



# PROLOGUE



The Monthly Newsletter of Boston Prime Timers

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## Boston Prime Timers 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 15th, 2010

**WHERE:** Ryles Jazz Club, 212 Hampshire Street, Cambridge

**TIME & FOOD:** 5pm to 6:15pm cash bar with passed hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 6:15pm to include a salad, choice of two entrees (baked haddock, stuffed chicken breast), au gratin potatoes, asparagus, rolls&butter, all served buffet style. Also includes a dessert table with sweets and seasonal fruit and coffee.

**MUSIC AND DANCING:** Provided by our very own DJ - Harry Fullerton

**PARKING:** Ample and complimentary parking is available in two parking lots on Hampshire Street. Street parking is also available at no charge on Sundays in Cambridge.

**NEAREST T STOP:** Central Square Red Line. Ryles is located across the street from the back entrance of the S&S Deli. If you are walking from Central Square, walk along Prospect Street to Hampshire Street to Inman Square.

**See tear sheet to make your reservation**

## Monthly Member Gathering Saturday June 19, 2010

**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](http://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 Groups 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

**Speaker presentation** to follow with no break.

**Social Time** until closing.

**\$2.00 Donation at the door**

**PROGRAMS**

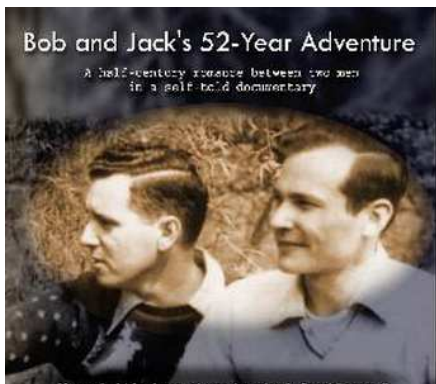
June 19, 2010



Judah Leblang, a local writer and columnist for Bay Windows, will be reading excerpts of his new book, "Finding My Place" and signing copies of the book. Judah's vignettes deal with his experiences growing up in the 1960s and '70s in Cleveland. The second part of the book covers his life in Boston--often funny pieces about dealing with middle age.

July 17, 2010

**MOVIE**



**Bob and Jack's 52 – Year Adventure**  
Directed by Stu Maddux

2007 GLBT Official Selection in New York, Toronto, Chicago, Seattle, Lisbon and Melbourne film festival. A half-century between two men in a self-told 42 minute documentary  
In 1952 an Army lieutenant and his sergeant came out together by confronting the troop in their unit. They have been together ever since.

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

**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.*

*Please do not show up without a reservation. If you would like to suggest a restaurant please contact Lewis Pedi.*

**June Dinner**

**Orinoco Restaurant**  
**22 Harvard St. Brookline Village,**  
Tuesday June 22,2010.  
6PM Cocktails: 7PM Dinner

**Cost: \$32.00** includes assorted appetizers, entree, dessert, coffee & tea, and gratuity.

**Choices:**

- (1) Shredded beef** with white rice, black beans, and plantains.
- (2) Marinated halved chicken** with oregano oil and grilled scallions.
- (3) Pan seared tuna** with arugula tossed in sun dried tomato vinaigrette.

**Nearest T stop:** Brookline Village on the D train of the Green line. When you get off the train walk up Station Street. At the end of Station Street take a sharp right. Orinoco is about three blocks on the left at 22 Harvard Street. If you are driving there is on street parking.

**July Dinner**

**Massimo's Restaurant**  
**157 Pleasant St. Malden**  
July 20, 2010  
6PM Cocktails: 7PM Dinner

**Cost: \$30.00** includes assorted appetizers, entree, dessert, coffee & tea, and gratuity.

**Choices:**

- (1) Chicken Piccata with pasta
- (2) Pork Chop with vinegar peppers and potato
- (3) Baked stuffed haddock with side
- (4) Eggplant Rolltini (vegetarian)

**Nearest T stop:** Orange Line to the Malden Square Stop. From the front entrance of the station cross the

street to the City Hall Building and go up the ramp on the right which opens onto Pleasant Street. For those who are driving, there is a parking lot directly behind the Restaurant on Florence Street.

**POTPOURRI**

**Carl Krause**



*If you would like to explore the idea of a home party, an inexpensive and intimate way to socialize, please see Carl Krause who will be happy to help you with a theme.*

**JULY POTPOURRI**

**GARDEN & POOL COSTUME PARTY**

(South Shore & Cape Members take note)

**What:** Costume Party--**Theme "Hawaii | Sequin"**

**When:** Sun. July 18, 1:00-5:00 PM.

**Where:** 128 Commercial St. Provincetown, MA

**Cost: FREE.** This is an annual party Bob has for friends and neighbors. He was so impressed by the Prime Timers' Halloween costumes that he'd like to invite Prime Timers in Ptown on this date to attend.

**RSVP: Bob Paster by July 14.** at 508-487-4180 or [raymgt@verizon.net](mailto:raymgt@verizon.net),

He can accommodate up to 20 Prime Timers along with the rest of the regulars guest.

**Transp:** Day-trip boats leave World Trade Center at 8:30 AM. Res. 617-748-1428 or 9:00 AM from Boston's Long Wharf. Res. 617-227-4321.

Round trip = \$69 for seniors by both companies. Return trips leave Ptown at 7:30 PM. for World Trade Center and 8:30 PM for Boston's Long Wharf.

**What Will Happen:** Wear a costume with a Hawaiian theme, or else pull out your finest sequins! The party is held in a garden area behind the house, and around the swimming pool for anyone interested in cooling off.

**Appetizers** will be served upon arrival and a **hot lunch buffet halfway** through the party. An **open bar** and soft drinks will be available throughout the party. The partygoers cast ballots for three winning costumes. The Club's thanks Bob for his generosity.

**SOME LIKE IT HOT**

Hosted by Ed Rapazzini

**What:** A weekend day pool party

**When: Saturday, July 24, 2010, Noon to 10 PM**

**Rain Date: Sunday, July 25, 2010**

**Where:** The home of Ed Rapazzini, Milton, MA (See roster for address)

**Cost:** \$5 for host at door for catered food.

**RSVP:** to Ed: Phone: 617-680-4451 by July 21st. **(Maximum guests = 100)**

**Transp:** On street parking available if you drive. Taking T, Red Line to North Quincy and call for ride: Either 617-680-4451 or 617-698-1282.

Volunteers needed for pick up at the T station.

OR if you need a ride, tell Ed when calling and he will try to give you the names of other attendees near you to call for a lift.

**What Will Happen:** Guests can use pool and shower afterwards if desired. Bring own towels and sun tanning needs. Food will be provided but additional contributions very much appreciated. If planning on bringing something please let Ed know so as to best allocate resources. BYOB.

**Volunteers wanted:** Greeters; Grill cooks; Setup Servers food/beverages; Cleanup and Drivers from home or North Quincy T station,

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**PICKS FOR ENTERTAINMENT 2010**

**The Metropolitan Wind Symphony Hosts its 18th Annual Boston Festival of Bands Saturday June 5 at Faneuil Hall from 11:00 AM to 6:00PM. Free Admission,** walk in and out as you please! Enjoy the many talented bands performing throughout the day in the heart of Faneuil Hall

- 11:00 AM Southeastern Massachusetts Community Concert Band (Medway, MA)
- 12:00 PM American Band (Providence, RI)
- 1:00 PM Middlesex Concert Band (Wakefield, MA)
- 2:00 PM Charles River Wind Ensemble (Watertown,)
- 3:00 PM Metropolitan Wind Symphony (Natick, MA)
- 4:00 PM Concord Band (Concord, MA)
- 5:00 PM Air Force Band of Liberty (Hanscom Air Force Base, MA)



Hit songs of 25 of the biggest divas **include:** Julie Andrews, Beyoncé, Karen Carpenter, Cher, Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Judy Garland, Gloria Gaynor, Jennifer Holliday, Mahalia Jackson, Patti LaBelle, kd lang, Peggy Lee, Madonna,

Ethel Merman, Bette Midler, Liza Minnelli, Dolly Parton, Diana Ross, Barbra Streisand, Tina Turner, Dionne Warwick, Amy Winehouse, and Tammy Wynette..

*Special guests: Leigh Barrett & Claire Philippe*

**Thursday, June 10, 8pm**

**Friday, June 11, 8pm**

**Sunday June 13, 7pm**

*Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College*

Web site is [www.bgmc.org](http://www.bgmc.org)

617-542-7464

**BIRTHDAYS**



<b>Marc Murray</b>	<b>6/2</b>
<b>Rick Hochman</b>	<b>6/4</b>
<b>Dave Evans</b>	<b>6/4</b>
<b>Frank LaPiana</b>	<b>6/6</b>
<b>Ed Moussally</b>	<b>6/7</b>
<b>Tom Callahan</b>	<b>6/9</b>
<b>Alfred Duhamel</b>	<b>6/11</b>
<b>John Walsh</b>	<b>6/11</b>
<b>David Lilly</b>	<b>6/11</b>
<b>Russ Niles</b>	<b>6/11</b>
<b>Chris Thompson</b>	<b>6/12</b>
<b>Chuck Bogni</b>	<b>6/13</b>
<b>Kenneth Johnson</b>	<b>6/15</b>
<b>Roy Frost</b>	<b>6/16</b>
<b>John Williams</b>	<b>6/17</b>
<b>Alan Cooper</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>Sam Goldfarb</b>	<b>6/20</b>
<b>Larry Vitale</b>	<b>6/22</b>
<b>John Morrel</b>	<b>6/23</b>
<b>Ruby Katz</b>	<b>6/23</b>

**NEW MEMBERS**



**Marco Aniello**  
**David Friedler**  
**Robert Horton**

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

*If you want to provide a prospective member information and an application form to join Boston Prime Timers, please contact our office at 617-447-2344*

***"Interested in a trip to Montreal in the fall? Contact the office."***

**FROM THE BOARD**

**Presidents Message**

**Jim Buckley**

In response to comments that have been made about the total cost of the Christmas Party (i.e. the meal, parking, etc) the Anniversary Dinner/Party, planned for Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>, will have a total cost of \$30. This is significantly less than last December's gathering. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember: space is limited so you should respond a.s.a.p.

Apropos, the Board has established a policy that any non Prime Timer, will pay more for his ticket than any member. All Prime Timer Chapters get the lower price.

As for the contents of the Dinner/Party, the Board has authorized that this will henceforth be the annual occasion during which some of those who have performed volunteer services for the BPT, above and beyond reasonable expectations, will be recognized and receives a certificate of appreciation. If you believe someone should receive such an honor, you should send his name into the BPT office.

Board members are still looking for help from the general membership in order to help achieve the goal each Board member is mentoring. This is an unprecedented opportunity to contribute to the well-being of the BPT. So I hope many of you will take advantage of this invitation to have a significant impact on our organization.

We have been using the new format of the monthly meeting for two months and (as was previously announced) will be using it through June 2010. If you have any comments you wish to make about it pro or con, feel free to contact a Board member or place your comments in the Suggestion Box.

**2010-2011 BOSTON PRIME TIMERS GOALS**

The Board has created nine goals and assigned a mentor for each. The Board is requesting that at least **two non-board members** volunteer to help each mentor complete their goal

1 Replace all office record keeping with a unified office system shared across the office.

**Mentor: Steve Vorenberg**

2 Find new income sources, i.e. fund raising, grants and bequests.

**Mentor: Jim Buckley**

3 Create more activities of varied interests for members to attend.

**Mentor: Carl Krause**

4 Plan some meals (Catered or Potluck) at the end of the meeting at USES.

**Mentor: Dick Bourbeau**

5 Establish a separate committee for each of several activities whose interests have been expressed by members, which don't exist currently. Examples: Bicycling, Bowling, Massage, Photography, Tennis, Movies, Museums.

**Mentor: Mitch Drucker**

6 Organize a fund raising dance, inviting North Shore Men, R I, and CT Prime Timers Chapters, with proceeds spent back on the Boston Prime Timer members.

**Mentor: Dick Smith.**

7 Increase the number of educational activities offered to our members.

**Mentor: Edmond Moussally**

8 Post photos on our [www.bostonprimetimers.org](http://www.bostonprimetimers.org) web site of all Board Members and members willing to have their pictures publicized in the Private Members Only section.

**Mentor: Frank LaPiana**

9 Secure a sponsor for a Gay Pride Parade 2011 Float.

**Mentor: Joe McGrath**

Now that you've read the goals, decide which one you would like to work on and contact the mentor board member (see last page of Prologue). Working on a project is a good way to make new friends and create a fun activity for your fellow members to enjoy. Unfilled vacancies for these volunteer opportunities will be filled by calls to members.

If you get a call, Please say: *"yes, I'll help"*.

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## Mission Statement

"The mission of the Boston Prime Timers, founded in 1987, is to provide mature 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". *The board voted on 2/23/10 to adopt this statement for a period of six months (August 31, 2010). Members are invited to make suggestions for changes which will be considered for future revisions. The statement will be used in all applications for financial grants for which we might apply.*

## AIDS WALK June 6, 2010

### Support The Prime Timers AIDS Walk Team

This is the thirteenth year that Prime Timers have organized a team for the AIDS Walk. Please join us on Sunday, June 6th. If you can't join us on the walk, please help by making a pledge.

In addition to supporting a most worthy cause, this is an ideal opportunity to celebrate the arrival of warm weather while in the companionship of your fellow Prime Timers. We will also get to socialize with each other when we meet for breakfast at the Au Bon Pain near the corner of Boylston and Berkeley Streets before we start.

The walk itself is splendid, through the great architecture of the Back Bay to Kenmore Square, on through Brookline, across the BU Bridge to Cambridge, and then back along the Charles River on Memorial Drive. The views could not be better, especially of the Charles River and Boston.

If you can't walk the full 10 kilometer distance, that is fine or walk as far as you can and then jump on the Green Line or a bus. I might need to do this myself. **If you are unable to walk, then you can sponsor one of us by making a contribution to our pledge sheet--\$35 suggested or what ever you can make.**

Last year we had ten walkers and raised \$635 for the battle against AIDS. This year we should do better. you can call 617-625-1952, email [bernardmichels@yahoo.com](mailto:bernardmichels@yahoo.com). Bernie Michels

## CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have 312 members currently. Just 27 of those men are working to keep things going. **We currently have a critical need for Office Help volunteers.**

The current volunteer opportunities needed to keep our club running smoothly are:

***\*Program Committee***

***\*Membership Committee (greeters needed)***

***\*Refreshment Setup or Clean Up***

***\*Host for Potpourri Event***

***\*Singers for Prime Time Singers***

Think about what you're "good at," then call any board member (see list on back page) to fill any of the above slots. Training is available for the technical ones. All others can be filled by any willing, reasonably sane member who'd like to meet more people. If we don't get volunteers, we will need to do some calling. If you get that call, consider saying YES.

## Boston Gay Pride June 12

"**Riots to Rights - Celebrating 40 Years of Progress**" honors the 1969 Stonewall Riots that commenced the modern Gay Rights movement and commemorates the progress we've made as a community's since those early days of the battle for equal rights. As Boston Pride celebrates its 40th Anniversary, we encourage our community to remember the brave pioneers before us who bravely took to the streets in protest and in anger, but with incredible hope that one day we would overcome the harsh shackles and restraints of hatred, bigotry and discrimination.

### **Friday Jun 4 2010 Boston Pride Flag raising**

12:00pm at Boston City Hall

### **Saturday Jun 5 Pride Day at Faneuil Hall**

10:00am at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA

### **Sunday Jun 6 Boston AIDS Walk**

10:00am at DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles River Esplanade

### **Monday Jun 7 2010 Gay Pride Political Forum**

7:00pm at TBD

### **Tuesday Jun 8 2010 Pride Lights**

7:00pm at BCA Cyclorama, Tremont Street

### **Wednesday Jun 9 2010 Pride Idol Finale**

7:00pm at Club Cafe 209 Columbus Ave Boston MA

### **Thursday Jun 10 King and Queen of Boston Pride Pageant**

7:00pm at The Estate, 1 Boylston Place

### **Friday Jun 11 2010 Boston Dyke March**

6:00pm at Boston MA

### **Saturday Jun 12 Gay Pride Interfaith Service**

10:00am at TBD

### **Saturday Jun 12 2010 Boston Gay Pride Parade**

12:00pm at Boston MA

### **Saturday Jun 12 2010 Boston Gay Pride Festival**

12:00pm at City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA

**Prime Timers** will be marching as before with the Senior Aging Coalition. Show support and our strength! Join us for a glorious day of PRIDE

If you wish to ride on the trolley contact: **Dick Smith**

### **The LGBT Aging Project's Pride Committee**

organizes several events during Pride Week that are for LGBT elders and their friends.

**Pride Tea Dance;** Sunday June 6th

**Pride Luncheon;** Cafe Emmanuel Thursday June 10

## USES Annual Fund Raiser

Dick Bourbeau

Our landlord, whose Executive Director, Kevin Hepner, happens to also be a fellow Boston Prime Timer, has announced their important annual fundraiser, **Step on Board**. It is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 June from 6-9 PM at the USES Harriet Tubman House. USES provides many valuable services to residents of the South End and Lower Roxbury communities and the funds they receive through this fundraiser are essential in order to continue these services. I will note once again, many of these services are available to our members since we are a tenant at the USES. At this event you will have the opportunity to learn a bit about some of the services they provide and get to enjoy the great jazz music and the food and drink provided by several of the local restaurants and caterers.

Individual tickets are \$125 and include all the food and drink (water, soda, wine and alcohol) free. Last year members commented that pricing was too high so I negotiated a \$1,000 deal with the organizers. If you are interested in attending this event you can pay the \$125 if you can afford it or pay \$100 if you prefer. For those interested in supporting but not attending this event you can send a donation of any amount. The hope is that we reach \$1,000 by 13 June (a close window), which will cover the price of admission for 10 members. All money is to be sent to the office with a Tear Sheet. Office staff will invite members of lesser means to attend for paid slots with no attendee. This is an opportunity to support our members as well as our landlord. So put on your festive attire, **Step on Board** and have a fun evening!

**From:** Dick Bourbeau

### **ARTICLES FOR THE JULY PROLOGUE**

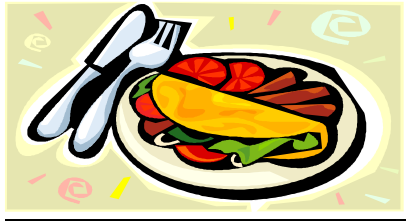
*Please submit by June, 22 2010.*

## EVENTS AT USES

### **Classes at the Harriet Tubman House**

If you are 60+ you can take classes in the Seniors Program for free. at [www.uses.org](http://www.uses.org). Call the center at 617 536-8610

**ONGOING EVENTS**



**Cafe Emmanuel**

Weekly luncheon & entertainment for LGBT Seniors.  
Thursdays from 11am to 1:00PM  
15 Newbury Street, Boston, MA (Emmanuel Church)  
Donation of \$1.75  
Reservations required (one week in advance).

**For reservations call (617) 477-6610.**

**Senior Lunch Program** The United South End Settlements serves a lunch every week day to seniors for a suggested donation of \$2.00. Lunch is served in the Cafeteria on the lower level of the Harriet Tubman House, 566 Columbus Avenue. It is recommended that you arrive before 12:30 to ensure you get a complete meal. This is yet another of the benefits of having the USES as our landlord. Please call to get on the list for head count purposes. **(617) 522-1292**



**Especially for our South Shore members,  
But Everyone is Welcome**

**The Randolph Country Club**  
(44 Mazzeo Drive, Randolph, MA 02368),

Buffet Supper every Wednesday night  
starting around 6:15pm.

**The cost is \$7.50.**

No reservations are needed

Members who have tried it say it is very enjoyable  
.Get a few friends together and have an inexpensive evening

**Free Six Week Bereavement Groups  
for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people  
of all ages.**

**3 New Groups Forming May 2010**

**North of Boston (Burlington)**

**South of Boston (Braintree/Quincy)**

**Cape Cod Area (Yarmouth)**

*These groups offer a **SAFE and WELCOMING**  
environment for participants to talk about their loss  
and receive strategies for healing by moving forward  
with their lives.*

**For More Information: Contact:  
Bob Linscott (617) 522-1292**

**Provincetown LGBT Bereavement Group**

Are you or a friend coping with the loss of a loved one? You are not alone. An LGBT Bereavement Group is forming in Provincetown. This free, confidential 6 week support group offers a safe and welcoming environment to talk about your loss, as well as strategies for coping and moving forward with your life. For more information please contact Nancy Higgins, LICSW, VNA Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, 1-800-631-3900 ext 7715.

**ADVERTISING:**

*We're offering business card ads for members in 12 editions for \$72. For ads by the month the charge is \$10 per issue. For non-member business card ads in 12 editions \$150, by the month \$20.00 per issue. Our newsletter not only goes to all the Boston chapter members but is posted on the worldwide website as well. If you would like to run an ad or learn more about advertising in Prologue, please call Steve Vorenberg at 617-447-2344*

**Room for Rent** - private bath

Lovely privately owned condominium.

Located on Salem St., Wilmington, MA

\$500 per month + shared utilities

Individual must be a non-smoker & drug free.

Contact Dick (Owner) 978-657-7007

**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**

Member, Boston Prime Timers

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