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MARCH 2022



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HISTORY

By Lou Wangberg



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Nine years ago I had just joined Prime Gentlemen. At my first dinner I happened to sit with Ed Witkowski and we discovered our joint passion about history. Ed insisted that we start a history discussion for the club.

Some said it would never work but we started anyway and have covered topics ranging from the history of Lizzy Borden, inventions, each of the many US wars and their causes, generals, the electoral college, the nation's founding, the Constitution, native Americans, the Lindbergh murder, ranking the presidents, slavery, civil rights, cults and many more

At a mixer a few weeks ago, I was talking with fellow board member, Carl Hill, about the good old days when we had live Membership Meetings at the Pride Center. He reminded me that the last meeting we had there was in March of 2020. Among many other things, Carl decorates the tables at our monthly meeting. He told me he has the St. Patrick Decorations all set to go.

We are cautiously optimistic (yet again) that we will be holding our first in-person Membership Meeting next month on March 6 at 2:00pm. It will be a hybrid meeting. Some of us will be in the Pride

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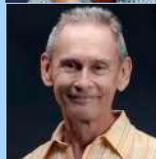
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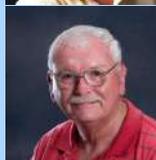
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ACTIVITIES

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topics, for a total of about 170 presentations and discussions.

If you didn't join us, you missed a lot.

We look at some of the things usual history doesn't talk about. Like how did FDR, who was paralyzed from the waist down, have intimate relations? Was Abraham Lincoln gay? Could some of our wars have been avoided? Was Nixon really a crook? What dangers lie ahead in our fragile democracy?



We have a lot of fun and the participants offer great personal anecdotes that enrich us all. Come, join us each month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 2:00 PM via [Zoom](#), at least through March.

MEMBER THOUGHTS

If we hear from you and your message is selected, it will be posted under this heading. It may be edited for space and clarity. Send your thoughts to: PGSurfer@icloud.com

PRESIDENT

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Center and some of us will be at home or elsewhere with our faces projected on the Pride Center wall via Zoom. We will be able to see and talk with each other.

If that is the case, we will need volunteers to help set up the room with ice, sodas, paper plates, other supplies, chairs and tables. We will need people at the serving tables to help pass out the food. At the end of the meeting, we will need members to break down the room, take out the trash and tidy up. If you would like to help, please send me an [email](#).

I suspect that facial coverings will be required in the lobby, bathroom and all public areas. They will not be required in the Main Hall where we have our meeting. We also expect only members who have been vaccinated to attend the meeting.

Most of us remember polio and measles. Back then, everyone did his part by getting vaccinated to stop the spread of those diseases. They were eradicated in the US and in most of the world. The "freedom" to infect and endanger others would have been unthinkable and un-American then. Let's do what we can to bring that spirit back. Let's leave the Bizarro world outside the door of our meetings.

Oh, and bring food for the potluck!

*I still have a full deck;
I just shuffle slower.*

Bob Daugherty
April 29, 1947 - January 22, 2022

Fellow member, Bob Daugherty passed away after a major heart attack on Saturday evening, January 22.



He has been a member since December of 2017. He attended the mixers at Matty's every Monday night. Bob was instrumental in providing us with discount tickets to Tropics before the pandemic. Every Monday he brought a massive stack of tickets for our members to use.

Bob was originally from Big Lake, Texas. He retired from a Washington career as a staff person for several Senators.

Bob had a big smile and always seemed cheerful. You would be perked up when he walked into the room. He is survived by his housemate, fellow member and Mr. February, Michael Lee.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 26.

Leo LaMontagna
October 27, 1927 - January 15, 2022

Member Leo LaMontagne passed away on Saturday, January 15. He had been in the rehab unit at the Inverrary Life Care Center after hip surgery.



Leo joined our group in September 2017. He spoke often of how joining our group saved his life. He marveled at the number of friends he made as a result of joining.

Leo had a very interesting life. He was raised in France, attended the Sorbonne, was an opera singer and a good friend of Lena Horne, among other things.

He didn't want to be the Surfer's Gentleman of the Month because he felt his life was so fabulous that no one would believe him.

He was very dapper. He had a good sense of humor and a zest for life. He attended our monthly meetings, dinners, luncheons and mixers.

He is survived by his nephew. There are no plans for a service.

He will be missed by those of us who knew him and we will think of him often with great affection.

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



In 1944, the world was consumed with the raging of WWII but there were also signs of hope, like Operation Overlord. It began on D-Day, June 6th, when the 156,000-strong Allied Expeditionary Force landed on the beaches of Normandy. Paris was liberated from Nazi occupation on August 25th and on November 7th Franklin D. Roosevelt became the only U.S. president to be elected to a fourth term.

For one family in Western New York State, in N. Tonawanda, on June 10th a little boy, our Mr. March, became the “baby of the family,” preceded by two brothers and a sister.

His early years of education were provided by the RC Church including his graduation from Bishop Duffy HS in Niagara, NY in 1962. The next four years were spent at Niagara University where Mr. M majored in the social sciences and graduated in 1966. While there, he enlisted in the ROTC.

As a Second Lieutenant in the US Army, Mr. M was assigned to two years of active duty in Germany.

When he returned to the States, he enrolled at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and earned a Master

of Social Work degree which he completed in 1972. During this period of his life, he met a young lady and they married. They were together for several years and had a lovely daughter. Mr. M now also has two terrific grandchildren.

Mr. M’s career was filled with professional responsibilities in the field of social service. He was especially proud of his efforts at establishing adult day care programs in the Baltimore area in the infancy of that movement. He also became quite skilled at fundraising for various non-profit agencies and services.

Mr. M retired in 2011.

He had been living in Columbia, MD, which is just about half way between Baltimore and Washington, DC. He discovered a very active gay community in both cities. In those days, DC’s premier gay newspaper, *The Washington Blade*, included personal classifieds to help guys meet. Almost as a “lark,” Mr. M placed a small ad there in 2003. Low and behold, Bob responded.



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ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



GENTLEMAN

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They met for coffee. Then they had a memorable date the very next day on which they saw the gay play *Lilies*, enjoyed the experience of JR's bar on 17th Street, and walked hand-in-hand to the DC Metro. They have been together ever since!

Since Bob was living in Bethesda, MD at the time and Mr. M was still in Columbia, MD, they decided to make their home together in Silver Spring, MD. They bought their Palm Aire condo in 2012 and retired to South Florida full time in 2017.

The couple has thoroughly enjoyed their life in South Florida and several trips and cruises. They especially cherish all the friends they have made through Prime Gentlemen!

Can you now guess of whom we speak? If not, turn to the next page.

This month's session will be held exclusively on Zoom.

Monday, March 14, 2:30 PM

Pete Pavoli - AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)

AHF provides services in 46 countries with 1.6 million patients under its care. Locally, AHF offers a wide range of general healthcare services within and beyond the LGBT community. As a Pharmacy & Managed Care Specialist, Pete will give an overview of the organization, provide information on local AHF services and be available to answer specific questions.

Monday, March 28, 2:30 PM

Marilyn Lamkay and William Whitener - An Open Forum Conversation: Are You a Hero in Your Own Life?

Marilyn and William will lead an open forum conversation meant to encourage participants to consider the answers to questions such as:

Are you a hero in your own life?

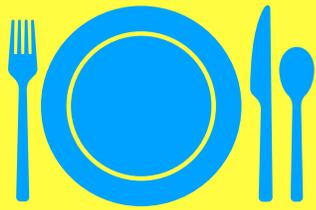
How has being gay impacted your personal and professional identity?

What influences and circumstances contributed to the development of your character and moral values?

Please join us for a lively discussion where no story will be off the grid!



"Email is OK, but I miss biting the postman."



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, March 6, 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

There will be no Diner Lunch in March

FORMAL DINNER

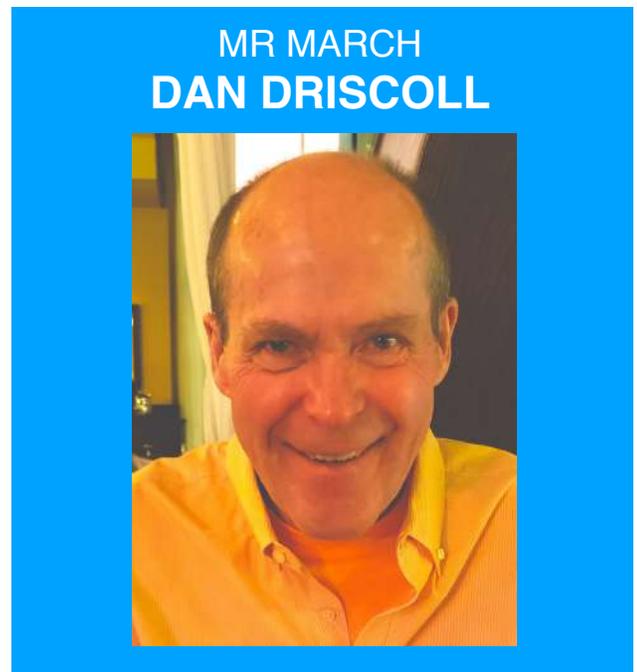
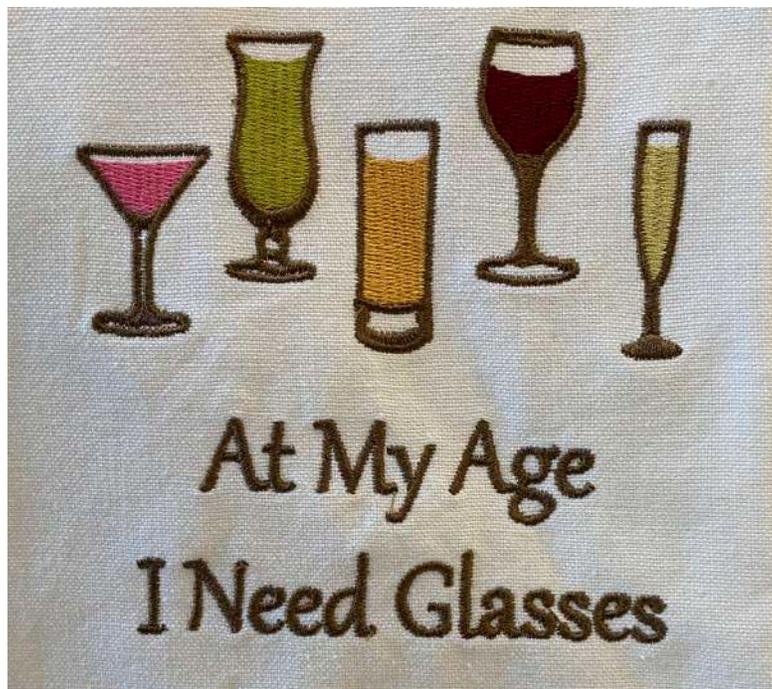
Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 pm
The Field Irish Pub & Eatery
See next page for details and reservation form. Send it and your payment.

UPSCALE LUNCH

There will be no Upscale Lunch in March

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).



MARCH FORMAL DINNER



The Field Irish Pub & Eatery

3281 Griffin Road, Dania Beach, FL 33312
About 0.7 mi W of Tropical Acres on N side of Griffin Rd



Wednesday, March 16 ST. PAT'S EVE

6:00 pm: Cash bar

(Please arrive by 6:40 pm)

7:00 pm: Dinner

Member: \$38

Guest: \$42

(Tax & tip included)

Appetizer: Tossed Salad

Entree (choose one):

Each served with sautéed vegetables and choice (at table) of Mashed Potato, Rustic Potato, Seasoned Fries or Rice

E1 Corned Beef & Cabbage

E2 Shepherd's Pie

E3 Fish and Chips

E4 Pot Roast

Dessert (choose one):

D1 Bread Pudding

D2 Chocolate Cake

Beverage: Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Water



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

Member _____ Codes : _____

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Guest _____ Codes : _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, March 12

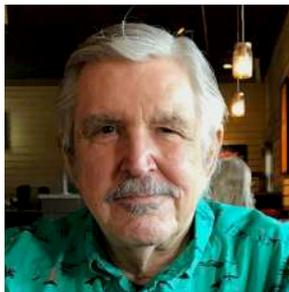
To cancel or for questions on reservations and payments:
contact Jim Flora, 646-208-8092 or JamesFlora@aol.com

To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on March 15

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

MOVIE

By Ed Slough



Friday, March 18, at 1:30 PM in the Pride Center Main Hall.

Wear a mask. Don't attend unless you are fully vaccinated. Seats will be appropriately separated.

Swan Song will be the first SAGE/Prime Gentlemen movie since the beginning of the pandemic. Free popcorn and sodas will be available.

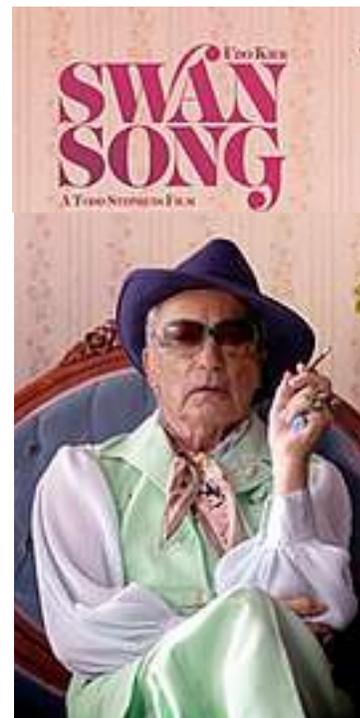
Swan Song has an amazing performance by Udo Kier. The movie is based on a true, deceased, personality in Sandusky Ohio. A retired local celebrity hairdresser,

living his last days of life in a nursing home, escapes to encounter his past (in many ways) - some real and some imagined - before he dies.

The movie is listed as an LGBT comedy, and it is definitely LGBT, but certainly not a source of laughter.

Udo Kier is a German actor.

Known primarily as a character actor, Kier has appeared in in both leading and supporting roles throughout Europe, Canada and the Americas.

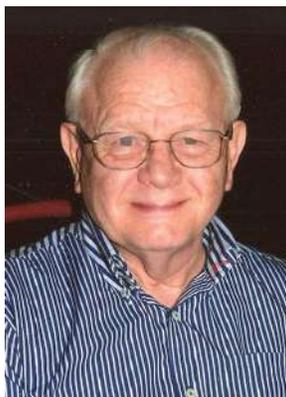


Nelson Dayton A, 19 - February 9, 2022

Fellow Member, Nelson Dayton passed away on Wednesday, February 9 from heart failure, quietly and at home.

From an early age, Nelson showed an aptitude for music. He became principal bassoonist for the Buffalo Philharmonic in New York and was there for 38 years until he retired. Once retired, he never touched the bassoon again!

Nelson became a member in July of 2008 and attended our monthly meetings, dinners, the mixers and bocce. When he took up bowling with our group,



he practiced with the same dedication as he did the bassoon. He practiced a piece of music until he mastered it. He thought he could do the same with bowling, but some of those pins remained upright. For Nelson, it was the same as hitting the wrong note!

He was the Surfer's *Man of the Month* in January, 2009. Click [here](#) to read the article.

He is survived by two brothers, two sisters and his partner, fellow member, Clark Raby.

Keep Clark in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRTHDAYS



Robsonney Simoes	3/2	Charles Sochat	3/20
Richard Hosford	3/2	Eric Runyan	3/21
Michael Goodnight	3/2	Thomas Rice	3/21
Marciano Oraa	3/6	Marqus Ristau	3/21
David Archer	3/6	Clark Raby	3/24
Benjamin Singerline	3/8	Duane Shubert	3/24
John Hughes	3/8	James Hartman	3/26
William Sawyer	3/11	Larry Kam	3/27
Raymond Taratoot	3/11	Lou Wangberg	3/27
John Bolinger	3/12	Henry Tartaglia	3/28
Fred Fejes	3/13	Joel Rothstein	3/28
Robert Strickler	3/14	David Carbaugh	3/29
Norman Schrier	3/15	Anton Scherrer	3/29
Chris Cook	3/15	Norman Peters	3/29
Arnold Joseph	3/16	Charles Egan	3/30
H Johnson	3/17	Grant Leonard	3/30
James Duke	3/17	William Nissen	3/31
Thom Juul	3/17	Edward Levy	3/31
Harold Prasse	3/19	Bert Mittler	3/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry Ganz & Bill Hirsch	3/4/1967	55 years
Joel Rubin & Mark Barron	3/2/1991	31 years



MARCH 2022 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
		1 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	2 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	3 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors @ SL* & Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	4	5 10:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
6 2:00 Members Meeting @ PC & Zoom	7 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	8 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	9 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	10 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	11 2:00 History @ Zoom*	12 10:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
13	14 2:30 Roundtable @ Zoom 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	15 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	16 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* 6:00 Formal Dinner p 8	17 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 12:30 Board Mtg @ Zoom* 2:00 Collectors @ SL* & Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	18 1:30 Movie, @ PC p 9	19 10:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
20	21 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	22 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	23 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	24 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	25 2:00 History @ Zoom*	26 10:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
27	28 2:30 Roundtable @ Zoom 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	*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 SW 36th Ave 33069 SL = Stonewall Library, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311			Zoom = Online meeting May be in-person, too. See the Weekly Bulletin email for details.	
Attend events if you're vaccinated and comfortable. Check Weekly email for changes.						



Some of the History group on February 11

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2 - 6, 2022

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