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A Few Words from the President

Celebrating Prime Timers!

Michael Stone



Well, we're back from the fantastic and HUGE convention in Palm Springs, California. Well over 500 guys from around the world had the time of their lives. Riding in a convertible in the Gay Pride Parade along with founder Woody Baldwin, Palm Springs President Wayne Patterson and new Worldwide President Rob Howard was so memorable and exciting. There were tens of thousands lining the route and I heard and saw so many friends out there!

My term as President of Worldwide has ended and I have received the great honor of being only the second person to ever be named to an emeritus position on the Worldwide board. Woody Baldwin occupies the other one. My title as Director Emeritus will allow me to continue to work as I have been doing starting new chapters and traveling to visit and promote activities.

When the convention ended my friend Robert and I went on to visit my mom and then slowly made our way up the California and Oregon coasts. We spent a wonderful evening dining and visiting with Prime Timers Sarasota member Mark "Bear" who lives on the California/Oregon border (believe this or not he lives in Fort Dick, Calif.). The photo above was taken at the Newport, Oregon Aquarium. I like to think of it as me emerging from the belly of the beast. Our visit ended in Portland a week ago and I was guest speaker at the Metro Portland chapter's luncheon. Again, I have a whole new bunch of friends..

Now that we're approaching year's end we have some new things to share: we begin our monthly meetings at our new home next Sunday, at Trinity MCC. We've kept the same meeting time (3:30 PM). We have a lively guest speaker lined up for you. Because our meeting day falls on December 25 next we won't be meeting in December.

We need at least 2 more volunteers for our 2012 Board of Directors. Meetings are just one per month and seldom exceed 90 minutes. With a full board we can accomplish many of the activities we hope to implement in the new year and spread the work around. We're teaming with our Tampa Bay brothers for a March 22 trip to Savannah, Georgia and we want to take you on many nearby field trips next year.

Like so many of you at this time of thanksgiving, I am thankful for our organization and the place it provides in the world. We continue to grow. Our Louisville, KY chapter has just begun. In the next few months we hope to have chapters in West Palm Beach, FL., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Augusta, GA, Columbus, SC, Memphis, TN and maybe even Santiago, Chile!

Most of all I am thankful for you because it is you who makes up our group. So, let me hear from at least two of you who will come to join our board and help by working to make this the great group it is!

November 13th 2011 Sack Lunch Picnic Pictures



Palm Springs, Ca., World Wide Convention Pictures See more pictures on the Website



Around the World in the Year 2012!

Michael Stone and Robert Rosenthal

Good and bad news! Some of our friends had to cancel our China trip – that's the bad news. The good news? This has opened up a few new spaces and the opportunity for you to still book it. So, give us a call and we'll help get you into the group. Prices have been frozen at last year's rates:

21 Day Prime Timers China Panorama Private Group Tour

April 18 – May 8, 2012 (21 Days)



Hosted by China Spree – Our Own Private Group – First Class

Your Prime Timers guides, Michael and Robert, as well as our friend and Chinese Guide, Jimmy Mao, will be with you from arrival to departure. In addition we will have local guides at each stop. 21 days including 5-star hotels, and all but 2 lunches and 2 dinners and including international air and air travel within China and transfers and taxes is \$4468 (US) from JFK.

Phone Michael at 941 359-8212!

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PRIME TIMER'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS ...

ROME TO FT LAUDERDALE REPOSITIONING CRUISE !!

December 1 to December 16, 2012



Celebrity SILHOUETTE

Proceeds to benefit Prime Timers!

Note new dates and NEW SHIP!

Inside Stateroom	from \$ 729
Ocean View	from \$ 869
Balcony	from \$ 1019

DEPOSIT \$450 PP

Port charges of \$240 plus taxes/
fees of \$137.77 and a \$10 pp group
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Final payment due Sept, 8, 2012
All fares based on double occupancy
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This cruise on this brand new ship has been booking quickly and we're afraid prices won't last. This 15-night Repositioning Cruise departs from Rome and includes stops at the ports of Florence and Genoa in Italy, Provence, in France, Barcelona in Spain and Tenerife in the Canary Islands before returning you refreshed and rested to Ft. Lauderdale.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bart Machaj	12/3	Jerry Hill	12/12
Tom Stanley	12/3	Tom Lennox	12/17
Michael Beauchemin	12/5	Ronald Luongo	12/20
Jim Bristow	12/5	Ed Hurley	12/21
Donn Smith	12/7	Jerry Gulley	12/25
Ron Polley	12/10	Bob Zipp	12/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Ray Bond & Bill Spears Dec. 18th 15 years



“IMPORTANT NOTICE”

Everyone should be aware that we have an “election” time coming up in the very near future. We still need volunteers. Anyone that is interested in volunteering for the upcoming board election please give your name to either Michael Stone at 941-359-8212, or to Charles Tramer at 941-371-0720.

Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year
To All

Events

General Meetings on the Fourth Sunday of each month 3:30 PM.

There will be no meeting for December.

January 22nd, 2012 - The meeting will be at MCC Church of the Trinity, 7225 Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota, Fl. 34243, in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, December 8th at 6 pm:

The Annual Holiday Dinner Party and Dance. Held at Bobby Jones County Club. Hope to see **"EVERYONE"** there. If you have any questions please give Michael Stone a call at 359-8212 or Charles Tramer at 371-0720.

Thursday, December 15th:

The Monthly Board Meeting will be held at 11:30 am at the Fruitville Library.

Friday, December 16th:

Prime Timers Monthly Luncheon: **1:00 PM Thailand Restaurant**, 2238 Gulf Gate Drive, Telephone 941-927-8424. Please contact Dale Curtsinger at 941-346-0757, or wcurtsinger@yahoo.com if you plan on attending.

Thursday, December 22nd at 2 PM:

Afternoon Miniature Golf at Smugglers Cove, US41 at Myrtle. Mention Prime Timers and receive a special discount. Let's have a great turnout for this fun event. Please RSVP Michael Stone at 941-359-8212.

Lets give a "warm welcome" to our newest members.

Cole Williams, Emmanuel Francis, Reynold Martin, Gerald LaPorte, Randell Johnson, Roger Alty and Charlie Zainyeh.



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Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Holiday Party & Dance 6 PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Board Meeting 11:30 AM Fruitville Library	16 Luncheon 1 PM	17
18	19	20	21	22 Miniature Golf Smugglers Cove 2 PM	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve