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ACTIVITIES

WALKING GROUP
By Dennis Camara

It's hard to believe the Walking Group has been around for five years! Jim Hance had the idea to create the group as a way for Prime Gentlemen in the area to exercise, meet new people and socialize. It certainly has been successful in meeting those objectives!

The Walking Group meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the north end of the Skolnick Center parking lot, 800 SW 36th Avenue, in the Palm Aire neighborhood of Pompano Beach. We typically gather about ten minutes early for an impromptu meet and greet and to discuss the chosen walking route for the night.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



In years past, we celebrated our anniversary with a catered dinner and lots of door prizes. Members of the board scoured the land, seeking contributions from restaurants, theater venues, bowling alleys and various and sundry other businesses.

Richard Lefebvre used to be in charge. He found the name of the manager of each establishment. He composed a letter explaining who we were and why we were writing to them. The letter stated, "Our members appreciate the support the donations reflect and, in turn, support those businesses." It also made the case

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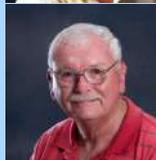
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We have five walking routes which range from two to three miles long. The pace is leisurely. Benches are on every route in case someone needs to rest. An abbreviated route is an option for anyone who doesn't want to walk the full distance.

Palm Aire is an easy drive from Fort Lauderdale, Wilton Manors and Oakland Park. It provides a park-like setting where we can enjoy fresh air and the serenity of lakes, streams, and plenty of wildlife.

We have had as many as 28 walkers during the worst of the pandemic when people could be outdoors in a safer environment. Now we have a core group of around 10 "regulars" and about 10 to 15 walkers on any given Thursday. The number of walkers wanes in the summer months and then builds as the "snowbirds" return.

If you would like to get out of the house one night during the week, meet and socialize with a friendly group of guys, and get some exercise while doing so, please join us.

We would love to have you with us!

PRIDE MONTH ARTICLE

"IT'S A MIRACLE!"

By John Seigfried

"It's a Miracle!" is occasionally a Saturday Night Live parody. But it's not a phrase associated with the American Psychiatric Association, the APA. That august group of

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that this would "help your business by creating additional sales as the recipient will most likely bring another person or persons into your establishment, all of whom may become regular customers."

The results were dozens of items we distributed to lucky winners at the dinner.

Well, things have changed in the last two years. You may have noticed. For example, many businesses are still recovering from the pandemic. The board feels it would be presumptuous to ask for donations under current circumstances.

Instead, we will send them letters explaining that we appreciate their support for us in the past and understand the hardships they faced in 2020 and 2021, with a promise that we would be asking for a contribution next year. Some of them might contribute anyway.

Regardless of that, we will still mark our nineteenth anniversary with a festive banquet on Thursday, June 23 at Tropical Acres. The flyer is on page 8 and the PayPal button is in place on the webpage. The flyer is also in the Weekly Bulletin.

Please make your reservation soon!

psychiatrists and psychoanalysts, however, did perform a miracle in May 1973. They removed homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistics Manual of Mental Disorders, the DSM, which is the official handbook of mental illnesses. It's the manual doctors use to assure uniformity

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MEMBER THOUGHTS

I just read the May *Surfer* and the comments John Lloyd made about Zoom.

I would like to add some comments from my perspective.

Being a foreigner residing in Belgium but having a rather close connection to Pompano Beach and the life over there, Zoom has been a real blessing for me during COVID time and even now.

Before COVID, I used to be in Pompano about five times a year for several weeks. I had developed friendships with a number of locals and while not there would stay in touch via email or WhatsApp. I would have called some other people "acquaintances;" being friendly when there but nothing more.

COVID hit pretty hard and for almost two years, I was not able to travel due to the US ban of people coming into the country.

Luckily, Prime Gentlemen, ACOF and SAGE set up Zoom meetings; social gatherings, trivia, collectors club, round

table, etc. All of these have been very instrumental for me to keep my "sanity."

I have met people that I probably would not have been able to befriend since I don't live there permanently. It's great to see that hybrid meetings are developing so that people at a distance still can be part of the community.

Since the travel ban has been lifted, I have visited twice and have met a number of people in-person that I had met on Zoom, and good friendships have developed for which I am grateful. I appreciate very much the friendship and warm welcome you all give me!

Dirk Van Nieuwenhuysse

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Ted Limbaugh

February 5, 1941 - April 25, 2022

Fellow member, Tim Limbaugh passed away quietly in his home on Monday, April 25. He had a tracheotomy over ten years ago and lost the power of speech. Ted's belief was that he had one kind of life before and now he had this life.

He was a career pharmacist.



Ted was also an avid scuba diver and scuba instructor. He was beloved by his many friends and was known for having a positive outlook on life even though he had many setbacks.

No service is planned.

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



In 1949, Harry S. Truman was sworn in for a full term as President of the United States. Also that year, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific*, with Mary Martin and Ezio Pinza opened on Broadway and The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) organization was created in Washington, DC. Arthur Godfrey premiered on CBS TV and Arthur Miller's play, *Death of a Salesman*, opened on Broadway while the first VW arrived in the United States.

And, on September 27th, in Queens, NY, Mr. June was born following his older sister by a few years. His family includes his physician father and his working mom, all living at their home in Jamaica Estates.



Mr. J enjoyed his elementary and high school years there and graduated from HS in 1967. He attended SUNY (State University of New York) Buffalo, with a major in sociology, and graduated in 1971. The next three years were spent at Law School at American University in Washington, DC.

While there, he met a fellow law school classmate, Dee; they married and created

a family with a son and daughter. They've been a family for 30 years. His daughter delights him with two grandchildren, Harry and Sadie.

In 1974, he was hired as a lawyer at the U.S. State Department in Washington, DC. Following several years there, Mr. J decided to go into private practice, which he did in 1987, in northern New Jersey.

Then, after a few years as a private practice lawyer, Mr. J became interested in the restaurant business. He became a part owner, with his brother-in-law, Ronnie, of the *Ben's Kosher Deli* chain, which he thoroughly enjoyed, until his retirement in 2015.

"*Ben's Kosher Deli* is a family-owned and operated restaurant and delicatessen that has been serving up the finest authentic New York Kosher delicatessen and eastern European comfort foods since 1972."

Ben's has delis in: Bayside, Carle Place, Greenvale, Manhattan and Woodbury, New York, as well as in Boca Raton, Florida.

Mr. J and his wife Dee, decided to part ways after 30 years of marriage in 2007. Mr. J was then able to live his second life by coming out to himself, family, colleagues and the world.

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ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



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As he says, he was then “very out!” and he looked forward to his time in Fort Lauderdale and joined a cluster of GLBT organizations for the fellowship and friendship they provide.

He attends the Pride Center’s “Coffee and Conversation” and Prime Gentlemen events when he is in town.

He continues to live on Long Island, close to his children and grandchildren, but he also purchased a condo in Fort Lauderdale at River Shores for his many “snow bird” stays.

He is very active in the SAGE chapter in Long Island, as well as a gay fathers group.

Now, with his grandchildren growing older and his retirement from the restaurant business, the prospect of full-time living in Fort Lauderdale is looking more and more attractive

Don’t recognize Mr. M? Turn to page 10.

After two years of only meeting on Zoom, SAGE/PG Roundtable sessions are now held in-person, in the Pride Center’s Room 206!

They are still available on Zoom, too, via the SAGE “dedicated link” (click [here](#)), so they’ve become a hybrid meetings.

If you’re tired of Zoom meetings, enjoy witnessing the live presentations and participate in the face-to-face discussions at the Pride Center!

Monday, June 13, 2:30 PM

John Siegfried - *The View from Ninety-Two*

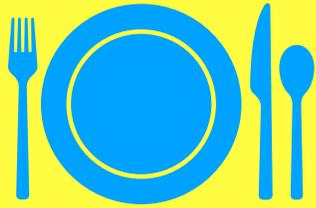
The kaleidoscope of life looks different at age 92 than it did at age 52, 62, or 72. As a nonagenarian, John will share his sense of what his view from 92 looks like. He’ll encourage all meeting participants to share the experiences that have shaped their views and actions, whatever their age.

Monday, June 27, 2:30 PM

Michael Brodie - *The Benefits and Advantages of Humor*

Michael has been speaking about humor for over two decades, doing laughter exercises and discussing the benefits and advantages of a good sense of humor for health and happiness for numerous senior and professional organizations. He’s been known to tell a few representative jokes, perhaps more than a few.





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, June 5, 2:00 pm

Pride Center, 2040 N. Dixie Highway, 33305 (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, June 9, 1:00 pm

Lester's Diner, 1924 E Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL
Lester's has been in business a long time and supports a wonderful diner menu with great friendly family service. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978, or e-mail at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

FORMAL DINNER

19th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Thursday, June 23, 6:00 pm

**Tropical Acres Steakhouse, 2500 Griffin Road,
Fort Lauderdale**

[See next page for details and reservation form. Send it and your payment.](#)

UPSCALE LUNCH

Thursday, June 30, 1:00 pm

**Bahama Breeze Island Grille, 3339 N Federal Hwy,
Oakland Park**

A fabulous menu with great service coupled with stimulating conversation guarantees you will have a great afternoon. If you want to do something special, plan to join us! Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve a place at the table.

MIXER

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\(s\).](#)

19TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



Tropical Acres Steakhouse

2500 Griffin Road
Fort Lauderdale 33312



Thursday, June 23

6:00 pm: Cash bar
(Please arrive by 6:40 pm)
7:00 pm: Dinner



Appetizer: Caesar Salad

Entree *(enter the code on stub below and pay the price shown for your choice)*

All include the chef's choice vegetable and a baked potato:

		<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
E1	Roast Prime Rib - King Cut 44	\$43	\$48
E2	Broiled Salmon Fillet	\$34	\$39
E3	Stuffed Chicken Breast	\$28	\$33

Dessert: New York Style Cheese Cake *with cherries*

Beverage: Ice Water, Coffee, Iced Tea



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

Member _____ Code: _____

Member _____ Code: _____

Guest _____ Code: _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, June 13

*To cancel or for questions on reservations and payments:
contact Jim Flora, 646-208-8092 or JamesFlora@aol.com*

To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on June 22

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

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in diagnosis and what insurance companies rely on to make reimbursement decisions. In a 1970 survey, over 90% of psychiatrists in the APA said homosexuality was pathologic. Homosexuals were sick.

In 1969, one year after the Stonewall riots, gay activists broke up several scientific sessions at the annual meeting of the APA, held that year in San Francisco. Their targets were Irving Bieber, a New York psychiatrist, who'd published widely that homosexuality was the result of a "close binding mother" and a "rejecting father," and Charles Socarides, a prominent New York analyst who proclaimed homosexuals could be changed to heterosexual, with appropriate analysis and therapy. The demonstrations were disruptive enough that even the closeted gay psychiatrists within the APA were embarrassed. Gay activist demonstrations were repeated at the 1971 annual APA meeting.

Barbara Gittings, a Philadelphia librarian and activist, prevailed upon her psychiatrist friend, John Fryer, to testify before the May, 1972 APA meeting as to how the eighty-one words in the DSM classifying gays as pathologic affected him personally and professionally.

As an aspiring academic, Fryer had recently been dismissed from his psychiatric residency at the University of Pennsylvania because it was suspected he might be gay.

Initially reluctant, Fryer finally agreed and appeared before his peers as Dr. Anonymous. His voice was disguised. He wore a full-head, rubber Nixon mask and a flamboyant tuxedo several sizes too large. At the conclusion of his testimony, he received a standing ovation from the assembled psychiatrists.

Robert Spitzer, an ambitious, straight, New York psychiatrist and a member of the APA Committee on Nomenclature, the committee

which recommended DSM changes to the APA Board. In order to "hear" what the gay activists had to say and diffuse their wrath, he organized a panel discussion for the 1973 APA annual meeting in Honolulu.

Before a packed auditorium, Ronald Gold, Media Director for the Gay Activist Alliance, addressed the psychiatrists. His presentation was titled *Stop It. You're Making Me Sick*.

Afterwards, Gold invited Spitzer to go with him that evening to the annual party of GAYPA, the loose underground of closeted gay psychiatrists within the APA. It was being held quietly and surreptitiously at a campy lounge, the Bamboo Bar.

When they entered, Spitzer was astounded to find several heads of university psychiatry departments, well known researchers and the man in charge of dispensing federal grants to psychiatric training programs. All were closeted gay men who were paying the price extracted by the eighty-one words in the DSM – the price eloquently described at the 1972 meeting by Dr. Anonymous.

Adding to his amazement, Spitzer saw a Honolulu based Army psychiatrist enter the bar in full uniform. The Army doctor had never heard of the GAYPA and had no idea other psychiatrists would be in the bar. He had, however, heard Gold's talk at the meeting earlier in the day. He was so moved by it that he ventured for the first time in his life into a gay bar. When he saw Gold, he embraced him and wept. "Thank you for saying what you did," he cried.

That night Spitzer experienced first hand the pain caused for the Army psychiatrist by the eighty-one words in the DSM. For the first time he saw respected colleagues and peers who were gay and, of necessity, closeted. Then he returned to his hotel room and wrote the resolution that removed homosexuality from the DSM. In its place was a new term, Ego Dystonic Homosexuality. To qualify for this diagnosis the patient had to have symptoms of subjective distress.

BIRTHDAYS



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BIRTHDAY**

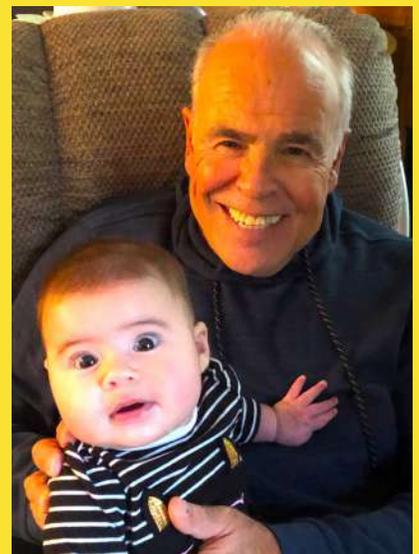
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Andrew Young	6/4	Charles Bell	6/21
Herbert Souza	6/4	Clinton Finn	6/22
Leroy Sathre	6/4	Henry Bernstein	6/22
Ronald Grassullo	6/5	Jerry Heaton	6/23
Edmund Witkowski	6/7	Alain Lecusay	6/23
Normand Leclair	6/8	Glenn Carroll	6/24
Richard Runge	6/8	William Niebles	6/25
Dennis Camara	6/8	Robert Blazina	6/26
Robert Noonan	6/9	Edward Moskowitz	6/26
Don Squire	6/9	Joe Pallant	6/26
Dan Driscoll	6/10	Jason Sapp	6/27
Mike Trask	6/14	Gregory Coffelt	6/27
Bernard Donohue	6/14	Harvey Eagle	6/28
Allen Bozek	6/16	Jim Onessimo	6/29
Richard Safra	6/18	William Tadros	6/30
Kenneth Smith	6/18	Peter Gavigan	6/30
Carl Booker	6/18	Ronald Goodale	6/30
John Buckle	6/20		

ANNIVERSARIES

John Fredricksen & Ralph Tanzi	6/5/1979	0	43 years
Art Donley & Clint Finn	6/22/1996		26 years
Ric Lenzi & Azil Sales	6/16/2018		4 years

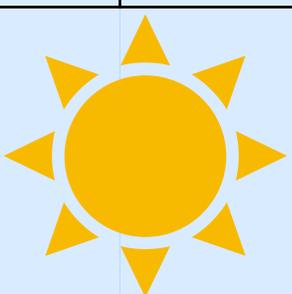
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Anniversary

MR JUNE
Michael Barcham



JUNE 2022 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

☉ - Indicates a Joint PG/SAGE event

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
<p>*LOCATIONS AL = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063 BP = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069 MA = Matty's, 2100 Wilton Dr 33305 ML = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, 33305 PC = Pride Center, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy 33305 SC = Skolnick Center, 800 SW36th Ave 33069 SL = Stonewall Library, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311 Zoom = Online meeting. See email Weekly Bulletin for link.</p>			<p>1 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In☉ @ Zoom*</p>	<p>2 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors @ SL* & Zoom* 3:00 Drop-In☉ @ Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*</p>
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Here are photos from a sampling of our recent activities

