



# Surfer

NOVEMBER 2023



## ACTIVITIES

December Cruise  
By Auggie Azzarello



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Prime Gentlemen and SAGE are going on a cruise!

Join us on December 3 for seven fun-filled days on the Royal Caribbean Odyssey Of The Seas. We will visit the Bahamas, Haiti, and Dominican Republic.

Special pricing for Prime Gentlemen and SAGE includes:

- *Nightly LGBT function in a bar*
- *\$50 stateroom credit*
- *Dinner together each night*
- *Specialty dinner at Chops Grill*

Odyssey Of The Seas has a sky-diving

Can you feel it? The mornings are dryer and cooler. It won't be long now. Pretty soon we will be in the season we pay the big money for – autumn. You can tell it's autumn because the colors of the license plates begin to change. And traffic gets heavier and heavier, and we hear more foreign accents, like Minnesotan and Canadian.

But it's also exciting to have our snowbirds back with us. They always seem so happy to be here and will rush to turn on the Weather Channel every morning to see how bad the weather is back home. And chuckle.

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**and click on:** *Membership*

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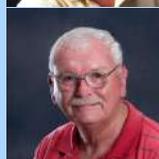
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## ACTIVITIES

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simulator, bumper cars, and roller-skating at the largest SeaPlex ever. You can also scope out the incredible 360-degree views from 300 feet up in the North Star observation capsule.

There will also be plenty of time to relax poolside or play your favorite games.

All this and more is available to you on this wonderful cruise.

Prices start at \$922 per person, based on double occupancy, including all taxes.

Call me (954-944-1366) for reservations, and join us for a fun-filled week.

Here's our itinerary:

SUN 03 DEC Fort Lauderdale, depart: 5:00 pm  
MON 04 DEC CocoCay, Bahamas  
TUE 05 DEC Cruising at sea  
WED 06 DEC Labadee, Haiti  
THU 07 DEC Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic  
FRI 08 DEC Cruising at sea  
SAT 09 DEC Fort Lauderdale, arrive 6:15 om

## PRESIDENT

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There will also be some who will finally make the decision to pull up stakes and settle permanently in Florida.

There are a few things happening that await them. Ron DeSantis is still Governor, books are still being banned, and drag shows are self-disciplining.

But there is also a boon in construction EVERYWHERE! There are new condos going up all over Broward County. Plans are in the works for new developments in Wilton Manors and Oakland Park. There is a small city across the street from Scandals and another one in the works at the corner of Dixie Highway and McNab Road.

You think the traffic is bad now? Huh!

But it's still Florida. You can be warm all the time, eat outdoors, walk downtown, and stroll along Wilton Drive.

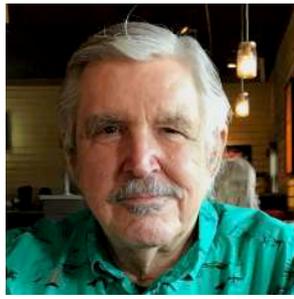
Life is good!



MIXER  
Tues, Sept 26

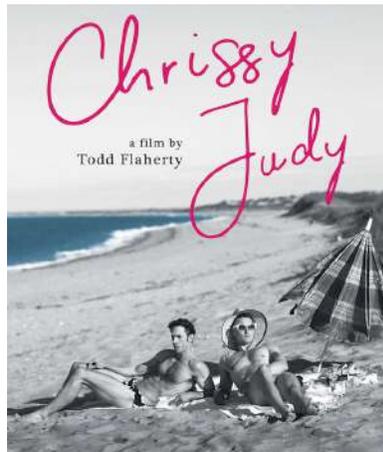
# MOVIES

By Ed Slough



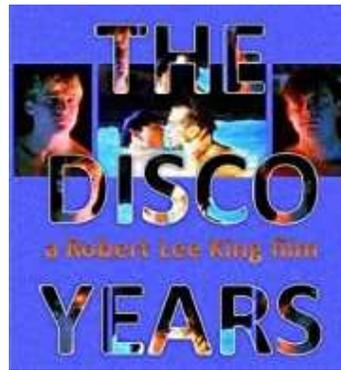
This month's Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movies will be *Chrissy Judy* and *The Disco Years*. They will be shown on Friday, November 17 at 1:30 pm in the Pride Center's Main Hall. Free popcorn and soda will be served.

Judy's been described as many things: a free spirit, a day dreamer, a boy-crazy hot mess. But this is going



to be the summer it all comes together for this ambitious, 30-something drag-queen/cater-waiter and his best friend, Chrissy. That is, until Chrissy's priorities suddenly shift, forcing a disillusioned Judy to examine his life and priorities as a queer artist, and rediscover himself in the process.

In this dark comedy, "Chrissy Judy" explores the universal pain of breaking up with your best friends and questions, "What do you do when your chosen family no longer chooses you?"



*The Disco Years* is a short gay "coming-out" film that is really about homophobia. The young soon-to-be-out gay boy in this film, Tom, suffers the stings of the homophobic reactions of his fellow

students, and even from his doting mother. But the real victim is the teacher, Mr. Reese.



PART OF  
OCTOBER 12  
MOVIE  
AUDIENCE

# GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



In 1940, the first full year of WWII, Nazi Germany invaded Denmark and Norway. Denmark surrendered after only a six-hour battle. Winston Churchill said, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat," in his first speech as Prime Minister to the British House of Commons. Adolf Hitler met with Benito Mussolini and he agreed to join Germany's impending war effort.

Also, Joe Louis held on as heavyweight boxing champion in Chicago. Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart's musical, *Pal Joey*, which starred Gene Kelly and Vivienne Segal, opened at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre, in NYC.

*The Grapes of Wrath* movie, directed by John Ford and based on John Steinbeck's novel was released. It starred Henry Fonda and Jane Darwell. And, at the 12th Academy Awards, *Gone With The Wind* won eight Oscars. Robert Donat, Vivien Leigh, and Hattie McDaniel also won.

On December 24 of that year, Mr. November was born in New Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. N's family moved to Miami in the

mid-1950s when he was just a teenager. He attended Miami High School and, following graduation in 1959, served in the U.S. Army until his discharge in 1965.

He lived in Coral Gables, FL for 50 years with his partner Fred, where they were both actively involved in numerous charitable causes that helped the LGBTQ community.

One of their favorite projects was creating over 500 Easter Baskets each year and sharing them with HIV patients.

Mr. N worked for many years in the public relations department at Miami-Dade College. He subsequently retired and moved to Fort Lauderdale where he has supported many causes.

He is a member of Prime Gentlemen, SAGE and the Pride Center Founders Circle. He enjoys gardening, traveling, and good times with his many friends.

See page 10 to learn Mr. N's identity.



"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits." – Albert Einstein

## ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



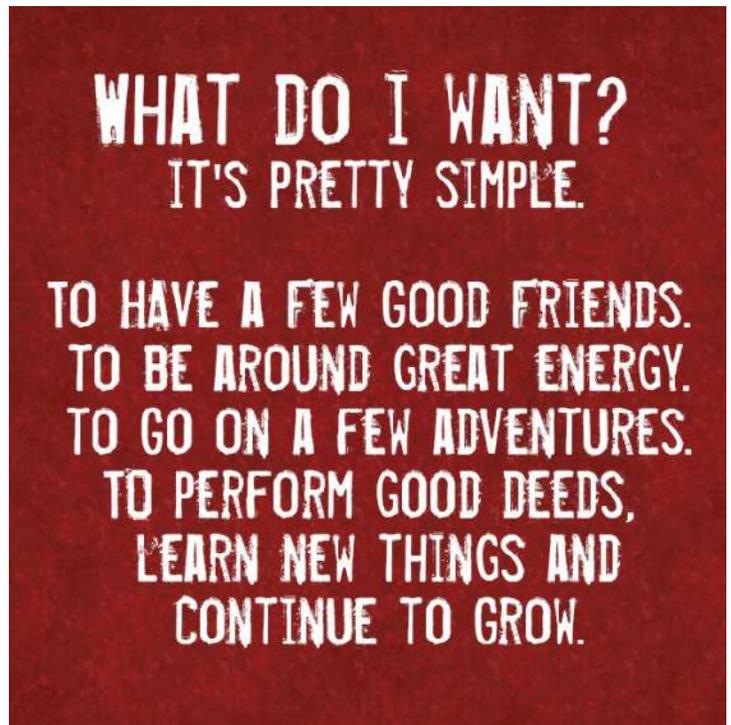
Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Roundtable sessions are held at the Pride Center in Room 206 and broadcast on Zoom via the SAGE dedicated link ([here](#)). Join these fun, interesting discussions in person!

**Monday, November 27, 2:30 pm**

### **Doug Kent - Square Dancing in the United States**

Square dancing has been and continues to be popular in many parts of our country. As a square dancing enthusiast, Doug will present a brief history of this pastime and describe the various styles of square

dancing. He will discuss the benefits of square dancing and his presentation will include videos. Ultimately, he hopes to convince others to become future square dancing participants!



### **Eliot Cohn**

**April 13, 1930 - October 2, 2023**

Fellow member Eliot Cohen passed away on Monday, October 2 in hospice care. Prior to that, he had been on dialysis three days a week for three years. His eyesight had been declining for many years.

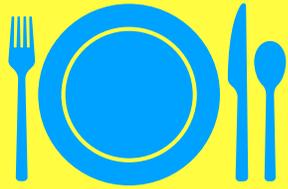
He had been a member since January 2011.

He was from Plymouth,



Massachusetts, and owned an upscale couch and mattress company in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Eliot was a pleasant person, a mentor, and a *mensch* – A Yiddish term meaning a person of integrity, morality, and dignity, with a sense of what is right and responsible.



# FOOD & DRINK



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Sunday, November 5, 2:00 pm**  
**Pride Center at Equality Park, Main Hall**  
**2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors**  
Bring a dish to share for our potluck meal

## EARLY BIRD DINNER

**Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 pm**  
**Olive Garden**  
**5550 N. Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale**  
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at [wildhybrid@aol.com](mailto:wildhybrid@aol.com) so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

## DINER LUNCH

**Thursday, November 9, 1:00 pm**  
**Bayview Diner**  
**2712 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale**  
Join us as we enjoy its classic diner menu! Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to hold your seat.

## DINNER PARTY

**Wednesday, November 15, 5:30 pm**  
**Bombay Cafe**  
**1672 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park**  
Details are on the next page.

## NIGHT OUT DINNER

**Wednesday, November 22** Happy Hour Drinks: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 5:30 pm  
**Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar**  
**2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors**  
Contact Ed Slough at [wildhybrid@aol.com](mailto:wildhybrid@aol.com) to take advantage of this half-price Prime Gentlemen/SAGE deal! Bring a guest!

## REGULAR LUNCH

**Thursday, November 30 1:00 pm**  
**Georgie's Alibi**  
**2266 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors**  
This is a long-standing staple of Wilton Manors life. You'll love it! Remember to call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at [dutchwood@att.net](mailto:dutchwood@att.net) to reserve your place at the table!

## MIXER

**Every Tuesday, 5:00**  
**Tropics Grille Restaurant & Bar**  
**2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors**  
[No reservations; just pay for your drink\(s\) and enjoy the buffet!](#)

NOVEMBER  
DINNER PARTY

Wednesday,  
November 15  
5:30 pm - Cash bar  
6:00 - Dinner

BOMBAY CAFE

Cuisine of India

1672 E. Oakland Park  
Boulevard  
Oakland Park

1. Make Reservation below
2. Order from menu
3. Receive \$10 bill
4. Pay check  
(Cash is fastest)

BRING  
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**To make your reservation**

Send an email message to:  
[southy2222@gmail.com](mailto:southy2222@gmail.com)

—-or—-

Complete and send this stub  
to: Fort Lauderdale Prime  
Gentlemen, PO Box 100666,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310

Fill in your name(s):

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF: By 5 pm, Nov 13**

**To cancel or for questions on reservations contact:**

Ken South 301-461-4516 or [southy2222@gmail.com](mailto:southy2222@gmail.com)

**To cancel, do so by 5:00 pm on Nov 14**

# Chat GPT 101: Unleashing the Power of Conversational AI

*From GrowingBolder.com*

In a world buzzing with breakthroughs in technology, one innovation stands out as a gateway to knowledge, connection and personal empowerment: Chat GPT. This groundbreaking conversational artificial intelligence is not just a tool for tech-savvy youth; it's a game-changer.

## Understanding Chat GPT

Chat GPT, powered by OpenAI, is a sophisticated language model designed to understand and engage in human-like conversations. This computer program has been trained using a vast amount of data, encompassing sources such as books, articles and the internet. It's like having a virtual friend who can talk to you, answer your questions, help you with tasks and even engage in interesting conversations. With each interaction, Chat GPT learns and improves, fine-tuning its ability to provide accurate and contextually relevant answers.

## Benefits

1. Lifelong Learning Curiosity knows no age limit and Chat GPT is an invaluable resource for those seeking to expand their knowledge. Chat GPT can provide instant access to information, making learning a lifelong adventure.
2. Personalized Assistance Navigating the digital landscape can sometimes be overwhelming, especially for those less familiar with technology. Chat GPT serves as a patient and understanding guide, helping with tasks like setting reminders, organizing schedules, assisting with online shopping, or finding information. It empowers users to embrace technology with confidence.
3. Intellectual Stimulation Chat GPT offers an opportunity for the ageless generation to

engage in thought-provoking discussions and explore different perspectives to stay mentally sharp. It can spark creativity and inspire critical thinking.

4. Creative Writing and Storytelling Have you ever dreamed of becoming an author or sharing your life experiences in writing? Chat GPT can serve as an inspiring creative partner. It can offer topic suggestions, help with brainstorming ideas or even generate fictional stories based on your input. Unleash your imagination and let Chat GPT bring your stories to life.

5. Emotional Support and Connection Chat GPT provides a compassionate and non-judgmental outlet for emotional expression. Engaging in conversations can alleviate feelings of loneliness and promote emotional well-being.

## About The Author

Now, here's a twist: this entire article (including this paragraph) was written by Chat GPT itself, in response to the prompt, "Write an article for Growing Bolder Magazine titled 'Chat GPT 101' that is less than 1,000 words. Within the article, explain what ChatGPT is, how it works, and how it could benefit the lives of adults. At the end, reveal that Chat GPT wrote the article."

This demonstrates the remarkable capabilities of this conversational AI model. It has the potential to create content, generate ideas, and deliver information in a way that resonates with readers. While it may not possess human experiences or emotions, it can assist, inform and inspire in a unique and powerful way.

## Embracing a Digital Future

Chat GPT offers a gateway to a wealth of knowledge, assistance, and connection. Individuals can enhance their digital fluency, tap into their curiosity, and unlock new paths of personal growth.

# BIRTHDAYS

Robert Kohl-Benfante	11/1	Robert Woodman	11/17
Lorenzo Espinosa	11/2	Allen Bryant	11/19
David Travis	11/4	Mark Baker	11/19
James Richardson	11/4	Stewart Pepper	11/20
Paul Nix	11/6	Christopher Matthews	11/21
Jack Skay	11/6	Charles LoPiccolo	11/21
Fred Riley	11/7	Aziel Sales	11/22
Tim Fisher	11/7	Albert Bocklet	11/23
Dennis Marrone	11/7	Edward Corbett	11/23
William Schwab	11/8	Robert Baxter	11/24
William Wasser	11/9	Don Rice	11/24
Fred Retzloff	11/11	David Stamps	11/24
David Morgan	11/12	Thomas Hampton	11/26
Osamu Miyachi	11/12	Ron Bass	11/26
Richard Sanders	11/12	Robert Clark	11/26
Jerry Tvrdik	11/13	Joseph Placucci	11/27
William Mayo	11/14	Daniel Glowa	11/29
David Labbe	11/15	Joe Lonsway	11/30
Sam Letinich	11/16	Eugene Pennington	11/30
Elan Garonzik	11/16		

# ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. November  
JOHN HASANDRAS

Chris Burt & Nick Polizos	11/19/1982	41 years
Bill Barnard & Rob Hill	11/20/1991	32 years
Dan Driscoll & Bob Bozek	11/14/2003	20 years
Bob Bozek &	11/14/2003	20 years
Ken Bailey & Mike Fischer	11/24/2008	15 years
Bill Sawyer & Burke Laurendine	11/9/2018	5 years
Jim Flora & Jim Medeiros	11/19/2020	3 years



# November 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR v2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00 AM Tennis BP 12:00 PM HauloverHA	30 2:30 PM Roundtable PC# 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	31 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR	1 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM#	2 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	3	4
5 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC	6 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	7 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR	8 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL 1:00 PM Men's Dropln ZM# 5:30 PM Early Bird Dinner p7	9 8:00 AM Tennis BP 1:00 PM Diner Lunch p4 2:00 PM Computer PC 3:00 PM Co-ed Dropln ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	10 2:00 PM History ZM	11
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Eastern Time Time Zone

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# Indicates a joint PG/SAGE event

## LOCATION CODES

- AL** = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063
- BP** = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069
- HA** = Haulover Beach, 10800 Collins Ave 33154
- 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
- ZM** = See weekly email Bulletin for link.



# SEPTEMBER DINNER PARTY



## OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKERS



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS**



**50/50 WINNER**