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OCTOBER 2023



ACTIVITIES

Manor Lanes
Bowling
By Bill Sandrik



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Henry Penas



Every Wednesday at 11:00 am, Prime Gentlemen members get together at Manor Lanes in Wilton Manors to enjoy three games of 10-pin bowling. Located at the corner of NE 26th Street and NE 16th Avenue, just east of "Five Points" at the railroad tracks in Wilton Manors, this iconic bowling alley opened in 1957 and has been operating continually for over 65 years.

Each week members team up in groups of six or eight to enjoy ten minutes of free practice bowling to limber up those tired bones and muscles, and three regular games for the total, nominal price of only

I had my first cold in five years last month, one of the few positive outcomes of COVID I can think of. We had become so adept at wearing masks, avoiding crowds and washing our hands, that the common cold became less common.

One of the negative outcomes of the pandemic, and there are so many, was our drop in membership. We went from a pre-pandemic high of over 550 members to under 400.

More than 30 of our members passed away during that period. I only know of one or two who succumbed to COVID. The others suffered from other medical

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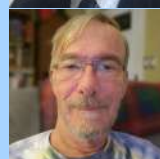
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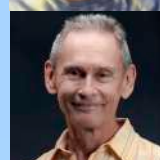
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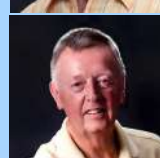
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\$9.00. This special price is only available to our members. Just recently it increased from \$7.50, the first fee increase in over 10 years.

There are ample lanes to accommodate our members who range in age from the 40s to over 90! The alley also has bowling shoes and a large number of bowling balls in various weights for your use.

Since COVID, the average number of bowlers has increased from about 10 when bowling resumed to about 30 today.

Some members only bowl two games. You do not have to bowl three games if you don't feel up to it.

Generally, we finish bowling around 1:00 pm and some of us enjoy lunch together afterward at a nearby restaurant.

The bowling alley has plentiful parking in front and in back, on 26th Drive. Inside, there are also a mini-Peruvian restaurant/snack bar, a vending machine for juice and soft drinks, and a full-service bar.

If you feel like getting out and enjoying some light exercise with your fellow members, we would love to have you join us any Wednesday.

**AT MY AGE, A TRAIL
OF CLOTHES LEADING
TO THE BEDROOM
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FROM THE DRYER.**

PRESIDENT

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conditions which may have been exacerbated by the solitude and loneliness they endured for three years. These members were socially active gentlemen who went to bars, restaurants and theaters, with full social calendars. Then everything came to a complete stop.

Some of our members became reluctant to venture out and others became fond of not having to go shopping for groceries, of not shaving and of not having to get dressed if you didn't want to.

Gradually, the numbers started going up again. The member count is over 450 now.

Most of our new members joined while at a Tuesday night mixer at Tropics or at a monthly Membership Meeting. I've heard reports that they were impressed by the "great vibe" at these events so they decided to join. Others popped up at one of our other group meetings, enjoyed the activity and felt welcomed.

As long as we remain healthy and continue to create a great vibe at all of our events, we will be back over 500 again!

On another note: One of our most popular speakers will be coming back for a return engagement at our October Membership Meeting on Sunday, October 1. Gary Kempler is a Medicare Specialist and has been speaking at our October meetings since 2017. He will fill us in about 2023 changes to Medicare and let us know all we need to know to get us ready for the Annual Medicare enrollment period which begins in October. You won't want to miss it!

MOVIES

By Ed Slough

NOTE THE DATE!



This month's Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Free Movies will be *Red, White & Royal Blue* and two very short films. They will be shown on **Thursday, October 12 (not on our usual schedule)**, at 1:30 pm in the Pride Center's Main Hall. Free popcorn and soda will be served.



Alex, son of the President of the United States, and Britain's Prince Henry have lots

in common: stunning good looks, undeniable charisma, international popularity... and total disdain for each other.

Separated by an ocean, their long-running feud wasn't really an issue, until a disastrous—and very public—altercation at a royal event becomes tabloid fodder, driving a potential wedge in U.S./British relations at the worst possible time.

Going into damage-control mode, their families and handlers force the two rivals into a staged "truce." But as Alex and Henry's icy relationship unexpectedly begins to thaw into a tentative friendship, the friction that existed between them sparks something deeper than they ever expected; they fall in love.

However, considering their high-profile public lives, they must keep their relationship a secret at all costs. See how that works out!

Two very short comedies will also play: "Bromance Parody" and "Jellyfish" that are extremely humorous and have appropriate eye-candy.

Elliot Lipof

April 9, 1947 — September 8, 2023

Elliot Lipof of Oakland Park passed away on September 8, 2023 due to cancer.

Elliot is survived by his three daughters and his former wife.

Elliot was born in Massachusetts, moved to Florida when he was a child and lived here until he passed.

He completed an associate degree from Miami Dade College and served in the Navy during the Vietnam



War.

Elliot was a sailor, bowler and great cook. He had an incredible eye for art and design.

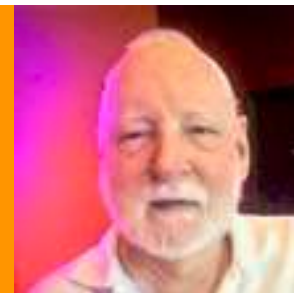
He was loyal, funny and always put others' needs ahead of his own.

He was an extraordinary father and friend, and always gave the best advice.

He will be missed by so many people.

GENTLEMAN OF THE MONTH

By Ken South



In January, 1942, Winston Churchill spent a few days of vacation on Pompano Beach. In February, President Roosevelt signed an executive order directing the internment of Japanese Americans. In New York City, the ocean liner *SS Normandie* caught fire while being converted into a troopship and then capsized. Later that month The Voice of America began broadcasting. And, the 14th Academy Awards, was held in Los Angeles, with *How Green Was My Valley* winning Outstanding Motion Picture. Glenn Miller and his orchestra, topped the charts with *Moonlight Cocktail*, and *A String of Pearls*.



Also, on February 15th of that year, Mr. October was born in Brooklyn, NY, joining an older brother before a sister arrived a few years later. Mr. O went to elementary school and to New Utrecht High in Brooklyn and graduated in 1959. He especially enjoyed his participation in the school chorus.

His college career began at New York University in NYC and graduated with a 1965 BA degree in English. It was then on to New Paltz State College for his Masters.

He fell in love with the Hudson Valley and ended up teaching English at Hyde Park HS for the next 9 years.

A good friend invited him for a weekend in Provincetown, MA and after just a few visits, he caught the “bug.” In 1969, he purchased a guest house there, named it The Plaza and entered the hospitality business. He thoroughly enjoyed the role of innkeeper. He treasured the people he met from all over the world and, apparently, they had a wonderful experience also as he had an 86% return rate! He heard feedback that guests would like rooms with kitchens. His building was not really capable of that modification but it led Mr. O to purchase a restaurant, named it Plain & Fancy and it became very popular, as well.

Of course, the guest house business is seasonal; spring and summer are the busy months so he traveled in the other seasons. In the midst of his travels, Mr. O became friends with a gentleman who owned a small, 18-room hotel in Miami Beach, called the Sunset Inn. He was looking for someone to manage his hotel during the season in South Florida. So a mutual arrangement was struck. Mr. O would run his “P-Town” guest house for the six summer months, and manage his

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friend's hotel in Miami Beach for six winter months. This arrangement was an advantage to both and went on for 10 years!

In the course of these events, Mr. O shared his life with his partner Keith. They were together for 20 years!

One day in 1990, a customer approached him at Plain & Fancy and asked Mr. O if he was interested in selling the business. He really hadn't given it a thought, as it was a rather successful enterprise. But almost "just to humor" the customer, he quoted him an outrageous price, about four times what he paid for the place. Without batting an eye, the man said: "OK, let's do it!" The deal went through yielding Mr. O then a sizable nest egg so he retired and moved to Ft Lauderdale.

An employee at the Sunset Inn named Brandon asked Mr. O if he could "crash" at the place for a few days, which he did. As these things go, a few days became 26 years!

Brandon went on to work for a cruise line which gave him free travel passes so the couple traveled the world together. Brandon was 16 years younger than Mr. O who was devastated when Brandon was taken by cancer just a few years ago.

Recently, Mr. O moved into John Knox Village which he finds a warm, accepting community.

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ROUNDTABLE

By Paul McNamara



We normally meet once each month on the fourth Monday, but this session only will not.

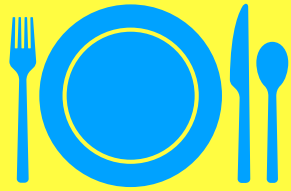
Monday, October 30, 2:30 pm

Ron Wudarsky - Leaving the United States to Become Residents of Portugal

Recently Ron and his partner left the US to become residents of Portugal. He will provide some background information on Portugal and why they chose to live there. He will also provide details on the process of becoming a Portuguese citizen. Ron will include a photo presentation and be available to answer questions about his experience.



Part of group at NIGHT OUT DINNER



FOOD & DRINK



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, October 1, 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, October 11, 5:00 pm
Ambry German Restaurant
3016 E. Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale
If you're going, contact Ed Slough at wildhybrid@aol.com so he can tell the restaurant how many to expect.

DINER LUNCH

Thursday, October 12, 1:00 pm
Jack's Hollywood Diner
1031 Federal Hwy, Hollywood
Jack's Hollywood Diner has been an institution around these parts for a long time. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at dutchwood@att.net to hold your seat.

DINNER

Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 pm
Old Heidelberg
900 W. State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale
Details for this dinner are on the next page.

NIGHT OUT DINNER

Wednesday, October 25, 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 to take advantage of this half-price SAGE/PG deal! Bring a guest!

REGULAR LUNCH

Thursday, October 26, 1:00 pm
Rosie's Bar & Grill
2449 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors
You will be impressed with the great food, reasonable prices and quaint outdoor atmosphere.. Call or text Doug Kent at 305-495-2978 or e-mail him at 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!](#)

UPDATED OCTOBER DINNER **Oktoberfest**

OLD HEIDELBERG
900 W. State Road 84
Fort Lauderdale

Wednesday, October 18
5:30 pm - Cash bar
6:00 - Dinner

Starter: Cup of German Potato Soup

Entree (choose one):

- #1 Oktoberfest Mixed Plate** Bratwurst, Kielbasa, Knockwurst, Nuernberger, Leberkaese, Smoked Pork Chop, Meatball with Mashed Potatoes, Red Cabbage & Sauerkraut.
- #2 Paprika Schnitzel** Pork, pounded, breaded on both sides & pan fried, served with bell pepper sauce, Spaetzle & Red Cabbage.
- #3 Sauerbraten** Sliced Eye Round of beef marinated in Burgundy Red Wine & Herbs, Roasted. Served with rich gravy, Dumpling & Red Cabbage.
- #4 Pork Tenderloin** with Sautéed Mushrooms and Onions, Mashed Potatoes & Red Cabbage.

Dessert: Homemade German Cheesecake

\$40

Price includes: soft drinks, water, coffee/tea, starter, entrée, dessert, tax and tip. A portion of the cost is provided by Prime Gentlemen

Fill in your name(s):

Member _____ Entree# _____

Member _____ Entree# _____

Guest _____ Entree# _____

RESERVATIONS CUT-OFF: By 5 pm, Oct 13

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 Oct 17

Go to: flprimegentlemen.org and click on Reservations to pay with a credit card. —or— Make check payable to *Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen* and write OKTOBERFEST in the Memo blank. Send it with this stub to: Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, PO Box 100666, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310

David Schneider

January 24, 1938 — September 13, 2023

David Schneider of Oakland Park passed away September 13 at Holy Cross Hospital.

David was born in Zanesville, Ohio. He graduated from Ohio University in 1959. He joined the U.S. Army in 1960 and was discharged in 1962.

He returned to Ohio to begin his professional career in journalism. He was a reporter and photographer for several newspapers.



He loved to host and attend house parties with friends.

Two of his best friends relocated to Fort Lauderdale in 2014. Dave left Columbus, Ohio and followed them to Fort Lauderdale in 2015.

He collected antique cut glass especially pieces made in southern Ohio.

He had been a proud member of Prime Gentlemen since June 2017.

Albert “Dube” Dube

May 10, 1936 — September 16, 2023

We mourn the loss of our fellow member, Dube. He passed away sometime between Friday night, September 15 and Saturday, September 16 in his bed, at home.

Dube was the kind of person who was liked by everyone who met him. He was friendly, funny, a great conversationalist and a man who knew his own mind.

He grew up in a Pennsylvania farm county and was the youngest of 13 children.

He served in the Armed Forces on a submarine and enjoyed the whole experience. He later was a pivotal member



of a professional roller derby team.

He enjoyed life to the fullest and made every moment count. Last month he took a bucket list trip around Ireland with friends, something he has always wanted to do.

All of us who had the privilege of knowing and spending time with Dube are better off for it.

He was Man of the Month in January 2015. To read more about his wonderful life story click here: <https://tinyurl.com/mu34jpct>

He made all his arrangements for this eventuality (as was his way) and did not want a service. We will all miss him.

BIRTHDAYS

Robert Klein	10/4	Joseph LaValle	10/18
Jere Ford	10/5	Zheni Zhang	10/19
Jose Santos-Cruz	10/6	Anthony Kulp	10/19
Anthony Sikich	10/6	Herbert Diamond	10/20
Randy Turner	10/7	Sidney Goldenberg	10/21
Roger Snyder	10/7	Tony Koval	10/21
Timothy McAvoy	10/7	John Alcacer	10/22
Nicholas Pappas	10/9	Bruce Parrish	10/22
Michael Martin	10/9	David Brackett	10/23
Asa Ratliff	10/11	Robert Lombardo	10/25
Alan Miller	10/11	Eugene Avrett	10/28
Henry Pabian	10/13	James Beauter	10/29
Bruce Vinion	10/13	Howard Angel	10/30
Gregory Gardiner	10/13	Carlton Burgess	10/30
Bill Williams	10/13	Steve Satlow	10/31
Wayne Mitteer	10/15	Andrew Langley	10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

MR OCTOBER
JOEL TENDLER

Larry Prasse & Ken Crush	10/2/1979	44 years
Brian McCarthy & Ron Bass	10/28/2005	18 years
John Lloyd & Andrew Cheng	10/20/2008	15 years
Herbert Diamond & John Ring	10/18/2013	10 years
Don Roofner & Joe McNally	10/17/2014	9 years
David Aron & Ernest Londa	10/8/2019	4 years
Don Squire & Jim Hopkins	10/20/2020	3 years



October 2023 PRIME GENTLEMEN CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM General Meeting PC	2 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	3 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR	4 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	5 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	6	7
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15 8:00 AM Tennis BP	16 6:00 PM Online Mixer ZM#	17 8:00 AM Tennis BP 2:00 PM Trivial Pursuit ZM# 5:00 PM Mixer TR	18 11:00 AM Bowling – Manor Lanes ML 1:00 PM Bowling – Margate AL 1:00 PM Men's DropIn ZM#	19 8:00 AM Tennis BP 12:30 PM Board ZM 2:00 PM Collectors PC 3:00 PM Co-ed DropIn ZM# 7:00 PM Walking SC	20	21
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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 MEMBERSHIP MEETING



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

50/50 WINNER