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2023 Convention Presentations Available by Video

At our recent Biennial Convention in St. Petersburg, PTWW presented 13 Workshops that focused on Chapter-specific topics. Six "encore" workshops will be scheduled later in 2024. "Encore" topics include:

President's Corner

As a result of David Gunton having recently stepped down as PTWW President, the Board followed PTWW Bylaws and soon appointed me to fill that vacant position until 2025 Omaha.

In addition to my PTWW Presidential duties, I will also continue with my Vice-Presidential work as Chapter Care Coordinator.

I am honored to have the full backing and support of our truly amazing Board members.

With their dedication, sage advice and working together, we can provide both Local and Independent Chapters and their nearly 6,500 members with the ongoing support and service that they need and deserve. *Charles*



Charles Koehler, PTWW Presiden

"Where do you go to socialize if you are a mature gay or bisexual gentleman and not necessarily into the bar scene?"

- Woody Baldwin

- 1. Recruiting and Retaining New Members
- 2. Boosting Your Board and Committees
- 3. Optimize Chapter Website and Facebook Pages
- 4. Emails and Newsletters that Your Members Will Want to Read
- Building a Diverse,
 Welcoming and Inclusive
 Chapter for All
- 6. Fun and Engaging Chapter Activities and Events

Please let me know which of these ENCORE presentations would be of interest or value to you by emailing me directly at:

president@ptww.org

BIENNIAL CONVENTION

8-13 October 2025

"Metro Omaha Prime Timers are VERY excited to share Nebraska hospitality with Prime Timers from around the globe next year," proudly stated by MOPT President George Broadway.



Free morning breakfast is served to hotel guests in the Lower Atrium. Photos courtesy of Embassy Suites



Evening Manager's reception for hotel guests.

The Embassy Suites hotel rate is \$186/night, including taxes + free breakfast and 2-drink Manager's Reception in the evenings.

Side excursions to the Strategic Air Command Museum, Durham and Joslyn Art Museums, and Union Pacific Railroad Museum are being planned. Also, the famous Omaha Zoo & Aquarium is an option.

The tentative schedule of events for the convention is posted online at the link below.

theprimetimersww.com/2025-omaha-convention/

Hotel reservations and individual registration will open in early November 2024 layer this year.

The announcement will be coordinated with Local Chapter Leaders, attendees at 2023 St. Petersburg and our 2024 fundraising cruise, and the Facebook group.



Lower Atrium seating area for socializing near bar. Photos courtesy of Embassy Suites

MEET YOUR NEW CHAPTER CARE REPS

PTWW has a Chapter-Focused Board, and now all seven Board Members also serve as Chapter Care Reps!

Five of us are either current or former Chapter Presidents, and all seven of us have served on Local Chapter Boards. In addition, several of us have served PTWW for years as either President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-At-Large, Websites, and and/or Newsletter Editor.

Over the years, we have experienced many of the same kinds of successes and challenges experienced by your Chapters.

Because we know firsthand how important support for Chapters can be, the PTWW Board has taken a Chapter-focused approach to provide the kinds of service, support and advocacy that you and your Chapter needs and deserves.

We are very much aware that no two Chapters are alike since each Chapter has its own unique set of leaders, members, and internal and external strengths and challenges.

Together those factors can influence what and how a Chapter provides for its members, and how successful they are likely to be, now and into the future.

We recently held an in-depth training session for our Board, covering best-practices ways to provide Chapters with ongoing support, service and advocacy, whether by email, phone, video conferencing or in-person Chapter visits. So, when needed, we can provide your Local Chapter with a range of additional tools and support that can help your leadership team to thrive and better meet the needs of your members.

We look forward to both contacting and hearing from you soon so we can gain a better understanding of your Chapter's strengths, challenges and needs, and ways that we might be of service.

by Charles Koehler president@ptww.org

In-Person Visits

Each Chapter has a designated a Board Member as their Chapter Rep

Chapter Location	WW REP
Asheville NC	Mike M
Atlanta GA	Mike M
Austin TX	Mark H
Baltimore MD	Frank P
Billings MT	Marc G
Boston MA	Mark H
Calgary AB	Marc G
Canton OH	Mark H
Charleston SC	Mike M
Charleston WV	Mike M
Charlotte NC	Mike M
Chattanooga TN	Mike M
Chicago IL	Charles
Cincinnati OH (TriState)	Charles
Cleveland OH	Mark H
Columbia MO (Mid MO)	Ron W
Columbia SC	Mike M
Columbus OH	Mark H
Dallas/Ft. Worth TX	Mark H
Dayton OH (Miami Valley)	Mark H
Denver CO	Jay T
Des Moines IA	Ron W
Edmonton AB	Marc G
Grand Rapids MI	Mark H
Hamilton ON	Charles
Harlingen/McAllen TX	Mark H
Hartford CT	Mark H
Houston TX	Mark H
Huntsville AL	Mike M
Indianapolis IN	Charles
Kamloops BC	Marc G
Kansas City MO	Ron W
Las Vegas NV	Marc G
Mineral Wells TX (CrossTimbers)	Mark H
Minneapolis/St. Paul MN	Charles

Chapter Location	WW REP
Mobile AL	Mark H
Montclair NJ (North NJ)	Mark H
Myrtle Beach SC	Mike M
Nanaimo BC	Marc G
New Orleans LA	Mark H
Norfolk VA	Frank P
Oklahoma City OK	Mark H
Omaha NE	Ron W
Orlando FL	Mike M
Ottawa ON	Charles
Palm Beaches FL	Mark H
Palm Springs CA	Mark H
Phoenix AZ	Marc G
Pittsburgh PA	Charles
Portland OR	Marc G
Providence RI	Mark H
Raleigh-Durham NC	Mike M
Rehoboth Beach DE	Frank P
Richmond VA	Frank P
Sacramento CA	Marc G
San Antonio TX	Mark H
San Francisco CA	Marc G
Santa Barbara CA	Marc G
Sarasota FL	Mike M
Seattle WA	Marc G
St. Louis MO	Charles
St. Peterburg/Tampa FL	Mike M
Tallahassee FL	Mike M
Toronto ON	Mark H
Tucson AZ	Marc G
Tulsa OK	Ron W
Vancouver BC	Marc G
Victoria BC	Marc G
Washington DC	Frank P
Wichita KS	Ron W

Update Chapter Contact info

Q: How can I update our new chapter leaders' info ONLINE for the official PTWW mailing list?

A: theprimetimersww.com/update-chapter-profile/

One recommendation from The Presidents' Roundtable at the 2019 San Antonio was to have a PTWW leader visit each chapter every other year.



Visits and Resources

Q: Who and when will can I expect an in-person visit to our Local Chapter?

A: The PWW Board plans to have an in-person representative visit each chapter at least once every other year. Attending every 5th anniversary of a chapter's founding is a priority of the Board. However, a PTWW leader may visit a chapter activity if he "in the neighborhood" visiting other chapters or on personal holidays.

Q: How can I contact PTWW about a question on chapter operations?

A: Send an email directly to your designated rep below:

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Ron W. primetimersiguys@gmail.com	

News Desk, Websites and Archives

Benefits provided to Local Chapters



News Desk

Share your Local Chapter activities REAL TIME on the main website post, usually on Thursdays from content submitted via the inbox at: <u>newsdesk@ptww.org</u> Articles should be < 100 words. Images and content must be credentialed and by the author.

Any >100 word content may also be included in the next issue of *Prime Times*.

SUBMIT ARTICLES

Short web posts are usually displayed Thursdays. Deadline for longer newsletter articles is 15th of June, August, October, and December.

Business Continuity & Archives

Q: Where can I store Local Chapter records to ensure new officers can get documentation after our elections?

A: Use the free PTWW cloud repository that is securely partitioned for privacy of 2-3 chapter contacts to load and access rosters and financial records. For access and training, contact the *ptwwwebtigers@gmail.com*

PTWW hosts a free WordPress website landing page for each chapter to ensure an online presence for visibility.

Domains & Landing Pages

Q: Do all Local Chapters need a domain to have a website? A: Nope. FYI, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Number (ICANN) registers official domains for about \$37/ year. Many Chapters have PTWW manage the ICANN fees with passthrough billing with Annual Dues, to ensure business continuity.

You can still have a free, simple PTWWhosted website without a domain.

Q: So if my chapter wants it's own website, what happens?

A: No problem! Use whatever e-tool can be supported with hands-on volunteers and budget. A fully integrated, 1-stop CRM or CMS tool cover invites, members, emails, domain, and website, costing ~\$70/ month. Invite/rsvp tools, MeetUp or Punchbowl, cost ~ \$10/month.

Of course, using a generic (ghost) e-mail to protect privacy from Google Gmail, or MS Outlook is usually FREE! Using easy -to-learn tools familiar with your membership is the key to successful outreach.



Regional Video Meetings



55+ Residents Recruiting by Charlotte NC Chapter

Ever ask how to find an untapped, new group of gay or bisexual men?

Q: How did Charlotte Chapter start this outreach action?

A: Two of our existing members moved into the specialized housing and discovered 10 other gay men already living in the 55+ age independent living, multi-building complex.

Q: What happened with the paid social management team?

A. WOW! Surprisingly they welcomed our Prime Timers group with open arms and worked to include us with some or their regularly scheduled activities. In fact, they are also helping CLT Prime Timers to plan other "open house" events with other independent living residences in metro Charlotte and Rock Hill SC.

Q: Any suggestions how to get prepared for this targeted outreach?

A: Knowing a current resident willing to be recognized as a Prime Timer sures makes it easy to recruit other men and encourage attending the introduction meeting. Having business flyers and cards to distribute at each facility demonstrates we are a relevant and viable social-focused group.

Sharing Success Stories and New Ideas

PTWW hosts video meetings in April and October for all Chapter Presidents and up to four additional local leaders-per-chapter to talk about what activities are working well - or not.

NEW ways to reach out to untapped potential members and add a fun activity get SHARED! Here three highlights from the April Regional Meetings:

Are You Recognizing New Members?

Sarasota FL and San Antonio TX shared how each chapter quickly speeds socializing for recent "newbies."

Q: What does Sarasota Chapter do that "works?"

A: Sarasota has a breakfast every few months inviting every man that joined us since the previous meeting. SPT pays for all new members and officers attending, however spouses may their own way. We then talk about chapter operations and activities.

Q: What "works" for the San Antonio Chapter?

A: San Antonio has a quarterly potluck for only new members to meet other new members. An officer or two presents basic "how to" info for RSVPs, reviews the upcoming activities, and business info.

Alliances with other Local Men's Social Groups



Non-competitive groups, such as Great Outdoors and SAGE, can be carefully synchronized using social media tools like Facebook and MeetUp.

PTWW CONTACTS



CAN-SPAM / CASL Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003

PTWW is complying with US and Canada legislation empowering individuals to UNSUBCRIBE or to OPT IN from "bulk email."

Q: How does this impact PTWW?

A: All official emails will have an UNSUBSCRIBE link at the bottom of the message. If the recipient clicks that link confirming he no longer want to receive future email, his email address will be deleted from PTWW Leadership Profiles.



Q. Does this impact my chapter emails or weekly e-blasts?

A. Nope. When a man applies to be a Local Chapter member, it is implied he is consenting to be contacted at that email inbox.

If he OPTS OUT of receiving chapter mailings or listing in rosters choice must be noted on each membership application. **On Feb. 1, 2024**, both Google and Yahoo started enforcing new bulk email requirements for senders on three areas:

PTWW?

A: Send

an email[.]

authentication of outgoing emails

reported spam rates

ability to easily unsubscribe from email lists

All messages sent from the same primary domain umbrella count toward the 5,000 limit and may be tagged as SPAM by incoming filters Google or Yahoo!

Always check your SPAM folder once a week!

Q: How can I contact

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LOCAL CHAPTERS

Palm Springs Chapter 1,200 Members

"What is working well for us," reports Richard Babik, President of the chapter, "is that we are in a gay retirement area drawing on many fulltime and seasonal residents and visitors. Many of these men stop by to meet other like-minded locals. In order to keep our members and visiting guests interested, we offer multiple events each month over numerous activity types, serving a variety of interests."



Submitted by Gary Dougan, Board of Directors / PTWW Liaison

The common glue that keeps people coming back is our mixers. In the month of March 2024, PToD offered weekly mixers, a singles mixer, and one mixer where we invited members from another organization as our guests. We are a group with a social conscience participating in a recent blood drive, toy drive and food drive. We also just participated in the local Cathedral City Pride in March and Palm Springs Pride in November. Add these special activities to our regular monthly lunches and dinners, our karaoke, book club and weekly breakfast meetings and we have a calendar often with 20 or more activities each month. We are proudly offering two cruises in 2024, a "field trip" to nearby Laughlin, Nevada gambling border town, and we

started a weekly Pickleball group a few months back.

PrimeTimers of the Desert promotes participation by honoring our volunteer members and event producers in various ways, ensuring that we are listening to the voices of our members. Summer is coming and we may see a bit of drop off as the temporary resident "snowbirds" depart. We know that with all the fun and friends they've experienced many or most of them will be back. And we invite those of you from other chapters to come and visit us whenever you are in southern California and the Coachella Valley / Palm Springs area. We welcome you and want to get to know you. Come, meet and play with us.

Local Chapter Celebrations

2024 Upcoming '5/0' Year Chapter Anniversaries

Chattanooga	10
Minneapolis/St. Paul	25
New Orleans	35
Wichita	25

2025 Celebrations Calgary	35
Calgary	35
Cleveland	35
Dallas-Fort Worth	35
Dayton (Mia.Valley)	20
Grand Rapids	15
Houston	35
Mobile	15
North New Jersey	15
Orlando	30
Palm Springs	35
Pittsburgh	20
RalDurham-Ch.Hill	10
Santa Barbara	35
Tallahassee	30
Tampa Bay - St. Pete	30
Toronto	30
Vancouver	35

Dallas-Fort Worth TX

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34 years Prime ribs, Pizzookies and 40 Prime Timers



Dallas-Fort Worth PrimeTimers® celebrate the 34th at BJ's Brewhouse Photo courtesy of Bob Leven



The Oklahoma City Men's Social Group (COPT) their 30th Chapter Anniversary

Photo courtesy of Koby Cohen



Oklahoma City OK 30 years

Celebrants from Arkansas, Wichita, Dallas Chapters joined with 35 men in Central Oklahoma—in preparation fro the upcoming Rainbow Round Up Weekend in August.

Columbus OH Holiday Festivity

The Columbus Ohio Prime Timers has capped off their 25th anniversary year with a fun filled Holiday Celebration.

The Holiday Celebration saw 45 members and guests come together for an evening of good food, the completion of our Secret Santa service project for 20 individuals in LGBT+ families in conjunction with Stonewall Columbus, and an ugly holiday sweater contest.

A highlight was also the presentation of the John L. Bell Outstanding Service





award to our special events chair for so many years, Mike Legendre.

As we prepare for the new year, we will be launching a new user-friendly

website and continuing to develop more enriching activities.

It has been an exciting year with the addition of new activities like our monthly hiking series, a sternwheeler

cruise on the Muskingum River, and a celebration bash in May.



Winners of the Ugly Sweater Contest Photo courtesy of Rich Horton

It has been a year of not only new activities but also an increase in membership that typifies the purpose of Prime Timers as "enriching the lives of gay, bisexual and trans men." Richard Horton, President, Columbus Chapter



Holiday Celebration buffet

Photo courtesy of Rich Horton

Sacramento CA Partners with Wisdom Project



PrimeTimers of Sacramento has been working with Wisdom Project, a sister group in our area to sponsor two coffee & conversation events and a monthly gathering and the Senior PRIDE Fair at The Hart Senior Center.

PrimeTimers of Sacramento has helped increase attendance of these Wisdom Project events by advertising on our Facebook, meetup and website. This will be PrimeTimers first year to have a booth with our new tablecloth with logo, business cards and a May 2024 printed calendar with all 14 May events. Should be able to reach 200+ senior LGBTQ+ citizens.

We think it's important to reach out to groups with missions similar to ours.

John Bennett, Secretary and Events Coordinator

Tell a friend

Q. Do you know a friend near these locales that might be interested socializing with a new PrimeTimers chapter?

Daytona Beach, Florida

A: Has an existing weekly dinner group, not yet ready to formalize with us.

Jacksonville, Florida

A: Has a list of men interested, getting ready to organize.



Missoula/Five Valleys, Montana

A: The organizing meeting held 28-March, combined with Kalispell MT men. Thanks to our SEMT Chapter in Billings for their support!

Nashville, Tennessee

A: Former chapter members of Kansas City now residing in Nashville are building contacts for a summer organizing meeting,

Email your friends and copy us:

info@primetimersworldwide.org

Mobile AL to Natchez MS

June 8-9 Road Trip

Are you ready for some good music, great food, interesting history, fellowship and relaxation? Then come with Mobile Prime Timers Chapter for a Mississippi Weekend.



The two tours and your hotel room (when shared by two guys) altogether amount to only about \$125 per person. You decide, of course, how much more you want to spend on carpooling, food, etc. There is no deposit. Everyone makes their own carpooling arrangements and makes their own hotel reservation.

If you want to go on this Mobile Chapter tour, email Ron at guylein@aol.com

San Francisco visits California State Railroad Museum and Social with Sacramento

Train Trip via AMTRAK on Saturday, May 18

Purchase your own SF-SAC-SF train tickets at: capitolcorridor/com/tkts



Leaving SF/Salesforce Terminal on Train #724 at 8:40 AM. With BART stops in Emeryville and Richmond, it arrives in Sacramento at 11:00 AM.

On-your-own lunch is Saturday, May 18 11:30 AM Bear & Crown British Pub, 1022 2nd St., Sacramento.

Departs Sacramento Station on Train #745 at 4:55 PM. Arrives back in SF-Salesforce Terminal at 7:40 PM.



FRIENDSHIP

A gaggle of gays Glow every day A meeting of minds and a meeting of ways...

Friendships that glow Friendships that stay Friendships that grow in a permanent way Prime Timers Worldwide Has opened the way...

With lunches and dinners, Beach time and plays, Miniature golf, a cruise on the bay, Pot lucks and parties, Game night and cards, Bar night and drag shows, And Cirque du Soleil! The magic of new friends has taken away The loneliness of aging The sting of decay... Faltering footsteps now stronger each day Biking and hiking and walking the beach I did not expect Nor see... New friends would fill my lonely dreams ...

So I thank you kindly Prime Timers Worldwide For opening my eyes Very WIDE... Every day... Each month... ALL YEAR LONG... I sing the song Of friendships Brand New... And Now Old... And age more gracefully... Fully... Because of you... Prime Timers Worldwide... Thank you!

by Mark Bailey, PrimeTimers® of Tampa Bay

Image by Jack Drafahl via Pixabay

PTWW FUNDRAISING CRUISES

Our men ranged from 29 to 91 years of age. As an added celebration, we recognized four PrimeTimers® birthdays during the sailing.

Advantages of a official PTWW Cruise

Socializing with other like-minded men is our first feature. Our 2024 cruise registered 63 men, from all over North America. Canadian cruisers came from Victoria BC, Nova Scotia, and Ontario Provinces to join other Prime Timers from Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago,

Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, New Orleans, Omaha, Palm Springs, San Antonio, and San Diego.

All financial proceeds from each PTWW-hosted cruise are allocated to the Woody Baldwin Chapter Development Fund.



Enjoy after-dinner train dominoes, canasta, and party bridge or simply sit and visit with fellow PrimeTimers®

Each PTWW-hosted cruise has a designated PTWW Cruise Director to coordinate social activities and group excursions. You always will have a friendly "go to" person onboard. Of course, you can always "do your own thing" as it is YOUR holiday to enjoy!

Our Next 2026 PTWW Cruises

31 January via 2026 via Fort Lauderdale Royal Caribbean *Allure of the Seas*

St. Thomas, St. Maarten, San Juan

Featuring PT group excursions and "After-Glow Days" in Fort Lauderdale.

4 April 2026 via Los Angeles (Port of San Pedro) Princess Cruises *Ruby Princess*

> San Francisco, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ensenada MX

Exclusive PT bus to Castro Street for lunch with San Francisco Prime Timers.



Dinner and evening conversation on the 2024 PTWW Cruise on Harmony of the Seas.

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL Rainbow Round Up 25

. August 21-25, 2024



Every year many Prime Timers and their friends converge on The District Hotel (*formally known as the Habana Inn*) for a weekend of fun in the sun. Come and join us!



Optional Group Photo Op at the East Pool

The host hotel is located in the heart of Oklahoma City's gay bar district. It features two swimming pools, three bars, and an adult gift shop, tattoo parlor, barber shop plus shows on Thursday and Sunday nights. It has free wireless internet.

Most attendees find their own diversions onsite. If you venture out, Oklahoma City offers museums, entertainment and dining districts, and The Oklahoma City National Memorial. If antiques are your thing, there are hundreds of stores available for treasure shopping.

Your Oklahoma City Chapter Hosts also offer local tours of the city and The 2024 Woody Baldwin Memorial Bridge Tournament.

SCHEDULE INFO

https://chapters.theprimetimersww.com/ centraloklahoma/2024-rainbow-roundup/

REGISTRATION FEE does not include hotel

\$180/man	until July 15,2024
\$220/man	on and after July 16, 2024

Click below for online processing



THE DISTRICT HOTEL RESERVATION

\$89/night + taxes king single or queen double Call 1-405-528-2221 and use group code **PTWWCOPT**

PTWW FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/groups/PrimeTimersWW/

Prime Timers World Wide is the official Facebook group for PrimeTimers® recognized for our members and friends.

Protecting you "24/7" is the role of our volunteer PTWW Facebook Admin Team.



Prime Timers World Wide Private group - 5.7K members Private group - 5.7K members

Many Chapters also have local admins managing Facebook pages for its members.

So, let's have a FB admins meeting in September!

If you are a local FB admin, and interested in email us at *facebook@ptww.org*. These admins across Canada and the US are consistently and diligently:

+ Invite

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- Reviewing each separate post submitted
- Credentialing each request for new application to join us online
- Managing your expectations on content, as we approach 6,000+ followers
- Providing sincere and competent PTWW volunteers to manage this social outlet.

Do not be mistakenly re-directed by any other "Prime Time" groups, as many may have religious affiliations or may contain outdated content or inappropriate postings in recent years.