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After Meeting Potluck

By Dick Bourbeau

The next After Meeting Potluck will take place immediately following the **April 16th meeting**. Please see the Tear Sheet found at the back of this newsletter and send in your check. We will only allow Visitors and Guests from other chapters to sign-up at the meeting. You must bring something to the table in addition to paying the \$4 per person, \$5 surcharge for guests. Please contact **Kerry Marshall** about what you will bring. He will help you decide what to bring from these categories: Appetizers, Entrées, Side Dishes, Desserts, Soft Drinks &/or Juices. Kerry's contact info is **(857) 233-5612** or **kagytbear66@yahoo.com**.

We ask that if you're offering will require reheating to please bring it in a microwavable container and leave a note on it with your name and the recommended reheat time in the microwave. Also if you are bringing soft drinks please bring 12 or 24 packs of cans or small bottles.

We will possibly need some additional volunteers to help set-up tables, break them down & clean-up afterwards plus put-out the trash. Contact Kerry to volunteer as well, specifying the area(s) in which you wish to provide help. Thanks!

Bob Adams has resigned his position as Office Manager for the Boston Prime Timers to pursue other interests. **THANK YOU BOB** for your years of service!!

Gary Gropman's Potluck May 7
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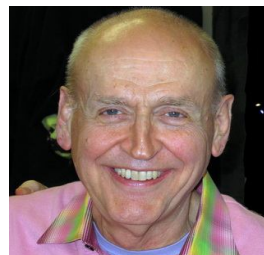
May 13-15th
Think SpringThink Ogunquit
The Yellow Monkey
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Memorial Day Weekend at Twin Ponds
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BOARD ELECTIONS

The new Board of Directors met for the first time February 23rd and elected officers for the 2011-12 year. **Steve Vorenberg** was elected President, **Dick Bourbeau**, Vice President, **Kerry Marshall**, Treasurer and **Mitch Drucker**, Secretary. We all wish the Board continued success as it plans the events of the upcoming year.

FROM THE BOARD THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello all from your new president. I was elected at the board meeting on February 23rd. In case you didn't know, our bylaws specify that the members elect the board at the regular February meeting; then the board elects the officers from among the eligible board members at their next meeting. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

I hope you'll tolerate a bit of soap box from me for a moment. Our club is about fellowship and participation. We have a fair number of members who are active and appear regularly at our various events. But some of you are rarely seen. Are we satisfying your needs? What can we do to plan events that you

will attend? What might get you out to a monthly meeting? We got some feedback at our February meeting with our brainstorming sessions, which we will be analyzing. But the people who brainstormed with us came to a meeting. What about the rest of you? Call me, write me, email me! Let's all make this club better by getting everyone involved.

If you have ever skipped an event because of the cost, let me draw your attention to a line that has appeared in every Prologue. It essentially says "contact the treasurer if you need help". Many of our members kick in a little extra when paying for an event, in order to help out those with tight budgets. The treasurer has a regular fund for this that currently has quite a few bucks in it. If you need the help, don't be shy about asking. Your request will be completely confidential. I recall only one such request during my year as treasurer. Money should not be an impediment to your participation. That includes dues, by the way. And if you are one of those members who kicked in a few extra bucks to help out, thanks!

During the last year we shifted from using the US Mail as our primary means of distributing the Prologue and other communications to using email. I know many of you were upset at this move. It was necessary because we were spending thousands of dollars more than we took in from dues. The move has made it possible to live within our means, barely. It has also become clear that many of you didn't realize that you can request the Prologue by US Mail, if you are someone who has trouble with email for any reason. Just call or write the office if you need that to be switched. But if you are able to manage using email, please stick with that, as it saves the club a lot of dough.

Has it become time to discuss the possibility of a raise in dues? Dues have been steady at \$25/year for many, many years. Costs for most everything have risen during that time. Dues account for over 75% of our budget and pay for our postage, printing, and offices expenses. If we raised dues even a little bit, we could cover a few extras, like something for our two parties or something at our P'town event. I'm not saying we will or won't raise dues, but I'd like to get you thinking about it and ask you to make your views known. And if a raise in dues causes you a problem, don't forget the help fund I talked about above.

Bob Adams, our office manager for many years, resigned the position. Thanks, Bob, for your service. We really, really need help in the office right now. Can you help? We will train you. I'm asking for help in addition to looking for a new manager. I'll be making a bunch of calls to potential candidates for

office manager. We had two people give it serious consideration but decided to turn it down. If you might be interested, please let me know. An interest doesn't mean a commitment. I'm sure you'll need all the details before making a commitment.

Finally, I loved hearing a joke or two at the monthly meetings in the past. I'd like to revive that. I'm not the best at telling jokes, because I often crack up myself in the middle of the telling. But I love them. If you hear any goodies, please pass them along!

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IN MEMORIAM

Gil Caron passed away February 23rd. He was a very early member of the Boston Prime Timers and used to find lots of jokes for us. He will be missed!

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Boston Prime Timers, founded in 1987, is to provide adult gay, bisexual and transgender men and their friends in eastern New England with educational, cultural and social activities that enrich their lives by building and reinforcing safe, supportive connections for both active and isolated members while continuing our history of developing support among the broader aging and general populations for recognition of the specific needs of men like our members".

Monthly Gathering
Saturday April 16, 2011
At the United South End Settlements
 566 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02118-1181
 U.S.E.S. is handicap accessible.

Main doors will open to the Center at 1:30 PM. Members are welcome to enjoy casual conversation in the lobby.

T Stops: Green E line to Symphony. Orange line to Mass Ave Station.

Public parking: lot at 277 Northampton St (between Columbus Ave & Tremont St.) one block from U.S.E.S. Bldg. \$12 for 24 hours, no hourly rate. Other Public parking can be found at boston.bestparking.com

Doors will open 1:30 PM. Although the Center may be open earlier for other U.S.E.S events, please do not arrive earlier.

Support Group with Sam Goldfarb will meet from 1:45 to 2:45. Room locations will be posted at reception.

Hospitality will begin in the cafeteria at 2:30 PM. until 3:25 PM. If you are contributing to our food table please arrive prior to 2:30 PM.

Meeting will begin at 3:30 PM with no break.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Lee Hepner
USES and the Settlement Movement

Mr. Hepner is a certified public accountant and has worked in the non-profit sector since 1989. In January 2008 he assumed the position of President and CEO of United South End Settlements (USES). Prior to his current role he served as Vice President at Judge Baker Children's Center, a Harvard-affiliated organization which promotes mental healthcare for children.



He also is an instructor at the Boston University Schools of Social Work and of Management, Board President of the South End Community Health Center, Founding Board member and President of the Massachusetts Bay Self Insurance Group, a resident of the South End and a member of the Boston Prime Timers.

After Meeting Potluck: Immediately following

\$2.00 Donation at the door

May Meeting 21, 2011
Speaker: Phoebe K. Flemming
 Creating a Healthy Diet

Phoebe will be talking about what foods are healthy and giving an interactive demonstration with real food. Phoebe K. Flemming is a Registered Dietitian with experience counseling, collaborating, and educating the public on healthy eating.



POTPOURRI
Jim Buckley

(If you would like to sponsor a potpourri but don't know how, feel free to contact Jim Buckley, who will be happy to be of assistance)



POTLUCK IN MALDEN

What: Gary Gropman's popular annual Potluck Dinner

When: Saturday May 7, 2011

Time: 6:30PM

Where: Gary Gropman's home: 36 Stevens St, Malden, MA 02148

Transportation: The nearest train stop is Malden Station. If anyone needs a ride, please call Gary.

Cost: \$2 for the host for drinks and paper products

Food: Please call Gary to discuss what you should bring.

RSVP: 30 guests maximum

Email address: ggropman@aol.com

N.B. Gary's Potluck Dinners are always very successful. So if you want to enjoy the fun, do not wait until the last minute to make your reservation.

Are you missing an event because you can't afford it? Contact Kerry Marshall by phone or email to discuss options with him. Office Phone # 617-447-2344



NUDISTS TAKE NOTE

What: A Male Nudist Facility weekend designed for you. So, dust off your "birthday suit" and consider attending.

When: Fri. May 27 to Sunday May 29 - with option to return May 30.

Where: Twin Ponds Lodge, 96 Yorktown Rd, Albion, Maine. 25 miles northeast of Augusta, Maine.

Cost: Rooms are \$51 per person/per night double occupancy, or \$102/per night single occupancy including tax. You make your own reservations with Johnney, Twin Ponds Lodge (207-437-2200 or email: stay@TwinPondsLodge.com.)

Transportation: Other costs will be: shared expenses with driver of your car pool = \$20 - \$30. (Boston car pools will have a pick up time at the entrance to the bus oval behind Back Bay Station) The Lodge is 200 miles north of Boston.

Food: Meals will be prepared by the group with grocery costs of \$20-25 per person for 2 days (additional for 3rd day) payable when you register on site.

RSVP: Last day for registering is May 14. Max guests = 20 or more if you arrive with a tent or camper trailer. The annual membership fee will be waived for those participating as Prime Timers (identify yourself as a member when registering.)

What Will Happen: Member Hal Hills will be your club coordinator for questions about: car pools, food, program, and activities.

There is swimming in either the pond or an indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, large multipurpose room for meals, hiking trails, canoeing, or fishing. (No license required).

Hal's number is: cell 774-239-6010;

email: halhills@townisp.com.

Please submit articles for the
May Prologue by April 21

DINNER

Lewis Pedi and Steve Vorenberg

NOTE; Because of the need to inform the restaurant(s) how many guests to expect, both for space reasons and preparation of food,

WALK-INS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

I would appreciate any helpful comments or suggestions, email me at Lpedi@juno.com

April Dinner

**Club Café Boston
209 Columbus Ave.**

Tuesday April 19

6PM Cocktails, 7PM Dinner

Cost: \$25.00 for all entrees including soup or salad, coffee or tea, dessert and gratuity.



- Choices :** (1) Penne a la vodka
(2) Meatloaf with side
(3) Maple Bourbon Brined Pork Chop with side
(4) Grilled Salmon with side
(5) Statler Chicken with side

Nearest T-Stop: Back Bay Station on the Orange Line or Arlington Street on the Green Line.

May Dinner

Massimo's Ristorante

157 Pleasant Street, Malden MA 02148

Tuesday May 24

6PM Cocktails 7PM Dinner

Cost: \$30.00 includes salad, entree, coffee and dessert, and gratuity.

Choices: (1) Chicken Marsala with pasta. (2) Eggplant Rolltini (vegetarian) (3) Stuffed Pork Chop Saltimbocca with Pasta. (4) Baked Haddock Margherita with side.

Nearest T-Stop: Take the Orange Line to Malden Center, leave the station from the front entrance. Cross the street to the City Hall Building and go up the ramp on the right which opens onto Pleasant Street.

If you are **driving**, the street in front of the T station is Commercial Street where you would take a right just after the City Hall Building to Florence Street. Once on Florence Street you will see a large parking lot which is right behind Massimo's. Parking is free. Massimo's will stamp your parking ticket.



THINK SPRING - THINK OGUNQUIT

The Prime Timers will be returning for the third year to the beautiful, quaint, ocean-side resort town of Ogunquit, Maine on **Friday, May 13th through Sunday, May 15th 2011**. We will again stay at the gay owned and operated, rustic **Yellow Monkey** which is located on Route 1 and is just a two (2) minute walk from the center of town.

Of the 25 rooms rented for the weekend, 32 guys have signed up, who are in 21 rooms, leaving another four rooms for 4-8 more.

The remaining rooms remain available at this writing, March 19th, are:

1 room in Hideaway with private bathroom @ \$90.95/night

1 room in Hideaway with private bathroom @ \$96.30/night

1 room in Hideaway with private bathroom @ \$101.65/night

1 rooms in the Brown House with private bathroom @ \$74.90

All remaining rooms are suited for single or double occupancy. with queen or king beds. Each room is unique and furnished with antiques collected over the years by the owners (Peter and Victor). In addition, the Yellow Monkey offers a clothing optional hot tub and sundeck :) :). The town has many restaurants serving excellent food, unique shops, and several gay bars. A movie theater is also located in town. The beautiful ocean and beach is just a 10 minute walk from the Yellow Monkey and the beach has a gay section. The Marginal Way is a 1 1/2 mile walk along the ocean, with breathtaking views connecting the town with Perkins Cove, where you will find more restaurants, shops, and boating adventures. A continental breakfast is available each morning at no additional charge, provided by the owners in a very small kitchen in the Main building where the office is located. The Ogunquit Playhouse is located north of town and offers live performances throughout the season. If interested,

call 207-646-5511 for information and tickets. We are planning a **Friday evening gathering** at the Apartment in Stone House with hors d'oeuvre's provided, beginning at 5:30pm. You are responsible for bringing your own beverage. A small donation will be requested to cover the cost of the food. Make your reservations early to insure your personal preferences. Since all rooms are unique and vary in price please indicate your 1st preference on the tear sheet. Rooms will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. When submitting your reservation request please include a check/money order for your first choice. If it cannot be accommodated, you will be contacted. Every effort will be made to accommodate you. If you have questions please contact **Bob Adams @ 617-451-2263**

**Montreal Gay Pride
Weekend
August 12, 13, 14, 15, 2011
Hotel Gouverneur, Montreal
City Tour.
Includes: Round Trip coach,
three nights Hotel**



\$410.00 per person Double Occupancy
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Non-refundable deposit. \$100.00 to hold your seat first come basis. \$100 deposit returned if trip cancelled.
Final Payment in full by April 1, 2011

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E-mail mnchstroy@aol.com

Joe McGrath (617) 523-3827

Boston Prime Timers (617) 447-2344

Members are welcome to submit articles and information for the monthly Prologue. Please contact Ed Rapazzini at borebear@aol.com

NATIONAL NEWS



Boston Prime Timers are strongly encouraged to download and read the “Prime Times”, February 2011 newsletter from the world wide organization, (www.primetimersww.org). You can read it as well by going to our web site

www.bostonprimetimers.org and clicking on Related Links. Among the many articles of interest, there are details of several Prime Timers conferences and vacation trips. The following happenings are far along the way in the planning stages:

May 1-5, 2011 Western Regional Gathering in **Las Vegas, NV**

May 17-26, 2011 **Baltic Cruise** from Copenhagen

Sept 1-5, 2011 **Oklahoma City** Labor Day Weekend,

Oct 8-17, 2011 **Canada Fall Foliage Cruise** that goes to **Montreal and Quebec**

Nov 2-6, 2011 Worldwide Convention in **Palm Springs, CA**

Jan 8-15, 2012 **Caribbean Cruise**

April 18-May 8, 2012 Trip to **China**

Advanced Registration is encouraged with some discounts for early registration. If interested but without computer access contact Ed Rapazzini.

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STONEWALL COMMUNITIES

LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

Explore new interest and ideas with like-minded older LGBT people at Wheelock College, Brookline MA For further information go to:

<http://www.stonewallcommunities.com>

Catalogue contains more Study Groups and workshops and 20 Monday & Tuesday Brown Bag lunch presentations.....Affordable. Sliding scale - no one turned away for lack of funds.

MEMBERS



Rick Blakeley, Charlie Chapman,
Rolf Fuessler, Norman Goulet,
Dan Mooney, Joe Oubre,
Mike Yeaton, Bob Morris, William Lambert

This is the first half of a collation of suggestions compiled by Carl Krause at our Feb 19, 2011 Brain Storming Session. The second half of this will be in the May Prologue.

**Brain Storming Session
Feb. 19, 2011
Boston Prime Timers**

I. Compliments

- A. Recognize good works of volunteers immediately.
- B. Make public compliments at group meetings for organizers, food, labor, and money
- C. Recognize Dick Bourbeau and Carl Krause for many years of service.
- D. I like the great variety of restaurants we have for dinners
- E. Halloween in P-Town, & Ogunquit weekends were well planned.
- F. Prologue is a great help in knowing what's going on for gay men in Boston Metro area.
- G. Pot lucks are appreciated. Try a catered one so we can attend and not bring food.
- H. I like the new meeting timing.
- I. Good social place to: make new friends, networking for bereavement, prevent ageism.
- J. Continue welcoming new members, visitors, members of other chapters.
- K. Good to have food at meetings. Encourage members to bring some new items
- L. Good speakers, organization, meetings are fun, I like the events that are conducted.
- M. Like current meeting structure.
- N. Like outdoor activities, monthly dinners, and other social events.

II. Constructive Criticisms

- A. Membership needs to increase, good leadership has been lacking, be considerate of one another, ask members "What are we not doing?" Calls need to be made. Each member needs to help to bring in a potential member.
- B. We need greeters at door to make newcomers welcome. Assign a big brother buddy to each new member, introduce them to other people.
- C. We are not a "men's" club; not a sexual club; need to make meetings more interactive; need more diversity – racial, cultural.
- D. Study reasons attendance at paid events has fallen since Prologue is received by computer.

- Are computer instructions necessary to help members open and handle their Prologues?
- E. Repackage our image. Stop being a group for ONLY older men.
- F. Be less rigid and open to suggestions.
- G. If we re-start Meet and Greet events, have them monthly, not every other month.
- H. More organization needed, the right hand doesn't know what the left is doing.
- I. Not enough members are willing to volunteer.
- J. Put monthly potpourri events on calendar every month.
- K. Have more expensive dinners sometimes as well as well as what we already are doing.

III. Ideas for new events.

- A. More theater and music events. More authors, theater performers and staff speak. Invite Yuri to speak, author of a gay trilogy. Promote Gay Events at Huntington Theater, Speakeasy Theater.
- B. A trip to Newport, tour homes or attend music events. Museum Tours. Outdoor events. Picnic by a lake. Try a float again in June Gay Pride Parade.
- C. Events discussing cultural background of members. Programs around "being gay" or "Coming Out".
- D. A 5-10 minute break in meeting for rest room or cigarette break. Poll members to assess interest in a Weekend Brunch or Weekday Lunch
- E. Visit Frances Farm, Rehoboth, MA; DeCordova Museum
- F. Have monthly meetings in restaurant like Club Café.
- G. Plan activities during the Meet & Greets. Announce in Prologue to increase attendance. Games (cards & board games) after the monthly meetings. Book of the month club
- H. Daily group neighborhood walks with other members, Activities for members with pets. Luncheons for vegetarians.

ENTERTAINMENT

"Gurlesque"

**Monday Night Bowling League's 26th Anniversary Benefit Show
Sunday April 3rd 6:00pm**

Mass College of Art's Tower Auditorium
Show Tickets are \$25 Raffle tickets are \$5
Beneficiary Groups: Boston Living Center & Community Servings

ONGOING EVENTS

Boston/Back Bay:

Cafe Emmanuel: "The Original LGBT Meal Site!"

When: Every Thursday 11am to 1:00pm

Where: Emmanuel Church,
15 Newbury Street Boston, MA

RSVP: to blinsscott@lgbtagingproject.org
Or call Bob at (617) 477-6610

Sponsored by: Ethos & the LGBT Aging Project

Somerville/Cambridge:

**Cadbury Cafe: Somerville & Cambridge's
First LGBT Monthly Dining
Program**



When: 4th Wednesday of
Every Month,
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Cadbury Commons,
66 Sherman Street, Cambridge, Ma.

RSVP: by calling SCES (617) 628-2601 ext. 605 or
email lgbtcafe@eldercare.org

Sponsored by: Somerville Cambridge Elder Services,
Cambridge Council on Aging and Cadbury Commons.

North Shore:

Over The Rainbow Supper Club

When: 2nd Tuesday of every month,
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: House of Seven Gables,
115 Derby Street, Salem MA

RSVP: (978) 624-2261 ext 261

Sponsored by: The Old and Bold
Coalition,



North Shore Elder Services' outreach to the
LGBT Community on the North Shore

Join Meetup groups and sign up for dinners at the
House of The Seven Gables

<http://www.meetup.com/OVER-THE-RAINBOW/>

South Shore:

Monthly Brunch for LGBT Seniors & Friends

When: Last Saturday of Every Month, 10am to 12pm

Where: All Souls Unitarian Church,
196 Elm Street, Braintree, MA

RSVP: Maryanne Ryan 781-848-3939 x 325 or email
lgbtseniors@sselder.org for more information.

Sponsored by: South Shore Elder Services

EVENTS AT USES

Classes at the Harriet Tubman House

If you are 60+ you can take classes in the Seniors Program for free. www.uses.org. Call the center at 617 536-8610

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FOR SALE 2007 Chevy Malibu LS

4 door sedan with approx 57,000 miles. The exterior is silver and the inside gray. It has both power locks and windows and the tires were bought new the Fall of 2009. It is equipped with an AM/FM radio and CD player. There is a small shallow dent in the back left door.

Asking price \$6,500.00

Contact Information: Seller **Kerry Marshall**
located in Back Bay Email at kagybear66@yahoo.com
or phone 857-233-5612