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## Official Newsletter

Members are encouraged to submit articles and letters to the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

All other communication should be directed to...

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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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## President David Kersey



**Good Day everyone! As you read this the year is half over, and my term as President is half over.**

**In all the corporate and law enforcement training sessions I've gone through, Is the "glass half empty or half full?" What a question? It is in the vision or interpretation of who is asking.**

**In my previous "Note from the President", I have tried to be fun to read. I tried to make you smile or chuckle. As you have read in previous newsletters, I am a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) generation Florida "Cracker", born and raised in Arcadia and raised in the Myakka City, Bradenton, and Sarasota area. I take my Southern heritage "up bringing" very serious, and that includes honor, integrity, and most importantly respect for my fellow man.**

**A majority of our membership is comprised of men of retirement age. Many have come from other states or countries. Different career paths and business ventures. Different lifestyles and beliefs. Your past is your past; Prime Timers Sarasota 2011 is your future. You are the "What will be!" Regardless of your "What was or what is". We as members of Prime Timers Sarasota, Being Gay, Bisexual and those that desire the company of Mature Gay, or Bisexual men have to live to a higher standard. We have to set the course "road map" for the "Future" Prime Timers. Let's face it, the younger generation is our "future". We have to have "Honor" and "Integrity" in regard to our personal and public lives. We have to maintain a strong moral character and strength, not to mention adherence to ethical and professional principles. Not only does Honor and Integrity play a part in our personal and public lives, let's not forget the most important part "Respect". We honestly, need to pay attention to and refrain from violating the law as well as another person's privacy and beliefs. Everyone needs to show consideration and thoughtfulness in relation to others in our lives.**

**If you haven't taken the time to read the Prime Timers Constitution and By-Laws, please do. If you don't have a copy then a copy will be provided to you.**

**Respect and Honor Thy fellow man.**

**David Kersey, President**



The  
Comedy Of  
Jessica  
Kirson

**SATURDAY JUNE 4 TH ~ 8:00 PM**  
**PRIORITY SEATING AND RECEPTION WITH THE PERFORMER**  
**\$40 IN ADVANCE OR \$50 AT THE DOOR**  
**GENERAL ADMISSION**  
**\$20 IN ADVANCE OR \$30 AT THE DOOR**  
**CHURCH OF THE TRINITY MCC**  
**7225 N. LOCKWOOD RIDGE RD**  
**SARASOTA, FL 34243**  
**CALL 941-355-0847 FOR CREDIT CARD ADVANCE SALES**

Jessica Kirson has been awarded, "Best Female Comic" by MAC Assoc in NYC, has been on Comedy Central, VH1's Awesomely Bad" Shows, Bravo, Last Comic Standing, the Tonight Show & Showtime!

## **FIRE & ICE BEACH WEEKEND at St Pete Pride**

**June 23-27, 2011**

Join Watermark Media and ALandCHUCK.travel for Florida's ONLY Gay BEACH PARTY of the summer. FIRE & ICE WEEKEND represents what is so HOT about a party on the beach and what is so COOL about supporting St. Pete Pride.

The very RETRO Postcard Inn on St Pete Beach will play host to our private GAY PARTY for the largest Pride Celebration in Florida...St. Pete Pride. Travel to St Pete Beach and enjoy the party event of the Summer. Your room package is "turn key" and includes everything that makes this a wonderful and fun weekend. The basic package includes first class hotel accommodations on St. Pete Beach for Friday & Saturday night (you can extend your stay on Thursday and Sunday for even more fun). Our private Beach & Pool parties are all included in your room rate. Highlights of the weekend include Friday's FIRE PARTY that includes the hottest pool & beach event of the Summer. Breakfast is included for your convenience each morning. Friday also includes St. Pete Prides KICK OFF PARTY at Georgie's Alibi (our guests enjoy complimentary VIP motorcoach transfers to/from the hotel for a safe and fun experience.) Saturday will bring the parade and promenade at St Pete Pride. Again, FIRE & ICE will provide complimentary VIP motorcoach transfers to/from the hotel to all the events. You can even elect to ride our special FIRE & ICE Float (for a small supplement). The highlight of the weekend will be our Saturday ICE PARTY which is a HOT "COOL DOWN" from the heat of the day featuring a pool and night time beach & dance party complete with fireworks. Saturday also has a special WOMAN'S RETRO PARTY that provides special music and unique inclusions. Sunday will focus on a festival BEACH PARTY including our Pool Party and Beach Pavillion, dancing on the beach, and the beautiful Gulf of Mexico...open for business all day. Later attend the St. Pete Pride CLOSING PARTY at Flamingo Resort (our guests enjoy complimentary VIP motorcoach transfers to/from the hotel for a safe and fun experience.)

The Postcard Inn is a unique beachfront hotel with lovely grounds and the largest pool on St Pete Beach. This lovely RETRO hotel will be an outstanding host to our private beach & pool party weekend. With more than 200 rooms and the ability to accommodate 1000's of party goers..this will be an experience you will not want to miss.

NOT STAYING FOR THE WEEKEND? No problem! FIRE & ICE Weekend has passes for all the parties available for your enjoyment. See the pricing tab for complete details.

This will be the HOTTEST WAY TO COOL OFF after St. Pete Pride. Don't miss FIRE & ICE WEEKEND!

## What's Included

- **Two Nights First Class Hotel Accommodations at Postcard Inn St Pete Beach. Additional Thursday and Sunday nights can be added**
- **Breakfast each morning at the hotel**
- **Pool & Beach Parties every day & evening of your stay including DJ**
- **Thursday Poolside WELCOME PARTY**
- **Friday FIRE PARTY, a special event with many surprises on both the beach and pool pavilions**
- **Saturday ICE PARTY, a special event with many surprises on both the beach and pool pavilions including FIREWORKS**
- **Sunday BEACH PARTY, where you can wake up by the pool, dance on the beach and take a dip in the beautiful Gulf of Mexico**
- **Private VIP ALandCHUCK.travel motorcoach transportation from/to your hotel to Georgies Alibi Friday Kick Off Party, St Pete Pride Saturday Parade & Promenade, Flamingo Resort Sunday Closing Party**
- **All Hotel taxes**

## May 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting Speakers



**Rev. Charles Tigard, MCC**

**Hank Hueber, Trinity Charities**

## 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>

**DEPOSIT \$250 PP**

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

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

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.

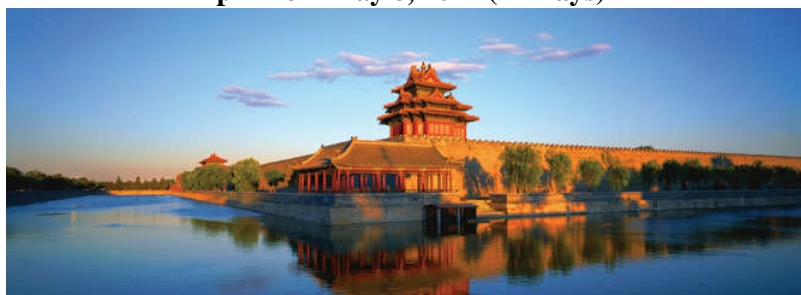
**And now we've saved the biggest and best trip for last:**

**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 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

Al Usack	6/2	Charles Scott	6/6
Joe Malaney	6/6	Joe Scarpino	6/7
Robert Richardson	6/8	Ray Bond	6/11
Ron Beach	6/11	Joseph Long	6/12
Bill Tusaie	6/21	Dan Beechy	6/21
Bob Haman	6/25	Logan Nicholson	6/26
Bill Speer	6/27	Jack Mahoney	6/27
Dietmar Jakobus	6/27	Ed Caulfield	6/28
Norman Carmel	6/29	Bryan Heikkinen	6/30
Chris Bolgiano	6/30		

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Bill Davis & Vaughn Patterson – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 39 Years**

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](mailto:woff405813@hotmail.com)

**From all the Prime Timers Board Members to you , your Significant Other, your partner, spouse and/or Family, we wish you all a safe and Happy Memorial Day Weekend.**

**The Spring Fling Pictures will be sent out with a separate e-mail message due to the number of pictures taken.**

**WANT ADS: For sale, a service you are offering, or something you are looking to purchase. Send info to David Kersey**

**[dkersey34231@aol.com](mailto:dkersey34231@aol.com)**

**Pool Partners Of Southwest Florida**

Your Pool and Patio Partner, check us out at:

<http://poolpartners.net>.

**Call David Kersey at 941-924-6171**

**Robbins' Chauffeuring, Taxi and Car Delivery Service**

Private sedan service to any major airport or city in Florida. Will be a minimum of 10% less than any other similar service and most times more also taxi service at a 20% discount to the gay community.

Snowbirds, do you need to have your car driven home? If so let's discuss!

**Call Nick Robbins at 941 724 2010**

**Computer Coaching – 1-to-1 help with your home computer effectively and easily.**

We can work on anything you need to know, including using email, web sites, word processing and spreadsheets, digital photography. Learn how to do the basic maintenance that will keep your computer running at its best, and make sure you are using adequate security. I can also help you set up your printer, web camera and other accessories. Preliminary consultation (1/2 hour) is free for Prime Timers, all other time is \$50 per hour.

**Gordon Gregg, 941-822-2755 or [gordon@gordongregg.com](mailto:gordon@gordongregg.com).**

**If any Prime Timer knows of another Prime Timer's serious illness, death or death of a loved one please contact Wayne Officer: @941-552-9374 or via e-mail at [woff405813@hotmail.com](mailto:woff405813@hotmail.com). He will respond on behalf of the Club.**

**Help make Prime Timers more interesting with your participation. Deadline for news items is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send your entries to [woff405813@hotmail.com](mailto:woff405813@hotmail.com).**

**Please advise Wayne Officer at [woff405813@hotmail.com](mailto:woff405813@hotmail.com) or 941-552-9374 if you have a change in any of your information.**

# Events

**General Meetings on the Fourth Sunday of each month 2:30 PM at  
The Pines of Sarasota, 1501 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota, Fl. Cullers Hall**

June 26<sup>th</sup>  
July 24<sup>th</sup>  
August 28<sup>th</sup>

**Sack Lunch Picnic Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Bunco Game Night, Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

At Crazy John's home. Limited to 24 people. Call 941-321-8776 to attend. Bring \$2.00 to win a jackpot large enough for a trip to the Sarasota Beaches.

**Primetimers Luncheon at 1:00 PM**

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.  
Sweet Tomatoes, 4994 S. Tamiami Trail, 941-922-4908. Please call or e-mail RSVP to Dale Curtsinger if you plan on attending [wcurtsinger@yahoo.com](mailto:wcurtsinger@yahoo.com) or call 941-346-0757.

**Celebration of Friends**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
For detailed information check out Website [www.celebrationoffriends.org](http://www.celebrationoffriends.org) or you can contact Tom Pence (Tomcat) directly at [Tomcat9722@AOL.com](mailto:Tomcat9722@AOL.com)

**Palm Springs Bicentennial Convention**

November 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
All information can be seen at <http://www.ptod-ps.org/index.php> then click on "convention".

## **An Important Note from the Editor:**

- 1. Please "DO NOT" send cash thru the mail.**
  - 2. If you "ARE NOT" receiving your Monthly News Letter please check to see if it is arriving in your "Junk or Spam" folder.**
  - 3. If you wish to review information regarding your personal membership you can go to [info@primetimerssarasota.org](mailto:info@primetimerssarasota.org).**
- Note: this is for information going to the membership "ONLY". All e-mails sent to this address are reviewed, accepted or declined with reasons noted.**

# Prime Timers

## June 2011

### Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Bowling 6:30 pm	7 Romeo's 5:30 pm	8	9	10	11
12 Sack Lunch Picnic 1 pm	13 Bowling 6:30 pm	14 Romeo's 5:30 pm	15	16	17 Luncheon Sweet Tomatoes 1 PM	18
19 Fathers Day	20 Bowling 6:30 pm	21 Romeo's 5:30 pm	22	23	24	25 St Pete Pride Parade
26 General Meeting 2:30 pm	27 Bowling 6:30 pm	28 Romeo's 5:30 pm	29	30		