

PRIME TIMES

Help Plan the Future of PTWW



Share your ideas and how to make them successful by sending us suggestions and recommendations to establish an even stronger foundation for the future of all PrimeTimers® Chapters.

Click below to log input by Friday, August 2 so all Chapter Presidents can review and prioritize your ideas.

<https://theprimetimersww.com/suggestion-amp-priorities/>

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Regional Leaders' Video Meetings in October!

All leaders updated in the Chapter Profile will be invited to participate in time zones-based calls, with options. Web guys, newsletter editors, and local board are welcome, with a 5-man limit per chapter.

Encore Chapter Ops Presentations Zooming Soon

Refresh your viewpoint and share ideas, tools, and actions that may boost your enthusiasm for the future. Dates and times for these workshops will be scheduled based on inputs from interested chapters later this fall.

- 1. Boosting Your Board and Committees**
Mike Murphy, Atlanta Chapter
- 2. Fun/Engaging Chapter Activities Without Food**
Glenn Bottomly, PhD, Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter
- 3. E-Communications Today**
Alex Mayer, Palm Springs Chapter

Each session is limited to 100 participants.

CLICK BELOW to indicate your preferred sessions:

<https://theprimetimersww.com/encores2024/>

Invitations will be sent when sessions are scheduled.

Do not be mistakenly re-directed by any other "Prime Timers", as many group or FB pages may have religious affiliations or may contain outdated content or inappropriate postings.

President's Corner: PTWW Benefits

With Pride Month behind us (“*Happy Pride!*”), and the hot days of summer ahead (*for most of us*), the PTWW Board looks forward to continuing our ongoing support, care and contacts with Chapters by email, phone, video chats, and in-person visits.

In addition, we are frequently asked what else the PTWW Board has been doing and what tangible benefits we provide for Chapters and their members.

- This informative Every-Other-Month Newsletter, Local News postings on the website, and our PTWW Facebook Page. All three communications were created to benefit our 71+ Chapters and nearly 7,000 members.
- Updating our PTWW website for easier navigation, as well as creating, maintaining and enhancing 51+ Local Chapter Websites, including training for Chapter Web Guys.
- Researching, compiling and evaluating key “Dashboard” indicators for 71+ Chapters to help us to quickly identify outstanding



Charles Koehler
PTWW President

Chapters as well as respond to those in potential need of our support, experiences and assistance.

- Provide support and advice for multi-Chapter Regional Events - both large and small gatherings.
- Establishing clear guidelines that will help us to protect the Good Name, Likeness, Identity and Reputation of PrimeTimers® Worldwide and all of its Local Chapters.
- Conducting a major update of our PTWW Bylaws and Policies and Procedures to clarify ambiguous sections, reflect recent changes, and ensure that they are also in compliance with US, International and state/territory/province rules and regulations.
- Updating six “Encore” Chapter-focused video presentations, with three to be scheduled for later this year.
- Developing content for our upcoming Chapter-focused Regional Video Meetings this October.
- Developing “Best Practices” Guidelines to be recommended to Chapters that have Facebook Pages.

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Omaha Convention 8 -13 October 2025

18TH BIENNIAL PTWW

Side excursions to the Strategic Air Command Museum, Durham and Joslyn Art Museums are being planned. Options include the world renowned Omaha Zoo & Aquarium.

Hotel reservations and individual registration will open later in 2024.

theprimetimersww.com/2025-omaha-convention/

The tentative schedule of convention events is online.

Early bird hotel reservations will open first for attendees that pre-registered at the 2023 St. Petersburg FL gathering and our 2024 fundraising cruise.

Advance registration then opens for Chapter Delegates and Presidents, followed by general registration.

Online announcements will be posted via our Facebook group, the PTWW website, and in *Prime Times*.

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

Reservations discount codes will be provided when your individual convention application has been received.



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



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

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DUES FROM \$2.00 to \$3.00

Annual Chapter dues of \$2.00 per member have remained rock steady since 2009. That’s 15 years ago! And in 2021, WW Dues were cut in half to help Local Chapters retain funds as membership dropped temporarily during the pandemic.

But over those same 15 years, the **Cost of Living has nearly DOUBLED** (to 47%) on almost everything, but **our Chapter Dues remained the same.**

Because of this, the time has finally come when an increase in Annual Chapter dues is urgently needed to avoid PTWW operating with an annual loss.

Without an increase, deficits are likely even considering projected income from conventions, cruises, donations and making significant operating budget cuts for website tools and chapter visits.

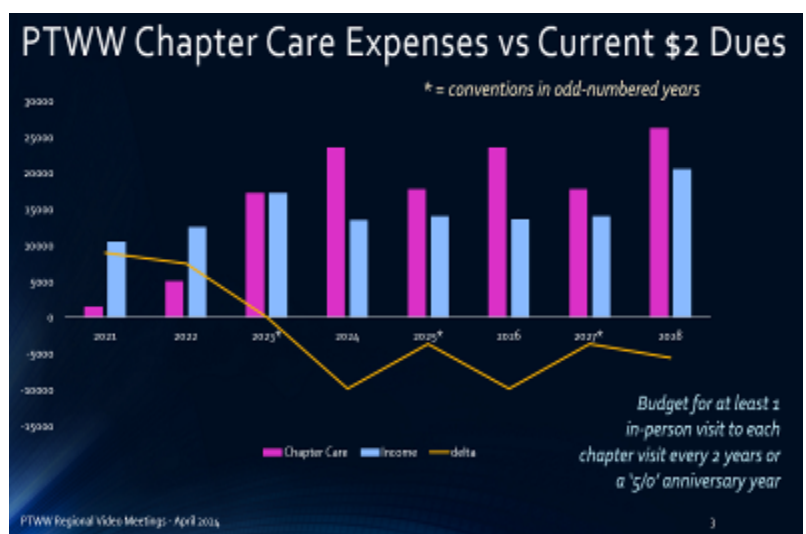
	2021*	2022	2023*	2024	2025*	2026	2027*	2028
Convention-related /Support/	0	0	5,930	0	0	0	0	0
Chapter Care - Websites Local/WW	0	360	3,811	900	900	900	900	3,600
Chapter Care - Visits & Support	0	0	5,476	0	0	0	0	0
I-Guys meeting/merchandise (\$4500 bal.)	1,500	0	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
Air/rail	0	0	0	5,300	5,850	5,300	5,850	5,300
Auto	0	0	0	6,100	2,700	6,100	2,700	6,100
Room	0	0	0	10,150	6,300	10,150	6,300	10,150
CHAPTER CARE	1,500	5,043	17,217	23,450	17,750	23,450	17,750	26,150
* = convention year								
Fundraising Cruises, donations, gifts	0	0	0	3,885	0	7,000	0	7,000
Dues @ 6500 members at	9,179	11,923	12,232	12,790	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
I-Guys +increased 1/2024	1,245	524	193	702	1,000	500	1,000	500
INCOME	10,424	12,447	12,425	17,377	14,000	20,500	14,000	20,500
CHAPTER CARE EXPENSES	1,500	5,043	17,217	23,450	17,750	23,450	17,750	26,150
INCOME	10,424	12,447	12,425	13,492	14,000	13,500	14,000	13,500
	8,924	7,404	-4,792	-9,958	-3,750	-9,950	-3,750	-12,650

After much discussion

involving fiscally conservative projections and to remain financially solvent, the PTWW Board voted on July 8 to **propose a modest \$1.00/member increase** in Annual Chapter Dues to \$3.00 per regular member Local Chapter Member, effective December 31, 2024.

An official ballot to approve the \$2 to \$3 increase will be distributed to Chapter Presidents or Chairmen after mid-September.

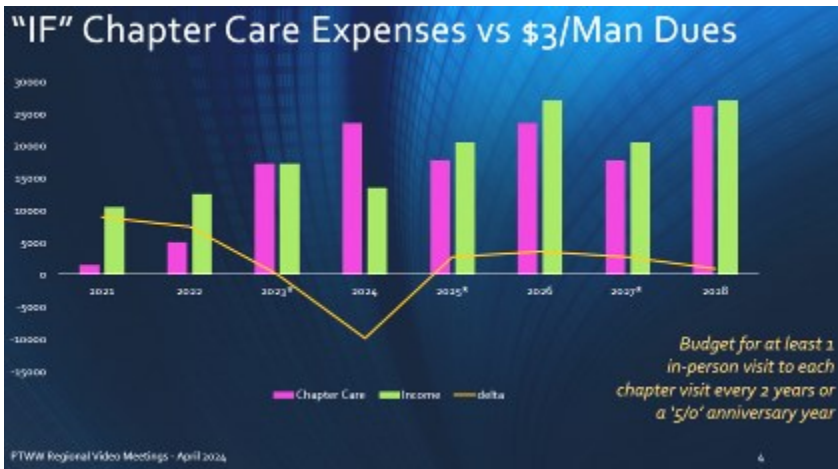
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DUES INCREASE

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At the 2019 San Antonio Convention, seven Roundtables of Chapter Presidents/Chairmen or credentialed alternates voice what PTWW should be doing. EACH roundtable had the recommendation to “have a PTWW Board Member visit EACH chapter ONCE per year.” **That was a huge surprise!**



Yet the Roundtable proposals concluded increasing dues up to a whopping \$5.00/year/man to help cover expenses was warranted.

That proposed \$5 increase was rejected by the Board because of 1) the impact on local chapter dues, and 2) not enough resources to support the planned in-person Chapter visits.

PTWW is working with the two-year budget approved by the Chapter Presidents and delegates at the General Meeting during the 2023 Convention. Reporting is impacted by the every-other-year biennial convention project and fundraising cruises.

However there is no guaranty for continued fundraising, estate bequests, or individual donations. So, the dues increase to \$3.00 is required.

President's Corner from page 2

None of the following (*and more*) would have happened were it not for the work and dedication of our all-volunteer Board and Operations Team:

- Follow-up to establish two new and “re-boot” three former Local Chapters.
- Assisting with our newest **Missoula/Five Valleys Prime Timers Chapter** located in Western Montana. ***We welcome them aboard!***
- Joining two major international LGBTQ+ organizations as official members, helping us to establish meaningful partnerships, establish new Chapters and increase our global outreach.
- Planning for the 18th Biennial PTWW Convention in Omaha NE next October 8-13, 2025.
- Promoting our two Official PTWW 2026 Fundraising Cruises. **see page 10-11**

Thank you all for joining Prime Timers and enjoying our brand of quality socializing!

Charles

Charles Koehler
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Publishing & Promoting



Questions & Answers

Q: What does it do?

A: News Desk is the main portal to receive content, images, and features from Local Chapters and Independent Members.

News Desk edits and then distributes those inputs, along with official business, shared to:

- 1) the main PTWW web pages
- 2) our Facebook group
- 3) targeted emails to Chapters
- 4) promoted in the *Prime Times* newsletter.

Q: Who staffs the News Desk?

Experienced volunteers keep production cycles on schedule.

Skills and backgrounds in desktop publishing, website administration, graphics arts, journalism, and proofreading are shared across the teams.

Errol leads the Facebook Admins, while Mark leads the News Desk for articles for the PTWW Local News web blurbs updated every other week .

LOCAL CHAPTER blurb

every-other-week column on the website

A "short item" ~ 45-70 words is a blurb posted with your latest chapter LOGO, along with 1-2 images (PNG or PDF) photographed or credentialed by Chapter Officers. A blurb can be submitted at any time, but may be posted up every other Thursday. The name of the submitter will be credited with the blurb.

One-blurb-every-other-month is a general policy to allow more Chapters to share past and upcoming events at:



<https://theprimetimersww.com/local-chapter-newsyoucanuse/>

FEATURE ARTICLES

every-other-month here in *Prime Times*

Submitted article has < 250 words, with 1-3 images photographed or credentialed by one of your local members. The content purpose is to share recent or future chapter-sponsored activities.

Maximum of one major Chapter-related or one individual author article published every other ISSUE allows more varied content in our 312 column inches.

PTWW Facebook Policies will be featured in SEP issue. PTWW requires you apply to be a follower at:

www.facebook.com/groups/PrimeTimersWW/

NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM: NXP



Chapter-to-Chapter sharing of activities is managed by newsdesk@ptww.org providing direct channels of distribution of local activities to key leaders of both near or far.

In 2018, only one-third of Local Chapters were uploading monthly newsletter into an open news directory, viewed by any one requesting reader permissions for all info.

Uploaded content from each chapter was never censored or

Newsletter Exchange Requirements and Expectations

Each participating Local Chapter will email its regularly produced schedule of planned/past events in the form of:

- Embedded content and graphics and content within an email
- Downloadable PDF attached
- Link to readable/downloadable online PDF - not password protected

PARTICIPATING CHAPTERS

Asheville	Edmonton	Minneapolis-St Paul	Sarasota
Atlanta	Harlingen-McAllen	Myrtle Beach	Seattle
Billings	Hartford	Nanaimo	Tallahassee
Calgary	Houston	Oklahoma City	Tampa Bay
Canton	Indianapolis	Orlando	Tucson
Chattanooga	Kamloops	Palm Springs	Vancouver
Charlotte	Kansas City	Phoenix	Victoria
Chicago	Las Vegas	Sacramento	Washington DC
Dallas-Fort Worth	Mineral Wells	San Antonio	Wichita
Des Moines		Santa Barbara	

Even vetted by PTWW to prevent political views or personal information from public display. That directory was retired in 2019 to reduce PTWW liability and better complying with 501-c-3 US tax-exempt requirements.

- **Understand not all Local Chapters produce a printable newsletter to share.**
- **Many are opting to sending monthly emails for activities or posting items on a members-only website. That's a choice.**

Q: How can I contact PTWW with a question about PrimeTimers® ...

A: Send an email to the man listed for your Local Chapter:

Asheville	Mike M	Mobile	Mark H
Atlanta	Mike M	Myrtle-Beach	Marc G
Austin	Mark H	Nanaimo	Mike M
Baltimore	Frank P	New-Orleans	Marc G
Billings	Marc G	Norfolk (Tide Water)	Mark H
Boston	Frank P	North-Jersey	Frank P
Calgary	Marc G	Oklahoma-City	Mark H
Canton	Mark H	Omaha	Ron W
Charleston-SC	Mike M	Orlando	Mike M
Charleston-WV	Mike M	Ottawa	Frank P
Charlotte	Mike M	Palm-Beaches	Mike M
Chattanooga	Mike M	Palm-Springs	Mark H
Chicago	Charles K	Phoenix	Marc G
Cincinnati (Tri-State)	Charles K	Pittsburgh	Charles K
Cleveland	Mark H	Portland	Marc G
Columbia-MO	Charles K	Providence	Frank P
Columbia-SC	Mike M	Raleigh	Mike M
Columbus-OH	Mark H	Rehoboth-Beach	Frank P
Dallas-FortWorth	Mark H	Richmond	Frank P
Dayton (MiaValley)	Mark H	Sacramento	Marc G
Denver	Jay T	San-Antonio	Mark H
Des-Moines	Ron W	San-Francisco	Marc G
Edmonton	Marc G	Santa-Barbara	Marc G
Grand-Rapids	Mark H	Sarasota	Mike M
Hamilton	Frank P	Seattle	Marc G
Harlingen-McAllen	Mark H	St-Louis	Charles K
Hartford	Frank P	Tallahassee	Mike M
Houston	Mark H	Tampa-Bay	Mike M
Huntsville	Mike M	Toronto	Frank P
Indianapolis	Charles K	Tucson	Marc G
Kamloops	Marc G	Tulsa	Ron W
Kansas-City	Ron W	Vancouver	Marc G
Las-Vegas	Marc G	Victoria	Marc G
Mineral-Wells (CTPT)	Mark H	Washington-DC	Frank P
Minneapolis-StPaul	Charles K	Wichita	Ron W

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

- Woody Baldwin

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LOCAL CHAPTERS

Kansas City

Prime Timers KC enjoyed Stuart Hinds, Curator of Special Collections & Archives at the University of Missouri – KC, as he hosted 25 PTKC members viewing **The Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America.**



Image by Jim Wright, Article by Ron Worth

Stuart highlighted this collection from over 100 years of local culture of gay life, drag queens (men and women) and a history of establishments. He also shared stories to contextualize the items guided a behind-the-scenes tour of the UMKC library repository.

PTKC tour participants donated \$125 to **GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality.**

Columbus - TriState - Miami Valley OH

Columbus, Tri-State (Cincinnati) and Miami Valley (Dayton) chapters came together on May 11, 2024, to hike in the beautiful John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs, OH. It was a fun-shared outing with 14 men on the hike and 6 shopping in the quaint village. After the hike, we enjoyed lunch at Ye Olde Tavern. Great sharing the experience together.



Submitted by Richard Horton, President, Columbus OH

OFFICIAL PTWW 2026 FUNDRAISING CRUISES



Canasta, dominoes, bridge, and just talking in the evenings.

<p>Jan. 31 - Feb. 8, 2026 via Fort Lauderdale Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas</p>	<p>dates</p>	<p>April 4 – 10 2026 via Los Angeles Princess Cruises Ruby Princess</p>
<p>EASTERN CARIBBEAN St. Thomas, St. Maarten, San Juan Featuring PT group excursions and optional 1-3 post-cruise “Afterglow Days” in Fort Lauderdale FL</p>	<p>ports of call</p>	<p>CALIFORNIA COAST San Francisco, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ensenada MX Private bus to Castro Street lunch w/San Francisco Prime Timers</p>
<p>Ron Camp</p>	<p>lead</p>	<p>Reservations</p>
<p>614-581-2700</p>	<p>phone</p>	<p>Open in August</p>
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<p>https://traveljoy.com/bookings/HVYz9VvfUrMFEch8GghiLYM</p>	<p>link</p>	
<p>September 23, 2025</p>	<p>depo cutoff</p>	<p>October 13, 2025</p>
<p>October 20, 2025</p>	<p>final pay</p>	<p>December 4, 2025</p>



Optional dinner socializing on the 2024 PTWW Cruise on *Harmony of the Seas*.

ALLURE OF THE SEAS



DESIGN OUR TRAVEL

8 Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise

January 31 - February 8, 2026

<p>DAY 1: JAN 31 DEPARTURE OUT OF FT LAUDERDALE</p>	  
<p>DAY 2: FEB 1 CRUISING DAY</p>	
<p>DAY 3: FEB 2 CRUISING DAY</p>	
<p>DAY 4: FEB 3 CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST THOMAS</p>	
<p>DAY 5: FEB 4 PHILIPSBURG, ST MAARTEN</p>	
<p>DAY 6: FEB 5 SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO</p>	
<p>DAY 7: FEB 6 CRUISING</p>	
<p>DAY 8: FEB 7 PERFECT DAY COCOCAY, BAHAMAS</p>	
<p>DAY 9: FEB 8 RETURN TO FT LAUDERDALE</p>	

Advantages of Official PTWW Cruises

Socializing with other like-minded men is our first feature. All financial proceeds from each PTWW-hosted cruise are allocated to the Woody Baldwin Chapter Development Fund.

Each PTWW-hosted cruise has a designated PTWW Cruise Director to help coordinate social activities and group excursions. You always will have a friendly contact person and place on-board or you can always explore things on your own.

7 Night California Wine Country Cruise *Royal Princess*



Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Saturday, April 4 2026	Los Angeles - port of San Pedro	depart	4:00 PM
Sunday, April 5 2026	At Sea		
Monday, April 6 2026	San Francisco	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
Tuesday, April 7 2026	At Sea		
Wednesday, April 8 2028	Santa Barbara	7:00 AM	4:30 PM
Thursday, April 9 2028	San Diego	9:30 AM	10:00 PM
Friday, April 10 2026	Ensenada, Mexico	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Saturday, April 11 2026	Los Angeles - port of San Pedro	6:15 AM	return home



Rainbow Round Up

August 21-25, 2024

SCHEDULE INFO

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

REGISTRATION FEE

does not include hotel

\$180/man until August 1, 2024
 \$220/man on or after August 2, 2024

Register online at

<https://chapters.theprimetimersww.com/centraloklahoma/registration-and-payment-page/>

Pay online at

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLSY03Q4THQX4/checkout/LM5QBR52X75YIYEFQKVD004S>

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 join us!

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, ethnic restaurants, and The Oklahoma City National Memorial.



THE DISTRICT HOTEL

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