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NOVEMBER 2022



MOVIES

By Ed Slough

As you may know, SAGE and the Pride Center jointly started sponsoring free monthly movies at the Pride Center in 2018.

After a few months, the Pride Center withdrew its support for free rent and popcorn. The movies had proven to be popular with seniors, so I approached Patrick Vida, SAGE President, and Henry Penas, Prime Gentlemen President, to see if we could continue the monthly movie as a collaboration between the two organizations.

We discussed all the costs for showing the movies and came to an agreement as to how to pay for them.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



The winter migration will be starting soon. This will be the first snowbird season when most of our Northern members will return to our area in a long time. Canadians and Europeans can travel freely back and forth for the first time in ages. It's an exciting time for us because we get to see old friends again (and not just on Zoom). The number of people who attend our group meetings, lunches, dinners, mixers and membership meeting will grow substantially.

Our next banquet will be our Holiday Dinner at LIPS on December 21 at 7:00 pm. We be having a lovely dinner, our

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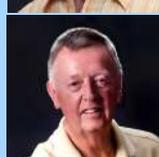
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We also discussed some "mistakes" we'd made, including the choice of movies with subtitles. While all the movies were very good, the room is inappropriate for movies with subtitles because many strain their neck to read them. Also, the films shown were not very well-known.

The highest attendance was for the gay-themed films *Moonlight* and *The Shape of Water*, so we decided that we would choose A-List films --- preferably blockbusters --- with gay themes, gay characters and/or well-known LGBT actors.

Such free movies have resumed since our COVID hiatus and are usually shown at 1:30 on the third Friday of each month.

This month's film will be *Elvis* on November 18. See the article *Movie* on the next page for a description.

Free popcorn and soft drinks are still offered and turnouts are large. Donations are encouraged to help defray costs but SAGE and Prime Gentlemen still cover most costs.

Come to the Pride Center each month to enjoy a free movie!

We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.

- John F. Kennedy



PRESIDENT

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White Elephant Exchange, a drag show and drag bingo.

Oh, I almost forgot, LIPS is giving everyone a \$10 drink ticket. Additional drinks will, of course, be billed separately. All for \$25!! That night you will select from the menu. Ken South did a great job getting all this for us. Thank you, Ken.

The flyer for the dinner will be in the next issue of the *Surfer* and will soon be attached to issues of the *Weekly Bulletin*. Look for it and send in your reservation early. We will have the entire venue to ourselves, but there are only so many seats, so send it before we run out!

Let's see about the White Elephant: You should find a gift to bring to the dinner. It should be wrapped. When you present your gift to whoever is manning the table, you will get a chip. Hold onto that chip! You will have to give it to one of our elves in exchange for a wrapped gift.

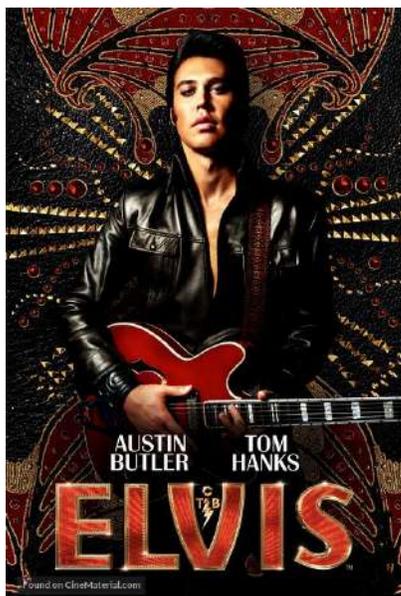
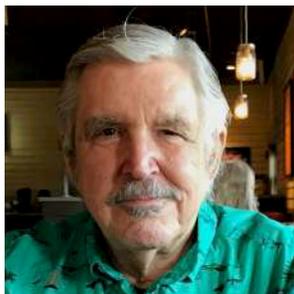
Just to be clear, you have to bring a gift in order to get a gift. After everyone opens their gift, people at your table can trade gifts if they choose to. The gift you bring could be a gag gift, a re-gifting of something you already have or something very creative and gay. It's up to you. But it shouldn't put you in hock!

I hope to see you all there.

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever."
— Mohandas Gandhi*

MOVIE

By Ed Slough



The next Prime Gentlemen / SAGE Free Movie will be *Elvis* on Friday, November 18 at 1:30 PM in the Main Hall of the Pride Center.

"Elvis" starts with little-kid Elvis blending among Black families and culture in dirt-

poor Mississippi. The movie deftly

joint and his epiphany inside a revival tent, two moments equally dangerous and outrageously exciting. They become the two greatest influences on Presley's life.

The push-and-pull between the devil's music and the gospel truth is worked out so efficiently there's even a makeshift walkway connecting the shack and the tent. Elvis and his friends cross it with glee.

Elvis's story is seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker, and delves into the complex dynamic between the two spanning over 20 years from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America. Central to that journey is one of the significant and influential people in Elvis's life, Priscilla Presley.

Free popcorn and soda will be served, as

Gary Bisogni

May 4, 1945 - September 6, 2022

Fellow member, Gary Bisogni passed away on September 6, 2022. He had been dealing with a number of health issues.

He joined our group in June of 2015 and had been a regular participant at our Membership Meetings.

Gary was born in Pennsylvania, got his law degree and moved to Chicago to work for the District Attorney's office. When he retired, he decided to see the world and went to Thailand and worked



as an English teacher for several years. He also lived in Puerto Vallarta and worked as a teacher. He loved Puerto Vallarta, but the area started to change, and he decided to come back to the USA and chose Florida as his home. Once again, he went back into teaching, this time for Miami Dade college as an English

teacher. He finally decided to really retire in 2019 and start enjoying life. He loved the Prime Gentlemen group.

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



On January 20, 1961 John F. Kennedy, the youngest person ever elected President of the United States, was sworn into office in Washington, DC. In Athens, Greece, Konstantinos G. Karamanlis, was the four-time prime minister and twice president of the Third Hellenic Republic.

And, on the 30th of January, in Athens, Mr. November arrived in his family as the youngest sibling with one older sister. Mr. N's father was a career officer in the Greek army. Following his elementary and high school education, Mr. N looked towards the USA for his future life.



In 1979, he arrived in NYC and enrolled at the City University of New York where he successfully completed a degree in business in 1983. Soon after his arrival, he met Jim, a physician and his senior. They shared a wonderful life together for the next 35 years until Jim's passing in 2015. Jim had a medical practice in NYC but also had connections to a medical program in Lausanne, Switzerland, so the couple enjoyed

numerous trips to Lausanne.

Mr. N became the news anchor for National Greek TV, the first station to broadcast in the Greek language on cable. In 1982 he appeared on several episodes of "As The World Turns," the TV soap opera. His TV work led him to join AFTRA (American Federation of TV & Radio Artists).

He also enjoyed providing voice overs for many types of commercials.

In addition, he became employed by a Physical Therapy company where he was the Quality Assurance Officer as well as a staff trainer. He worked with them for 30 years.

Mr. N was very involved in the early 1980s response to the AIDS crisis in NYC. For instance, he helped feed PWAs in hospitals when the staff would not enter their rooms, but leave food trays in halls. He lost many friends and acquaintances to the epidemic, two dear friends in particular. These first-hand experiences with the devastation of the epidemic, motivated him to join ACT UP and become an activist! He participated in many of the ACT UP demonstrations in the city.

Mr. N and his husband, Jim, moved to

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Boynton Beach in 2009 and, following Jim's passing, Mr. N moved to Pompano Beach in 2017.

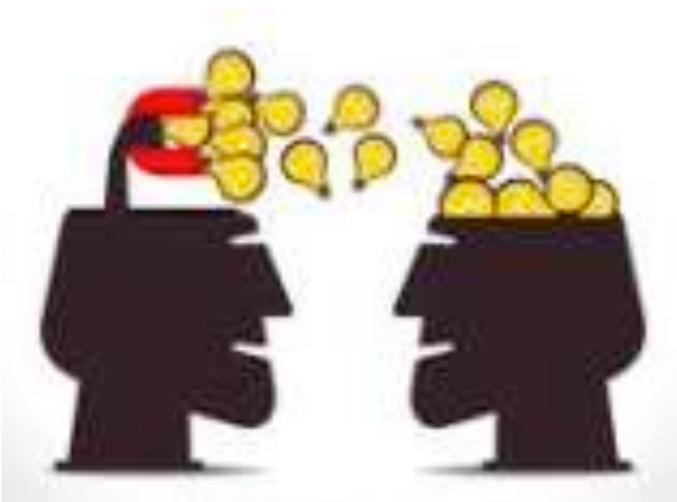
Mr. N sought out Prime Timers as soon as he moved to Florida. He has also joined SAGE, where he is a Life Member, and recently become active at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Can you now guess who our Greek-American Prime Gentlemen is?

If not, see page 9.

MEMBER THOUGHTS

(None received this month.... again!)



[Maybe you have a super idea, complaint, observation or want to thank someone for the great thing(s) he, she or they did recently. Share it! -Ed.]

Send your thoughts: PGSurfer@icloud.com

ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



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

Monday, November 14, 2:30 PM

Dr. Denny Haman - Living Your Dreams

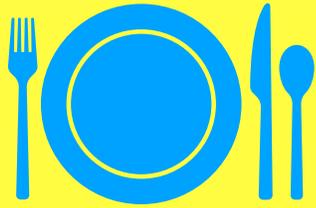
What keeps us from living our dreams? Denny gave up a career as a veterinarian to chase his dream of becoming an author, composer, and playwright. He will lead a discussion on the quest to find continual sources of happiness and joy throughout one's entire life.

Denny is a Veterinarian, Philosopher and Friend.

Monday, November 28

No meeting will be held due to the Thanksgiving holiday.





FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, November 6, 2:00 pm
Pride Center, 2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors
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, November 10, 1:00 pm
Shawn & Nick's Courtyard Cafe, 2211 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305.

We will meet at this iconic diner for a classic diner lunch. Plan to join us and remember to call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to save your seat.

DINNER

Thursday, November 17, 5:30 pm
Chef Nate's, 2045 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 and OUTING

Thursday, November 17, 11:00 am [Rescheduled from Oct.]
Catch the Water Taxi at **Double Tree Hotel, 2670 E Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.** We'll take it to **15th Street Fisheries, 1900 SE 15th Street** for lunch. Afterwards, you can either ride the taxi to Margaritaville in Hollywood, return to the Double Tree hotel or continue to ride the water taxi for the remainder of the day, stopping wherever you choose. A word of caution. If you have any mobility issues, be aware that loading onto or from the water taxi will be challenging.

Mark your calendar now and call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or email him at dutchwood@att.net to reserve your place.

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!. (See back page)

NOVEMBER DINNER



CHEF NATE'S
2045 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305



Thursday, November 17

5:30 pm Cash Bar

(Please arrive by 6:10 pm)

6:30 pm Dinner

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Appetizer: Spinach Artichoke Dip

Entree *(Enter one code on stub below and pay price shown. Price includes appetizer, entree, dessert, beverage, tax and tip.):*

E1	NY Strip Steak	\$44
E2	Chicken Parmesan	\$36
E3	Pork Tenderloin	\$36
E4	Linguini Bolognese	\$34

These prices are underwritten by Prime Gentlemen

Dessert: Chef's choice

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



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

Member _____ Code: _____

Member _____ Code: _____

Guest _____ Code: _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: By 5 pm, November 11

To cancel or for questions on reservations and payments: contact Paul McNamara at 561-254-9622 or polmac@aol.com

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

Make check payable to Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen and write NATE'S 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.

David Parker September 19, 1941 - August 11, 2022

Dave Parker passed away on August 11, 2022. He had been a member of our group since we began. One of the responsibilities he took on was bringing the ice to our Sunday meetings. You would remember him standing behind the dessert table.

Dave received a doctorate in philosophy from Catholic University of America in 1984. He joined the biology faculty of Broward College after his move to Fort Lauderdale in 2002. He also authored a book on general biology and co-authored laboratory manuals on anatomy



and physiology.

Dave volunteered at Poverello, ushered at Broward Center for the Performing Arts and was a founding board member of the Fort Lauderdale Fire and Safety Museum. In 2016, he was nominated for the Fort Lauderdale Rotary Club's Community Hero Award.

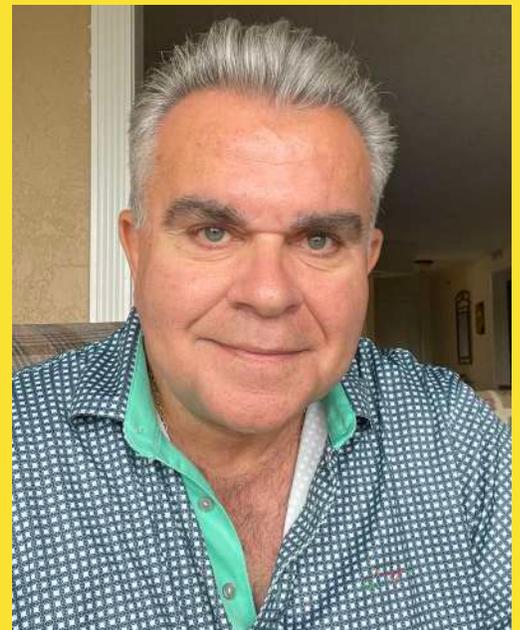
There was a Celebration of Life on October 25 at the Fire and Safety Museum.

To learn more about this very accomplished gentleman go to <https://tinyurl.com/sawnsweu>



"I'm working on pants for old guys that combine the comfort of Dockers with the protection of Depends. I'll call them Dry Dockers."

MR NOVEMBER
TONY TSAGRIS



BIRTHDAYS

Lorenzo Espinosa	11/2	Thomas Mack	11/16
William Watkins	11/3	Sam Letinich	11/16
Danny Oberg	11/4	Robert Woodman	11/17
James Richardson	11/4	Mark Baker	11/19
David Tooker	11/4	Stewart Pepper	11/20
Charles Fernandez	11/5	Christopher Matthews	11/21
John Cavoto	11/5	Charles LoPiccolo	11/21
Paul Nix	11/6	Aziel Sales	11/22
Jack Skay	11/6	Albert Bocklet	11/23
Fred Riley	11/7	David Stamps	11/24
William Schwab	11/8	Robert Baxter	11/24
Richard Sanders	11/12	Robert Clark	11/26
Osamu Miyachi	11/12	Thomas Hampton	11/26
Jerry Tvrdik	11/13	Ron Bass	11/26
William Mayo	11/14	Joseph Placucci	11/27
Rudy Wulf	11/14	Daniel Glowa	11/29
James Payne	11/15	Harvey Hoffenberg	11/29
Elan Garonzik	11/16	Joe Lonsway	11/30
		Eugene Pennington	11/30



ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Driscoll & Bob Bozek	11/14/2003	19 years
Ken Bailey & Mike Fischer	11/24/2008	14 years
Carl Booker & David Lasaland	11/30/2012	10 years
Andy Young & Bob Gourlay	11/20/2013	9 years
Steve Thayer & Howard Terry	11/13/2014	8 years
Bill Sawyer & Burke Laurendine	11/9/2018	4 years
Jim Flora & Jim Medeiros	11/19/2020	2 years



NOVEMBER 2022 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

🕒 - Indicates a Joint PG/SAGE event

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
		1 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	2 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒@Zoom*	3 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors @ SL & Zoom* 3:00 Drop-In🕒 🕒@Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	4	5
6 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Membership Meeting @ PC & Zoom*	7 6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom*	8 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	9 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒@Zoom*	10 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 1:00 Diner Lunch p 7 2:00 Computer Class @ PC* 3:00 Drop-In🕒 🕒@Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	11 2:00 History @ PC & Zoom*	12
13 9:00 Tennis @ BP*	14 2:30 Roundtable 🕒@ PC & Zoom* 6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoom*	15 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	16 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒@Zoom*	17 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 12:30 Board Mtg @Zoom* 1:00 Upscale Lunch, p 7 2:00 Collectors @ SL & Zoom 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 5:30 Dinner p 8 7:00 Walking @ SC*	18 1:30 Movie 🕒 @ PC p 4	19
20 9:00 Tennis @ BP*	21 6:00 Mixer🕒 @Zoo	22 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit 🕒@ Zoom* 5:30 Mixer @ TR	23 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* Drop In🕒@Zoom*	24 THANKSGIVING 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 3:00 Drop-In🕒 @Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	25 2:00 History @ PC & Zoom*	26
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RECENT PRIME GENTLEMAN MIXERS at TROPICS

