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My Fellow Prime Timers:

A large thank you to the Christmas dinner committee. Roy, Steve and Neil did a fantastic job to make the night of December 3rd a memorable one. Those in attendance, I'm sure, will agree. Well done fellows.



Wednesday afternoon, December 7th, I attended our afternoon bowling at the Danforth Bowl. The group had their Christmas buffet after bowling. It was very enjoyable. Al and Patrick who look after the bowling, are to be congratulated for putting this together.

This location would be an ideal spot to hold a monthly birthday get together. The owner, Sandy, said she would arrange food, get a cake if required, and bowling would be at a special rate. If anyone is interested in hosting an upcoming birthday month, contact Sandy at the Danforth Bowl, 1554 Danforth Avenue (at the Coxwell subway), 416-463-3000.

Well here it is, another Christmas, and a new year upon us. Thanks to all who have made this past year an enjoyable one, and I wish all my fellow Prime Timers, a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, prosperous, healthy New Year, 2012.

John H. Smye, President, Prime Timers Toronto

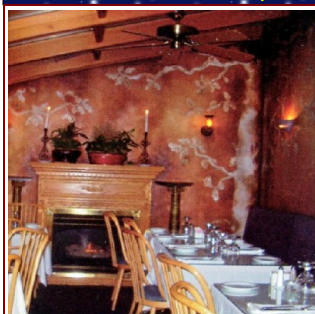


Attention Bowlers

It was announced at the December Christmas Bowling Banquet, that until further notice, monthly bowling will cease. In the meantime if any one wishes to bowl at Danforth Bowling Alley Centre please phone Sandy at 416-463-3000 or EMAIL her at: bowlinglady@sympatico.ca (*The Bowling Committee, Patrick & Al*)

Mark Your Calendars

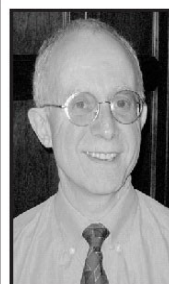
There will be a Prime Timers fine dining event, **Thursday 26 January 2012** at 7pm Bumpkins, 21 Gloucester is the venue, \$20 deposits will be needed to secure reservations. Your deposit will be refunded at the night of the event. Tickets available through Don L., Gerry A., Ed L., at the monthly socials, Monday lunches.



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 Dec 26: Pear Tree 507 Parliament Street
 Jan 2: Eggspectation 220 Yonge Street at Shuter
 Jan 9: Chew Chew's Diner 186 Carlton at Bleecker
 Jan 16: Churchmouse and Firkin 475 Church Street

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 Bob Pearse, Neil Gilson
 Past President: Doug von Zuben

Welcome Back!

The Croissant Tree at the corner of Church & Charles Street has completed its extensive renovations. Our **Friday 2pm** Coffee Klatch resumes there, **December 23** onward. We will all be gathering for lively conversation & pleasant company

Bridge Scores				
Date	First	Second	Third	Low
Oct 12	Jon B	Stephen	Ross B	Don M
Oct 19	Mauru M	Don H	Peter M	Brian W
Oct 26	Jon B	Ted B	Don L	Eddie W
Nov 2	Jon B	Mauru L	Gerry A	Bill P
Nov 9	Ross B	Jon B	Peter M	Ted B
Euchre Scores				
Date	First	Second	Third	Low
15 Nov 11	Bill P	Jack C	Ray D'A	Don M
22 Nov 11	Gary B	Eugene S & Ralph B	Paul Mac	Will Mac
29 Nov 11	Euchre Cancelled for 519 Event			
06 Dec 11	Don H	Roger T & Ron H	Ralph B	Dave L

Editor – Paul Macdonald

Submitted articles are most appreciated. Send entries, correspondence etc., to:
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**Minutes of Prime Timers Toronto Executive Meeting
December 6, 2011 The 519**

Call to Order;

John called the meeting to order at 3.59 pm.

In attendance: Brian Provini, John Smye, Neil Gilson, Ron Harris, Bob Pearse

Approval of the Agenda

Neil moved and Brian seconded the approval of the Agenda as written. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of November 1, 2011 Meeting

Ron moved and Neil seconded approval of the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

Promotion of 2012 Elections: Brian reported that a notice appeared in the November newsletter encouraging members to run for vice-president, secretary, and a member-at-large. A notice will appear in the December newsletter and elections will be announced at the December meeting. It was emphasized that the club needs a full executive to function.

Prime Timers Archive: Don L has been notified that he can pass on archived material to the Toronto Lesbian and Gay Archives (TLGA)

Applications for VAP: Brian reported that 12 applications have been received. Applications and details are available on the website and will be available at the December monthly meeting. December 31 is the application deadline.

Wave Dental Clinic Pamphlet – George Brown College: John reported that he had finally received pamphlets about the George Brown College Denturist proposal. John will invite Antonio Kung to make a brief presentation at a future monthly meeting.

The 519 Orientation – November 12, 2011: Brian reported that the first 519 member orientation included snacks, refreshments and a tour. Matt has indicated that he eventually wants the orientation to become a community fair in which non-profit organizations can showcase their activities and network with one another.

Member Input on Subsidized Events: John passed on some recently received suggestions to Ron for consideration.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the November Treasurer's Report: Brian discussed the revenue and expenses for November and went over the Bank statement reconciliation. Net cash-on-hand is \$14,569.96. He indicated that, as of December 3, a total of \$2960 (74 tickets sold) had been received for the Christmas dinner. Also, the Chinese Dinner committee has given \$50 to the PTT to hold in case of unforeseen future expenses by the committee.

- Ron moved and Bob seconded the approval of the November Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Committee reports

Christmas Dinner: Neil reported that he has received much positive feedback complimenting the food, the entertainment, the draw prizes and the manner in which the draws were held, and the banquet room. The executive again expressed its sincere thanks to all the members of the Christmas Dinner committee for all their work.

December Monthly Meeting/Christmas Social: Brian reported that 75 members have reserved spots for the December 17 meeting. Ron indicated that there would be entertainment and Christmas activities at the celebration.

New/Other Business

The Men's Room – A Discussion and Social Group of Queer Men: John distributed a memo from Mike Lamore suggesting the possibility of PTT and the Men's Room having some combined activities. John will contact Mike and suggest he and some of his group attend a future PTT monthly meeting and make a presentation to our membership.

Budget Committee for 2012: Brian stated that a budget committee was needed to help Leo set a 2012 budget. Bob P has volunteered. Neil will approach someone else whom he feels is well-qualified to help set the budget. The budget must be presented to and approved by the executive no later than the March meeting. The budget must also be approved at the March AGM.

Nomination Committee for PT Elections: Brian pointed out that it was time to find volunteers to form the Nomination Committee for the March AGM elections. There are usually 2 or 3 members. The committee collects nominations and, at the AGM, runs the election of officers, grievance committee, and audit committee. John will approach a member who has served on the committee in the past. Bob will approach a member who, he feels, would do a very conscientious job as a committee member.

Adjournment of Meeting

Neil moved and Brian seconded the adjournment of the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is January 3, 2012 at 3:30 pm, the 519.



**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**

**Please advise Neil Gilson, if you have a change in any of your contact information at:
neon701@bell.net or 416-923-0721 Thanks!**

PRIME TIMERS - TORONTO



2011 Annual Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 3rd 2011
Ramada Plaza · 300 Jarvis Street · Toronto



Over 75 of us
Enjoyed an evening
of fabulous food &
Christmas cheer

Much thanks to:
Roy M, Steve B.
& Neil G.
who organized this event





Photos: Paul Macdonald

Wow! What a great "OPENING THE CLOSET ON AGING" Conference.

by Jeff Schmidt

I feel so fortunate to be a 70 year old, Gay Senior living in the Gay Village of Toronto, where events like this are just around the corner. The 519 Community Centre is such a great place to find support for the aging Gay population; the Conference on aging being just one example.

History and Activism, Health and Wellness and Human Rights were some of the main topics that were dealt with. Two of the workshops I attended had to do with Media. The first "Rise of the Silver Surfer" told us that the 50-plussers are the fastest growing demographic on Facebook and other social media platforms. By engaging and connecting we can empower our lives by using social media. The second "Aging with Pride" showed an amazing video created by CARP's Pink Chapter, which stressed that together we can make a difference by being involved and making sure that our voice is heard.

One of my favourite parts was the Conference Reception – an evening of entertainment and schmoozing, where the highlight for me was a delightful, graceful and romantic ballet-jazz type performance. This event was free for anyone to attend. Talking about free – by volunteering for a few hours one could attend the whole conference for free and even be fed with delicious foods from the Café downstairs. What better deal is there?

The 519 Drop-in Centre for Seniors and Prime Timers Toronto are two great social outlets for the 50+ folks, that I am glad to be part of. Where else can you find not just one but two Christmas parties, as we have with Prime Timer's this year.

The Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto is another support that I am extremely thankful for. Volunteering here is a wonderful way to be connected and to give-back from an institution that gives so much. Delivering Toronto Star Santa Claus boxes through the church is one of my favourite things to do at Christmas time and experience thankful children's angel-faces that can delight the heart.

Volunteering, in my opinion, is one of the best ways to keep active, socialize and have a sense-of-purpose. It works for me.



Give A Christmas Gift To Fellow Prime Timers Run For Office

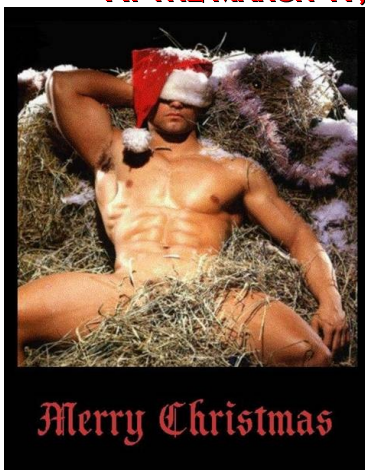
AT THE MARCH 17, 2012 AGM, WE WILL HAVE ELECTIONS FOR THREE POSITIONS:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large

We need members like you, who are willing to help the club by becoming a part of the executive.

The Club cannot function without a full executive.

ENCOURAGE OTHER MEMBERS TO CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE AS WELL. PRIME TIMERS HAVE THE TALENTS NEEDED TO BE PART OF AN EFFECTIVE EXECUTIVE. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME FORTH FOR ONE OF THE THREE POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION AT THE MARCH 17 AGM



Merry Christmas

Make Santa Happy!

Become a Member of the Executive



Happy Birthday!

Alfred B 22/12 John D 23/12 Neil M 24/12
Bill P 25/12 John K 27/12 Jim E 29/12
Michael W 31/12 Charles B 1/1
Gaston B 2/1 Larry N 2/1 Ken L 3/1
Ed W 5/1 Ronald L 6/1 Jim H 8/1
Dennis T 10/1 Brain J 11/1 John W 14/1
Marlin R 18/1 Mark C 21/1

Hosts Needed for Birthday Parties

You are needed to host a Prime Timer birthday party in your own birthday month. Prime Timers need hosts. We ask you to do the following:

- organize a birthday party in your home or at the 519. You pick the date and time.
- invite each PT member born in your month.
- provide tea and coffee for the party.
- buy a cake and ice cream for the party, and the executive will reimburse you for up to \$25 (please get a receipt).
- ask each of the birthday boys to bring a snack/hors d'oeuvre for two or three to share with the other birthday people.

If interested, please contact Ron or Brian at briangdg@yahoo.com or by phone 416-929-2330. Brian and Ron will send you a list of the birthday Prime Timers.

Activity Calendar Dec 18th to Jan 21st 2012

MONTHLY MEETING:

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

BRIDGE:

Monday morning 10 am Bridge lessons @ the 519
Wednesday, 1:30pm, 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:

3: 30 pm First Tuesday of the month. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend, at the 519.

BOWLING:

SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY (see page 1)

COFFEE KLATSCH:

Thursday : 2pm Coffee Zone, Holiday Inn, 30 Carlton St.
Friday: 2 pm Croissant Tree - Church & Charles
Effective Nov 23

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE:

Last Saturday of the month . at the Carlton Cinemas
20 Carlton , just east of Yonge. Contact: Ron H & Brian P
briangdg@yahoo.com



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