculpture of food, mostly desserts. His work was shown in the Tampa Museum of Art, Boca Raton Museum of Art and many other local venues. They married in DC in 2013.

Unfortunately, their 45-year, loving relationship ended with John's passing in August of 2021.

Mr. J has become an active member, and volunteer, at the Pride Center and participating with Prime Gentlemen.

If you haven't recognized Mr. J yet, turn to page 10.

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## ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



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

**Monday, January 9, 2:30 PM**

### ***Phil Prentice - Life as a Fine Artist***

As a young man, Phil began his work life as a technical draftsman. Eventually, his life's calling evolved into a career as a fine artist. Like most of us, his journey combined some luck and some fortunate circumstances. He will share some of his experiences as an artist and present examples of his artwork from early in his career to the present.

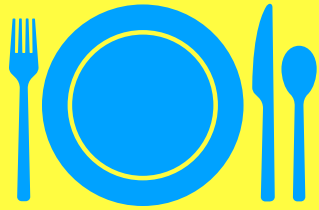
**Monday, January 23, 2:30 PM**

### ***Marc Flanagan - Single Pleasures***

Taking a vacation with others generally results in a good time, but what about solo travel? Although he's taken trips both ways, the majority of Marc's excursions have been alone. Devising an itinerary when going solo presents specific challenges as well as some safety concerns. Marc will share the details of some of his solo travel experiences and provide some suggestions if a wingman is unavailable and one needs to get away.

**"Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away."**

– Benjamin Franklin



# FOOD & DRINK



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, **January 8**, 2:00 pm (NOTE DATE CHANGE!)  
Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall  
2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors  
Pot Luck Meal served at the Center after the meeting program.  
[Be sure to bring a dish to share!](#)

## DINER LUNCH

Thursday, January 12 1:00 pm  
Egg and You Diner  
2621 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale 33306  
This is a classic Fort Lauderdale diner. Join us for our first outing in 2023. 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 25, 5:00 pm  
Bona Italian Restaurant  
2468 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305  
[See next page for the menu plus instructions for making your reservation and paying with a check or credit card.](#)

## UPSCALE LUNCH

Thursday, January 26, 1:00 pm  
Rotelli's Palm Aire  
163 South Pompano Parkway (Powerline Rd.)  
Pompano Beach 33069  
This traditional 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 spot.

## 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!](#)

# JANUARY DINNER



## Bona Italian Restaurant

2468 Wilton Drive  
Wilton Manors 33305

**Wednesday, January 25**

5:00 pm Cash Bar in Apertivo Lounge only  
(Please arrive by 5:40 pm)  
6:00 pm Dinner



**Flat Price: \$29**

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Prime Gentlemen*

Garden Salad - Choice of dressing

Signature Garlic (or Plain) Knots (Rolls)

Main Course (Choose one at your table! Flat Price of \$29 includes salad, rolls, main course, dessert, soft drink, tax and tip.):

### Chicken Parmigiana

Breaded Chicken Breast topped with Tomato Sauce & Mozzarella

### Snapper Francese

Snapper filet sautéed in Lemon Butter served over Spaghetti

### Veal Saltibocca

Tender Battered Veal cooked with White Wine, Prosciutto & topped with Mozzarella

Dessert: Tiramisu Cake

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



Fill in your name(s): (Choose main course at your table!)

Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$29

Member \_\_\_\_\_ \$29

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ \$29

**RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, January 20**

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 January 24**

**Make check payable to Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen and write BONA 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 to pay with a credit card.



## Eugene Roberts

**December 7, 1941 – November 20, 2022**

Fellow member Eugene (Gene) Roberts passed away on Sunday, November 20 after a long history of medical problems.

Gene was born on Pearl Harbor day and served in the military during the Vietnam War.

He grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and later moved to Washington DC, where he was a restaurant and bar manager. When he relocated to Florida he worked



as a property manager in a rental community in Lauderhill.

Gene has been a member since January 2011.

As he grew sick, he was lovingly cared for and looked after by some of our members. He is considered by all who know him as a lovable, affable and outgoing

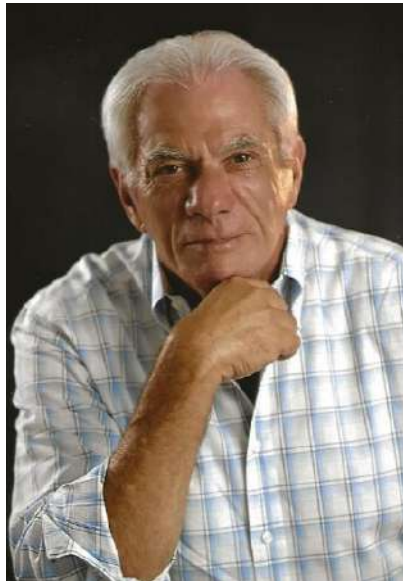
person. He will be missed by all who knew him.

## Harvey Hoffenberg

**November 29, 1940 – November 26, 2022**

Fellow member, Harvey Hoffenberg passed away while in hospice care on November 26, 2022. He had been a member since August of 2005 and was a regular at our monthly Membership Meetings.

Harvey was born in Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from Brookline High School in 1958. He attended Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and worked in a pharmacy in the Allston section of Boston.



He had been married and had 2 children.

Throughout his life he had many careers – working at a vending machine company, owning a pinball machine company and his own real estate business in Brookline.

Harvey retired to South Florida in 2000 and began playing bridge, attaining the rank of Gold Life Master. A Celebration of Harvey's Life

is planned for later.

# BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Crush	1/3	Jefy Gaines	1/18
John Actman	1/3	John Siegfried	1/18
Kenneth Crush	1/3	Frank Pires	1/20
Robert Baker	1/8	Walt Rogal	1/21
Andres Henriquez	1/9	Dale Dawursk	1/22
Robert Smith	1/11	Richard Werner	1/23
Al Natali	1/11	E. Stewart Mittler	1/25
William Wolfolk	1/11	William Woodward	1/26
Robert Gourlay	1/11	Jim Gunter	1/26
Douglas Kent	1/11	Daniel Byrne	1/27
Robert Logan	1/13	Efrain Campomenosi	1/29
Richard Durant	1/17	Anthony Tsagris	1/30
		Daniel Bale	1/31

# ANNIVERSARIES

Ron Grassullo & Ed Witkowski	1/19/1993 30 years
Tom Daniel & Andrew Langley	1/26/2003 20 years
Jim Restrick & Roman Cisneros	1/13/2005 18 years
Robbie Simoes & Luiz Ramos	1/27/2006 17 years
Fonsi Bujosa & Jack Faraci	1/1/2008 15 years

## MR JANUARY DENNIS FOLEY



# Corrected JANUARY 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

🕒 - Indicates a Joint PG/SAGE event

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT	
<b>1</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP*  [NOTE: Membership Meeting is <u>next week!</u> <sup>v</sup> <sub>v</sub>	<b>2</b>   6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom*	<b>3</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP*  2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom*  5:30 Mixer @ TR	<b>4</b> 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒@ PC & Zoom*	<b>5</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors 🕒@ PC & Zoom 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP*  2:00 Membership Meeting @ PC	<b>9</b>  2:30 Roundtable 🕒@ PC & Zoom*  6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom*	<b>10</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP*  2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom*  5:30 Mixer @ TR	<b>11</b> 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒@PC & Zoom*	<b>12</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Diner Lunch p 7 2:00 Computer Class 🕒@ PC* 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	<b>13</b>   2:00 History 🕒@ PC & Zoom*	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP*	<b>16</b>  6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom	<b>17</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom*  5:30 Mixer @ TR	<b>18</b> 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒@PC & Zoom*	<b>19</b> 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 12:30 Board Mtg @Zoom* 2:00 Collectors 🕒@ PC & Zoom 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	<b>20</b>   1:30 Movie 🕒 @ PC p4	<b>21</b>	
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# RECENT PRIME GENTLEMAN PHOTOS



November Water  
Taxi trip to Upscale  
Lunch at Seasons 52



Julian Narchet, our  
December speaker



Pot luck servers at the ready