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I meet Yvan about 13 years ago at an AA meeting. He became the brother that I always wanted, someone whom I could share anything with, without being criticized, or laughed at.

In 1995 both Yvan and I decided to join Prime Timers, a social group with about 20 members, for gay men over 40. With Yvan's huge enthusiasm the membership, during his first year as a member, grew to 50 members and soon we were 150, then over 200.

Because of his vision, muscle and financial help we had our first float in the Pride Parade and recognition by the World Wide chapter.

He loved to create committees for any of the club events. When someone asked "Where are we going to get the money?" His answer was always, "Don't worry we can always get a corporate sponsor." He did get the sponsor or wrote a personal cheque and told no one.

He had the ability to see the good in everyone, and to help when they needed guidance.

We will never know or can even imagine how many lives he touched. Yvan brought a sense of joy, a sense of hope and a sense of, *We can Succeed*, to a group of men who needed support. Prime Timers could list over 400 members who passed through their doors and they each and everyone of them respected Yvan.

Yvan loved to party and to organize right down to the last detail. He would suggest an idea, which, at the time seemed extreme, or way over our heads, but he would make it happen. He made us work and we thought we were having fun, not working.

He loved his family and was extremely proud of his brothers, their wives, and their children and loved to tell of their accomplishments.



Yvan Chenier

Father Uno, Yvan's stage name, you left us far too early!
Now what do we do? We must continue as you taught us.

A friend once told me that you can never over-thank.
Thank You Yvan, Thank You Yvan, Thank You, Thank you.

The above is a tribute written by Ed Healey and delivered at Yvan's funeral.



It has been a sad month for our club with the passing of Yvan. A great, longtime supporter of the Club, Yvan's most recent activities were geared to obtaining and organizing the 2009 PTWW convention in Toronto. I have had the pleasure of cochairing the committee with Yvan for the past year and a half, so I know first hand his commitment to the club. Nothing was ever impossible to Yvan, even getting me to agree to run for the position of President. When his private entreaties didn't get me off the fence, he blind sided me at the end of a committee meeting publicly getting the support of the committee behind his bid, of course I wound up giving in and look what happened. Yvan Chenier will be sadly missed by all.



On a happier note, the kick-off for the Christmas Party December 8th was a great success. Chris Hoover and Woodys gave us a great party with Santa and his elves, lots of presents and a great show by Miss Conception. This year's party looks like the social event of the season. Bring a friend, this is a good occasion of introduce a potential new member to the club.

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A reminder - Newsletter submissions are due no later than Friday, the week before the general meeting. Please send submissions to the address above.

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Woody's is a Prime Timers friendly Bar



467 Church Street in the Village

Our thanks to Jim E
for the pix of Yvan.



Primetimers Statement of Cash Flow
For The Month of September 2007

Revenue		
*PT Events	160.00	
Membership Fees	657.00	
Monthly Meeting	<u>88.00</u>	
Total Revenue		905.00
Expences		
PT Events Expenses	806.50	
Monthly Meeting Expenses	202.50	
Newsletter Supplies	68.40	
Misc Expenses	<u>33.04</u>	
Total Expenses		1,110.44
Net Revenue(Expense)		(205.44)

Bank Summary for the Month of September/07		
Bank Balance August 31/07		6,532.41
Net Revenue(Expense) as above		(205.44)
Bank Balance September 30/07		<u>6,326.97</u>
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Total Cash on Hand, September 30/07		
Bank Account	6,326.97	
Petty Cash	<u>250.00</u>	
Total Cash		6,576.97

Bank Reconciliation as at September 30/07		
Balance per Bank Statement September 30/07		6,430.91
Less: Outstanding Cheque #679	68.40	
#680	<u>35.54</u>	
Bank Balance per Records September 30/07		<u>6,326.97</u>

*PT Events-Money collected from members for Mac & Mabel theater trip.
Bus rental must still be paid from this amount.

2008 Theatre Info

Yes, that right - 2008. Tentatively, two of the shows will be Cabaret and Music Man, both at Stratford.

Please contact Neil G at 416-923-0721 or:
neon2203@pathcom.com

if you are interested in attending. He needs your input now in order to do the advance booking that gets us the best seats and prices.



CLUB NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Weekly Coffee Klatsch

Our get-together every Friday at a coffee shop, held during the warmer months outdoors, at JavaJive, corner Church and Isabella Street, will be changed to:

The Croissant Tree, corner of Church and Charles St., as of Friday, October 26, 2007.

Starting, as always, around 2:00 PM.

So come and join us for a very informal and pleasant afternoon. All are welcome.

Our Thursday Afternoon Coffee at the 'Coffee Zone' located at the Days Inn Carlton St. (West of Maple Leaf Gardens), starting around 2 PM, has not changed. All are welcome

The next

CHINESE DINNER WILL BE:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16 2007

CONTACT MEMBERS OF THE LUNCHEON COMMITTEE TO MAKE A RESERVATION



RENO

The gang has gone to Reno, Nevada. No, they aren't getting married or even divorced. They are there to represent our chapter and promote our convention with will take place in only two years time.

All Euchre Players are welcome to come out and join the Club at 1:00 pm on Tuesday afternoon for a fun afternoon of cards

Anyone wanting to learn how to play contact Ralph or Gary @ 416 751 7444

Scores from the Tuesday Euchre Club

Date:	First	Second	Final
Sept 11	Neil G	Lyle K	Ian B
Sept 18	Lyle K	Arthur M	Gus
Sept 25	John S	Randy T	Neil G/John D
Oct 2	Fred O	Jim H	Stan G
Oct 9	Ron H	Jim H	Ian B

Bridge Results

Date	First	Second	Third	Low
12 Sept	Jon B	Spencer H	Michael H	Lyle K
19 Sept	Ross B	Eddie W	Rocco	Ted B
26 Sept	Paul H	Doug vZ	Jon B	Brian P
3 Oct	Rocco	Peter M	Don M	Brian N

Those wishing to play bridge may contact Don M. – 416-923-3896 for details. He also conducts bridge lessons on Monday mornings at the 519.





MERRY CHRISTMAS



**CHRISTMAS TIME IS COMING!!
JOIN US FOR THE PRIME TIMER'S CHRISTMAS DINNER-PARTY!**

DATE: SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 2007

TIME: Social at 5:30 pm Dinner at 7pm

**WHERE: Timothy Eaton Memorial Church Auditorium
230 St. Clair Ave. West Toronto**




Tickets: \$50.00 Per Person

**Contact: Christopher Hoover at: 416-597-8057
or 647-233-8057**



Tickets will be available at the October meeting

Book Club



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For Nov. 13th the Book Group will be reading David Leddick's "The Sex Squad" which deals with hanky panky in the ballet world of the 50's when a young man's beauty was his intro into the often not so nice world of culture. It is available at THis Ain't the Rosedae Library for \$9.99.

Contact Gerry K. at 416-461-5384 or squidjig@rogers.com for more info.

PRIME TIMERS MONDAY LUNCH SCHEDULE AT 1.00P.M.

Oct 15 Ground Hog, 401, Bloor Street East

Oct 22 Brownstone, 603, Yonge Street

Oct 29 (New) The Pilot Tavern, 22, Cumberland Street

Nov 5 New La Differance, 634, Church Street

Nov 12 Zeldas, 542 Church Street

Nov 19 Pear Tree, 507, Parliament Street



Your PT Membership Gets you 10% Off!!



Please note: This space would normally have been devoted to the minutes of the October executive meeting. However, those minutes did not arrive in time for inclusion in this issue. The editor suggests that those members who wish a copy of the minutes contact the secretary by email: info@primetimerstontoronto.ca. Those without email capability should leave a message at the Xtra hotline phone number: 416-925-9872 ext. 2970.



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The Woody's launch photos shown here and page 7 are courtesy of Steve W.





Calendar for 20 October to 17 November 2007

Weekly:

- Monday: Bridge lessons 10:00 AM at the 519. Contact Don 416-923-3896 for details
Lunch at 1:00 PM. See schedule for locations
- Tuesday: Euchre at 51 Alexander street. Enter through the green open door at the bunker. 1:00 start
Ralph or Garry at 416-751-7444 for info.
- Wednesday Bridge at the same location, but 1:30 start. Contact Don (above) for details.
- Thursday: Coffee, 2:00 at the Coffee Zone, Days Inn on Carleton Street
- Friday: Coffee, 2:00 at **The Croissant Tree**, corner of Church and Charles St., as of Friday, October 26
Please note that this is a chance of venue and will continue until spring.

Others:

Wednesday, 7 November: Executive meeting at the 519 at 5:30. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, 3 November:

- Walking Club. Leaves the 519 at 10:00 AM. Call Peter M. 416-322-1045 for info.
- Bowling. Call Al or Patrick 416-244 3077 for time and place.

Tuesday, 13 November: Book club. Contact Gerry K. at 416-461-5384 or squidjig@rogers.com for more info.

Saturday 17 November: Monthly social, 2:00 PM at the 519.



Thanks to Steve W. for the pix of the Xmas party launch at Woody's, Sept 15

