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Prime Timers at the 17 April Spring Social at Woody's

Last month after the last meeting (on April 17th) those members who enjoy socializing were treated to a very pleasant evening out at Woody's Bar. Believe it or not, most people stayed even after the food had all been consumed which, by the way, was excellent as usual. During the evening we were entertained by Miss Conception and Michelle Ross in their inimitably gracious style. Numerous door prizes were drawn for and thanks to the superb ability of Clayton Wilson to sell himself one

lucky member was the recipient of over \$160 in the 50/50 draw.

On the 18th May we are commencing a monthly "Happy Hour" at Woody's from 4-7 p.m.. Every third Tuesday of the month members are invited to join us for the evening. Should you have a favourite bar that would like to sponsor a monthly "Happy Hour" please inform one of the Executive.

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's Prime Times. We encourage you to send material you think other members would be interested into newsletter@primetimers.ca or at the address above.

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President Hoover's State of the Union

My first two months as President have been very busy. We had a very successful spring social event at Woody's. Close to 80 members attended not including the younger ones who were just watching and waiting to turn 40. A special thanks to Dean and his staff for helping make the event very successful. Due to the success of the event, we are now holding a monthly social time at Woody's. It will be held on the third Tuesday of each month starting May 18th. The time will be from 4 pm to 7pm with food provided by Woody's. In addition we have been working toward Pride Week. Jim Elliott is planning a special Saturday

monthly meeting in June that will include food and entertainment. For Pride Day we will be participating in the parade as well as setting up a booth. Any volunteers would be appreciated. Paul Flieler has advised that our bus to Stratford in July is full. Thanks to Paul and Kevin Mc for organizing that event.

In addition Andre will be announcing a schedule of theatre events for the upcoming year. Andre has taken the lead on organizing theatre events and I thank him for taking that on. As you can see there are lots of social activities going on at Prime Timers.

As well as social events, we have been concentrating on increased communication. We have updated our brochures and we also have Prime Timers business cards. We are also



looking at other ways to communicate our group so that the community knows that we exist and what we do. Any ideas on how to increase communication about our group would be appreciated.

At our June executive meeting Ivan Chenier will be talking to us about holding the Prime Timers World Wide Conference in 2009. Ivan has put together a committee and they are exploring the possibility of our Chapter holding the conference. This is an exciting and enormous undertaking and I am pleased that Ivan has taken the lead on this initiative.

As always, we are open to any suggestions that you might have. I have appreciated the phone calls and e-mails that I have received with ideas and concerns. Also, thanks for all your help and support in starting off my term as President.

With love and happiness,
President Hoover.

JIM ELLIOT - 2004-05 PRIME TIMER VICE PRESIDENT



I've been asked why I ran for this position, especially since being on the Executive is responsible and demanding. I'm sure I was asked out of their concerns for my health situation. I certainly do not need the stress, anxieties, and pressures that can/will arise from time to time. The UTMOST reason I ran is: I firmly believe I am still alive because of the Prime Timer organization. Joining Prime Timers enabled me to meet great people like Gary, Ralph, Paul and Gerry who hardly left my side during the severest parts of my illness. They were in the hospital daily to keep my spirits up and afterwards taking me to doctor's appointments, shopping etc. until I was strong enough to do these chores on my

own. I also cannot forget the many Prime Timers who visited me and also sent cards. Prime Timers are caring people. There are not enough thank you's for this, thus maybe I can, in some little way, improve some things for the betterment of Prime Timers by being more involved.

WHOSE NEWSLETTER IS THIS, ANYWAY?

The answer, of course, is that it belongs to you, the members. The editors only assemble the material provided to them – we are not the ones who should be writing for the newsletter.

The responsibility for providing information on club activities and articles of general interest lies with the membership. At times we have had a newsletter of 8 pages – the maximum that can be mailed without increasing postage costs. At other times the editors have had to dig deeply to come up with enough articles to fill a newsletter of just 4 pages.

So, send in your articles about club activities, your own experiences as an “Elder Statesman” or other things that you think would be of interest and help to make our newsletter even better. Announcements of events by the various groups are of particular interest.

Your editors thank you in advance for your valuable contributions.

Articles and photographs can be emailed to: newsletter@primetimerstoronto.ca or snail mailed to 250 Jarvis Street, Suite 502, Toronto, ON, M4B 2L2.

Looking for fun and games on Church Street?

Do I have a great idea for you - Bridge or maybe Euchre.

Like some other card games, the thrill is in waiting for the next hand that has to be better than the last few and may be the real McCoy for a change. That Prospect usually keeps me going and keeps me coming back for more. Over and Over

Now don't get too worried about old ideas of how Bridge is hard to learn or you need to be boring to try it. Both false. Come along to the Prime Timers' Bridge sessions and you can see that for yourself. The main sessions are on Wednesday afternoons, locally at a centre on Jarvis and then there are the Bridge Lessons from Don Middleton and Mike Hennessey - a delight not to be missed. This will introduce you to a game that can start to please without too much effort and always with a smile, and the odd laugh. They are now taking interested beginners into the classes each

Monday morning, from 10 till noon, then often followed by some joining the club lunches in the village. Give Don a call at 416 923 3896, or Mike Hennessey on 416 323 0466, and they can give you the details - all Prime Timers are welcome.

If you already know something about the game, either brush up a few weeks with Don and Mike or just come along to the regular Wednesday sessions. Call Don for details of those sessions too. The emphasis is on enjoying yourself and not whether you can win all the time. None of us can. Those same Wednesday sessions are shared with some Euchre players and anyone interested in those games should call Gary Burley or Ralph Bristol at 416 751 7444 for information.

Either way, take a chance and come see us to find if you like our kind of fun. We often have up to 30 members there weekly and a finer and gamier group of guys you could not hope to meet. If you don't leave laughing and with a smile on your face, sue me. Hope to see

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Wednesday afternoon bridge and euchre players at 460 Jarvis



you there, we can always do with more fun loving people. Its as much a social gathering as it is inveterate card players looking for new opponents.

RJ

BRIDGE AND EUCHRE RESULTS

BRIDGE:

Date	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Last
14 April	John H.	Fred J.	Clayton	Bill A.
15	Rodney G.			Doug V.
21	Gerry A.	Don M.	Harry M.	Charlie S.
22	Rodney G.			Bob C.
28	Eddie W.	Bob C.	Robbie	Gordon H.
29	Arthur M.			Morley S.
5 May	Frank M.	Eddie W.	Fred W.	Peter N.
6	Charlie S.			Morley S.

Come and learn or practice your bridge every Monday at 10 AM in the cafeteria at 519 Church Street. Two instructors available. Call Don Middleton for details 416-923-3896

For the Wednesday bridge, contact Don Middleton 416-923-3896

For Thursday evening bridge, contact Morley Simpson 416-922-5683

EUCHRE:

Date	1 st	2 nd	Last
14 April	Gary B. 55	Leopold 50	Yves 37
21	Leopold/ Gary 56	Jim E 54	Yves 39
28	Mike S. 67	Dennis Mc 61	Tom 27

For Wednesday euchre, contact Gary or Ralph at 416-751-7444

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THE HAPPY BOOKERS

Prime Timers Book Reading Group - 2nd Tuesday, each month

In future this space in the newsletter will feature a review or comments about the selection we have been reading. As a kickoff - I thought I would list the titles we have chosen for the first half of 2004.

January. Gilbert, Skye. Ejaculations From the Charm Factory. Toronto theatrical history with a large dollop of narcissism.

February. Bram, Christopher. Father of Frankenstein. You may have encountered this as the excellent film "Gods & Monsters".

March. Tremblay, Michel. Hosanna. Drag queen deluxe in play format.

April. Hollinhurst, Allan. The Swimmingpool Library. Sex obsession in jolly old England .

May. Leavitt, David. Family Dancing. A collection of short stories previously published in the New Yorker magazine.

June. Mann, Thomas. Death in Venice. Sexual denial and the lure of beautiful young men. A classic!

Gerry King - Group Coordinator

Gerry has asked that the listings for January through May be included in this announcement so that members may have some idea of what the group is doing. Those interested in attending meetings of this group can call him at 416-461-5384 for additional information. Ed

THE NOTICE BOARD

HELP WANTED!

There are three volunteer positions that remain unfilled. They are: Name Tags Team, Pride 2004 Committee and Play Reading Coordinator. Presumably the first two have multiple openings. The pay is zero, but the satisfaction is priceless! Contact Don Love, 416-961-4181, Yves Martel 416-924-9612 or Yvan Chenier 416-923-0034 for more info.

PRIME TIMERS JUNE MEETING

The June General meeting will not be held at the 519 Community Centre as usual because of activities there relating to Pride Day. Instead, it will be held at 460 Jarvis Street, 4th floor activity room. The entrance code to use is 315. 460 Jarvis is just south of Wellesley.

As a special treat, there will be a catered lunch. Admission will be \$5.00 to cover the cost. Plan to arrive at 1:00 PM for the goodies and the meeting itself will start at 2:00 PM, as usual.

The July and subsequent meetings will return to the 519.

WEDNESDAY PRE MEETING COFFEE CHANGE

Starting May 21, the coffee meet usually held Wednesdays at What a Bagel! will now be held Fridays at 2PM, at the new location: Java Jive (formely Pam's, corner of Church and Isabella)

BOOK KEEPER NEEDED

The purpose of this e-mail is to inquire if there may be anybody within the Prime Timers group who is interested in volunteering as a bookkeeper? I cannot afford to pay a bookkeeper nominal fees but want to learn about how to keep books for myself and for my association as well, so I am looking into the possibility that a retired bookkeeper would be able to be of service in exchange for dinner. Thanks. Adrian Desmarais adrian.pd@sympatico.ca

BALLS! -- FOR BOWLING (That is)

Mark Saturday June 12 on your calendar. Prime Timers Toronto is going to have our very first annual bowling night (5 pin) and the nice thing is you don't even have to know how to bowl. Danforth Bowl is closing the lanes just for us. You have to be fast tho', because of the size of the bowling alley we can only accept 40 people. Due to the limited number of people we can only invite Prime Timers and their partners or **one** friend.

Here's de facts:

Date: Saturday June 12 7PM until closing - late, late, (if necessary).

Place: Danforth Bowl — 1554 Danforth Avenue (Danforth and Coxwell subway station)

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- free catered dinner consisting of — cold cut platter, buns, meat balls, macaroni salad (with salmon), raw veggie platter, desert, coffee or tea.
 - the bowling alley is licensed for alcohol (has to be purchased)
 - cost will be approx: \$15.00 per person (depending on the number of people)
 - any monies left over will be donated to the 519 Community Centre and a draw will be held and someone will have a tax receipt (approx \$60+)
 - OOOOOOOOOOOOOOPS — we forgot to mention free bowling!!!!!!!!!!!! and games
- Prime Timers Bowling Committee
Al Conery & Patrick Coram 416 244 3077

NEW MEMBERS AND BIRTHDAYS

New members

	Russell Baxter	May 22	Peter Magee	Jun 09
Welcome aboard!!	Rick Chadwick	May 22	Milton Foo	Jun 09
Andy Spiece	Al Conery	May 23	Gary Speedie	Jun 10
Frank Socarras	Bob Crawford	May 28	Terry Peters	Jun 10
Thor Tomkiw	Patrick Coram	May 28	Yvan Chénier	Jun 17
Jack Brannigan	David Clark	May 29		

Birthdays

Sam Yassin	May 16	Peter Newson	Jun 02
Paul Mercer	May 17	Ihor Tomkiw	Jun 03
Mike Hennessey	May 22	David Butler	Jun 06
		John Papageorge	Jun 07
		Rob Haun	Jun 07
		Bruno Gideon	Jun 08

Any changes or updates to the membership database should be directed to:
ptmembers@sympatico.ca

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Beginning from 6 pm on Tuesday May 4, 2004.

The following topics were discussed:

The still vacant positions – we still need volunteers for Name Tags Team, Pride 2004 Committee, Play Reading Coordinator, Saturday Pre-meeting Bunch coordinator.

Name Tags – we will have some nice new ones.

Stratford trip – Paul did an excellent job on organizing it with a full bus load of Prime Timers. Trip is sold out.

Pride 2004 – we will take part in the parade and have a booth. There will be some dancing routines with our devoted marchers. Of course, we will have some colorful costumes. Would you join us in the parade this year? Let's have some fun.

2009 PTWW Convention – our volunteers are ready to meet up and strategize their move. How about giving a hand or voice in planning this great event?

New Member's Package – it is ready to send to our new members. It looks really nice. There will also be a welcome party for our new members too. Too bad I am an old member.

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Treasurer's report - Our treasurer reported that we still have \$2,806.09 net.

Programming Committee has a lot of plans for the June meeting – food, entertainments.

Greeter's Team has been busy to welcome our members.

Theatre Coordinator has prepared a whole list of plays once in 2 months to keep you entertained. Some of the shows are very interesting. There will be announcement real soon.

Also - There will be Woody's Monthly Social every 3rd Tuesday of the month. In June 12, we will have Bowling Extravaganza.

Website - Our web site is expanding. There are a lot of new photos and updates. Come and see...

Fort Hui, Secretary

Pay to Pee in Urinetown!

By André Langdon

Many Prime Timers enjoy going to the theatre, and there's nothing better than going as a group. As a group, we are able to negotiate sizeable discounts to many shows. This year, Prime Timers Toronto's aim is to hold a theatre outing approximately once every two months. We have tentatively scheduled what I think is a great lineup of shows that will keep us entertained.

First up is Urinetown, the smash Broadway musical with the worst title ever thought up for a musical, is playing at the Bluma Appel Theatre on Sunday, June 20 at 2 PM. Don't be put off by the title. Urinetown has garnered great reviews and sold-out everywhere. The Toronto Star called it "the kind of hip, fast funny show that brings back the feeling of sheer enjoyment you may have found lacking lately in theatre" It's a musical comedy set in a society where you have to pay a tax to urinate.

Tickets are \$50 each. Sign up at the meeting, or call me to reserve at (416) 560-9147 or arl20@rogers.com.

Next up is a special little excursion to the peaceful community of Jackson's Point for a Saturday matinee of Jasper Station, on Saturday, August 28. Playing at the Red Barn Theatre (which really is a barn), Jasper Station

is a musical comedy about travelers whose lives are transformed while waiting for a train. It interweaves the stories of five memorable and unique characters who are all at crossroads in their lives. Jasper Station will put a smile on your face and keep you humming long after the curtain falls. Tickets are \$22 for the show only. Jackson's Point is a little more than an hour away. We will be organizing transportation and lunch (at an additional cost) for those who are interested.

At this time, the shows for September to December have not yet been determined. If you have any ideas, please contact me. I'd love to hear from you.

January's play will be particularly appropriate as it's Take Me Out, a play about a baseball player who's out of the closet. At only \$30 per seat, this show is a steal.

March will have us traveling to OZ, with Wicked, the true story of that magical land.

And finally, we hope that you won't be misbehaving for Ain't Misbehaving starring the fabulous Jackie Richardson. (Check her out in Cooking at the Cookery! Now playing at the New Yorker Theatre)

To sign up for any of these shows, look for the signup sheet at the monthly meeting, or call me at (416) 560-9147 or email at: arl20@rogers.com.

See you at the theatre!

Love, André

