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WOODY'S, TORONTO CHRYSLER HONOURED AT AUGUST MEETING



The August monthly meeting saw presentations of appreciation to two of Prime Timers major supporters. Left, President Chris Hoover with Ledie Toscano of Woodys and Right, Vice President Jim Elliot with Ricardo Lopes do Oliveira of Toronto Chrysler.



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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
State of the Union Address
September 2004

Dear Fellow Prime Timers:

One of the things I have learned is that change is always constant. And it always seems to happen when you least expect it. Last week, I was thinking of the final six months of my term as President. I was wondering what had succeeded in the first six months and what we need to accomplish before next March.

Then unexpected change happened. Our Vice President, Jim Elliott decided to resign from his position. Jim has worked extremely hard over the first six months to implement many new initiatives for our Prime Timers group. During that time my friendship with Jim has grown as he has been a trusted confidante and adviser. Most days we would talk on the telephone and discuss issues. One thing with Jim never changed and that was his love for the Prime Timers group. I tried to talk Jim into staying on, but Jim acknowledged that he wanted to step aside. So I accepted that change was inevitable and I announced his resignation to the Executive Committee meeting on the 7th.

I want to thank Jim for all his work and his caring. He will still be involved with Prime Timers, albeit in limited projects. Under the constitution a replacement can be appointed by the Executive Committee. If anyone is interested in filling the role of Vice President until next March please contact me.

So Jim's resignation now made it clear what has to be accomplished before next March. There are too few doing too much work. At our Executive Committee meeting we formed a Constitutional review committee to see if any changes needed to be made to our new constitution. A review of the executive committee, its size and functions will be part of the Committee's mandate. At the meeting, it was also decided that our Membership Committee needs to review all the membership data to ensure it is up to date. This is a very important committee under the leadership of our Secretary, Fort Hui. Also the executive will soon be appointing a Nominating Committee to look after filling the positions for next March. As you can see there is lots of opportunity for involvement. Notwithstanding these three committees, the Pride 2005 Committee under the leadership of Sa'ad Talia needs more members. Committee work is an excellent way to learn how your Prime Timers organization functions. It is also good training if you wish to be on the Executive Committee.

So the message for the remainder of the year is to get involved with your Prime Timers group. We need a Vice President to fill in the remainder of Jim's term and we need people to sit on the different Committees. If you are interested, please contact myself or one of the executives. The more people we get involved, the more successful our group will be. And change will continue to be constant!

With love, President Hoover
aka Chris.



September Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.

This summary of the Executive Committee Meeting is included for your information. The complete minutes are available for the asking.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Letter to PTWW stating our interest in hosting the 2009 World Wide convention was sent on July 10 2004. Chris will follow-up.
Name Tags - Prime Timers Toronto Name Tags have been used since last meeting. We need some more people to help out to write the Name Tags.

Storage - We have a storage space. Chris' friend agreed to share with us his storage place. Most of our club stock has been moved to the new storage. Some stuff will be moved from the 519.

PT Logo Items - this will be kept in the agenda for future discussion.

Telephone Committee - Chris explained to Jim about the purpose of the proposed committee. It is to gather members to contact members for communication purposes. This will stay as the item for discussion.

Treasurer's Report:

Andre.5336.86 / 22 = 3313.96 as of Sep 6, 2004. Audit Committee needs to be convened to audit the first 6 months. They will be called soon. Expense claim form has been revised and will be sent to all people concerned and available at the meetings.

Committees Reports:

Program Committee reported the following programs:

There will be entertainment in every meeting after snack time.

Sep 18 - nutrition & Fitness

Oct 16 - motivational speaker

Nov 20 - arts and craft fair;

Dec 18 - Christmas celebration;

Jan 2005 - Smitherman, Ontario Minister of Health; Feb 2005 - bar owners (4 to 5);

February 2005 - TBA

Mar 2005 - Annual General Meeting and Election of Executives.

Stratford Trip: There are still a few seats available. Tuesday November 16. October 10 payment due date.

We are looking for a new location for the Friday coffees. Suggestions are appreciated.

Pride 2005 - Committee will meet soon.

New Business:

Chris read a letter from Jim Elliot in which he resigns as Vice President. The Executive has accepted his resignation while expressing their appreciation for all the work he's done and encouraging him to continue to be active in the group. We need to find a replacement for Jim. An announcement will be made at the meeting seeking interest.

We need to update our member's roster. Many addresses and phone numbers have changed. We will send out a letter encouraging members to update their information. The membership committee will meet to discuss improvements on updating the list. Welcome letters to expired members was suggested. Renewal notes. New members package and get-together will be a part of the committee agenda.

What are our objectives for the Fall? Membership information database cleanup; membership drive and promotion of the club to other clubs. A Constitution Committee will meet to review our Constitution. Begin preparation for the next AGM. (March 19, 2005). January 19 will be the deadline to send out AGM information packages.

Other Business:

Charles Snell asked about having 'want ads' in the newsletter. Concerns of misuse were expressed. It was decided not to do this.

It was suggested that our club should be more politically involved. It was pointed out that our mandate is as a social group. There are other groups in the city to do that. An vigorous debate was carried. A good discussion took place.

Attendance at Friday Games Night has been poor. Next games night will be in September 24. We will try to promote this better. A signup sheet will be distributed at the meeting. A motion was made to allocate some money for games' night. Carried.

Peter Guts is redesigning the web site over the next 2 months. There will be a notice in encouraging members to submit more information in newsletter.

Jim H suggested having a survey of our groups, like stamp collecting, etc. to find out the involvement of our membership towards our interest groups. Chris suggested having the survey in the October meeting since Arthur is having a special meal for the meeting. These will assist planning of the future of the club. Jim volunteered on making out the form for the survey.

Adjourn @ 8:05 pm





Prime Timers are indebted to André Langdon for his work in organizing the outing to the Red Barn Theatre at Jackson's point. His account of the adventure appears on page 8 of this issue, along with information about another, upcoming

AT THE 519 —

Visibility Project Is Underway

The Older GLBT Programme is hosting an exciting project to raise consciousness in the queer and mainstream communities regarding the presence, contribution and down right sexiness of the older GLBT community. The project was made possible by a donation from Jack Harmer, a 519 volunteer, sometime staff and gay elder extraordinaire.

The project is capturing images of local older GLBT folk on camera with the intention of developing a poster for distribution in the wider community, a collection of images and an exhibition of photos.

The first photo shoot took place on Wednesday, August 25 and attracted 18 models, some as couples, some as singles. There were 5 volunteer photographers all from the 519's own Older GLBT Photo group. Jennifer Lafontaine, animator of the photo group was on hand organizing the event.

Look out for the launch of the poster, which has been designed by Gary Leroux, another volunteer in the older GLBT programme.

Sadly, only one Prime Timer showed up for this event. As to who he was – well, you will just have to wait to find out!!

Arts Alive, a New Initiative in the Older GLBT Programme

Starting in October, The Older GLBT Programme will be expanding its repertoire to include a multi media arts program facilitated by Leon Soriano, an artist and teacher with international experience. The 8 week course is designed for both new and experienced artists. You will have a chance to explore pastels, wax crayons, charcoal, acrylics and collage in the course of the series.

The course will run Wednesday afternoons starting October 7 until November 24 from 2:30 until 4:30 PM. The fee for the series is \$25.00. Class size will be small so if you're interested, call the Front Desk at The 519 and register (416 392 6874).

GORDON DAVIES, CLGA

Gordon Davies will speak on the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archive at the Older GLBT Drop in. The Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives is the second largest LGBT archives in the world and, in operation since 1973 and is composed of a group of 40 volunteers working to preserve lesbian and gay history in Canada and beyond.

Gordon Davies is a Board Member of the archives, a consultant and lecturer at local schools of business administration and a founding member of Vivat, a company working to develop a GLBT condominium.

The time is Monday, September 20 at 3 PM The East Room and refreshments will be served. There is no fee charged to attend.

Walking Club

Meets every second Saturday of each month at 10am in front of 519 Church Street. Our next meeting for a walk will be Saturday October 9/04. It was suggested that we will be walking to Cabbagetown/Riverdale Park on That date. Members walk for 1 hour, at a different location of the city every time.

Members can forward suggestion for the next walk to the Walking Club co-ordinator Peter Marinelli at: bpapple@yahoo.com or call him at 416-322-1045.

On our September 11/04 walk we walked through Rosedale and had 8 people participating: Ed Healey, Gary Carter, Sam Yassim, Tak Kamata, Kevin Macdonald, John Pearson, Ron Connors and Peter Marinelli.

Please join us for the next walk on Saturday October 9/04 @ 10am in front of 519 Church Street. Its fun, Its healthy Its just plain great for you.....



The guys at the Walking Club meeting on Sept 11 for a jaunt through Rosedale. Peter is holding a copy of "The Walking Club Manual". Hmmmmm. Looks like this is a fun group in addition to being a way to get out and get some exercise.



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Guys and Dolls at Stratford

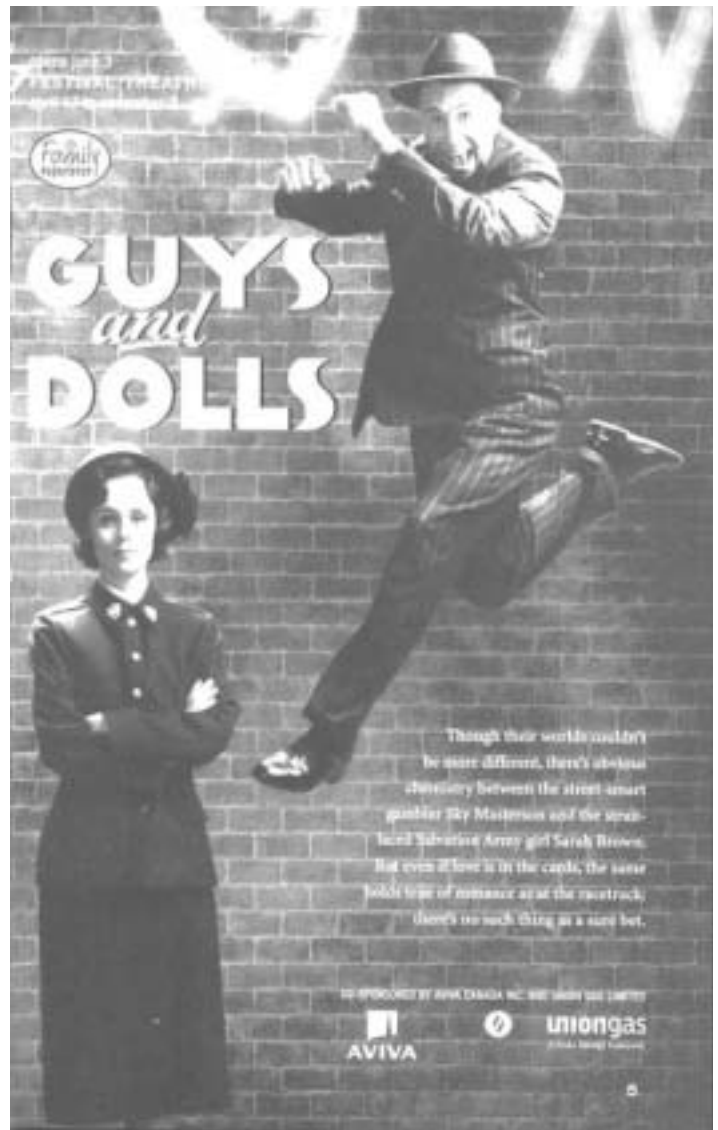
Members of the Events Committee of the Prime Timers Toronto have put together another great trip to Stratford to see the hit musical, "Guys and Dolls". After the very successful venture organized back in July to see Cole Porter's "Anything Goes", it was decided that another trip was warranted. And so we have it.

The trip is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2004. The cost for the trip is a mere \$66.00. This includes round trip private coach (with washroom on board), reserved seats at the Festival Theatre, in the centre section where no one will be more than nine (9) rows from the stage, plus a gratuity for our bus driver. That's pretty difficult to upstage.

How about it? What a great outing with people that you already know! It is sure to be a fun time. The bus will leave the 519 Community Centre at 10:00 am, arriving in Stratford so that there is time for a lunch at one of Stratford's great downtown restaurants, prior to being driven to the Festival Theatre in time for the 2:00 pm matinee. There will be time for a quick libation after the performance before the bus returns to Toronto at 6:00 pm. There is also a planned surprise!

If we have piqued your interest and you'd like to reserve your place, please contact Neil at 416-923-0721 or e-mail him at neon2203@pathcom.com. Don't waste too much time in making your decision, as there are only a few seats left.

Can we reserve a seat for you?



Games Night

The Prime Timers games night is held the first Friday of every month. 8 PM at the 519. Attendance has been low, and there is the possibility that it may be cancelled if more members do not attend. Any suggestions, ideas on how to improve the event or questions may be directed to Paul Flieler at 416-966-0480 and would be greatly appreciated.

Theatre Outing

See Andre Landon's article on page 8 of this issue for information on another theatre outing that he is organizing.

Christmas Dinner

Where has the year gone? It is already time to think about Christmas, and that also means the annual Prime Timers Christmas dinner.

Same time, place and price: The Ramada Inn on Jarvis Street, Saturday December 4 with cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:30. Anyone who has attended these dinners in the past will tell you what a great time they are.

Tickets are a paltry \$35.00 and available from Arthur Martin. Also, we are indebted to Arthur for once again taking on the responsibility of organizing this major event yet again. Thanks!!

Arthur may be contacted at: 416-924-7344 or by email at: kille@sympatico.ca

Taking the Road to Jasper Station via Jackson's Point

Picture it. Twenty-eight "older" gay men travelling to beautiful Jackson's Point on the shores of Lake Simcoe for an afternoon of food and entertainment. Will the town survive? This is definitely not Church and Wellesley!

After months of negotiations and organizing (bus or carpool, selecting from a half-dozen restaurant, collecting funds, changing dates), we finally left the comfort of our inner-city lives in a dozen or so different cars. First stop: the Lake Simcoe Arms restaurant. Just hand the waitress your cartoon fish, chicken or cow and before you know it, an hour has passed and we've all consumed our meals: salad, entrée and dessert. Luckily, the theatre is just a short walk away and the weather is co-operating.

Picture it. Six people meet for the first time at Jasper Station waiting for the train to Vancouver: the aspiring journalist, the unhappy housewife, the pregnant girl running away to be

picked up by an alien spaceship, the hockey player called up by the Canucks, the Jewish accountant going to Seattle to pursue his dream of being a country music songwriter and the station attendant. What does the future hold? This is the plot for Jasper Station, the musical-comedy we've all assembled to see in a Red Barn Theatre, all for only \$38. Good cast, snappy tunes and the unexpected twist at the end make for a rather pleasant day. Didn't make it? Well maybe next time!

Our next theatre event will be Take Me Out! in January at the CanStage theatre. It's the story of a gay professional baseball player who happens to be out of the closet. A huge hit on Broadway last year, and a multiple winner of the Tony Awards, Take Me Out! is sure to entertain. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details over the next few months. Hope to see you there.

New members

Welcome Aboard!!

Christopher Smith
Dale Stewart
Richard Moore

Gary Mathews	Sep 27
Brian J	Oct 01
Yves Martel	Oct 04
Vern Marson	Oct 04
Jeff Schmidt	Oct 05
George Wilson	Oct 07
Harold Crawford	Oct 11
Bob Robinson	Oct 14

Birthdays

Larry Baker	Sep 20
Don H	Sep 23
Jack Spofford	Sep 24
Brian Marshall	Sep 24
Mike Stewart	Sep 27

Errors, changes, etc. should be brought to the attention of the registrar at: ptmembers@sympatico.ca

Bridge Scores

Date	High	Second	Third	Low
Aug 18	Mac M.	Bill A	Charlie S.	Don H.
19	Rodney J.			Jack H.
25	Eddie W.	Charlie S.	Brian J.	Lyle B.
26	Rodney J.			Ed K.
Sept 1	Morley S.	Eugene St.	Fred J.	Rodney J.
2	Don L.			Arthur M.
8	Ken A.	Charlie S.	Ed K.	Clayton W.
9	Morley S.			Doug Vz.

Unfortunately, Euchre scores were not available for inclusion in this edition of the news letter.

Camera Club Anyone?

Are any of our photographers interested in getting together to form a camera club? Toronto has much to offer in terms of photographic possibilities and the now one hour labs and digital cameras make it easier than ever to get the results of our efforts before our eyes in record time. This could be a good chance to get out and about in the city and learn more about this hobby. Both digital and film photographers would be welcome, as well as novices and seasoned veterans alike. Phone or email Charlie Snell with your ideas and interests. 416-469-4898, ctsnell@sympatico.ca

Stamp Club

Men interested in joining the stamp club can obtain more information from Barry Martin, 416-927-0173 or by email: barrbruc260@rogers.com.

