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DINER LUNCHES

By Doug Kent



The American Diner can be traced back to 1858 when Walter Scott supplemented his income by selling sandwiches and coffee to workers in and around Providence, Rhode Island. Since then, diners have evolved into many different forms and configurations but the menu has stayed pretty much the same. Go into any diner and you will feel a warm friendly atmosphere where you can be assured to find soup in many forms and sandwiches in a wide variety.

Luncheons have been a mainstay of Prime Gentlemen since their inception. Several years ago we began making diner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



On Friday, March 31 we had our yearly Volunteer Lunch. This year it was at Anthony's Clam House and Grill. Thirty-six invited volunteers were in attendance. The food was free and the camaraderie was first-class. These members represent the heart and soul of our organization. Without their contributions of time and talent, there would not be a Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen. It was a small way of saying thank you! [See p 9-Ed]

We are quickly coming up to our 20th Anniversary!! It will happen in June and, as usual, we will acknowledge it with an event on June 24 (Save the Date!). This

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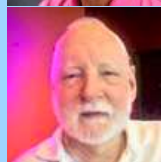
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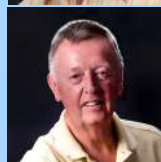
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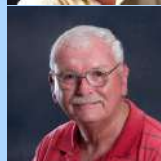


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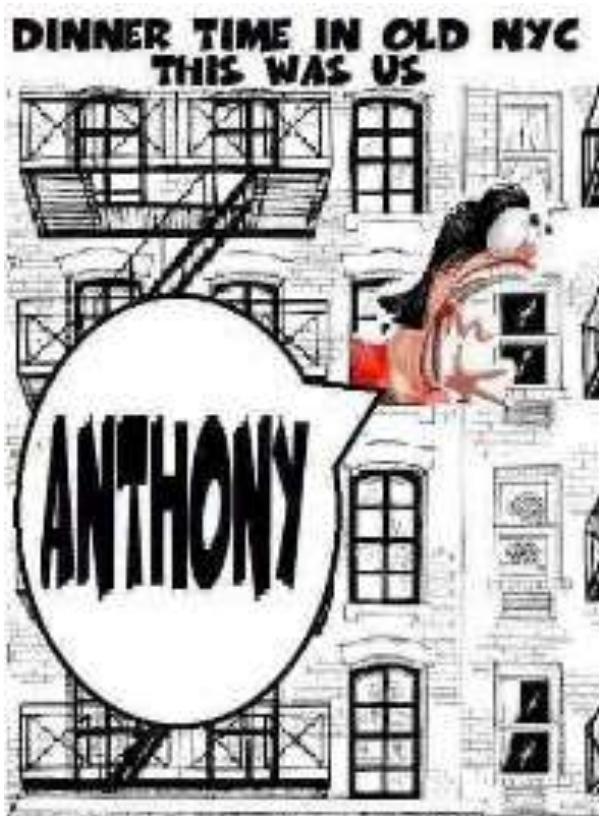
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runs on the second Thursday of every month in addition to our end-of-month regular lunches. The rationale behind this was to provide our members with a second luncheon every month, at reasonable prices.

You will still find a welcoming atmosphere in the “Diner of the Month” and you will also have a wonderful opportunity there to have great conversation and fun with your fellow Prime Gentlemen. The diner menu will not change much, but the venue will, as we explore the various diners that Fort Lauderdale offers.

Mark your calendar for the second Thursday of the month and join your friends for fun on the “Prime Gentlemen Diner Run.”



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year it will be a *luncheon* at Tropical Acres, instead of our usual *dinner*. That will mean we will not flight rush hour traffic and have more reasonable prices. A win-win situation!

Traditionally, we had many door prizes which were donated by restaurants, bowling alleys and other businesses that appreciated our support.

We didn't go anywhere during the pandemic. Once we started having in-person activities, it seemed awkward to ask businesses that were struggling to get back on their feet to contribute gift certificates for our annual event. So, we didn't ask!

Until now.

Board members will reach out to businesses we frequent to ask for donations to our door prize raffle. We hope for a good response. In the past we had so many items, practically everyone who attended went home with a wonderful prize.

You can help in this endeavor. If you have a relationship with a bar, restaurant or other business, please ask them to contribute a discount coupon or gift certificate. Our members appreciate them and when we go there to use them, we often bring other people along. The business will get new customers... and we will have a wonderful anniversary celebration!!

Another win-win!!

MOVIE

By Ed Slough



Our next Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movie will be "In From The Side" on May 19 at 1:30 in the Pride Center's Main Hall. Free popcorn and soda will be served.

Minute for minute, you won't find a more romantic gay film this year than this British rugby drama. It's a surprisingly moving sports-team story slathered in sweat, streaked with mud and dripping with sensuality.

As a "B Squad" of gay athletes tries to overcome inexperience and push past rivalries to score an elusive win, a secret affair simmers among them. Mark (puppy-eyed Alexander Lincoln) finds himself unable to avoid the blazing appeal of teammate Warren (Alexander King) with his cocky attitude and emotional unavailability. Following a drunken encounter, the two equally attached men



from a cash-strapped and divided gay rugby club glide into an adulterous affair, but must conceal their growing feelings or risk destroying the rugby club they both love. With well-written characters, a truly engaging story and strong performances, "In From The Side" is without a doubt the best gay film that's been released in a while. The locker room scenes are delicious.

B.C. by Johnny Hart



GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



President Harry Truman signed the Marshall Plan into law in 1948, while NYC hiked its subway fare to 10 cents. Mahatma Gandhi was also assassinated by a Hindu extremist and Israel declared independence from British rule.

In the same year, on June 10th, a new star, Mr. May, was born, as the only child of a couple in Forest Hills, Queens, NY.

He was born into a “show biz” family. His mother, Frances, was one of “The Byrne

Sisters,” a song and dance trio that became the opening act for George Burns, Milton Berle and Jack Benny on the vaudeville circuit. It was a career the sisters enjoyed for two decades. His father was their chauffeur.



As a young child, his mom took him to a Broadway show every Friday night. The first was “Peter Pan,” starring Mary Martin. Mom escorted him backstage—his first celebrity introduction. He told Ms. Martin he truly believed in “fairies” and they hugged.

At that tender age, he was “hooked” and asked his parents to be enrolled in piano, singing and dancing lessons. The family

moved to Fort Lee, NJ where Mr. M continued private classes while attending Fort Lee HS and was busily engaged in the performing arts programs—music and drama. A youthful highlight was his piano solo of “Rhapsody in Blue” in the NJ pavilion at the 1964-65 New York World’s Fair. He was just 13 years old, but he wore white tails like a “Liberace wannabe.”

Mr. M graduated in 1966 with a successful college audition to Glassboro State College. He earned an undergraduate degree in speech and drama there, followed by a graduate degree in theatre from Villanova University, Philadelphia. He taught acting and directed hundreds of shows at Cherry Hill HS East, in NJ over a 37-year career and was the recipient of several awards for his exemplary musical theater directing.

However, he was off across the river to Broadway in the evenings. He earned his Actor’s Equity card and worked backstage at numerous theatrical productions, including “The Fantasticks.”

He even became a member of the creative team for the musical, “A Tale of Two Cities” which opened in 2008 in Sarasota, FL. After hiring a new director, the show opened at the Hirschfield Theatre

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on Broadway but it only ran for 4 months. He had worked on that production for over two years and recalls that the disappointment of an early closing truly motivated his retirement from the Great White Way, as well as from teaching.

Mr. M decided to move to South Florida, where his parents owned a vacation home, in 2010. Here he has continued his passion for the arts by teaching theater at Charles Flanagan HS in Pembroke Pines for several years and opening a black box theatre in Ft Lauderdale, *Andrews Living Arts Studio*. After Hurricane Irma ruined the building, he spent time writing a few plays and searching for a new venue to keep alive his Mom's legacy of preserving 20th Century Broadway Memorabilia.

His search materialized with the opening of *Behind the Scenes Theatricals* in Ft. Lauderdale, which is home to the *Artist Sanctuary of Ft. Lauderdale*, a non-profit theatrical museum and resource center, along with a small performance space. He also has a theater costume rental business there, with more than 7,000 Broadway costumes and props, mostly collected by his mom over her long career.

Mr. M believes that the real measure of a teacher's impact is how well his students fare in their life's journey. He is very proud of the dozens of his students who have succeeded by becoming Tony-nominated performers in major Broadway productions like "Phantom of the Opera," "Once" and "The Lion King."

You can chat with Mr. M most Tuesdays at the Prime Gentlemen mixer at Tropics to learn more about his amazing life in the theater and his enthusiasm for sharing his love of Broadway with South Florida.

If you don't yet recognize Mr. May turn to page 10 to see who he is.

ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



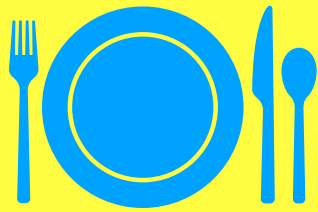
Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Roundtable sessions are held at the Pride Center in Room 206 and broadcast on Zoom via the SAGE dedicated link ([here](#)). Join these fun, interesting discussions in person!

Monday, May 8 - (No meeting)

Monday, May 22, 2:30 PM

Paul McNamara - Evolutionary Origins of Homosexuality

In an essay published in the Gay and Lesbian Review, the three authors present scientific evidence that male same-sex sexual preference is largely determined prenatally via inherited genes, modified in utero. They also posit that male homosexuality appears to have arisen because of its potential benefits for the survivability of the family. A link to this essay will be provided before the meeting. The discussion will focus on understanding the biology of sexual orientation, which is still in a nascent stage.



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, May 7, 2:00 pm
Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall
2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors
Pot Luck Meal served after the meeting program.
[Be sure to bring a dish to share!](#)

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Wednesday, May 10, 4:45 pm
Black Rock Bar & Grill
6200 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale.
Contact Ed Slough if you will join the group so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect at wildhybrid@aol.com

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, May 11, 1:00 pm
Moonlite Diner
6201 North Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale
It's a classic diner that we're sure you will enjoy for its great service and fun menu. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

DINNER

Wednesday, May 17, 5:00 pm
Casa Frida Mexican Cuisine
5441 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale
We'll celebrate Cino de Mayo a little late but order from the regular menu and receive a \$10 bill to help pay the tab. See the next page for details. Be sure to reserve your spot at the table!

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, May 25, 1:00 pm
Padrino's Cuban Restaurant
1135 North Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale
Great Cuban food with exemplary service will be in store for our group. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495- 2978 or email him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your seat.

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!](#)

MAY DINNER

Casa Frida Mexican Cuisine

5441 N. Federal Hwy.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Additional Parking at Rear of Building

Wednesday, May 17

To celebrate Cinco de Mayo a little late

5:00 pm Cash Bar

6:00 pm Dinner



QUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

1. Make your reservation (below)
2. When you arrive, you'll get a \$10 Bill from Prime Gentlemen to help you pay your check
2. Order from the regular menu
3. Enjoy your meal
4. Receive a separate check for it
5. Pay your server



Fill in your name(s):

Member _____

Member _____

Guest _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, May 15*

**If your reservation is received later,
you will NOT get the \$10 Bill.*

To cancel or for questions on reservations contact:

Ken South 301-461-4516 or southy2222@gmail.com

To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on May 16

Reserve your seat by:

Emailing Ken South,

southy2222@gmail.com

or

Sending this stub (and no money) to:

Fort Lauderdale Prime
Gentlemen, PO Box
100666, Fort Lauderdale,
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VOLUNTEER LUNCH PHOTOS



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Michael Krieger	5/1
John Shields	5/3
Eugene Bunge	5/4
Joe McNally	5/4
Ronn Schabinger	5/5
Jim Golly	5/6
Jesse Monteagudo	5/6
David Lasalandra	5/6
Jaisiri Jaiwatana	5/6
James McNerney	5/6
Iain MacArthur	5/7
Denis McDougal	5/7
James Medeiros	5/7
James Chilson	5/8
Thomas Casserly	5/9
Roscoe Gore	5/9
Hector Vanegas	5/9
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Harold Carrow	5/10
John Sande	5/10
Clyde Repik	5/12



Michael Loscalzo	5/13
Richard Goodnight	5/13
Gerald Bausman	5/14
Clark Powers	5/15
Dane Von Rhee	5/15
Frank Piasecki	5/16
Deric Bownds	5/16
Allan Dewes	5/17
Carlos Gonzalez	5/17
Alfredo Marchetti	5/18
Paul McNamara	5/20
Broderick Davis	5/23
Ryan Hudak	5/24
Dan Sheldon	5/24
William Patterson	5/24
Gregory Tefft	5/26
Raymond Couturier	5/26
Jim Onoprienko	5/27
Steve Cooper	5/28
Ray Schlapher	5/30
Edward Stehle	5/30
William Nissen	5/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Allan Dewes & Austin Lee 5/19/1995 28 years


William Tadros &
Bob Woodman 5/20/2002 21 years



MR MAY
Bob Nation



MAY 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
	1 6:00 Mixer @Zoom*	2 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	3 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In @PC & Zoom*	4 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors @ PC & Zoom 3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	5	6
7 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Membership Meeting @ PC	8 6:00 Mixer @Zoom	9 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	10 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In @PC & Zoom* 4:45 Early Bird Dinner p 7	11 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Diner Lunch p 7 2:00 Computer Class @ PC* 3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	12 2:00 History @ Zoom*	13
14 9:00 Tennis @ BP*	15 6:00 Mixer @Zoom	16 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	17 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In @PC & Zoom* 5:00 Dinner p 8	18 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 12:30 Board Mtg @Zoom* 2:00 Collectors @ PC & Zoom 3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	19 1:30 Movie @ PC p4	20
21 9:00 Tennis @ BP*	22 2:30 Roundtable @ PC & Zoom* 6:00 Mixer @Zoom	23 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	24 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In @PC & Zoom*	25 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Regular Lunch, p 7 3:00 Drop-In @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	26 2:00 History @ Zoom*	27
28 Tennis @ BP*	29 6:00 Mixer @Zoom	30 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	31 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In @PC & Zoom*	*LOCATIONS AL = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063 BP = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069 ML = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, 33305 PC = Pride Ctr, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy 33305 SC = Skolnick Ctr, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069 SL = Stonewall Lib, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311 TR = Tropics Bar & Grill, 2000 Wilton Dr 33305 Zoom = See email Weekly Bulletin for link.		

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PHOTOS



May Birthday Boys