

PRIME TIMES

Official Newsletter of Original PrimeTimers® Worldwide, Inc.

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Leaders' Video Meetings



All leaders updated on their Chapter Profile will be invited to participate in time zones-based calls, with two optional dates. Web guys, newsletter editors, and local board members are also welcome, with a 5-man limit per chapter.

THU NOV 7 7:00 PM central *or*
SAT NOV 9 2:00 PM central

2026 PTWW Cruises Now Open for Reservations

January 31 - February 8, 2026
from Fort Lauderdale FL
April 4 -11, 2026
from Los Angeles CA

See pages 11-12



Photo by Michael J. Vega via Unsplash



2025 Hotel Reservations and Convention Registration Info
see page 6

View BLURBS ONLINE for Local Chapters and social opportunities:

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

President's Corner: "NETWORK of Chapters"

That is precisely how Prime Timers founder Woody Baldwin described what PTWW had become in his fascinating biography at:

<https://theprimetimersww.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Woody-Baldwin-Bio.pdf>

Today, we have a Worldwide *NETWORK* of 70+ interconnected Chapters, created for the common purpose of providing mature (21+) gay, bi and trans men with a variety of "social, educational, and recreational" opportunities for socializing, support and developing lasting friendships.

Unlike scores of similar stand-alone and one-off groups, PTWW has the unique advantage of being the **largest and oldest social organization of its kind**, providing over 20 unique benefits for our *NETWORK* of Chapters and their 6,500 members.

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

These benefits include not only ongoing support for every Chapter in our Network, but also support for Regional and multi-Chapter events, Biennial Chapter-focused Conventions, exclusive PTWW Cruises and much more.



Charles Koehler
PTWW President

In addition, all Prime Timer members in good standing (no matter where they live) are eligible to visit and participate in the activities and events of any of our 70+ Local Chapters. Of course, visitors are required to comply with all applicable guidelines of the Chapter visited.

Our Board conducted a 3-day strategic planning in September, focusing on the next 5 to 10 years for PrimeTimers®. Our work was based on input that you have provided as well as what our Board Members have learned through our ongoing contacts and conversations with Chapter leaders and members.

We fully recognize that the world has changed dramatically since Woody Baldwin held his first Prime Timer meeting in 1987. We also recognize that our Chapters, their members and their needs have continued to grow and evolve.

With this in mind, the PTWW Board is committed to honor and retain the foundational essence of what Woody created over 37 years ago. And our goal is to **respond to the current and future needs of our 70+ Chapters and their members may be facing.**

It is because of your ongoing support and helpful input that the PTWW Board is able to do this work and more on your behalf. For that, we thank you.

Charles

STRATEGY & PLANNING



Looking Forward

Where is PTWW as an Entity?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are we doing now • Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
Where Should We Be?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are we capable of doing, overhaul • How do we address our weaknesses
Objectives, Success?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are we capable of doing, overhaul • How do we address our weaknesses
Goals for 2025?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTWW and Local Chapters • Looking toward 2030
How to Accomplish those Specific Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time Frame, who is accountable • How do we get Local Chapters involved
Using Facebook & Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency of official PTWW updates, postings

2021 Chapter Strategy & Planning Priorities

Abbreviated goals identified during the pandemic years, inputs from 32 chapter presidents and the Board.

1st: Adding members.

1st: Create a membership outreach to make sure no one is falling through the

1st: Enrolling more active participation and support for our chapter.

1st: Identify "younger" men to help bring ideas and actions to keep face-to-face

1st: Maintaining current membership and recruiting while maintaining our

2nd: Better supporting the addition of new members to ensure they become active instead of falling away quickly.

2nd: Continue making personal contacts with members as I have done during the months of self-isolation.

2nd: Rebranding our image, logo and increased LGBTQ community participation coupled with recruitment of younger members.

Path: Actively recruiting younger members.

Path: Focus a way to get guys on the internet and join F2F after the virus is cured.

Path: Develop strategies for chapters to use to maintain and grow their

Path: Open up recruiting channels with other LGBTQ groups, in a non-threatening

YOUR HELP IS WANTED

“Worker bees” are needed for a few hours to plan and complete these targeted PTWW projects.

Our all-volunteer Board has identified support resources we do not yet have onboard.

Volunteer time is 4-6 hours total to put together and help us complete projects to expand and improve outreach to current and potential Chapter members.

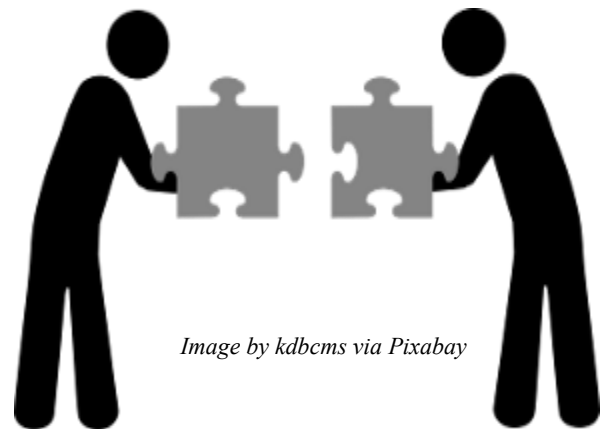


Image by kdbcms via Pixabay

Help put the puzzle together.

Your previous work experiences are valuable to PrimeTimers® every where.



Photo by Eric Ward on Unsplash

As we build Chapter Best Practices and alliances, these areas need your expertise:

- Grants/Funding
 - Identifying Sources
- Marketing/Alliances
 - Long-term Plans
 - Advertising/Benefits
- Videography
 - Producing videos
 - YouTube channels

Email us at info@ptww.org to learn how your skills and experience can help PTWW

Q: Who can I contact in PTWW with a question that I have?

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

Asheville	Mike
Atlanta	Mike
Austin	Mark H.
Baltimore	Frank
Billings	Marc G.
Boston	Frank
Calgary	Marc G.
Canton	Mark H.
Charleston-SC	Mike
Charleston-WV	Mike
Charlotte	Mike
Chattanooga	Mike
Chicago	Charles
Cincinnati (Tri-State)	Charles
Cleveland	Mark H.
Columbia-MO	Ron
Columbia-SC	Mike
Columbus-OH	Mark H.
Dallas-FortWorth	Mark H.
Dayton (Miami Valley)	Mark H.
Denver	Mark H.
Des-Moines	Ron
Edmonton	Marc G.
Grand-Rapids	Mark H.
Hamilton	Frank
Harlingen-McAllen	Mark H.
Hartford	Frank
Houston	Mark H.
Huntsville	Mike
Indianapolis	Charles
Kamloops	Marc G.
Kansas-City	Ron
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“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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2025 Convention 8-13 October In the Omaha Old Market District



Across the street from our host hotel is the easy-to-walk Old Market District with over a hundred eateries, bistros, fine steak dining, and lots of antiquing.

Step 1: REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION

ONLINE registration starts Monday, November 20.

MAIL-IN applications will be announced in the next *Prime Times*.

November 20 - February 28	Advanced
March 1 - June 30	General
July 1 - at the door	Late

Step 2: RESERVE YOUR HOST HOTEL ROOM

Once your application fee has been paid and accepted, you will receive confirmation and also get the online hotel reservation discount code.



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

An optional group excursions are being planned for:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Strategic Air Command Museum | Joslyn Art Museum |
| Kiewit Luminarium | Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge |
| Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium | Lauritzen Botanical Gardens |

For more information: theprimetimersww.com/2025-omaha-convention/

Chapter Money Scam Alert

by Charles Koehler

Scammers have become increasingly sophisticated using Artificial Intelligence (AI). Recently, PTWW Board members received over a dozen different attempts from nearly convincing email scams that requested PTWW money to be transferred IMMEDIATELY.

Fortunately, PTWW has strict processes and limits on the amount of funds that can be reimbursed or spent without prior PTWW Board approval. So we detected these scams attempts early and at no time were any PTWW funds transferred or any PTWW or Chapter information placed at risk because established procedures were in place and were followed.

The first type of scam is the email request for money. About every other month, PTWW Board members received individual emailed requests, each one appearing to have been emailed by a different current Board member.

These attempts were all recognized as bogus requests - due to diligently and consistently checking the sending e-address and seeing it was NOT a credentialed email address.

Scroll up to view the sender's email address, not just the sender's name.

Is that email address one you recognize?



The second scammer, in another country overseas contacted us by email saying that he wanted to start a new Prime Timer Chapter in his economically depressed country, later mentioning that he needed start-up funds to help make that happen.

Although I spoke with this man using video What's App and had numerous emails back and forth over a two-month period, a Google search eventually uncovered a news article identifying him and his accomplice as one of that country's top financial scammers (each one had served 5+ years for counterfeiting official documents and other financial scams). But a little research showed them to be scam pros and contact was ended immediately.

PTWW never distributes any Chapter leadership contact information that we receive to conduct Chapter business. However pro scammers can obtain much of that same contact information and much more from any number of other sources.

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Calgary AB Chapter

Prime Timers of Calgary has 32 members as of July 31. Our busy monthly calendar includes every Friday dinners, Saturday morning coffee, and Monday night at Mr. Schnapp's Pub for eats, billiards, and conversation



Our special quarterly get togethers are the Sunday Brunch at the clubhouse, with wonderful foods prepared by Chefs Jonathan and Graham. Summertime has PTC players in the LGBTQ+ Tuesday Night Calgary Lawn Bowling.

A "meet in the middle" social at Red Deer or Innisfail with the Edmonton Chapter is being planned for 2025. It's only a 3-hour drive between these Alberta cities, so there are lots of venues.



Chapter Money Scam Alert

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For that reason, we strongly encourage all Chapters to protect themselves by establishing AND then consistently following protective policies and procedures. Always call to verify a request for money - either chapter or personal - and confirm the validity of that request.

Remain vigilant whenever you receive any kind of request for payments, transfer of funds or for reimbursements.

And please never, ever mail gift cards to make any payments OR provide the numbers listed on any gift card!

Here is more info on ways to protect your Chapter and Members from scams:

AARP

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

<https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>

Federal Trade Commission

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>

The Nonprofit Risk Management Center

<https://nonprofitrisk.org/resources/articles/>

Phoenix AZ Chapter Logs 2,470 Attendees in 2023

Prime Timers of Phoenix has 199 members as of July 31, 2024 and we tend to be a very busy chapter. Our chapter encompasses many square miles.

We have East, West, Central, and North Central Dining Coordinators, so all our members have events which are easy for them to attend here in the Valley of the Sun.

Looking back to 2023 from our Monthly Meetings, dinners, day trips, tours, Holiday Party, picnics, pool parties, game nights, and member sponsored parties, we have had 2,423 members and 47 guests attend our events totaling 2,470 attendees at PTOPEvents.

Up to July 31 this year, we have had 1,354 attendees to our events.

Author: John Rachau, Activities Director

Photo by: Daniel Pereira, Newsletter Editor, 2023 Fall Picnic



Charlotte NC Chapter Recruits at August 2024 Pride Festival

The 2024 Charlotte Pride Festival drew 240,000 attendees and there were over 11,000 individuals marching in the annual parade.

View CLTPT marching via YouTube at the 12-minute time stamp at link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57cs8ZgAoPQ>

*Author: Ralph Morrison, President
Photo by: Raymond Phillips*



The PrimeTimers® of Charlotte (CLTPT) were 10th in the parade route for the 2024 Charlotte Pride parade on August 18, 2024. Eleven members participated, with informational handouts along the route that resulted in a new member joining.

Northern California Joint Social Event San Francisco Hosts Sacramento



San Francisco Prime Timers® (SFPT) hosted Prime Timers® of Sacramento for a joint social luncheon at the Sausage Factory in the Castro District.

Our next Local SFPT Chapter Luncheon will take place at the Sausage Factory in the Castro District on 8 September.

The next Northern California joint social is in December on “The Holiday Train.”

We’ll depart round-trip from Niles Canyon Railway Depot in northeastern Fremont, then ride along 9.2 miles of Alameda Creek to stop in Sunol, CA.

These special tickets go on sale October 5, so SFPT will announce the exact December date of our SFPT-PTS outing.

Normally this train boards in Sunol, CA and only carries passengers one direction to Niles Depot. However, for the Holiday Train, there are round-trip itinerary rides available.

PrimeTimers® interested in this December outing can email for more info to:

crissmanwilliameldon@gmail.com.



Wichita KS



Chapter Anniversary

“We are here tonight because in 1998, just two guys, Dale Sneeringer and Jim Funk discovered PrimeTimers® and saw a need in southern Kansas. They placed an advertisement in *Liberty Press* and soon had six guys who started attending organizing meetings in homes. The first meetings focused on publicizing the group to increase membership. Bylaws were drawn up based on the OKC Chapter, with local officers then elected. The Wichita ranks started rising quickly as word got out.



Regular potlucks, adventures to the nearby speedway, summer pool parties, gay rodeos, and cultural venues keep the social opportunities open in Wichita

Each year, Wichita Chapter membership fluctuates. Men move, men pass, and people find that we PrimeTimers® aren't what they expected.

We have good core leaders, with currently 70 members that will remain stable for a lot of years to come. We are eager to welcome more.

In April of 1999, Wichita received its charter from PTWW just a year later.”

The six Founders were recognized at the anniversary celebration, along with the ICT Man of the Year 2024.

*Content by Scott Tolle,
Chapter President*

Boston Chapter Hosts Provincetown MA Event

SPOOKY Bear

November 1st-3rd, 2024

Friday

Night-Meet & Greet at 5 PM with appetizers in our Hospitality Suite, (BYOB)

Saturday

Night-Dinner and Costume Party, Cash Bar

Dinner Cost & Times, TBA

Boston Prime Timers will provide a free continental Breakfast in Hospitality Suite on Saturday & Sunday

Room Rates (per night)

Standard 2 Queens	\$179
Courtyard 2 Queens	\$179
Courtyard 2 Doubles	\$179
Bay View 2 Doubles	\$225
Courtyard Patio Suite	\$326

Resort Fee \$30 (per night)

Harbor Hotel in Provincetown, MA

Reservations to Hotel directly at:

508-487-1711

Make sure you tell them that you are with the Prime Timers



OFFICIAL PTWW FUNDRAISING CRUISE #1

BOOK NOW!

January 31 - February 8, 2026

DAY 1: JAN 31
DEPARTURE OUT OF FT LAUDERDALE

DAY 2: FEB 1
CRUISING DAY

DAY 3: FEB 2
CRUISING DAY

DAY 4: FEB 3
CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST THOMAS

DAY 5: FEB 4
PHILIPSBURG, ST MAARTEN

DAY 6: FEB 5
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

DAY 7: FEB 6
CRUISING

DAY 8: FEB 7
PERFECT DAY COCOCAY, BAHAMAS

DAY 9: FEB 8
RETURN TO FT LAUDERDALE



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.

Cruise #1 has Ron and Mike M. coordinating social activities and excursions. You will always have a friendly contact person and place on-board for our group or you can always explore things on your own.

For more details contact Ron or click the link below:

Ron Camp

614-581-2700

Cabin Category	Rate per person shared cabin
Interior	\$ 952
Boardwalk View Balcony	\$ 1,158
Central Park View Balcony	\$ 1,360
Ocean View Balcony	\$ 1,703
<i>Deposit per person</i>	<i>\$ 560</i>
<i>Pre-paid Gratuities per person</i>	<i>\$ 144</i>

<https://traveljoy.com/bookings/HVYz9VvfUrMFEch8GhhiLYM>

April 4 - 11, 2026
7 Night California Wine
Country Cruise - Los Angeles

OFFICIAL PTWW
FUNDRAISING
CRUISE #2



Advantages of
Official PTWW
Cruises

Cruise #2 has Mark, Brian, and Mike Si. designated to help coordinate social activities and group excursions.

You will always have a friendly contact person and place on-board or you can always explore things on your own.

Our PTWW Cruise #2
group rate includes
Drink Package, Internet,
Crew Gratuities

For an extra fee, you have the option to upgrade to Premier Princess Package. Get or bigger cabin - if you want to travel like a Queen. **Or an Empress!**

To book a SINGLE cabin or ask for more details contact Michael or email him below:

Cabin Category	Rate per person shared cabin
Interior	\$ 1,399
Limited View Balcony	\$ 1,659
Ocean View Balcony	\$ 1,729
Deluxe Ocean View Balcony	\$ 1,829
Mini Suite	\$ 2,239
<i>Pre-paid Gratuities</i>	<i>included</i>
<i>Deposit \$310/person</i>	

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