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CHRISTMAS CONCERT



By George Wright

As in years past, we will again be returning to **King's Chapel** for one of their annual Christmas concerts. These occur on Tuesdays preceding Christmas and I have selected **Tuesday, December 20**, as the likeliest date. We will meet at **King's Chapel** downtown on **the corner of Tremont and School Streets at 12:00 Noon on the 20th and the half hour concert will begin at 12:15.** (\$3.00 is the suggested donation.)

They have not yet published a program so it could be anything in the Christmas vein from the Harvard Glee Club, a children's chorus, a jazz ensemble, or you name it. It doesn't matter as long as we can be together to share some Christmas spirit and have lunch somewhere in the immediate vicinity following the concert.

In past years, that has usually been at the Parker House right across the street from King's Chapel, but don't let that scare you. Among other things, they have a wonderful beef stew for around \$15. Many of you have been with us before for this cherished event and we hope that some of the new members can join us this time for the concert and the pleasure of our splendid company at this once a year holiday lunch.

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS ON :
JANUARY DINNER
HASTY PUDDING THEATRICALS
UPCOMING POTPOURRIS
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HOLIDAY PARTY 2011



The Boston Prime Timers will be celebrating the Holiday Season with a party at **Club Café** which is located at 209 Berkeley Street, Boston. The date is **Saturday, December 17th**. **The doors will open at 4PM and the party will be until 9:30PM.** Dinner will be **\$33** and will include a raffle, cash bar and a dj with dancing. **Also, we will have a drag show by Gary Gill, aka, Gi Gi, along with two drag companions.** Gi Gi performed at our Thanksgiving Potluck and many BPT members got to enjoy her show there. **Please see the Tear Sheet** to choose what you would like for dinner and send it with your check by the **December 10th postmark date.**

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**FROM THE BOARD
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
By Steve Vorenberg**

I was sitting here wondering what I could write about this month. The task keeps coming around, month after month. Then I asked myself, what am I



passionate about? Well, lots of things. I'm passionate about working with a great bunch of guys on the board and those who volunteer so generously at our meetings. I'm passionate about my husband. I'm passionate about dining with friends, at home or out. I'm passionate about going to the theater and concerts. I'm passionate about singing with the BGMC. I'm passionate about listening to a great piece of music I've never heard before. I'm passionate about reading a good book. I'm passionate about a brisk walk outdoors in the spring or fall. I'm fortunate to work at a job I still enjoy. What about you? What are you passionate about? Would it be something you could share with other Prime Timers? Make it happen!

We have an election of board members coming up at our February meeting. The nomination committee is hard at work finding candidates. If you're interested in serving, please let me know.

There's a lot coming up in December, as you can see elsewhere in this issue. A highlight will be our Holiday party at Club Café. Don't forget to sign up. And please accept my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, whatever your own tradition may be.

**CONSIDER RUNNING
FOR THE BOSTON PRIME TIMERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY**



**Dennis Carmody, Ron Howard,
Michael Nelson, Lee Drysdale**

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".

**CHECK OUT The Yahoo Group,
BPT_List
for more contact with Boston Prime Timers!!
See our web site www.bostonprimetimers.org
and go to Related Links**

HASTY PUDDING THEATRICALS

By Dick Bourbeau



Scene from 2011 Hasty Pudding Theatrical,
Kashmir If You Can

I have reserved 65 tickets to the Hasty Puddings Theatricals 164th annual production, entitled **There Will Be Flood**. We will be attending the **8:00 PM performance on Thursday, 16 February 2012 at the New College Theatre, 12 Holyoke Street, Cambridge, just outside of Harvard Square** (closest T stop is Harvard Square on the Red Line). Tickets are \$21.00 each and we will once again be getting seats front and center, in rows 3-5 (another group got their request in before us).

About this Production: In the not-too-distant future, an ancient apocalyptic Mayan prophecy has come true and a massive flood threatens to destroy the world! Now a wayward crew of futuristic time travelers must journey to the past to stop the prophecy from ever being made. Led by spunky space cowgirl **Lauren Forcement** and elderly guide **Isolde Stime**, the adventurers travel back ten thousand years to find a world that is very different from the one we learned about in school. Turns out this prehistoric world is home to every ancient creature from the Jurassic Age to the Old Testament with characters like the uninspired cave painter **Zach Rebleu**, the hunky half-witted caveman **Homer Erectus**, and the world's first businesswoman, **Selma Bodyformoney**. But when these prehistoric people mistake the time travelers for gods, they incur the wrath of the loco Mayan deity **Paco Lips**. Can the time travelers survive the past long enough to save the future? Will ex-supermodel **Tyra Nassaurusrex** reclaim her title as "Sumeria's Next Top Model" before she goes extinct? Will Paco's chubby cherub **Angela Foodcake** ever lose enough weight to fly again? Can ancient rabbi **Isaiah Littleprayer** keep his faith alive through this fakakta mess? Find out as you get swept away in the Hasty Pudding Theatricals' 164th production, **There Will Be Flood!**

This event typically sells out quickly, so get your reservations in early. Seating is assigned on a first come first served basis. **Please complete the attached Tear Sheet and send in your reservation by the post**

mark date of Thursday, 2 February 2012. This will be a most memorable evening that will have you laughing to the point of tears. And don't be surprised if one of the undergrads just happens to end-up in your lap at some point during the evening. See you there!

MONTHLY GATHERING

No December meeting

Next Meeting

Saturday, January 21, 2012

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 2:45PM. 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: Boston Prime Timer **Dan Mooney** will speak on his historical map project. Dan is a local letter-artist and has re-created a collection of large antique maps by hand, showing the evolution of Boston. They are 23K gold leaf and full color.

\$2.00 Donation at the door

If you need to make a payment during a monthly meeting, please go to our office on floor 3A yourself.
THANK YOU!!

DINNER

By 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. Please email Lewis Pedi (see roster).

There is NO December Dinner

January Dinner



Massimo's Restaurant
157 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA

Tuesday January 24
Cocktails-6PM
Dinner-7PM

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

Choices: (1) Stuffed Pork Chop Marsala with side (2) Chicken Saltinbocca with side (3) Haddock Margherita with side (4) Vegetarian Pasta.

Nearest T Stop: Orange Line to **Malden Center**

Directions: Leave the station from the front entrance. Cross the street to the City Hall Government Bldg. and go up the ramp on the right which opens onto Pleasant Street. **For those driving there is a large parking lot right behind Massimos. Be sure to have your ticket stamped before leaving the restaurant so you won't have to pay for parking.**

Club Cafe Membership and Renewal

Any Prime Timer who would like to renew his Club Cafe Membership should contact me at **Lpedi@juno.com no later than December 20, 2011.** You should include your name, email address, your mailing address, and phone number. The benefits will be the same as last year such as **20% off certain menu items**, free coat check, invites to special events, etc. **Membership is free to all Prime Timers. If you did not have a membership last year and would like one for the New Year you are also welcome to email your information in.**

BIRTHDAYS



BRU, Sergio	12/1
PUOPOLO, Carmen A	12/1
FLYNN, Gregory L	12/3
LIPPINCOTT, Southard	12/5
KYPER, John	12/6
BENNETT, John F	12/14
RUBIN, Robert H	12/15
ANTHONY, Charles J	12/24
DRUCKER, Mitchell H	1/4
DRYSDALE, Leon	1/9
SHEA, Kevin C	1/10
GALANTE, Joseph E	1/12
FULLERTON, Harry A	1/14
MICHELIS, Bernard	1/21
PUTNAM, Phillippe W	1/26
RUSSETTI, David J	1/26
GUPTILL, John R	1/29

ROOM FOR RENT - private bath
 Lovely privately owned condominium.
 Located on Salem St., Wilmington, MA
 \$575 per month including utilities & parking
 Individual must be a non-smoker & drug free.
 Contact Dick (Owner) 978-657-7007

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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

Members are welcome to submit articles and information for the monthly Prologue. Please contact Ed Rapazzini (see roster), by December 15th, for the January issue.

POTPOURRI

By Dick Smith

(If you would like to sponsor a potpourri but don't know how, feel free to contact Dick, (see roster), sometime after 11AM, who will be happy to be of assistance)

**HOLIDAY YANKEE SWAP**

Hosted by Dave Evans

WHAT: A Holiday Party. Dave will provide Takeout Chinese Food. Soft drinks will be provided as well as hot tea to go with the meal.

WHEN: Saturday, December 10th, 2PM to 6PM

WHERE: Dave's home: 33 Admirals Way, Chelsea, MA 02150

COST: \$5 for host at door

RSVP: Please call Dave at (617) 884-0827 by Dec. 7th.

MAXIMUM GUESTS: 25

DIRECTIONS: Take the 111 bus from Haymarket. Get off at first stop after bus crosses the Tobin Bridge. Getting off the bus go to the right and walk back crossing the bridge exit ramp. To your left you will see a security gate and a road going up under the bridge. Follow this road to the second street on your right which is Admirals Way. No. 33 is the 4th townhouse on your right.

Driving from Boston and points south: Take the first exit off the Tobin Bridge (Beacon St. Chelsea Waterfront). At bottom of exit ramp make a U-TURN TO THE LEFT. Go thru the open security gate and follow road to 2nd right, Admirals Way No. 33. There may be some parking on the street in front, otherwise I will direct you to a nearby parking area. Call me for directions from the North if needed.

VACATION GUEST SUITE

\$600 per week – Private Bath
Fort Lauderdale – off street parking
Breakfasts and Concierge-style services
Contact Ron (owner) (508) 843-7888

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**A YANKEE SWAP TO REGIFT UNWANTED HOLIDAY GIFTS**

Hosted by Coley Kelly

WHAT: A post Holiday POTLUCK party

WHEN: Saturday, January 14th, 6PM-Whenever

WHERE: Coley's home: 34 Merrymount Rd, Unit 4, Quincy, MA.

COST: \$2 for host at door

RSVP: Phone Coley at (617) 680-1901 by January 7th.

MAXIMUM GUESTS: 20

DIRECTIONS: From North: 93 South (Expressway) to Exit 12 – stay RIGHT to 3A South Neponset/Quincy. Stay RIGHT over bridge that becomes Hancock Street. Go about 3 miles on Hancock Street. Merrymount Road is second left after Furnace Brook Pkwy.

Alternative from North: Take Rte 128 South (95 South which becomes 93 North) to exit 19 and follow directions from South.

From South: Rte 3 to Exit 19 toward Burgin Pkwy/Quincy Center/ MBTA Station. Merge onto Burgin Pkwy and go about 2 miles and then turn right on Dimmock St. Take 1st left onto Hancock St., 3rd right onto Merrymount Road.

By MBTA: Take Red Line to Quincy Center. Exit left to Hancock St going North (towards Boston). At Dimmock St, follow South Directions.

Park on Hancock Street or in front of condo complex but not in condo parking lot which is restricted to residents.

Call 617-680-1901 if you need assistance.

**Plan Your Winter Vacation Now**

Stay with member **Bill Kelloway** in his condo. in sunny **Fort**

Lauderdale FL Two bedrooms, 2 baths **\$150 per week person-shared**

space. Near many gay spots and fun things to do.

Call Bill to reserve space 978-314-5652

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JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: LIFE LESSONS

By Vitale

Each and every day we interact with many people, each one an individual with their own unique personality. With each personality we meet, known to us or not, we take life lessons from certain traits, and then we apply them to ourselves or reject them. When reflecting back on those I've known, sometimes I'll remember an instance or an action that I'll forever attribute to that person, and hopefully I'll learn and grow from it.

I know that, although I've seen much in many different people over the years, I've gotten some of my strongest life lessons from those I've lost. From my father, Anthony, I learned to respect family. From my grandfather, Larry, I learned about quiet reflection and that you don't always have to take yourself so seriously. From my grandmother, Ragnhild, I learned to cherish memories and that many come with inherited objects. From my Aunt Lilla, I learned that a genteel personality demands respect. From my Aunt Dorrie, I learned the importance of making people laugh, also a lot of great swears. From my Uncle Micheal, I learned that once in a while you have to just stay quiet and listen to someone else. From my best friend, Joey, I learned that life is very short, so grab and enjoy it. From another friend, Maurice, that it's very important to be friendly and positive with everyone.

Over the years I've been lucky enough to meet many strong people that have influenced my thinking. I had the privilege to learn that everything is not black and white. That it takes strength to accept that the grey areas are not a sign of compromise, but a balancing act of two opposites. I also learned that it takes great strength to change your mind on views you earlier took, and greater strength to admit it. Another important thing I learned is that you must never quickly dismiss anyone's viewpoint without first looking at that viewpoint from all angles. There are many lessons I've learned over the years and one that I hope I never forget is to keep an open mind and never stop learning. One of my strongest influences was and is Normand Bolduc, who harbored all of the above. There are many other strengths that I saw in this man, but to go on would

nullify a very important truth that I learned from him, and that is this, beauty need only be a whisper.

NATIONAL NEWS



**A familiar face in the crowd
at the Prime Timers WorldWide Convention**

Stay in touch with activities within **Prime Timers World Wide** by visiting their website www.primetimersww.org. You can read it as well by going to our web site www.bostonprimetimers.org and clicking on RELATED LINKS. There you can read their latest edition of Prime Times and earlier ones as well; if you are planning a trip you can check to see if there is an organized Chapter there and even link to their website to determine if there are activities you may attend. They may even have host members who may put you up.

PHOTOS FROM HALLOWEEN



Girls just want to have FUN!!



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OUT AND ABOUT

**The History Project and Club Café
cordially invite you to
The Napoleon Club**

An Evening of Commemoration, Celebration and Song. Remembering Boston's Legendary Nightspot with Pianist Michelle Currie. The evening will showcase the installation of original Napoleon Club décor from the History Project's collection. The evening will also provide an opportunity for past patrons of the Napoleon Club to share their reminiscences and to donate or scan photographs or memorabilia to be included in The History Project Archives.

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30pm.
Napoleon Room at Club Café
Passed hors d'oeuvres, cash bar
\$10 suggested donation
Jackets not required

Let us know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions! andrew.elder@historyproject.org
(617) 266-7733

TRAVEL

Several Boston Prime Timers are planning on going on an eleven day, **gay cruise for Older Gay Men & Younger/Older Admirers, January 25-February 5th, of the Southern Caribbean.** They welcome other Prime Timers to join them on the Cruise. Please see the web site, www.cruisingwithmim.com, or call **Cliff Holbrook**, (see roster), for questions.

ONGOING EVENTS

COMMUNITY MEALS

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 blinscott@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

Metro East:Sharon:

Lakeside Café “for LGBT Seniors, Friends and Allies”

When: 3rd Monday of the month, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Where: Sharon Adult Center, 219 Massapoag Ave, Sharon, MA

RSVP: to Jayne Davis, HESSCO (781) 784-4944

Sponsored by: HESSCO Elder Services and Sharon Adult Center

Transportation: Call Nancy Weiner, Sharon Adult Center (781)784-8000. Free transportation to and from the Sharon Commuter Rail is available.

EDUCATION

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

LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTERS

Stonewall Communities

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

UMASS(BOSTON)

Dorchester, MA

For more info: www.OLLI.umb.edu

Rainbow Lifelong Learning Institute

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church

Arlington, MA

For more info email: rainbowliboston@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

LGBT Caregiver Support Group:

Open to anyone providing care for a loved one. First Monday of every month, 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Jamaica Plain. Free. Contact Joanne Peskowitz, LICSW for more information: (617) 271-4182. Sponsored by Caregiver Alliance of Suffolk County and the LGBT Aging Project.

LGBT Bereavement Groups:

For LGBT people of all ages, coping with the loss of a loved one. Free six-week support group. To find a group **in your area** contact Bob Linscott (617) 522-1292. Sponsored by Ethos & the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and facilitated by the LGBT Aging Project.

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Funeral Director



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Computer Grief?

Is your home computer slow?
Infected with you're not sure what?
Need additional storage or memory?
Call me for tune-ups, clean-ups, hardware and software upgrades
Steve Lord 617-492-1486
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Mario Cardaci, Photography Call 888-853-8903

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