

My Fellow Prime Timers:

Birds may already have plans to take their flights south to warmer winter weather, this year's longest day has passed, but it does not mean there isn't plenty of summer days ahead. Wherever your remaining travels take you for this summer, enjoy, as we all know what awaits us in a few months.

Prime Timers have received many compliments on our Newsletter, and want to thank Paul Macdonald for doing an excellent job. Also, our advertisers and event organizers for their continued support and hard work on our behalf. Without all of you, Prime Timers Toronto, wouldn't be possible.



The next executive meeting for PTT, is Tuesday August 23rd; no meeting in September; regular executive meetings will begin Tuesday October 4th.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our September social, Saturday September 17th.

Regards to all,

John H. Smye,

President,

Prime Timers Toronto

Bridge scores were
unavailable before the deadline.
They will be published in next
month's issue

Woody's is a Prime Timers friendly Bar



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Thanksgiving Day Lunch

Bumpkins, 31 Gloucester, (just east of Yonge)

Monday, October 10, 12:30pm

Complete meal \$20.00 (salad or soup, main course, coffee/tea)

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Limited seating - reservations with advance payment required

See Gerry A or Ed L at the montly socials, Monday lunches etc.

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Every Monday at 1 pm, we do Lunch

Aug 22: Sambucas 489 Church St
 Aug 29: Pear Tree 507 Parliament St
 Sept 5: Casey's Bar & Grill 200 Dundas E. at Jarvis
 [Labour Day]
 Sept 12: Chew Chew's Diner 156 Carlton at Bleecker

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The editor wishes to thank Brian P. for his movie review-information pages, and the Abstract Expressionist review. Much thanks, also goes out to Ted B. in this month's article Sweet Sixteen 1995-2011.



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Help us make Prime Times more interesting with Your participation.

Submitted articles & photos are most greatly appreciated.

Deadline for news items are Friday, one week before our Monthly Meetings.

Send your entries etc., to macdpaul@gmail.com

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Date	First	Second	Third	Low
12 Jul 2011	Ron H	Dave L	Ian McP	Leo L. & Ralph B
19 Jul 2011	Cards Suspended after 4 th Hand Because of Heat			
26 Jul 2011	Dave L	Ralph B	Gary B	Terry T
02 Aug 2011	Don H	Paul Mac	Gary B, Ralph B & Ronnie L	Dave L
09 Aug 2011	Don H	Ron H. & Walt G	John D	Fred S

If any Prime Timer knows of another Prime Timer's serious illness, death or death of a loved one please contact Garry Carter: @416-927-1331 or: hgcarter@esuite.ca
 He will respond on behalf of the Club

Prime Timers Toronto September Presentation

Dave Smith

Photographing the Male Nude
(Male Erotic Photography)

Dave Smith has been photographing the male nude since the late 1980's and has exhibited his works around Toronto.



Photo by Ron Workshop # 4

"Since the late 1980's I've been doing erotic male photography for fun and exhibiting my prints in such diverse places at The Black Eagle and the O'Conner Gallery. Late last year, I thought it would be a good idea to offer male erotic photography workshops and pass on some of the techniques I'd learned about photographing the male nude.

"From January to May of this year, I held four workshops with a total of ten participants. Though we discussed photographing the male nude, we discussed many other facets of picture taking as well, and I learnt as much as I taught. We took many good photographs. The workshops were successful, and most of the participants continue to seek advice from me about photography."

In the September presentation at the 519, Dave will present some of the photographs from the workshops while discussing some of the techniques, tricks, tips, and things to remember for erotic male photography that he taught and some of the things he learned from the participants at his workshops. **See you at the 519, Saturday September 17, at 2:30pm**



LAST MONTH'S SOCIAL

David Hallam, author of **August Farewell** gave a fine presentation about his long term lover's final weeks of life by reading some very moving passages from his book. Following the break we were entertained by fine vocals, music plus a performance piece by this talented group.



**TORONTO CHAPTER OF PRIME TIMERS
SWEET SIXTEEN (1995 – 2011)**



Top Row: Brian Marshall, Jim Tait, Ed Healey, (-), (-), & Bill Ayrhart.
2nd Row: Frank DeTurse, John Hull, Sam Yassin, Pat Corman, & Al Conery.
Front Row: Terry Scarf (the 1st President of the Toronto Chapter).

The June 23rd 1995 issue #278 of XTRA reported that a new gay men's social club called The Toronto Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLD WIDE (PTWW) had been holding meetings since January 1995. Some of the founding members are shown in the above photograph which was taken earlier by XTRA's staff at the Prime Timers' May/95 monthly meeting at the 519 Church Street Community Centre.

The first Toronto gathering of a small cadre of mature gay men took place on Saturday Jan. 14th 1995 at the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto located then on Gerrard Street East. This meeting was in response to advertisements outlining the nature and goals of PTWW which had been placed in XTRA by Dr. Mike of Hamilton who was a member of Prime Timers International. A second organizational meeting took place two weeks



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later on Jan. 28th 1995 at the 519 Church Street Community Centre in the Gay Village. A following third meeting was held on Sat. Feb 11th 1995 to talk about a new Toronto chapter over beers at Boots Bar in the former Selby Hotel on Sherbourne Street. A week later on Sat. Feb 18th 1995 the founding group met at the 519, to set-up an executive committee and the format for monthly meetings on the third Saturday of every month. The first general meeting of Prime Timers Toronto took place at 2 pm on Saturday March 18th 1995. The rest is history.

Chronologically our past Presidents were: – Terry Scarf, Edward Healey, John Hull, Philip Stanbury, Ken Livingstone, Jim Hunt, Chris Hoover, Arthur Martin, Gus Kieley, & Doug Von Zubin. Today John Smye is the standing President and the membership is over 160 compared to the 60 members that were at the May/95 meeting. The efforts of these individuals, together with the help of many volunteers have served us well.

To quote our founder Woodrow (Woody) Baldwin “*Prime Timers is a gay social club to provide a supportive atmosphere for mature gay & bisexual men, and their admirers for social, educational and recreational activities.*” Woody with a small group of gay friends organized the very first meeting of what would become Prime Timers World Wide on August 15th 1987 in Boston, MA. Today there are more than 73 chapters of the PTWW in the USA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, ISRAEL and SWEDEN.

Sweet Sixteen and never been kissed – how untrue! In 2003 the Prime Timers’ flatbed float, with a huge stylized river boat with PT-crewsters onboard garnered a First Prize for a group in the annual Toronto Pride Parade. In 2006 the Prime Timers Toronto was designated one of the two Toronto Pride Parade’s Honoured Groups. We marched immediately behind the Parade’s Grand Marshalls in their horse-drawn open landau. The Grand Marshalls were two Prime Timers couples who had both celebrated their 50th Anniversaries. In October 2009, the Toronto Chapter of Prime Timers hosted the biennial Prime Timers World Wide Convention with over 215 delegates including special guest Woody Baldwin.

Toronto has been chosen as the host city for World Pride 2014. This event will replace the city’s usual Pride Week, and will be scheduled to celebrate Canada Day and the USA Independence Day. Toronto’s Prime Timers together with many of our affiliates in PTWW will make our presence known.

Article by: Ted Bright

(Verbal & Written sources include : Brian Marshall, Frank DeTurse, Ken Livingstone, Pat Corman, Al Conery, Lewis Hertzman, Chip Lee & Don Love. Also the archival newsletters & documents of Toronto Prime Timers as well as selective material belonging to The Pink Triangle Press’ XTRA)



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**FORTY YEARS AGO
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Several hundred gays & lesbians descended on to Parliament Hill.

That rainy Saturday afternoon heralded Canada's first national march for gay rights



Me holding the Toronto Gay Action banner & umbrella

As well as the Ottawa march, there was a second one that took place in Vancouver the same day.

1. The removal of the nebulous terms "gross indecency" and "indecent act" from the Criminal Code and their replacement by a specific listing of offences, and the equalization of penalties for all remaining homosexual and heterosexual acts; and defining "in private" in the Criminal Code to mean "a condition of privacy."

▼ The Vancouver contingent ▼



2. Removal of "gross indecency" and "buggery" as grounds for indictment as a "dangerous sexual offender" and for vagrancy.

3. A uniform age of consent for all female and male homosexual and heterosexual acts.

4. The Immigration Act be amended so as to omit all references to homosexuals and "homosexualism."

5. The right of equal employment and promotion at all government levels for homosexuals.





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8. To know if it is a policy of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to identify homosexuals within any area of government service and then question them concerning their sexuality and the sexuality of others; and if this is the policy we demand its immediate cessation and destruction of all records so obtained.

9. All legal rights for homosexuals which currently exist for heterosexuals.

10. All public officials and law enforcement agents to employ the full force of their office to bring about changes in the negative attitudes and de facto expressions of discrimination and prejudice against homosexuals



NOW WHAT?

As we all know, that Canada is among of the most open and progressive societies on this planet for lesbian & gay rights. Many changes based on the above demands were met or modified.

Is that good enough? Not really ---- Here are just a couple of illustrations:

- Not withstanding our legal protections that we have fought for & won; there is much more that needs to be achieved. Gay teenagers continue to be bullied, some not even allowed to form gay-straight alliance in many publicly funded school systems. Homophobia is still alive & well.
- Some politicians, cut funding to Pride events, as well as boycott them, which gives ammunition to foes of LGBT citizens.

We have to make sure, as that many of us who are already, or becoming senior citizens, continue to maintain vigilance and demand respect and dignity as we continue to age.

Paul Macdonald

Photo credits Jerald Moldenhauer (Ottawa), CBC, & Canadian Gay Archives

Happy Birthday!



David L. 20/8, **Neil G.** 21/8, **Dave F** 25/8,
Art McD 26/8, **Frank D** 26/8, **Tony H** 27/8,
Bob A 1/9 **Reuben K** 2/9, **Charlie F** 4/9, **Randall T** 11/9

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Changes

BOWLING has moved to the **first Wednesday** of each month, **4:00-6:00pm**, effective **Sept 7**
Location: Danforth Bowl, 1554 The Danforth

EXECUTIVE MEETING this month only!!
Tuesday 23 August in the 519 at 3:45pm
Next regular meeting is the first Tuesday in Oct.

Events

THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCH

Mon. 10 Oct., 12:30pm, Bumpkins, 21 Gloucester
Reservations & payment required. See Gerry A
& Ed L. at the monthly socials, (details to follow)

CHINESE MEAL

Friday 4 November, 7pm
Dim Sum King Seafood Restaurant, Third Floor
421, Dundas Street West (details to follow)

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday 3 December 6pm
Ramada Plaza, 300 Jarvis
(details to follow)

Activity Calendar Aug 21st to Sept. 17th 2011

MONTHLY MEETING:

3rd Saturday of the Month, 2:30 pm at The 519

BRIDGE:

Monday morning 10 am Bridge lessons @ the 519
Wednesday, 1pm, room 301-@the 519 call Don 416-923-3896

EUCHRE:

Games are played, room 301-@the 519, Tues starting at 1pm

MONDAY LUNCHEONS:

Start at 1pm, for locations see schedule on page 2

EXECUTIVE MEETING: (August 23, none during Sept)

3:45 pm First Tuesday of the Month all members in good standing are encouraged to attend, at the 519.

BOWLING:

First Wednesday of every Month (resuming September)
call Al or Patrick 416-244-3077

COFFEE KLATSCH:

Thursday : 2pm Coffee Zone, Holiday Inn, 30 Carlton St.
Friday: 2 pm Java Jive - Church & Isabella

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE:

Last Saturday of the month beginning 24 Sept. at the
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