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PrimeTimers Worldwide Newsletter

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President Michael Stone



Perspective; from Where I Sit (stand, walk, or fly) Michael Stone, President

Our perspectives are made up of all of our observations mixed in and shaped by our experiences, thoughts and visual and auditory stimuli. Sunday's meeting and the energy generated in the room were truly inspirational. As I stood at the podium I saw all friendly faces; old friends, long-time members, new members, guests, future friends and men anxious to share and participate and be fully a part of Prime Timers Sarasota.

A special 'thanks' to all the guys who sent me e-mails prior to the meeting thanking and welcoming me back as President. Sunday I looked out at all of you and felt the warm bond and camaraderie that is Prime Timers.

Thank you for all the help; two of you came forward and joined the board. Many of you made wonderful suggestions for events you'd like to see. We now have a full board and an alternate member. Together we will plan as many good and fun events as we can squeeze onto the monthly calendar. My feeling has always been: numbers are not important. Attendance at events is based upon what people are interested in. We get what we came for and take away good, fulfilling memories.

Thank you to all past presidents and board members; you all cared and you volunteered and you ended up feeling great about what you brought to the big picture. Thank you to all future presidents and board members because you will join in helping to make individual lives better and fuller.

I love being President of Prime Timers Worldwide more than any work I've ever done. It's work; no beating around that bush. But, it is an act of love. I watch with great pride and look at the 24 chapters I've helped start since joining the board in 2003. In November my job will end but my work will continue. I have way too much ahead of me because the more I give to the organization the more I get. I spend as much time as is possible, calendar-wise and financially, and visit chapters. I am greeted with open arms of welcome and love and I leave with more friends in more places.

I urge you to visit and attend chapter events as you travel. Remember, like me, you are a member of all chapters and have friends in many, many places. We, as a chapter will do more with other chapters because this is the very essence of what Prime Timers is all about.

Twin Lake Picnic July 10th Pictures



August 24th General Meeting Pictures



Photos courtesy of Joe Coulombe & Henry Brigham

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Gentlemen, mark your calendars. Reservations have been made at The Turtle Creek Pavilion for October 23rd, 2011 from 2 – 6 PM for our Annual Picnic.

Also, mark your calendar for December 8th, 2011 for our Annual Christmas Holiday Party. Fees are \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Deadline will be December 1st for reservations. Please make checks payable to "Prime Timers Sarasota" and send them to the attention of:

Charles Tramer
3755 Eagle Hammock Drive
Sarasota, FL 34240

Stay tuned for more details to follow shortly.

Prime Timers Travels for 2011 into 2013! Michael Stone, Your Traveling Man!

EXCITING NEWS!

Be sure you join us for our first Prime Timers Adventure with AlandCHUCKtravel on October 8. Our Canada, New England, Fall Foliage inclusive trip (air, transfers, hotel, cruise) takes us aboard MSC's beautiful Poesia on October 8, 2011 from New York. Cabins start at only \$899 including air (plus port charges and taxes). Let's make this the biggest group cruise we've ever taken. Robert and yours truly will be aboard all of these cruises and have lots of group activities and parties planned for everyone. Book now by calling Tami at 1-800 511-5411 extension 182; she has all the details and will get you booked!



MSC Poesia

What a great way to kick off the new year (2012). Return to our favorite ship:

The following 2 cruises for Prime Timers are from our friends at Courtyard Travel:

RUBY PRINCESS TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN!!

January 8, 2012 to January 15, 2012



Inside Stateroom from \$ **534**
Ocean View from \$ **624**
Balcony from \$ **934**

DEPOSIT \$250 PP

Port charges of \$175 plus taxes/
fees of \$85.13 pp

Final payment due Oct. 18, 2011
All fares based on doubles
Single fares 150% of above fares for
inside & oceanview ~ 200% balcony

Proceeds to benefit Prime Timers!

Visit Princess Cay, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, Grand Turk and return to Ft. Lauderdale

Look what 2013 has to offer:

15-Day AMAZON RIVER
Manaus to Ft. Lauderdale
Aboard the Pacific Princess
Jan 3, 2013 ~ Jan 18, 2013

Inside Stateroom from \$ 2945 **DEPOSIT \$400 PP Ocean View**
from \$ 3045 Port charges of \$350 plus **Balcony** from \$ 3745
taxes of \$125 pp additional.

Final Payment Due Oct. 13, 2012. All fares based on double occupancy

Ports include (on the Amazon) Manaus, Paritins, Santarem plus Devils Island, Trinidad/Tobago, St. Lucia, St. Maarten and returning to Ft. Lauderdale. For information on the above 2 cruises: **COURTYARD TRAVEL** phone (1) 800-437-9685 or Sarasota member Marc Solomon at 917 359-3888.

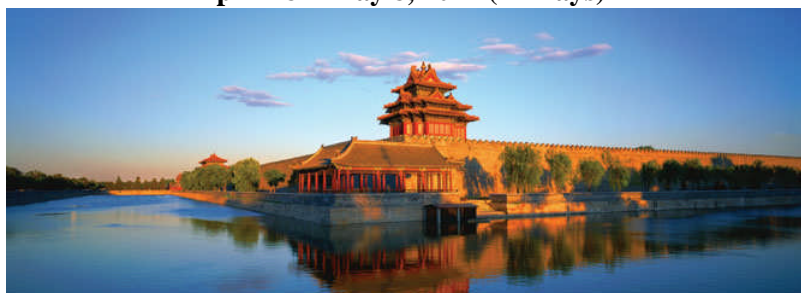
And now we've saved the biggest and best trip for last:

PRIME TIMERS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ... presents

21 Day China Panorama Private Group Tour

April 18 – May 8, 2012 (21 Days)



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

This all inclusive trip is from New York (JFK) and includes all international and internal air in China, baggage handling and transfers, meals (except 2) 5-star plus hotels and is priced at \$4468 (US) including taxes. Our Chinese guide and friend Jimmy Mao will be with us from touchdown to take-off in addition to local guides as we visit: Beijing, Xian, Guilin, Yangshuo, Longsheng, Hong Kong, Suzhou, Tongli, 3 days aboard a luxury ship as we sail the 3 gorges on the Yangtzee River and end our trip in the fabulous and thriving Shanghai.

In addition Prime Timers Michael Stone and Robert Rosenthal will be with you from departure at JFK until return. This group is limited to the first 34 that sign up. At this time we are 2/3 booked so phone Michael at 941 359-8212 and leave your name and number and join us.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jake Zoble	8/2	Louis Salamone	8/4
Warren Hurst	8/8	Ron Sawyer	8/8
Bill Schwolow	8/10	Dr. Jim Griffith	8/16
George Vagionis	8/16	Dr. Tim Toops	8/18
Greer North	8/20	Steven Horowitz	8/29
Bob Thommes	8/31		

ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries noted for August 2011

If you would like to be honored for your “Anniversary” please furnish me your information and I’ll be happy to put you in the Monthly News Letter. I’ll need names, dates and the number of years together. Please send your information to woff405813@hotmail.com

ATTENTION: Please “**DO NOT**” park in the lot near Cullers Hall. That is reserved for residence visitors. There is ample parking in the back parking lot and it’s a very short walk to Cullers Hall. Thank you.

WANTED: Dale Curtsinger is looking for a roommate for the National Prime Timers Convention in Palm Springs this November 2nd thru the 6th. He already has a double room booked. If interested please contact Dale Curtsinger at 941-346-0757 or wdcurtsinger@yahoo.com.

Sunday, August 14th, 3:00 PM at the Florida Studio Gompertz Theatre, 1241 North Palm Avenue, Sarasota, Fl. 34236. Seats are \$29.00. Call 941-366-9000 for reservations. Mention Michael Stones name when calling so we can all sit together. Hope to see you there, for “Our Son’s Wedding”, which is a “live” play.

Gentlemen: we still need a volunteer to provide refreshments for our August General Meeting on August 28th. Please contact either Michael Stone, Charles Tramer or Wayne Officer. Thank you.

Events

**General Meetings on the Fourth Sunday of each month 3:30 PM at
The Pines of Sarasota, 1501 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota, Fl. Cullers Hall**

August 28th - Snacks will be provided.

Sept 25th potluck will be resumed.

Baseball Game August 4th:

Thursday, August 4th at 12:30 PM between the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and The Toronto Blue Jays. Ticket prices range \$9.00 - \$15.00. For car pooling arrangements and to RSVP For more information contact Michael Stone at 941-359-8212 or mstonefl@verizon.net

Sunday, August 14th, at 3:00 PM:

Florida Studio Gompertz Theatre, 1241 North Palm Avenue, Sarasota, Fl., 34236. Call 941-366-9000 for reservations and mention Michael Stone so we can all sit together. Tickets are \$29.00. This "live" play will be "Our Son's Wedding". This will be a Prime Timers Event. Hope to see you there.

Primetimers Luncheon August 19th at 1:00 PM

El Toro Bravo, 2720 Stickney Point Road, 941-924-0006. Please call or e-mail RSVP to Dale Curtsinger if you plan on attending wcurtsinger@Yahoo.com or call 941-346-0757.

Sack Lunch Picnic Sunday, August 21st at 1:00 PM:

Our monthly "Sack Lunch Picnic" returns to Twin Lakes Park. Pack yourself an easy lunch and beverage and plan to meet us there under the gazebo. The park is about ½ mile east on Clark Road from I-75!

Saturday August 27th from 2 pm – 10 pm:

Independent (Gay & Lesbian) Film festival at the Gompertz Theatre.

Sunday August 28th, 3:30 PM Monthly Meeting:

Guest Speakers (legal issues Gay men and Couples should be aware of in making out wills and trusts. Speakers: Michael Beauchemin & Kevin Pillion.

Palm Springs Bicentennial Convention

November 2nd thru 6th, 2011

For more detailed information check out the "Convention Flyer" on our Website at www.primetimerssarasota.org

Lets give a "warm welcome" to our newest members.
Bart Machaj, Mike Bishop, Monty Bachikoff, Fred Regulbuto, Robert Hofmann, and Thomas Brannin. Gentlemen, it is an honor and a privilege to have you join us.

August 2011

Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Baseball Game 12:10 PM	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Florida Studio Theatre 3 PM	15	16	17	18	19 Luncheon El Toro Bravo 1 PM	20
21 Twin Lakes Picnic 1 PM	22	23	24	25	26	27 Film Festival Gompertz Theatre
28 General Meeting 3:30 PM	29	30	31			