

**THE PRIME  
TORONTO**



**TIMES  
CANADA**

## Oklahoma City Labour Day Getaway 2005

Here we are, sitting at the Dallas/FtW Airport waiting for the connecting flight to take us back to Toronto. We just had a lovely weekend in Oklahoma City. It all started five days ago when Frank, Gene and I left Toronto on a rainy Wednesday morning. The flight was uneventful. We went through Chicago to reach Oklahoma City in the late afternoon. John Mc. was there to pick us up and took us to the Habana Inn for the Prime Timer's Labour Day getaway. This was the fifth year in a row that I have gone to OKC for the long weekend. I went to school at the University of Oklahoma at Norman in the late 70's. So, for me, it was like a homecoming: feeling the dry heat of Oklahoma, seeing the red clay dirt roads and eating Chicken Fried Steaks (which has nothing to do with chicken for those who do not know what it is). The events did not start until Friday morning but there were early arrivals at the Inn already. It was always nice to see familiar faces and making new friends. This year's event attracted over 200



people. As in any Prime Timers gatherings, we had a great time "socializing". Each morning there were coffee, juices and donuts. The Hospitality room was opened all day with free drinks. Happy hour was from 4-6 pm every day. Dinners with entertainment were featured on Friday and Saturday nights. Brunches and lunches were available for those who like to stay within the Inn. We were fortunate to have John driving us around the city. I had my fill of Chicken Fried Steaks when I was not eating with the Prime Timers. I even had Chicken Fried Steak for breakfast. Some of us visited the



local tourist attractions e.g. the OK Memorial (see picture below) and the Western Heritage Museum (formerly the Cowboy Hall of Fame). Some went shopping at Wal-mart. Some watched football games. Some played Bridge in the afternoons. Others socialized around the pool. One nice thing about the convention was that it could be anything you wanted it to be. You could be a "wall flower" or a "social butterfly". You could find whatever you were looking for without looking very hard. You could even attend a Prime Timer meeting for the delegates. Great fun and enjoyable times were had by all. The days went by very quickly and before I knew it, I had to leave as I had to be back at work on Tuesday.

When the American Airline plane touched down in Toronto, my friend Peter was there to take us home. Now, I have to tuck away those new memories for another year when Labour Day comes again.



**PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE**  
 5th WORLDWIDE CONVENTION  
 October 27 - 30 2005  
 ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
 Thursday - Sunday

## WE NEED YOU in Orlando!!!

Prime Timers Worldwide Convention  
 Thursday Oct 27 to Sunday Oct 30, 2005

Time to use your "Aero Points"  
 You can FLY—BUS—TRAIN—CAR— to Orlando  
 Great Hotel from \$56 USD

**Event registration:** Includes three cocktail hours with appetizers and cash bar; a gala dinner with entertainment on Saturday; Karaoke Friday night; a souvenir polo shirt, tote bag and name tag. **\$115.00**

**Optional Sunday Farewell Brunch:** Including a LOT of food, not just a breakfast buffet. **\$30.00**

**We are officially doing our final presentation to host the 2009 Prime Timers Worldwide Convention**

**We need your present THERE to impress them all  
 FUN TRIP—Sun—Men—Sex!!!**

**We will also be co-hosting a cocktail party for  
 Prime Timers Canadian chapters**





**President's address from Martha's Beenyard**

Once again we are being asked to make a decision. It seems to me that all of one's life is a continuous situation of decision making. From the time you rise in the morning until the time you close your eyes to sleep you are constantly making decisions. At this month's meeting you are being asked to make another decision. Since our chapter commenced operations, eleven years ago, the annual membership dues have remained at \$25.00. The executive of your club are putting forward a proposal to increase that amount by \$10.00 a year to \$35.00. We feel that it is necessary in order to have some funds available in case of emergencies and to have our club recognized as an association that can help out in cases of need. Apparently, before I joined the club, we gave the 519 a donation each year but this was discontinued. We feel that this donation should be reinstated as we use the premises each month without remuneration. We will also have events happening that might require some financial assistance in the near future. I would ask you to please attend this month's meeting and let us know how you feel.

Hugs  
**Arthur** (aka Martha)

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**Executive Members 2005-6**

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|-----------------|------------|
| President       | Arthur M.  |
| Vice President  | Doug vZ    |
| Secretary       | Don L.     |
| Treasurer       | Clayton W. |
| Member at Large | Gilles M.  |
| Past Pres.      | Chris H.   |

Editor Charlie S. is on vacation this month.

**Please remember that newsletter submissions are due on Friday the week before the monthly meeting. Material not received by then will not appear in that month's issue.**

**Also: We need articles and pictures of club activities as well as events relating to our membership in a general way.**



The membership cards are available at the September general meeting. Members who are not present will have their cards mailed to them in October.

**Christmas party**

Tickets for the 2005 Xmas party will be available in October.

- Date: 3rd December, 2005
- Place: Ramada Hotel, Jarvis St. (Just, S of Carlton)
- Time: Cocktails 6:00p.m.  
Dinner 7:30p.m.
- Price: \$40.00 members  
\$45.00 guests





## 2006 CRUISE FOR THE MATURE GAY MALE AND HIS ADMIRER ... Frank D.

This year we are sailing on the MSC Lirica, one of two ships that regularly operate 7 and 11 night Caribbean cruises from Fort Lauderdale. Our cruise group departs on February 4, 2006 for 11 nights and returns on February 15, 2006.

Our group of older gay men and their younger admirers is already in its third year with our cruise agency. Special parties, as well as lectures and entertainment are being planned. For more information on this great cruise, [www.gay-travel-by-mim.com](http://www.gay-travel-by-mim.com)

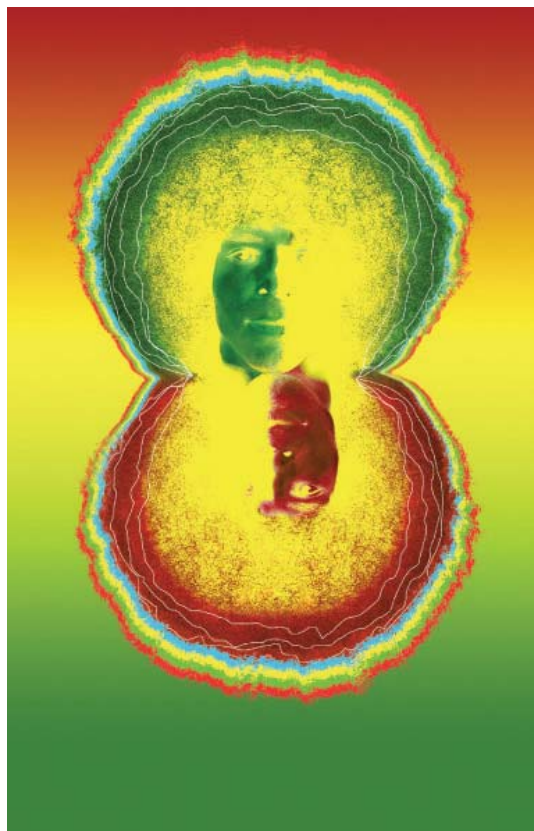
It is not too late to reserve a cabin, and special early booking group rates are currently still available. For those traveling "Single" and who do not wish to pay the single supplement, please note that we have a "Share" program available. Come and join a group of great guys for 11 days of fun and friendship.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Clayton W reported a bank balance of **\$2715.49** as of the end of August.

## Hair, the Musical

The Tribal-Love Rock Musical "HAIR" is going to be presented at the Bluma Appel Theatre at Canstage from March 20th through to June, 2006. If you are interested in seeing this musical with a group from Prime Timers, please e-mail Neil G. at [neon2203@pathcom.com](mailto:neon2203@pathcom.com) or telephone him at 416-923-0721. The date and time of the performance, as well as the cost will be determined by the size of the group. We will shoot for a matinee performance as soon as we know names, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses.



## ***Euchre and Bridge Scores***

### Scores from the Tuesday Euchre Club

<b>Date:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Low</b>
Aug 16	Don L	Ian B	Randy T / Meno
Aug 23	Don H	Terry W	John P
Aug 30	Trevor P	Don H	Randy T
Sept 7	Mike S	Russ B	Tak K

### Scores from the Bridge Club

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Low</b>
Aug 17	Jack H	Eddie W	Charlie S	Marv L
Aug 18	Alan R			Harry M
Aug 24	Eugene S	Ross B	Don L	Don H
Aug 25	Don L			Ed K
Aug 31	Doug vZ	Don L	Rodney	Tom H
Sept 1	<b>DUMMY*</b>			Stan
Sept 7	Ross B	Mac	Marv L	Fred J

Dummy had a high score of 9820.

Please contact Don M. at 416-923-3896 for Bridge on Wednesday afternoons and Morley S. at 416-922-5682 for Bridge on Thursday evenings.

Bridge Lessons have resumed at 519 Church St. on Monday Mornings at 10:00. Please contact Don M. for details.

All are welcome to come out and join the Euchre Club at 1:00 pm on Tuesday afternoons for a fun afternoon of cards. Anyone wanting to learn how to play may contact Ralph B. or Gary B. @ 416-751-7444

## ***Birthdays for the months of September and October***

Reuben K.	09/02	Yves M.	10/04
William A.	09/03	Jeff S.	10/05
Eugene S.	09/03	George W.	10/07
Charlie F.	09/04	Colin B.	10/08
Fred W.	09/08	Robbie R.	10/14
Randy T.	09/11	Jon B.	10/17
Ron C.	09/15	Peter P.	10/18
Larry B.	09/20	Tom B.	10/21
Jack F.	09/24	John R.	10/21
Brian M.	09/24	Tasis L.	10/24
Mike S.	09/27	Ben B.	10/28
Brian J.	10/01	Stephan A.	10/28

### **Congrats, guys.**

Please remember that your dues are payable as of your birthday. Please forward your cheque for \$25.00 to our mailing address or pay at the meeting.



## PRIME TIMER EXECUTIVE MEETING - 6th September, 2005

Attendance: Arthur M., Doug vZ., Clayton W., Don L., Neil G., & Tom B. (Don M. attended the second half of the meeting.)

Regrets: Gilles M., Peter M.

Minutes: Doug vZ. moved that the minutes of the July meeting be passed. It was seconded by Neil G. and approved. The July minutes were not present at the August meeting and by so, passing them was delayed. Neil G. moved to accept the minutes of the August meeting: seconded by Doug vZ. This also was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Clayton W. reported that with the deduction of the fees to be paid for Gypsy and other expense our balance now stands at \$2325.94. Neil G. then mentioned that the deposit for Gypsy of \$389.55 had already been paid. The balance was then amended to **\$2715.49**.

### Previous Business:

1. Arthur M. suggested and it was agreed upon, that the number of available copies of the club newsletter at the General Meeting be lowered to eighty copies.
2. Doug vZ. will take over the formatting of the address labels from Neil G.
3. It was stated that Fort H. has been paid the money for the Web Site renewal.
4. On behalf of the club, Don M. has accepted the invitation by The Fraternity to speak at their January 6, 2006 meeting.
5. It was announced that Gus K. has signed up 11 advertisers for our newsletter. Don L. made a motion to thank Gus for all his work. This was seconded by Neil G. and passed.

### New Business:

1. Cheques for Gypsy to cover the tickets and the bus were issued to Neil G.
2. Arthur M. stated that there has been a fee increase by the Ramada Inn for hosting our Christmas Party. Therefore the price of a ticket for the party will be raised to \$40.00 from \$35.00. An announcement for the sale of the tickets will be placed in the September Newsletter.
3. The executive was unanimous in agreeing to the raising of the membership fees from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per annum. This will be presented for a membership vote at the September meeting.

### Conclusion:

Arthur M. moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Don L. and passed.



*Calendar of events***Next Monthly General Meeting**

October 15                      2-4 pm                      Meets third Saturday of the month at the 519

**Bridge**

Mondays                      10:00 am                      Bridge lessons at the 519.  
Contact Don M.: 416-923-3896 for details.  
Wednesdays                      1:30 pm                      460 Jarvis St. Contact Don M. for details  
Thursdays                      7:30 pm                      Contact Morley S. 416-922-5682 for details

**Monday Lunch**

September 19                      1:00 pm                      Swiss Chalet - 234 Bloor St. E.  
September 26                      1:00 pm                      New Treasures -150 Dundas St. W. Lower floor  
October 3                      1:00 pm                      Zelda's - 542 Church St  
October 10                      1:00 pm                      Cranberries - 601 Parliament St  
October 17                      1:00 pm                      Brown Stone - 603 Yonge St  
Contact Gerry, 416-203-8573 or  
Charles, 416-923-2184 for details

**Euchre**

Tuesdays                      1:00 pm                      460 Jarvis St. Contact Gary or  
Ralph 416-751-7444 for details

**West End Euchre and Dominos.**

September 25                      4:00 pm                      Contact Al or Patrick 416-244-3077 for info.

**Executive Meeting**

October 4                      6:00 pm                      First Tuesday of the month  
460 Jarvis St. Door code 315

**Book Club**

October 11                      7:00 pm                      Second Tuesday of the Month.  
Contact Gerry K. 416-461-5384 for details

**Bowling**

October 8                      3:00 pm                      Bowling at Danforth Bowl, 1554 Danforth Ave.  
Contact Al or Patrick: 416-244-3037 for info.

**Bar Nights**

October 5                      4-7 pm                      Zippers  
October 18                      4-7 pm                      Woody's

**Walking Club**

October 8                      10:00 am                      Contact Peter M. 416-322-1045 for details.

**Stamp Club**

October 19                      7:00 pm                      914-484 Church St. Buzz 254. Coffee served.  
Rick C. 416-966-0480

**Coffee**

Thursdays                      2:00 pm                      Drop in coffee at Coffee Zone.  
Fridays                      2:00 pm                      Drop in coffee at the Java Jive.



## August general meeting Highlights.

Jim E., Steve B. and Arthur M. presented brief biographies as part of an ongoing series.



Jim E.



Steve B.



Arthur M.



Michel J. Stewart spoke on the proposed "Pride House", a retirement / nursing home for Gay men.



Entertainer Charlie Seminerio from Diva Envy sang some songs.



Alex H. and the club each received \$64.00 from the 50-50 draw.

