



SAGE Scholarship Winner

Prime Gentleman member Gene Bunge’s granddaughter, Mary Tvrdik, has won one of two 2021 SAGE Carl M. Galli “Leaders of Tomorrow” scholarships.



Gene Bunge & granddaughter Mary Tvrdik

This fall, Mary will enter her senior year at University of Nebraska - Lincoln where she is pursuing an undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

• Henry Penas

Sometimes it’s hard to fall asleep knowing that out there someone, somewhere, somehow is trying to screw you! And not in a nice way!

Recently I got a phone call from our treasurer, Jim Flora, about an email he received that appeared to come from me. Being the astute observer that he is, Jim realized it was phony. This happens more often than I like. What made this one even more troubling than the others was that it had my exact email address in the “From:” box. I never sent it. It appeared to be me asking Jim to buy gift cards to send to a hospice. A “spoofer” may have seen that I am the president and Jim is the treasurer, and that’s why he asked Jim to buy the gift cards.

And on top of that, he received a text
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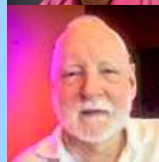
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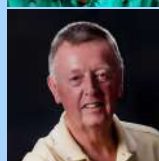
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message on his phone asking him if he had read the email. That meant that whoever does this kind of “spoofing” had Jim’s cell phone number, my cell phone number and my email address.

The same day, Ron Grassullo also got a text message purportedly from me, asking if he was doing well. Ron called me to find out if I was OK.

I Googled to see what I could do about it. The answer to what I could do to protect my cell phone against this intrusion was, “There’s nothing you can do about it!” Dang!!!

Other sites encouraged me to add safety features to my email account so it would be harder for someone to access it to create mischief. I added “two-step verification” to my Gmail account that requires both a password and a separate code via a text message to access it. Now, if someone tries to login as me on Gmail, I’ll get a text message that tells me that someone tried to get in. Without the code, they won’t be able to.

I suspect the connection is the Board of Directors roster that is on our web page and in the *Surfer*. It has our names, email addresses and phone numbers. All that information is available because we want to be accessible to people who want to know more about Prime Gentlemen or members who need to contact us for any reason.

Ah! The price of fame! 

Television may insult your intelligence,
but nothing rubs it in like a computer.



ROUNDTABLE

• Paul McNamara

These Roundtable sessions will be held on Zoom. See the Weekly Bulletin email for the link to each one.


Monday, October 11, 2:30 PM

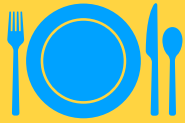
Allan Blaich - An Open Forum Conversation: How is Racism Evidenced Within the LGBT Community?

Recently race relations in the US have been in the forefront of our national consciousness. Is it possible that racism within the LGBT Community is “the *‘ism’* that dares not speak its name?” After briefly presenting some background material and opening comments on this complex issue, Allan will facilitate an open forum conversation. Links to some short suggested background readings will be provided with the Zoom meeting invitation.

Monday, October 25, 2:30 PM

Dick Randall - Cartography: From Ancient Flat Maps to High Tech Intelligent Maps

Dick has worked as a Geographic Information System Analyst, someone that assembles and analyzes multiple data sources from which detailed representative maps are generated. His presentation is an insight into the cartographic portrayal of the world for the past four millennia, showing how mapping has evolved over the years. He will provide details on the science of map making and give examples of several types of maps. 



FOOD AND DRINK



NO LUNCHES
this month



October Formal Dinner CHECKERS OLD MUNCHEN



2209 East Atlantic Blvd
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Wednesday, October 13

5:30-6:30 pm: Cash bar
(arrive by 6:10 pm)

6:30 pm: Dinner (**outdoors**)

**Attend only if you are
fully vaccinated.**

There will be live
entertainment!

Member: \$25

Guest: \$29

(Tax & Tip included, but not
the tip for free valet parking)

Appetizer (choose one):

A1. Bavarian Onion and Apple Soup - Onion soup showcased in the Sun Sentinel!
Sautéed onions and apples in beef and lager broth, topped with provolone cheese.

A2. Checkers Chopped Salad - Iceberg and Romaine lettuce with red onions, cucumbers,
carrots and blue cheese crumbles, tossed in house dressing.

Entree (choose one):

E1. Schweinebraten - Oven roasted pork loin topped with brown gravy and served with
potato dumpling.

E2. Gulash - Traditional beef stew seasoned with paprika and onions and served with
spaetzel (German pasta).

E3. Hackbraten - Homemade meatloaf consisting of seasoned ground beef, pork and veal
baked to perfection and served with mashed potatoes.

E4. Lemon Reisling Catch-Of-The-Day - Fresh white fish pan seared with garlic, Reisling
and lemon and served with green beans.

Desserts (choose one):

D1. Homemade Apple Strudel - Warm apple strudel served with vanilla ice cream and
topped with caramel syrup, cinnamon and powdered sugar.

D2. Fresh Fruit (sugar free)

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Iced tea or soda (at table only)



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

Member _____ Codes: _____

Member _____ Codes: _____

Guest _____ Codes: _____

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and write **CHECKERS** in the
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Go to: ftprimegentlemen.org
and click on Reservations to
pay with a credit card.

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF DATE: October 9

To cancel, call Ed Slough, 754-200-4060, by 5 pm, Oct. 12



GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

• by Mr. October, edited by Ken South

Mr. October was born April 4, 1973, the youngest of two boys, in Eau Claire, WI. Both parents and his brother are still alive and still reside in WI.

He was the only student in his grade school class who wore a hearing aid. Students were curious about his device and would ask “what’s that?” He didn’t allow his impairment to affect his day-to-day activities.

Mr. O was involved in the 4-H club from 8th grade until his senior year. The highlight of 4-H to him was softball and basketball. Since he lived on a farm, Mr. O took chickens to show at a fair and one of them became a Grand Champion.



In 1992, Mr. O helped lead his high school football team to a 11-0 record. He was selected as an All-North-West football player. He was recruited by a NCRR Division 3 school, UW-Stout in Menomonie, WI, where he graduated in 1996 with a BS degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Looking back on his life, Mr. O realized he was attracted to older men at age eight. He recalls going to neighborhood functions to see if any older men stood out.

In 1991, one of Mr. O’s friends invited him to a party where he met his wife of ten years. They dated for six years and then decided to elope to the Bahamas in October 1997. He and his wife were together from 1991 until 2008.

During the last three years of his marriage, Mr. O saw a big decline in his sexual drive with his wife. At the age of 34, Mr. O signed up for some online gay sites where he connected with Richard, his first gay encounter, in Madison, WI. All his online activities were done in secret, on a computer in his basement. Ironically enough, the laptop was Mr. O’s savior, as that’s where his wife discovered his sexuality. That day was the best, as it allowed the “backpack of boulders” to be lifted off his back and Mr. O to become who he truly was, a proud gay man.

Mr. October met with Richard on two occasions, six months apart, and then decided that the relationship wasn’t worth the drive.

In 2012, Mr. October joined Silver Daddies where he found a partner who resided in Dania Beach, FL. Mr. O and Kem communicated for six months before meeting face-to-face. Mr. O knew that he was attracted to Kem but wasn’t certain about this relationship because of the distance between them, but they

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continued it for three years.

Then Mr. October made the bold move of selling his house, quitting his accounting job, giving up his beloved pitbull Koko and leaving his family to take a chance by moving to Florida and living with Kem. Mr. O was Kem's primary caregiver until his passing in 2018. This left Mr. O single again.

In 2019, while attending a *Prime Gentleman* mixer at Matty's bar, Mr. O was socializing with others when up walked a gentleman named Lou. Lou said he was there to meet two guys from Canada and may return when he finds them. It wasn't five minutes later that Lou was back with his two Canadian friends.

They conversed for a while and then decided that the four of them would go to Drynk bar. Lou took down Mr. O's phone number and they have been seeing each other for the past 2-1/2 years. Although Lou has had a partner for 41 years, Mr. O and Lou are living in the moment and taking what life gives each of them.

See page 7 to see who Mr. October is.



Al Wakefield

January 21, 1933 - August 22, 2021

Founding member Al Wakefield sadly passed away due to respiratory complication from COVID-19.

He and his partner Marshall Belmaine were active members since our club was first organized in 2003.

Al was the first editor of the *Surfer*. To read the first two issues, go to the Newsletter page on our website (ftlprimegentlemen.org). He and Marshall hosted our Monthly Membership meetings and other events in their home at the beginning of our existence as the Fort Lauderdale Prime Timers.



He was also the Man of the Month in the October 2019 issue. Go to <https://www.ftlprimegentlemen.org/Hall%20of%20Fame/Al%20Wakefield.pdf> to read the article about his life.

Al was a very creative man and a gay rights activist during the early 70's in Massachusetts.

There was a service at Broward Burial and Cremation, 801 E Oakland Park Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306, on Tuesday, August 31.

Please keep Marshall in your thoughts in this difficult time.

MILEPOSTS

BIRTHDAYS

Richard Landry 10/6
 Timothy McAvoy 10/7
 Randy Turner 10/7
 Arthur Phillips 10/8
 Nicholas Pappas 10/9
 Asa Ratliff 10/11
 Bill Williams 10/13
 Bruce Vinion 10/13
 Gregory Gardiner 10/13
 Wayne Mitteer 10/15
 Tom Lepore 10/15
 Dudley de Give 10/16
 Philip Bagley 10/17
 Anthony Kulp 10/19

Herbert Diamond 10/20
 Tony Koval 10/21
 Sidney Goldenberg 10/21
 John Alcacer 10/22
 Bruce Parrish 10/22
 Richard Herman 10/25
 James Hance 10/27
 Leo LaMontagne 10/27
 Eugene Avrett 10/28
 James Beauter 10/29
 Howard Angel 10/30
 Andrew Langley 10/31
 Roberto Lopez 10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry Prasse & Ken Crush
 10/2/1979 42 years
 Wayne Oken & Richard
 Hosford 10/2/1980 41 years
 Brian McCarthy & Ron Bass
 10/28/2005 16 years
 John Lloyd & Andrew Cheng
 10/20/2008 13 years
 Jeff Cook & Steve Essof
 10/10/2013 8 years
 Herbert Diamond & John Ring
 10/18/2013 8 years

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The \$1500 scholarship is open to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of current members of SAGE of South Florida and Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, and to members of Broward County High School Gay/Straight Alliances.

Winners are selected by the SAGE Scholarship Committee based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and involvement in community activities and services.

For more information and an application for a 2022 scholarship, click [here](#) or call 954-634-7219 to get an application by mail. 🏄

MR OCTOBER DANNY OLINGER



OCTOBER 2021 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	Thu	FRI	SAT
<p>*LOCATIONS AL = AMF Margate, 2020 N. State Rd 7 33063 BP = Brummer Park, 3500 W Palm Aire Dr 33069</p>					1	2 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
3 2:00 Members Meeting @ Zoom*	4 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	5 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	6 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	7 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Collectors @ Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	8 2:00 History @ Zoom*	9 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
10	11 2:30 Roundtable @ Zoom 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	12 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	13 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL* 5:30 Formal Dinner p 4	14 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	15	16 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
17	18 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	19 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	20 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	21 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 12:30 Board Mtg @ Zoom* 2:00 Collectors @ Zoom* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	22 2:00 History @ Zoom*	23 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
24	25 2:30 Roundtable @ Zoom 5:30 Mixer @ MA* 6:00 Mixer @ Zoom*	26 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 2:00 Trivial Pursuit @ Zoom*	27 11:00 Bowling @ ML* 1:00 Bowling @ AL*	28 9:00 Tennis @ BP* 7:00 Walking @ SC*	29	30 9:00 Tennis (and/or Sun.) @ BP*
31	<p>*LOCATIONS (Continued) MA = Matty's, 2100 Wilton Dr 33305 ML = Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th St 33305 SC = Skolnick Ctr, 800 SW 36th Ave 33069 SL = Stonewall Lib, 1300 Sunrise Blvd 33311</p>			<p>Zoom = Online meeting May be in-person, too. See the Weekly Bulletin email for details.</p>		