



Some of the gang at the Wednesday, Nov. 3 monthly happy hour at Zippers. There is one held at Woody's, too. Check out the activity listing on page 5 for details.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE CONSTITUTION ON PAGE 5.



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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.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
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State of the Union Address: November 2004

“Too Much or Too Little”

The big question facing our Toronto PT group is “Too much or too little?” It’s a great question to be asking. Do we have too many social events or not enough? Are the social activities meeting the needs of our members? We have a large and growing group. The question is a result of very positive growing pains.

At the start of my term as President, we committed to more social activities. The idea was to have social activities that would appeal to a growing and diverse membership. This initiative produced our monthly social event at Woody’s and most recently our monthly social event at Zippers. Both have been very successful. Also, the Stamp club and the Walking club have been started and the Euchre group has grown into manhood and left the mother Bridge group.

However other activities have struggled. There has been concern over attendance at the

Friday Games night. The Play Reading group has dwindled in size and may take a break for a while. So we have decided to do a survey to find out what you participate in and what social activities you would like to see. The survey will be done at the November meeting and mailed to those who were not in attendance. “Too much or too little” is a good situation to be in. The executive just need your input where to concentrate our efforts. I want to thank Past President Jim Hunt for his work on designing the survey.

I am very pleased by the formation of a committee that has long been needed. A telephone committee has been set up under the leadership of Leopold Leblanc. The original meeting attracted 8 people and they have recently made their first callings. I am really pleased with this effort, as we want to make sure that those not on e-mail have proper communication. My thanks to Leopold and his group for all their work.

Watch out for information about the

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Minutes of Prime Timers Executive Committee Meeting November 2, 2004

Chris stated his regrets on the death of our member, Paul Flieler and invited the assembled members to express their feelings of him. \$100 was donated towards the cost of his memorial. A moment of silence was observed.

Chris extended an invitation to Miguel, the late Philip Stanbury's boyfriend to our monthly meeting and other activities in the future.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Vice president – the position is still vacant. Anyone interested in the position should contact Chris. Chris thanked Jim E. for his continued assistance to the club although he is no longer our vice president.

Roster Clean Up – the committee members met once and some progress is being made. Jim H. suggested that we need to add a note in the newsletter on a regular basis reminding members that membership fees are due on their birthdays.

Set up of Constitutional Review Committee – the committee members has not yet met. There are two more months before the deadline for Constitution amendment recommendation.

Nominating Committee – Yves has enough members for the committee.

Stratford trip – the trip is full.

Friday Coffee Location – there is some dissatisfaction about the new location. Consideration will be given to finding a new location.

ACT Relationship Forums – We will be one of the co-sponsors of the forum. Chris will put a note about this in next newsletter.

Christmas Party - Arthur Martin reported that 91 Christmas Party tickets have been sold and asked that the Telephone Committee contact members to encourage members to attend.

Member Services – Donald Middleton broke his knee and Morley Simpson broke his wrist.

Orlando 2005 – Chris will contact Yvan for an update on the 2009 Prime Timers World Wide Convention.

Play Reading Club – Attendance is low and there is no leadership. Perhaps in the future there will be more interest.

Friday Games Night - With Paul's passing, Chris will arrange for someone to host.

New Business:

Telephone Committee – Chris reported that there are 8 members on the Telephone Committee. Leopold LeBlanc volunteered to chair the Committee. The committee will be responsible for communicating with members about upcoming activities.

Stamp Club has asked for used stamps which will be given to a charity for fundraising purpose.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30 pm

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upcoming "SEXPLORATION" week sponsored by ACT. There are a number of interesting forums leading up to World AIDS Day on December 1st. Our PT group is co-sponsor of the Relationships Forum on Wednesday December 1st from 6pm to 9pm. It is being held at 399 Church Street, Room 220. Plan to attend if you can. Finally a reminder about our Christmas Party on December 4th. Tickets have been selling extremely well this year. If you wish to go, please

call Arthur Martin at 416-924-7344 before they are sold out.

A closing thought as we enter the Christmas season: Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a "gift".

Yours,
President Hoover, aka Chris.

**Remember to get your tickets for
the Christmas Dinner !!**

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DOING ART CLUB

Based on feedback from members, I've decided to focus on gallery visits for our Doing Arts Club. I am looking at having a monthly gallery visit on the fourth Saturday afternoon of each month. The members that joined me at "Art at 80" located at 80 Spadina in September seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. We spoke to the artist of a conceptual piece that explored people as commodity; saw some high priced oil abstracts by internationally acclaimed artists and we were each able to find a work of art that we would have liked for our own. All agreed it was a worthwhile outing and a great opportunity to socialize and explore a 'free' Toronto.

The next gallery visit is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 27 1pm., at the Distillery Galleries. This gallery features beautiful glass sculptures by a world renowned artist (if you have a few extra tens of thousands of dollars then you might want to pick up an early New Years gift for a loved one. Prices are outrageous, but so is the beauty of the work. Once again this gallery is FREE. It is located on Mill St. — one block South of Front St., off of Parliament St. on the East side. Please meet me at 1pm in the parking lot, located off the south side of Mill street between Parliament and Trinity St. If you need more information or if you have suggestions for future outings or ideas for the development of the DoingArt club please contact me at the numbers/site below . I look forward to seeing you.

Rick Julien

DoingArt Club Coordinator

STAMP CLUB

The next meeting of the Philatelic Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm at the Party Room at 360 Bloor Street East, 3rd Floor as usual. This will be the final meeting for this season in this location as the writer will be off in December for 4 1/2 months. The next several meetings will be held at the residence of Rick Chadwick; 416-066-0480.

A number of us attended the Annual Stampex Show held in the Queen Elizabeth Building at the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds on October 15-17, 2004. Transportation was made available to those unable to make the trek via TTC. The event was a great success with many dealers in attendance as well as the Canadian post office booth. There were many displays to take in including stamps recording

the Pope's visits to countries worldwide as well as a number of stamp varieties that won many prizes. Lots of free information was made available to collectors as well as an opportunity to purchase items that may have been on our "want lists". As well Stamps '04 featured the first post card ever made available to celebrate an event such as this. It featured The Distillery Historic District of Toronto. I was informed that postcards featuring various historical events about our great city will be made available at future shows from year to year. In addition, Canada Post had available a series of 4 pre postage post cards featuring The Canadian National Exhibition and Festival International de Jazz de Montreal, Joseph and Lak Ste Jean, which are very rare and almost impossible to find anywhere in the city. All in all I would say a good time was had by all attendees and we came away with arms full of "free" philatelic information.

In addition, The Annual Fall Hamilton Stamp Club Fall show was held at Bishop Ryan Secondary School on Saturday, November 6, 2004. While transportation was also available to this event, attendance was limited. There were 20 dealers present.

The show included sales circuits, youth booths, stamps, supplies, silent auctions and a Canada Post exhibition which included lots of free material. Being a first time attendee I found the event very interesting and managed to acquire a number of items which I had been searching for many years to complete my collection.

The world's first adhesive postage stamp made its appearance on May 6, 1840. An Englishman named Sir Rowland Hill developed this system of prepaid postage to replace the practice of letters being sent collect as problems often arose when the person expected to pay for the letter either refused to accept or pay for it. This one-penny stamp was black and featured a portrait of Queen Victoria. The Honourable James Morris, Postmaster General of The Province of Canada, developed Canada's first adhesive postage stamp in 1851. Designed by Sir Sandford Flemming, the Three Penny Beaver was issued on April 23 of that year.

As you may appreciate, there is a great deal of opportunity to learn and share information by attending a meeting of the Prime Timers Stamp Club. Members each have a vast amount of specific knowledge which they are willing to share with others. It is a great hobby and of much interest and a real learning experience.

Sincerely, Barrie Martin



PTT Activities

Below is a generic listing of club group activities believed to be correct as of press time. Please advise of any errors or omissions. Ed.

Weekly

Monday: Bridge lessons held starting 10:AM at the 519. Details: Don Middleton; 416- 923-3896

Monday Lunch: Various locations. Details; Gerry; 416-203-8573 or Charles; 416-923-2184

Tuesday: Euchre at 460 Jarvis starting at 1:00 PM. Details: Ralph or Garry; 416-751-7444

Wednesday: Bridge at 460 Jarvis starting at 1:30 PM. Details: Don Middleton; 416-923-3896

Thursday: Coffee Zone at Days Inn – Carlton Street across from Maple Leaf Gardens. 2pm. Just drop in.

Thursday: Bridge at various locations starting at 7:30 PM. Details: Arthur Martin; 416-924-7344

Friday: Coffee at Timothy's, 618 Yonge St. at St. Joseph; 2pm Just drop in.

Saturday: Wordsworth Prime Time deadline: Details: Jim Elliott 416-977-1683

Regular Monthly

First Monday: The movable feast dining out. Details: Gerry; 416-823-8226 or Charles; 416-923-2184

First Tuesday: Executive Meeting – all members in good standing are welcome. 45 Carlton Street – 2nd floor at 6:00 PM. Call President Chris Hoover to have your name added to the list; 416-597-8057 or just drop in and advise security that you are attending Chris Hoovers meeting.

First Wednesday: Happy Hour at Zippers, 4 to 7 PM Just drop in.

First Friday: Games night: Details Don Love 416-961-8161. Please note that this may be discontinued so check with Don first. There is a note about this elsewhere in this issue.

Second Tuesday: Book Reading Group. Details: Gerald King; 416-461-5384.

Second Friday: Deadline for articles for the Prime Times newsletter. Send material to the email or snail mail address on the mast head.

Second Saturday: Walking Club. Details: Peter Marinelli 416-322-1045

Second Saturday: Bowling: Danforth bowl at 1754 Danforth Ave. 3PM Details: Al Conery or Patrick Coram 416-244-3077.

Third Tuesday: Happy Hour at Woodys 4 to 7 PM. Just drop in.

Third Wednesday: Stamp Club: Details: Rick Cadwick; 416-066-0480

Third Saturday: Monthly general meeting at the 519.

2:00 PM

Fourth Saturday: Doing Arts Club. Details: Rick Julien ; 416-323-9748

Last Sunday: West End Euchre and Dominos: 4 PM Details: Al Conery or Patrick Coram; 416-244-3077.

Irregular Dates

Dining out, usually Saturday evenings. Space must be reserved by calling Terry Peters; 416-925-9104

Other

2005 Pride Committee: Details Sa'ad Talia (not sure of tel. number as he just moved.)

2009 Convention: Details: Ivan Chenier 416-926-1100

Prime Time Toronto Website: www.primetimerstoronto.ca
Details contact Peter Guts 416-520-1754

PRIME TIMERS TORONTO CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

At the October 2004 Executive meeting an ad-hoc Review Committee was established to review our present Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive felt that because the documents had been in place for almost two years that a review was in order.

Should individual members or the Executive have suggestions for change to these documents the Review Committee would be pleased to receive them. **All suggested changes must be made in writing to the Review Committee prior to December 4, 2004.** After this date your Review Committee will meet to discuss the suggested changes before developing new wording. All recommended changes to the constitution and bylaws will be mailed out to the membership 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting in March 2005. Then at the Annual General Meeting the membership present at that meeting will have an opportunity to discuss each suggested change and possibly make further changes to the wording prior to voting on the recommended changes.

Note: There will be a vote on the constitution and bylaws only if there are changes presented to the membership.

The Review Committee consists of Roy Miles, Yves Martel and Jim Hunt. Please mail proposed changes, so the committee receives them before Dec. 4, 2004. Mail to: Constitutional Review Committee, Prime Timers Toronto, Box 61, 552 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2E3

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CANADIAN LESBIAN AND GAY ARCHIVES BOOK SALE

WOODY'S BAR on NOV. 21ST 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Twice a year Woody's generously allows us to use the space in "Sailors" to sell gay books and magazines as a fund raiser for the Archives. Many people donate books and periodicals to us which are often duplicates of what we already have in the collection. Many of the books are in excellent condition and it is understood that we can use them to fundraise by selling them back into the Gay community. The title range from trash and flash to the literary and the academic...something for everyone. The prices are also excellent. Standard paperbacks go for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. There are also superb hardcover titles which originally sold for \$30.00 to \$50.00 going for from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Please drop by. Bring a friend. Buy a beer and browse at leisure. Gerry King (Co-ordinator for the PT Readers Group)

BOOK READING CLUB

The Dec. meeting for the Book Group is Tues. Dec. 14th. The book being read is... Andrew Holleran's "In September the Light Changes" Gerry King (Co-Ordinator for Group)

WALKING CLUB

I would like to acknowledge the participation of the following people, that walked on our last prime time walking club: Gary Carter, Kevin Macdonald, Don Love, Sam Yassin and myself Peter Marinelli.

As we move into the colder weather, members can still participate in the walking club. We will be walking in the many beautiful malls Toronto has to offer. I would like some member's suggestions as to where they would like to walk. They can be forwarded to me on my web address bpapple@yahoo.com or by calling 416-322-1045, leave a message if you don't get me live.

Remember there is only one path to the fountain of youth, moderate eating and regular exercise.

Our next walk will be Saturday November 13, 2004. If the weather is poor we will be walking through the path, TD Centre and other surrounding underground shopping malls. Peter Marinelli Walking Club Co-ordinator

Dont forget to get your Xmas party tickets!! Arthur Martin 416-924-7344

A NOTE REGARDING NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If at all possible, please submit material in either Microsoft Word or Word Perfect format as attachments to your email and not as text in the body of the email. There are several formats which I do not have access to and as well, spread sheet formats are particularly difficult to manipulate into Pagemaker which is the application used to produce the newsletter. I thank you in advance for helping to make my job easier. Charlie

GAY-BI-TRANS MEN'S SELF DEFENCE COURSE

Presented by the Anti-Violence Programme
November 24- December 6:00-9:00 PM tops, bottoms, twinks, bears 18+ are welcome. \$15.00 (sliding scale available) Register at The 519 Front Desk.

For more information call 416-392-6874 or email avp@the519.org

AND FOR YOU FILM BUFFS:

Presented by the 519 Community Centre

The following screenings all take place at the Centre starting at 2:30 PM in the East Room of the ground floor.

Light refreshments will be served as part of each screening and there is no admission charge for any of the screenings.

Monday December 20, 2004

"Roman Scandals" starring Eddie Cantor, Ruth Etting and Gloria Stuart. This rarely seen 1933 "epic" is hilarious with many familiar one-liners and comic situations. Cantor finds himself mysteriously in Roman times and becomes a slave to a high-ranking centurion dodging political, romantic and "intriguing" situations.

Monday, January 17, 2005

"42nd Street" starring Ruby Keeler and Dick Powell. This 1933 movie musical became a Broadway smash in 1980! Wildly temperamental leading ladies compete for the starring role in a lavish Broadway show with many spectacular tap dancing production numbers. The plot is thin but the entertainment is thick with lavish dance numbers and comic situations.



MORE FROM THE 519

Monday, November 29, 2004 3:00 PM

Local Counsellor Kyle Rae will be dropping in to talk about local and seniors issues in the city of Toronto. Light refreshments will be served and there is no fee.

Monday December 6, 2004 3PM

Anna Borges Marques from The Canadian Hearing Society will be with us to discuss hearing loss, communication strategies for coping with it, services and devices available to assist. She will remain after her presentation to do one to one screening for people who are not already using hearing aids or other assistive devices. Light refreshments will be served and there is no fee.

Monday, December 13, 2004

Please drop by to enjoy a Holiday Party to thank our volunteers and enjoy a cup of cheer with all who have participated in any of our programmes over the year.

CANCER TOWN HALL MEETING

LGBTT Communities: Speaking Out About Cancer
An Information and Town Hall Meeting. Come join the Canadian Cancer Society for the first ever Town Hall meeting on cancer care and support for the LGBTT communities. The Canadian Cancer Society wants to hear from you about your cancer experiences and how their programs and services can better serve the needs of LGBTT people affected by cancer.

Time and place:

Saturday November 27, 2004 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

519 Church Street Community Centre.

Light refreshments will be provided

The LGBTT Town Hall is a platform for people to express their views about cancer Services to those who are in leadership positions at the Canadian Cancer Society as the organization moves toward being more inclusive and accessible. The Canadian Cancer Society hopes that this first town hall will be a forum to identify issues, exchange ideas and consider creative solutions to problems. We invite you to support this groundbreaking initiative.

For more information, please call Jane Ewart,
Community Services
Co-ordinator, Canadian Cancer Society at 416-485-0222
Community Sponsors: Metropolitan Community Church of
Toronto Sherbourne Health Centre

This space had been set aside for one of the three submissions which did not arrive before the deadline. Ed.

BRIDGE AND EUCHRE RESULTS

Bridge Results

Date	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Low
Oct 13	Don B.	Charlie S.	Rodney G.	Don H.
Oct 14	Bob C.			Charlie S.
Oct 20	Clayton W.	Charlie S.	Bob C.	Don L.
Oct 21	Gerry A.			Doug vZ
Oct 27	Ed. K.	Bob C.	Bill D.	Marv L.
Oct 28	Garth E.			Rodney G.
Nov 3	Eddie W.	Eugene Sc.	Fred	Doug vZ
Nov 4	Bridge not held.			
Nov 10	Don L.	Fred J.	Gerry A.	Alex H.
Nov 11	Garth E.			Don L.

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Euchre Results

Date	1 st .	2 nd	Low
Oct 12	Garry C.	Lyle K/Russ B.	Ralph B.
Oct 19	Neil G.	Arthur M.	Stan G.
Oct 26	Leopold L.	John P.	Stan G.
Nov 2	Arthur M.	Ian B/Ralph B.	John D.
Nov 9	Tom B.	Ian B.	Neil G.

Please Note That the Tuesday Euchre starts at 1:00 P.M. It is held in the Rec. Room at 460 Jarvis Street. The cost is \$2.00 with the prize money donated to 519. New Players are welcome. Please Contact Ralph Bristol, Gary Burley or Neil Gilson

New members –

Welcome!

Bob Hails	John D	Nov 24
Bill Douglas	Dale Nelson	Nov 26
Bill Doyle	Filomeno Jose	Nov 28
Claude Racette	Brian Nutter	Nov 30
Dan Salt	Arthur Hann	Dec 03
Derek Fane	Donald Middleton	Dec 03
Maurice	Frank M	Dec 04
	Harold B. Desmarais	Dec 04
	Albert Sarthou	Dec 04
	Grant Bélanger	Dec 05

Birthdays

Barrie Martin	Nov 03	Derek Fane	Dec 12
Tom Riley	Nov 07	Sa'ad G. Talia	Dec 12
Roy Miles	Nov 11	Gerry Asselstine	Dec 13
Ed Harbar	Nov 12	Cliff Curley	Dec 14
Peter Erlandson	Nov 13	Alan Rockwell	Dec 16
Jack Garland	Nov 14	Terry Bonasheski	Dec 17
Bill Graham	Nov 14		
Ted Hall	Nov 17		
Terry Cook	Nov 18		
Ted W	Nov 21		
Bob Galloway	Nov 23		

Please note: Your \$25.00 annual membership fee is due on your birthday!!!

