

# PRIME TIMERS SARASOTA

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## PrimeTimers Worldwide Newsletter

You can now read our Primetimers Worldwide newsletter, online free. Just go to [www.primetimersww.com](http://www.primetimersww.com), click on Newsletters, and select the issue you want to read. The World Wide HQ recently began publishing the newsletter in .pdf format, and any member can access them on their computers. This saves the society mucho dinero in printing and postage costs. Try it. You'll like it!

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A Few Words from the President  
(as we move toward year's end)!  
Michael Stone



A special thank you to the great turnout we had at last month's meeting. It was wonderful seeing so many old friends sprinkled with new faces and new members. Our goal, now, is not just to increase membership and draw new members but, instead, provide a group filled with exciting and varied activities. We want our members to have the best experience they can have. A special 'welcome back' to our northern friends who'll be returning to the area!

We've lost our meeting place at The Pines. The August 28 meeting was the last one there. I apologize that I missed the meeting. I am on my way to Oklahoma City for the Prime Timers annual Labor Day Event. Thanks to Frank Richbourg for providing the August treats.

Again I credit a great board of hard workers for helping to make this group what it is. Also, special thanks to Greg Kasper for the time and work he has given in maintaining and developing our database. Now we have something we can all work with.

Last year in late September I was in Munich for my first Oktoberfest. What a wonderful, fun-filled, musical and colorful event it was. Therefore, we'll be holding our September meeting during the traditional German Oktoberfest time on September 25. Be sure to check the time and information included in this newsletter and bring out your wildest Oktoberfest recipes to pot-luck and outfits to wear. My liederhosen is on order!

For September we're adding miniature golf back to our schedule; the days are getting shorter and cooler. We're hoping to meet back at the Selby Library for October and November and will keep you advised. Our annual pot luck picnic at Turtle Beach will be a great one this year: it will take place on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and we'll be celebrating 10 great years as a group!

We'll be asking for volunteers to help man our Pridefest booth on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> so please give your name to Charlie Tramer if you wish to help. Be thinking ahead to 2012 because it's nearly here. We'll be looking for some board members to fill vacant positions. Getting involved and giving gives back ten times over.

# Oktoberfest

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Sunday, September 25  
Bobby Jones,  
1000 Circus Boulevard  
Sarasota, FL 34232-1228

POT LUCK PARTY  
Cash Bar \$\$\$\$\$\$



Come join the fun as we celebrate  
Oktoberfest at our monthly meeting.

We, the members, will all bring our favorite German-style  
foods, so pull out your favorite recipes and ideas!

We'll need everything from Potato Salads, Sausages,  
Pretzels, Sauerkraut, Potato Dishes and Desserts!

Bobby Jones has nicely donated their facilities for this meeting  
and party at **no cost to our group**. It will be closed to the public  
on that evening.

How can we support them? By purchasing our beverages from their bar.  
Their bar prices are among the best in town!

Let's also make this a time to bring friends and gather new members so that they can learn about our  
group and see how much fun we can have. If you know of past friends who are no longer members be  
sure to invite them to join with us for this fun, first-time event.  
for information call or leave a message for Michael at  
941-359-8212!



# Holiday Party

**Prime Timers of Sarasota**

**Thursday, December 8th, 2011, 6:00 pm to ???**

**Bobby Jones Country Club**

**1000 Circus Blvd.**

**Sarasota, Fl. 34232**

**Music & Dancing by DJ Joseph**

**Menu**

**Dinner including Caesar Salad (served at your table); Chicken Francaise w/buerre blanc, or Boneless short ribs or sliced roast beef w/gravy, Roasted Rosemary potatoes, mixed vegetables and dinner rolls. Dessert will be Cheesecake w/strawberries. Also included are fountain sodas, iced tea, lemonade and coffee.**

**There will be a Cash Bar.**

**Cost is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members and quests.**

**Please make reservations by mailing your check "Marked Holiday Party"**

**Payable to Prime Timers of Sarasota**

**3755 Eagle Hammock Drive**

**Sarasota, Fl. 34240**

**Deadline will be December 1st, 2011**



## General Meeting August 28<sup>th</sup> Pictures



Attendance was thirty members and two guests.



Guest Speakers Kevin Pillion & Michael Beauchemin.

## 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**



<b>Inside Stateroom</b>	from \$	<b>534</b>
<b>Ocean View</b>	from \$	<b>624</b>
<b>Balcony</b>	from \$	<b>934</b>

***Proceeds to benefit Prime Timers!***

**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

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.

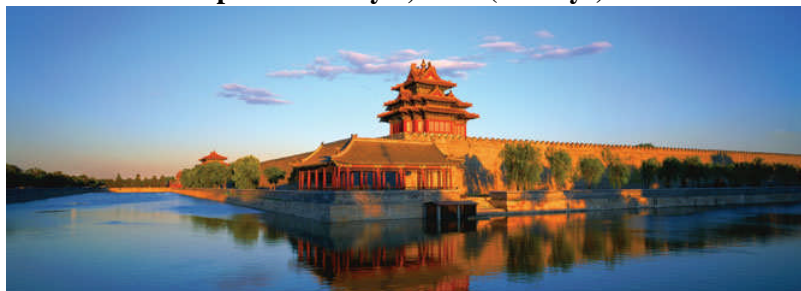
**And now we've saved the biggest and best trip for last:**

**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 Yangtze 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

George Czukar	9/1	Bear Mark Hartness	9/1
Dale Moore	9/2	Martin Portnoy	9/5
Kenneth Chard	9/6	David Kersey	9/8
Edgar R Sage	9/8	Gary Larson	9/9
Doug MacFeely	9/12	Richard Vomish	9/14
Michael Sloan	9/25	Vaughn Patterson	9/26
Mickey Gray	9/28	Wayman Curtsinger	9/29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald Brown & Logan Nicholson 10 years Sept 15th

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Take note: the date of our annual picnic has been changed to Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have our regular Sunday Meeting on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and our annual picnic on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Also, please remember to mark your calendars December 8, 2011 for our Annual Christmas Party. Stay tuned for more details to follow shortly.

# Events

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

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be at Bobby Jones. See Insert above.  
Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Location information will be advised via e-mail.

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Our monthly Sack Lunch Picnic at 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.

**Board Meeting: Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Time: 11 am at Michael Stones house.

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Prime Timers Monthly Luncheon: 1:00 PM at Jason's Deli, 5231 University Pkwy, Telephone 941-351-5999. Reservations "**NOT REQUIRED**", just show up.

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Monthly General Meeting, 6:00 PM and **OKTOBERFEST POT LUCK PARTY.**  
Bobby Jones (see page three above for details) Costumes encouraged!

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>:**

2:00 PM Afternoon Miniature Golf at Smuggler's 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 359-8212.

**Palm Springs Bicentennial Convention**

November 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

For more detailed information check out the "Convention Flyer" on our Website at [www.primetimerssarasota.org](http://www.primetimerssarasota.org)

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

Richard R. Walker  
Kevin Pillion  
Michael Beauchemin

# September 2011

## Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 Sack Lunch Picnic Twin Lakes 1 PM	12 Board Meeting 11 AM	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Luncheon Jason's Deli 1 PM  First Day of Fall	24
25 Monthly Meeting 6 PM Bobby Jones County Club	26	27	28	29 Miniature Golf Smugglers Cove 2 PM	30	