



## Prime Timers Toronto Loses Two Distinguished Members



Paul Flieler and Friends

It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of two of Prime Timers Toronto's great stalwarts. Below is a tribute to Paul and Philip contributed by Jim Elliot. Further comments are included in the President's message. ed.

Lord you know Paul and Philip weren't perfect  
You know as well how much they were our friends  
Also Lord, fine and loving brothers  
Faithful to those they cared for, to the end

They always reached out to be helpful  
Caring for those in need and those alone  
Making no big deal, they shared with others  
Giving of their bread and of their homes

Philip Stanbury

It's not our business, Lord, to judge them  
Yours and Yours alone that task must be  
But, may we say a word for our dear brothers  
Now that from their earthly bounds they're free

See our tears and note them as a witness  
Would we weep for someone hard of heart  
Would we feel this painful gap every morning  
Would we dare to plead and take their part

Thank you Lord for such a gift as Paul and Philip  
Now we hold them out to You and say  
Here are our brothers, here are our friends, Dear  
Lord, they were a blessing  
Great God, thanks that Paul and Philip walked our  
way



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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:  
SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

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**President Hoover's State  
of the Union Address  
October 2004**

This is the most difficult address that I have had to write since becoming President of Prime Timers.

Within the last two weeks, two of our outstanding and exemplary members have passed away. Philip Stanbury, a Past President passed away on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Paul Flieler, know to many in the group as "mother" passed away on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Philip and Paul were very different people, but at the same time they had a lot of similarities. Both loved to be around people. Philip loved to gather members for the book club and playreading group. Paul loved to have people come out for the games night and Friday afternoon coffee.

Both stuck to their principles. Philip could never understand why anyone would drive a Buick. Paul could never understand why anyone would spend a lot of money on an expensive restaurant when you could go to Macdonald's. Both men joyfully volunteered their time. While Philip was President he was also newsletter editor, and led the book, playreading and computer clubs. In addition to the games night and Friday afternoon coffee, Paul looked after the front desk registration and organized many trips for us including one to Stratford in July.

Both men valued worship in their lives. Philip was an active member of the Church of the Redeemer and Paul was an active member of Metropolitan United Church. Both left behind loving partners. To Miguel and Rick, the hardest part now begins as they face the future without Philip and Paul.

Both were Proud Prime Timers. While Philip was President in 2000, he promoted a higher profile for the club. One example was the increased activities and signage during Pride week. For Paul, his most valued possession was his Prime Timers watch. He was constantly urging me to make sure that the members had something to wear with the Prime Timers logo on it.

Both were always there when I needed advice. They were friends as well as mentors. When Philip was President I looked after the Xmas Party. Many times I was rather frustrated. But Philip was always able to calm me down and gently say "you are doing a good job, keep going". And Paul was great for bouncing ideas off. I knew I was on the wrong track when he would say: "well, why would you do that?"

And the greatest similarity of both men? They loved to smile. In looking over pictures of the two men, the one dominant feature was their smiles. They were happy in life and they wanted others to be happy as well. In summary, Philip and Paul will be greatly missed. But we learned from them and they both set great examples for us to follow.

Good-bye guys. And keep smiling.

President Hoover, aka Chris.





More pictures of Philip, left, and Paul, on the right.

## THE NOTICE BOARD

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### CANCER TOWN HALL

My name is Jennifer Alexander and I'm a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society I'm writing about a project I am working on with the Canadian Cancer Society. I'm working with people from the society as well as some representatives of the GLBTT community. We are organizing a Town Hall Meeting in which the Canadian Cancer Society will provide information as to what services they presently provide and inviting people from the community to discuss where there are gaps in terms of cancer support for people in the GLBTT community.

One of the things we'd like to do is have people in the audience who will stand up and give short testimonials as to their experience with cancer. It could be someone that has lost a partner, it could be someone with a diagnosis of cancer, it could be someone who's partner has had a diagnosis of cancer, it could be a man with breast cancer who cannot find any support, it could be a transgendered person who has been touched by cancer, etc. etc. etc.

I'm writing to ask if you know of anyone who would be interested in taking part in the Town Hall. It will be held on November 27th from about 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. at the 519. I am meeting with the CCS on Wednesday and would really appreciate it if you could think about this and get back to me before then. You can email me or call me at 416-484-0100.

Thanks for any assistance you can provide; this is a first. To have a national organization like the CCS initiating a discussion with the GLBTT community. What wonderful progress!

Thanks Jennifer Alexander

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### DINING OUT GROUP

The next dining out will be held at Angelini Ristorante & Pizza, 504 Jarvis St. at Cawthra Square. It will be held at 7:30 PM on Nov. 13. Since space is limited, those interested should call Terry Peters, 416-925-9104 to make a reservation.

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### CAMERA CLUB?

Last month I posted a notice asking about interest in a possible camera club group within Prime Timers. So far, only one person has indicated interest. I am willing to proceed with this only if there is sufficient interest. I can be contacted at 416-469-4898.

Charlie Snell

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### COFFEE MEETING CHANGE

Please note that the location for the Friday coffee meeting has changed to Timothy's at 618 Yonge Street, corner of St. Joseph. The next meeting is Friday, 22 October.



John Way's partner and long time Prime Timer, Tasis Lemonidis on a recent trip to Amsterdam. Hmmmm – maybe the clogs are just a touch too big?

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Please help make this a better newsletter by making sure that your copy is in by Friday of the week before the monthly meeting. Thanks. Charlie Snell

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## Rolland Proulx Delivers Motivational Talk at September Meeting



Above, the speaker. Below is the text of his supplementary material.

“You’re never too old to become younger.”

Mae West (1892-1980)

**Life has a way of working us over so we can wake-up and get busy being ourselves.**

You’re never too old and you’re only as old as you think you are. If you believe you are too old to do what you want to do in life then it will be so and you will have single handedly prevented yourself from experiencing greater opportunities and possibilities and stretching your potential self-development. Sure age prejudice is alive and well yet most often we set-up the barriers that then prevent us from doing what we really want to do. Life works its own magic in cyclic waves and each new cycle calls for self-renewal, a time to review goals and move into a fresh direction if you so wish. What used to work for you may not necessarily work in your favour now and that is O.K.

The need for self-renewal does not stop because you are over fifty years of age. Every cycle, think seven-

year cycles, presents opportunities to revolutionize your life, to let go of the old and make room for the new. Nothing remains the same and if you look into your past you will recall times in your life when outer circumstances delivered a punch, when challenges generously rolled in and offered up occasions for you to make a clean break with the past and begin anew. Every day offers up new beginnings and yesterday is already many miles behind us, the present is at hand and now is a good time as ever to do your thing and embrace the future.

Age is not the hitch our attitude towards aging is the problem. I know a man who in his seventies decided to go to University and graduated, who now at eight-four years of age plays tennis several times a week, drives his car, and his first book will be in bookstore this September. For some aging is like a death sentence, a withdrawal from active participation as though somehow you have nothing more to learn or give and you’re time has run out. Well it is not over until it is over and the most exciting thing a person can do for themselves is to learn new skills, fulfill long held dreams; like I have always wanted to work with oils on canvass, learn to play piano or travel around the world. There is so much to discover, to learn and experience in this wonderful world we live in. So what is holding you back? The answer is you and nothing but you.

Renewed purpose in life contributes to better health, makes you feel younger and generates energy. It is best to focus on what you can do and not on what you think you can’t do and get busy creating an exciting life for yourself. The greater your enthusiasm for life the more people will want to be around you and share your vitality and aliveness, as opposed to running the other way when they see you coming. What have you got to lose? Nothing. Know that you are infinitely greater than all your fears and that life begs to be lived to the fullest. You are never too old to dream, to embark on new adventures and to dare to reinvent yourself.

**Rolland E. Proulx**  
**Motivational Speaker**  
**Author of The Electric Oracle Speaks**  
**Available September 2004**

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**Remember to get your Christmas Dinner tickets. Only \$35.00 See Arthur Martin at the meeting, or phone him at: 416-924-7344**

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## Euchre Scores

Date	1st	2nd	Low
Aug 17	Garry C	Gary B	Neil
Aug 24	Gary B	Don H	Stan G / Tom B
Aug 31	Russ B	Lyle / Ian B	Tom B
Sept 7	Stan G	Ian B	Tom B
Sept 14	Don H	Arthur M	Gary B
Sept 21	Rick J	Jim E	Russ B
Sept 28	Neil G	Garry C	Ian B
Oct 5	Don H	Ralph B	Ian B

Bridge lessons are held in the café at the 519 Community Centre. Mondays at 10:00 AM is the time. Phone Don Middleton for more info 416-923-3896

Men interested in joining the Wednesday Bridge can contact Don Middleton. It is held at 460 Jarvis Street, 4th floor, ring 315, at 1:30 PM.

Men interested in joining the Thursday Evening Bridge can contact Morley Simpson at 416-922-5682. Location varies.

## Bridge Scores

Date	High	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Low
Sept 15	Eddie W.	Clayton W.	Tony H.	Don H.
Sept 16	Harry M.			Ed. K.
Sept 22	Don B.	Fred J.	Ed. K	Lyle K.
Sept 23	Ed. K.			Charlie S.
Sept 29	Jon B.	Jack H.	Bill T.	Arthur M.
Sept 30	Arthur M.			Morley S.
Oct 6	Ed. K.	Eugene Sc.	Bob C.	Don H.
Oct 7	Ed K.			Doug Vz

Men interesting in joining Tuesday Euchre can contact Gary or Ralph at 416-751-7444. It is also held at 460 Jarvis Street, but starting at 1:00 PM.

This space had been set aside for the new members and birthdays listing. Unfortunately, this information was not made available before the publication deadline. Ed.

## MONTHLY MEETING SPEAKERS

Monthly meeting program coordinator Kevin MacDonald has submitted the following schedule for the next five months:

November 20 Arts and Crafts —our own artists ..you too may participate

December 18 Prime Timers Christmas Lunch Party

January 15 Hon Minister Smitherman

February 19 Village Businessmen -Their Views and Support to the area

March is the Annual meeting ..Election of Officers and other Business

We like to provide entertainment for each meeting but find it best to arrange close to meeting date.

## Arthur Martin Sept. 50-50 Draw Winner



Arthur Martin was the winner of the 50-50 draw held at the September General Meeting, taking away \$66.50. The remaining \$66.50 went to help fund Prime Timers Toronto activities. There are no other recipients of the proceeds of the 50-50 ticket sales.

### Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Bowlers

To celebrate our second birthday, 14 guests including 3 non bowlers arrived at 292 Danforth Ave. We had just finished our bowling stint at Danforth Bowling Alley. The guys were excited about trying out a new Greek restaurant. They were also very hungry. Being a warm September night, we chose to sit under the stars on the rear patio. It was perfect. Lots of conversation as usual and a very delicious menu. Peter Marinelli recommended the Asteria to us and also made the reservation. Thank you, Peter.

Please come and join us for our monthly bowling on the second Saturday of each month at 3 P.M. Bowling experience is not required. As a side benefit is the light exercise that you receive while throwing those balls. For further info call Patrick at 416-244-3077 or Ron Smith at 416-533-8454. "Your Bowling Committee"

## Prime Timers Caribbean Cruise February 2005

This year's Cruise in February 2004 was attended by 400 Prime Timers and by all accounts was a rousing success and is being repeated. The 2005 event is a regular Cruise on Celebrity Line's "Century". Same as before, a block of cabins is being held for members of Prime Timers Worldwide and it is expected that this time 600 of our guys will be on board. 'Sounds like fun and a terrific way to leave behind the joys of our Toronto winters for a short while.

For more details check the website [www.male4me.com](http://www.male4me.com) or call Salvo at 954-566-1015. Anyone who is holding a firm booking is invited to a little get together either before Christmas or early in the new year to kick off the trip and get to know each other. Contact Hans Wendt at: [ptcruise05@hotmail.com](mailto:ptcruise05@hotmail.com) for details.

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### NEWS FROM FROM THE 519

Artz Alive is an 8 week course in mixed media facilitated by Leon Soriano, an international artist and teacher. The course is geared for both beginner and experienced artists. Wednesdays from 6 October through November 24 from 2:30 to 4:30. Fee \$25.00 (sliding scale) Register by calling or coming in to the Front Desk at The 519 Church Community Centre

### Get on those Boots and Clogs for Line Dancing and Clogging

Yoshi Sumida, an experienced instructor in both line dancing and clogging has offered to teach a course for older GLBT folk in the New Year. It would likely run 6 to 8 weeks during the day here at The 519.

We need people to let us know if this sounds like fun and if they want to sign up.

For further information or to express your interest, please contact

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The 519 Church Street Community Centre

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## Health Care Forum

Health Care Forum commemorates the 100 anniversary of the birth of Tommy Douglas, Father of Medicare Day

Proclamation by David Miller, Mayor of Toronto

Your Health: Can You Afford to Grow Older?

What will you do should you become ill or infirm?  
Where will you live and who will look after your needs?  
What care options are available for low, moderate and high income elderly?  
How can seniors and their families plan for future health and assisted living needs?  
What is the impact of increasing privatization and for-profit health care?

### Speakers:

Shirley Douglas, Actor, Health Care Activist, Daughter of Tommy Douglas

Hon. Roy J. Romanow, Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada

Dr. Patricia Spindel, Professor of Social Services, Humber College

Armine Yalnizyan, Economist, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

### Moderator:

Ted Barris, Author, CBC Broadcaster, Professor of Journalism, Centennial College

Wednesday October 20th, 2004

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Toronto City Hall, Council Chambers

100 Queen Street West, Nathan Phillips Square

Free Admission — Wheel Chair Accessible

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## PLEASE REMEMBER!!

The submission deadline for material to be included in the newsletter is Friday a week before the monthly meeting. Late submissions were a big problem last month, and even more so this month. So- **NOTHING will be included in the November newsletter that is not in my hands when I roll out of bed the Saturday morning a week before the meeting.** Thanks for your cooperation in this. Charlie Snell

## Want some cheap entertainment?

Movies at the 519 Church Street Community Centre, Toronto

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

Monday, October 18, 2004

“Annie Get Your Gun” starring Betty Hutton and Howard Keel. This timeless Irving Berlin musical revolves around Annie Oakley, a sharp shooter in the old West who becomes beloved by audiences worldwide and eventually by Frank Butler, her so star in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show.

Monday, November 15, 2004

“Cleopatra” starring Claudette Colbert. In this Cecil B. De Mille epic, Colbert is seen in one of her greatest roles. Dramatic license embellishes this historic tale with the Queen of Egypt playing against the might Julius Cesar of Rome.

Monday December 20, 2004

Roman Scandals starring Eddie Cantor and 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 “intrigue” 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 production throughout his bouncy backstage extravaganza. The plot is thin but the entertainment is thick with lavish dance numbers and comic situations.

In all cases, light refreshments will be served and there is no fee to attend.

For further information contact Dick Moore, Coordinator, The Older GLBT Programme at The 519 Church /Street Community centre

416 392 6878 ext.118

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