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COMPUTER CLASSES

By Eric Runyan



Even a small gain in understanding of how our computers, phones, smart televisions and automobiles operate can make living life in our digital age better.

To that end, I offer Prime Gentlemen a free series of classes at three Broward County community centers, including the Pride Center at Equality Park. The series, titled "Technology for Beginners," covers a wide range of topics, including Windows and Mac Operating Systems, Chromebooks, Android cell phones and iPhones, Social Media, email and general computer literacy. No prior experience is necessary.

The Pride Center classes take place on the

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



When the lockdown began and I realized that we would be socially cut off from each other, I started a Prime Gentlemen Facebook page. My hope was that members would use the site to communicate with each other, share photos and connect. What actually happened was very different.

Members started sharing funny cartoons and memes. It wasn't what I had envisioned but it did provide a welcome distraction from the boredom that comes with staying at home day after day, waiting for the mail to come.

At the time I am writing this, the page has

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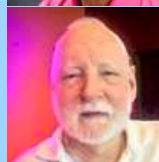
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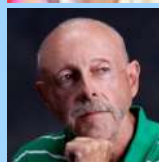
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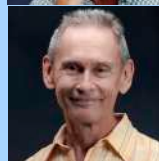
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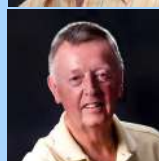
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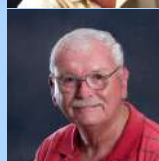
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second Thursday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. They're free for Prime Gentlemen members since I'm a member, too. They're \$20 for non-members.

If the Pride Center location is not convenient for you, I also offer the classes at the Skolnick Center in Pompano Beach and the Hollywood Beach Community Center.

To see the class schedule and register for one, visit HelpMeEric.com. While you are there, check out all the computer repair, installation, trouble-shooting and training services. Fees for them are discounted \$5/hour for Prime Gentlemen members.

In 1978, photographer Mark Gubin took a tub of white paint and wrote "Welcome to Cleveland" on his rooftop in block letters large enough to be read by passengers about to land at the nearby airport.

The sentiment (which is still there) is very kind, except for one thing. Gubin lives in Milwaukee. He doesn't have a good explanation when people ask why he did it. When a local reporter asked, Gubin answered, "I say, 'It was Wednesday.'"

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No offense to the von Trapps, but if I go to a lavish party and seven kids just start singing about they have to go to bed, I'm using that time to refill my drink.

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Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

PRESIDENT

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738 Facebook members. A group of stalwart guys win the prize for the most posts. I would like to thank them for helping to keep the page funny, clever and informative. They are Tom Pence, Steven Brasca, Jim Mario, Gary Lee Lawson, Carl Hill, Jose Arvelo and Michael Gagne.

If you have never visited our page, Google "Prime Gentlemen Facebook" and then click on the first link that comes up.

My plan is to disable the page once all of our meetings are in person. My reason is simple: I HATE FACEBOOK!!!

If someone out there is willing to continue monitoring the site, please let me know. I would be happy to give up that responsibility. Otherwise, it's "hasta la vista, baby".

Why do I hate Facebook? I have a personal Facebook page which I never look at. It has too many political posts and ads that Facebook thinks I would be interested in. It knows way too much about me and we're not even close. For such an insanely popular site, it is poorly designed and not at all user friendly. Did I mention that I HATE FACEBOOK?



MEMBER THOUGHTS

In a recent issue of the *Surfer*, an article by my friend Paul McNamara, coordinator of the SAGE/Prime Gentlemen Roundtable, reminded me how much has changed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. I had never heard of Zoom before March, 2020 and now it is a major addition to my life. Being a regular in-person attendee at both the Roundtable and History groups, I never imagined Zoom could be so important in keeping me in touch with my friends.

I can be anywhere to use Zoom. When Andrew and I leave for the summer, I can connect to the PG groups. All I have to remember is to put my shirt on and close the bathroom door before I start the Zoom call. It is easy to follow the presenter's slides on my computer screen. There are participants not only locally but from around the country and often overseas. I feel I know the participants better on Zoom

than in person.

There are things I don't like about Zoom such as barking dogs and ringing cell phones. These are minor distractions. I have tried open Zoom chats but don't like them because too many people are trying to talk at once. If I don't like the subject or if the group goes off subject I can quietly hang up without interrupting the speaker. Our presenters are excellent but some discussions just aren't interesting.

I think Prime Gentleman's use of Zoom has been a positive solution in a time of massive change. I'm glad we're resuming face-to-face gatherings but look forward to new Zoom groups like a writing group in Cleveland I have joined and a men's group where gay issues can be discussed openly.

John Lloyd

[Try the SAGE/PG Men's Drop-In sessions at 3:00 PM on Thursdays. - Ed]

Send your thoughts: PGSurfer@icloud.com

Rick Ackerman

July 8, 1954 - (About) April 1, 2022

Member Rick Ackerman has passed away but we have no information about the circumstances surrounding it.

Rick was originally from Illinois and for a time worked in the accounts receivables department at Holy Cross Hospital.

He attended our Monday night mixers and sat at a table with his friends Scott, Dudley and Richard. terminals.



Rick was known as a very easy going and friendly guy. He never met a stranger. When he met someone, he'd make them feel welcome and part of the group that was present. He was always looking for ways to liven up the group he was with. And he could be very campy and sassy.

He is survived by a son, a daughter, and grandchildren, who he loved and talked about often.

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected the United States' first third-term president and Winston Churchill became the British Prime Minister in 1940. WWII raged out of control in Europe.

The Academy Awards' best picture was "Gone with the Wind" and Hattie McDaniel became the first African-American actor to win an Oscar. The very first McDonald's opened in San Bernardino, California while people went to see Disney's "Fantasia," the first film in stereophonic sound, and they danced to Glenn Miller's "In the Mood."

But, in Shelby, Ohio, on June 21st of that year, Mr. May was born "the baby" of his family with two sisters preceding him by 17 and 12 years, respectively. Some family say he was a little blessed "surprise!" Soon after this event, the family moved to Shiloh, OH where Mr. M attended elementary and high school, graduating in 1958.



Following HS, Mr. M wanted to "see the world," so he decided to join the US Navy. After boot camp and radioman school in San Diego, he was stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While there, he achieved

his childhood dream of serving on a submarine when he was assigned to attend submarine school in New London, Connecticut. He was then assigned to the USS Cusk whose home port was Pearl Harbor. While on the Cusk, he made his first trip to the Western Pacific stopping in Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hong Kong and the Philippines before returning to Pearl Harbor. His next assignment was on the USS Comstock, home ported in San Diego. He made his second trip to the Western Pacific. When the ship returned to San Diego, he was transferred to Naval Station, Washington, D.C. where he completed his eight years of service.

After the Navy, he moved to New York City, obtained employment with Swiss Air and sampled the gay lifestyle for a couple of years before returning to Shiloh, Ohio. He met his future wife, Nancy, in the lounge of an Ohio Ski resort after a session of skiing with friends. This led to their marriage and spending the next 44 years together until her passing in 2011. They had three children, a girl and two boys, who have given him five grand daughters and a grandson. Nancy was a middle school language arts teacher and taught for 32 years before retiring in 1995.

While in Ohio, he first worked for the R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company and then for

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ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



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United Telephone in Mansfield, OH, which became Sprint. He was transferred by Sprint from Ohio to company headquarters in Overland Park, KS in 1996 and worked in the local division lab and as a 911 network designer. He retired from Sprint in 2004 after 35 years of service and remained in Overland Park until moving to Pompano Beach in 2018.

Both his parents and one of his sisters moved to South Florida for their retirements, so over the years he made many visits to see them. In fact, he and his wife also had a time-share in Marco Island, where they spent many a vacation.

Since Nancy's passing, he is "out" to his children and extended family.

Mr. M has been active in the United Methodist Church all his life and has held many different posts within the UMC structure. For the last 14 years, he's been a member of the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas whose services he now attends via Zoom!

Mr. M thoroughly enjoys Prime Gentlemen. He participates in the Roundtable group, the Trivia group, the History group as well as SAGE events.

Don't recognize Mr. M? Turn to page10.

This month's SAGE/PG sessions will be held in the Pride Center's Room 206 AND on Zoom via the SAGE "dedicated link" (click [here](#)), as a hybrid meeting. Attend either way you like!

Monday, May 9, 2:30 PM

Doug Kent - *The Anatomy of Medical Billing*

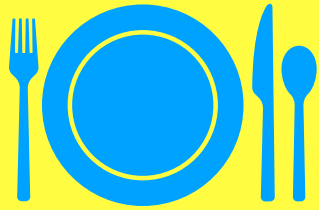
Many of us have been baffled by the complexities of a bill for medical services. Doug spent over 35 years managing several medical billing operations. Beginning with the issuance of a medical bill and ending with its eventual collection, Doug's presentation will shed some light on this confusing and mysterious system.

Monday, May 23, 2:30 PM

Ed Witkowski - *The Unique Perspective of a "Badlands" Bartender*

As a young man Ed began tending bar at "Badlands", a popular gay watering hole in Manhattan's West Village. From this vantage point he witnessed first-hand the evolution of the AIDS crisis. Ed will share his unique perspective on this important period in gay history and culture.





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, May 1, 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, May 12, 1:00 pm

Peter Pan Diner, 1216 Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale 33334

This is a classic Fort Lauderdale diner. Join us! Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978, or e-mail at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

FORMAL DINNER

Thursday, May 19, 6:00 pm

Casa Frida Mexican Cuisine, 5441 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale 33308

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

UPSCALE LUNCH

Thursday, May 26, 1:00 pm

Rendez-Vous French Bakery and Bistro, 1576 E. Oakland Park Blvd, Oakland Park 33334

Nothing more need be said about this wonderful establishment. 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\(s\).](#)

MAY FORMAL DINNER



Casa Frida Mexican Cuisine

5441 N. Federal Hwy
Fort Lauderdale 33308



Thursday, May 19

IN THE SPIRIT OF CINCO DE MAYO

6:00 pm: Cash bar

(Please arrive by 6:40 pm)

7:00 pm: Dinner

*Additional
Parking
at rear of
building*

Member: \$40

Guest: \$45

(Tax & tip included)

Starter: Guacamole, chips and salsa

Entree *(enter a code on the stub below) All include refried beans & Mexican rice:*

E1 Pescado a la Poblano -fresh dover sole filet sautéed and finished in poblano cream sauce

E2 Chiles Rellenos -egg battered and fried poblano peppers stuffed with chihuahua cheese, topped with roasted tomato sauce, sour cream, and fresh cheese, rice, refried beans

E3 Cochinita Pibil - (signature dish of south México) - boneless leg of pork marinated in achiote adobo sauce and wrapped in banana leaf and slow roasted in the oven

E4 Pollo Green or Red Mole Sauce -(Home Made)- grilled chicken breast, red or green mole sauce, rice, refried beans, corn tortillas

Dessert: Flan or Churro

Beverage: Soft Drinks



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

Member _____ Code: _____

Member _____ Code: _____

Guest _____ Code: _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, May 16

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

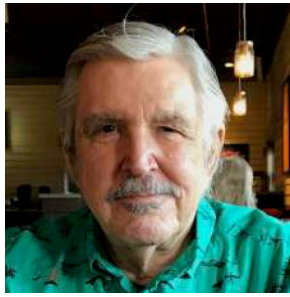
To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on May 18

Make check payable to Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen and write CASA FRIDA 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

TUCKED

By Ed Slough



"TUCKED" is a raw and tender drama about aging 80 year old drag queen, Jackie Collins, who learns he only has six weeks to live. All Jackie wants to do is to continue to perform his long-running drag act, and behave as if everything is normal.

But Jackie forms an unlikely friendship with a younger rising queen, both struggling with their own issues of gender identity and mortality. As they discover more about each other, they realize how to truly be themselves.

Jackie also confronts some unfinished business with his estranged daughter.

It's a 'slice of life' drama about love, loss, and friendship, as Jackie is about to have the most eventful month and a half of his life.

"Tucked" is a bitter-sweet feel good film with great charm and a sense of humor.

Friday, May 20, at 2:00 PM in the Pride Center Main Hall.



Jefy Gaines, Paul McNamara and Patrick Vida practicing Zoom setup for Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Drop-In meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Wayne Oken	5/1	Michael Costa	5/12
Jack Wilson	5/2	Michael Loscalzo	5/13
Eugene Bunge	5/4	Everett Rosner	5/13
Gary Bisogni	5/4	Richard Goodnight	5/13
Carlos Molina	5/5	Clark Powers	5/15
Jerry Lizzie	5/5	Deric Bownds	5/16
Jim Golly	5/6	Allan Dewes	5/17
James McNerney	5/6	Carlos Gonzalez	5/17
Jaisiri Jaiwatana	5/6	Richard Lehman	5/18
David Lasaland	5/6	Alfredo Marchetti	5/18
Jesse Monteagudo	5/6	David Eccleston	5/18
Iain MacArthur	5/7	Paul McNamara	5/20
James Medeiros	5/7	Andrew Cheng	5/22
Denis McDougal	5/7	Edward Stupi	5/22
Hector Vanegas	5/9	David Cingel	5/23
Thomas Casserly	5/9	Broderick David	5/23
John Sande	5/10	Dan Sheldon	5/24
Albert Dube	5/10	Raymond Couturier	5/26
Harold Carrow	5/10	Ken Harrison	5/26
Geoff Berry	5/11	Jim Onoprienko	5/27
		Ray Schlapher	5/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Allan Dewes & Austin Lee 5/19/1995 27 years

William Tadros &
Bob Woodman 5/20/2002 20 years



MR MAY CHUCK BELL



MAY 2022 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

🕒 - Indicates a Joint PG/SAGE event

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
1 2:00 Members Meeting @ PC & Zoom	2 5:30 Mixer🕒 @ MA* 6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom*	3 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒 @ Zoom*	4 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒 @ Zoom*	5 10:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors @ SL* & Zoom* 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	6	7 10:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
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APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Paul McNamara monitoring Zoom



Eric Runyan, our speaker



Men with May Birthdays



Pot Luck Food



50/50 Winner, Lee Sathre & President Henry Pernas