

PRIME TIMES

Official Newsletter of Original PrimeTimers® Worldwide, Inc.



PTWW 2025 CONVENTION



October 9-13 Convention Sign Up Open Now!

Click for: [General Information and Schedule](#)

Workshops & Socializing

Lounge and Lobby seating areas open for conversations

Pavers & Pints open for food and bar

Starbucks bar open until 12 Noon

Lower Atrium for breakfast talk and midday table games

Evening Activities:

- Chair volleyball
- Train dominoes
- Party bridge
- Cornhole
- and more

Host Hotel Info

\$186/night (US) includes taxes, free Breakfast, free Hotel 2-drink Reception; Parking is \$12/day.

A PTWW discount code will be provided with your confirmation AFTER payment is completed.

Registration & Payment Schedule

Fee for (US\$)	11-NOV to 28-FEB	1-MAR to 30-JUN	1-JUL to 31-AUG	1-SEP to 13-OCT
Chapter Member	200	230	260	290
Non-Chapter Member	245	275	310	355

[ONLINE Registration/ Payment HERE](#)

[MAIL-IN Registration/ Payment HERE](#)



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Gay Friendly Old Market District

October 9-13 2025 Convention



Across the street from our host hotel is the easy-to-walk with over a hundred eateries, bistros, fine steak dining, and lots of antiquing. Check out OLDMARKET.COM

Hotel Features



Pavers & Pints lounge with open seating for the 5-7 PM Manager’s Reception, an indoor swimming pool, and a 7-story atrium for the free breakfast.

Sights & Seeing

on-your-own adventures

Strategic Air Command Museum



PTWW has a FREE PRIVATE Saturday shuttle driving to these local Omaha attractions:

NORTH LOOP

- Joslyn Art Museum**
- Kiewit Luminarium**
- Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**

SOUTH LOOP

- Doorly Zoo & Aquarium**
- Lauritzen Botanical Gardens**

Tentative
**Convention
 Schedule
 for
 October
 2025**

*Subject to
 change.*

*Updates
 will be
 posted
 daily in
 the hotel
 lobby.*

OMA 2025 TENTATIVE <small>as 11/07/24</small>			
DATE	START	END	
THU	THU	THU	THU
9-Oct	1:00 PM	9:00 PM	Registration and check-in, pick up excursion/dinner tickets, souvenirs
9-Oct	1:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hotel rooms available for arriving guests - it will be busy, so be patient
9-Oct	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	PT Friends of Bill W. meet and greet
9-Oct	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Embassy Suites Manager's Reception
9-Oct	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	dinner break - on your own
9-Oct	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	"No host meet and greet" Speakeasy, dominoes, just sit and visit
FRI	FRI	FRI	FRI
10-Oct	6:00 AM	10:00 AM	Free breakfast on cafeteria, open seating
10-Oct	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Morning Walk-N-Talk
10-Oct	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	Registration/check-in/store/Concierge
10-Oct	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Opening Session - Overview
10-Oct	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	lunch break - on your own
10-Oct	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Chapter Growth & Membership Development
10-Oct	1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Local Nebraska History - MOPY
10-Oct	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Coming Out On The Farm
10-Oct	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Fun and engaging Chapter activities & events (that don't involve food)
10-Oct	3:00 PM	4:45 PM	Diversity & Inclusion Intro - welcoming of diverse potential members
10-Oct	4:00 PM	4:45 PM	To be announced
10-Oct	4:00 PM	4:45 PM	How to Host a Biennial Convention or Regional Gathering
10-Oct	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	Independent Chapter Meeting - members only
10-Oct	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Embassy Suites Manager's Reception
10-Oct	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	dinner break - on your own
10-Oct	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	PT Friends of Bill W.
10-Oct	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	Speakeasy, dominoes, just sit and visit, chair volleyball
10-Oct	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	Party bridge - casual
SAT	SAT	SAT	SAT
11-Oct	6:30 AM	10:30 AM	Free breakfast on cafeteria, open seating
11-Oct	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	Registration/check-in/store/Concierge
11-Oct	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	PTWW Business Meeting, Elections, Presidents' Roundtables
11-Oct	9:00 AM	9:45 PM	Alzheimers' Diagnosis and You
11-Oct	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Ollie the Trolley - zoo, botanical gardens, Joslyn Art, Kerrey Bridge, etc.
11-Oct	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	lunch break - on your own
11-Oct	1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Local Nebraska History - MVOPT
11-Oct	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Fundraising ideas to help meet Chapter financial needs, scholarships
11-Oct	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Wills, Trusts, and Guardianships
11-Oct	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Cruise Ships Today
11-Oct	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Alzheimer's Care Givers and You
11-Oct	4:00 PM	4:45 PM	BOSTON SCIENTIFIC - PROSTATE HEALTH
11-Oct	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	PT Friends of Bill W.
11-Oct	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Embassy Suites Manager's Reception
11-Oct	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	dinner break - on your own
11-Oct	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	Speakeasy, dominoes, just sit and visit, chair volleyball
11-Oct	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	PTWW 2025 Dominoes and Bridge Championships
SUN	SUN	SUN	SUN
12-Oct	6:30 AM	10:30 AM	Free breakfast on cafeteria, open seating
12-Oct	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Morning Walk-N-Talk
12-Oct	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	PTWW Board Meeting
12-Oct	10:00 AM	11:45 AM	Hands-on Workshop for Chapters using the PTWW WP websites
12-Oct	11:00 AM	11:45 AM	Maximizing Facebook Opportunities
12-Oct	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Chapter Financials - incorporate, tax-exempt, insurance, budgets
12-Oct	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	lunch break - on your own
12-Oct	1:00 PM	3:45 PM	Diversity & Inclusion DIY Workshop - "Do It Yourself" - Charles
12-Oct	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Communicating - E-blast/Newsletter/Website
12-Oct	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	Boosting Your Board and Committees
12-Oct	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	E-Newsletters and E-Distribution
12-Oct	3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Greeting a Newcomer (title to be determined)
12-Oct	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Embassy Suites Manager's Reception
12-Oct	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	PT Friends of Bill W.
12-Oct	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Closing Banquet and Next Host 2027 Preview
MON	MON	MON	MON
13-Oct		11:00 AM	most conventioners check out of Embassy Suites

President's Corner: Our Chapter-Focused Work

The PTWW Board has been hard at work on a wide range of updates, new projects and events that promise to be of benefit to every Chapter.

Our immediate focus is a follow-up to our recent 3-day Strategic Vision Planning Meeting by setting priorities and establishing tasks, committees and target completion dates.

We'll update your Chapter Leadership teams on that work and much more during our two Regional Chapter Video Meetings this week and Listening Session on November 18. [see next page](#)

Also as part of our ongoing work, we have been conducting a major review and update of all of our current PTWW Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and their structures.

This detailed review and lengthy work (4+ month-long so far) will help us ensure that we fully comply with all State, Federal and International Laws and Regulations and protect the long-term stability, mutual interests and growth of PTWW, our Chapters and their individual Members.

We are also exploring a number of cost-effective ways to significantly increase the

visibility, name-recognition and reputation of PTWW and our Chapters, while also developing leads for new Chapters in North America and beyond.

All of this includes developing long-range marketing plans, updating and optimizing our PTWW Web and Facebook sites, developing strategic alliances with other National and International LGBTQ+ and allied organizations, and capitalizing on the combined help and outreach of all of our 70+ Chapters.

We have recently established new recommended Facebook guidelines and procedures for both PTWW and Chapters, and plan to use Social Media and YouTube with Local Chapter assistance.

In addition, we have been updating modules and similar tools that will help both established and struggling Chapters develop and strengthen their Leadership and Recruiting skills, increase Chapter visibility and membership through website ...



Charles Koehler
PTWW President

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Chapter-Focused Work

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and Facebook pages, and provide an increased variety of engaging activities and events that meet current and future member needs.

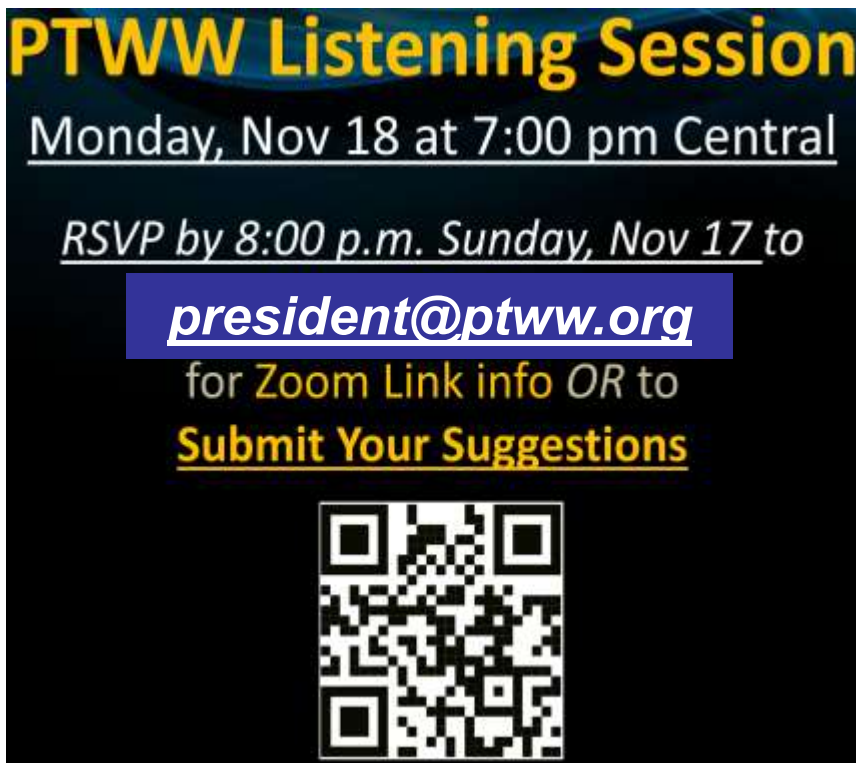
We also anticipate that ongoing fundraising and grant writing will be an important part of this overall effort allowing us to accomplish even more.

So I hope to see your Chapter Leadership Teams at **our upcoming November Video Meetings** where we will also share the latest information on Proposed Annual Dues Increases, new Chapter Facebook Guidelines, upcoming 2025 Convention Registration, PTWW Website updates, six new Chapter-Focused Encore Video Workshops, and much more.

And as we anticipate the spirit of our upcoming Thanksgiving and Holiday Season, please keep in mind all of our fellow Southeastern Chapters and members who have recently faced devastating floods, hurricanes, tornados and major losses.

We wish all of them a safe and speedy rebuild and recovery.

Charles



PTWW Listening Session
Monday, Nov 18 at 7:00 pm Central
RSVP by 8:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov 17 to
president@ptww.org
 for Zoom Link info *OR* to
Submit Your Suggestions



As PTWW builds Chapter Best Practices and alliances, areas needing your expertise are:

- **Grants/Funding**
 - Identifying Sources
- **Facebook**
 - Credentialing Daily PTWW posts
 - Moderator Advice to Local Chapters
- **IT / Web Tigers**
 - Developing YouTube media
 - Marketing PTWW



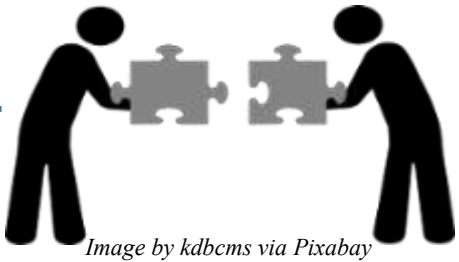
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Email us to learn more about volunteering your work skills and experience in above projects:

info@ptww.org

Our all-volunteer Board has identified that it does NOT have all the resources needed to expand and improve outreach to potential and current Local and Independent Chapter members.

Help put the puzzle pieces together.



Northern New Mexico Chapter in January!

Tell your friends in New Mexico that PrimeTimers® are reviving local socializing for **Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, and Sante Fe.**
Email: info@ptww.org

Q: How can I contact PTWW with my question about PrimeTimers® ???

A. Click to email us at:

<https://theprimetimersww.com/contact-us/>

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
Las-Vegas	Marc G.
Mineral-Wells (CTPT)	Mark H.
Minneapolis-StPaul	Charles

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Charles Koehler**, President (*IL*)
- Ron Worth**, Chair I-Guys (*KS*)
- Jay Tremont**, Secretary (*NE*)
- Mark Hatten**, Treasurer (*TX*)
- Mike Murphy**, At-Large (*GA*)
- Marc Goldman**, At-Large (*CA*)
- Frank Pirhalla**, At-Large (*DE*)

DIRECTORS EMERITUS

- Michael Stone**
- Richard Tobiason**

OPERATIONS

- Websites - Brian Minnette**
- Facebook Lead - Errol Waits**
- News/Website - Mark Hatten**

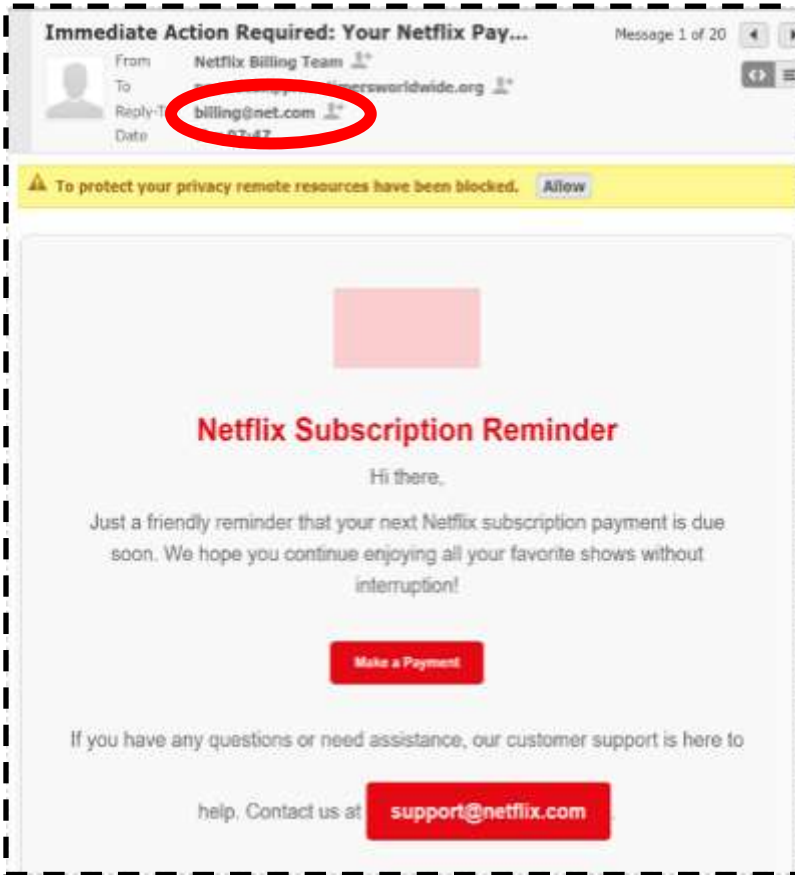
PTWW is an organizational member of both The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Association and The Senior Action in a Gay Environment Global LGBTIQ+ Aging Network



Missoula	Marc G.
Mobile	Mark H.
Myrtle-Beach	Mike
Nanaimo	Marc G.
New-Orleans	Mark H.
Norfolk (Tide Water)	Frank
North-Jersey	Frank
Oklahoma-City	Mark H.
Omaha	Ron
Orlando	Mike
Ottawa	Frank
Palm Beaches	Mike
Palm-Springs	Mark H.
Phoenix	Marc G.
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Portland	Marc G.
Providence	Frank
Raleigh	Mike
Richmond	Frank
Sacramento	Marc G.
San-Antonio	Mark H.
San-Francisco	Marc G.
Santa-Barbara (CCC)	Marc G.
Sarasota	Mike
Seattle	Marc G.
St-Louis	Charles
Tallahassee	Mike
Tampa-Bay	Mike
Toronto	Frank
Tucson	Marc G.
Tulsa	Ron
Vancouver	Marc G.
Victoria	Marc G.
Washington-DC	Frank
Wichita	Ron

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVATES: the latest text scams

EXHIBIT A: Bogus email



A. PTWW does not have a Netflix account, with a non-specific “company e-address.”

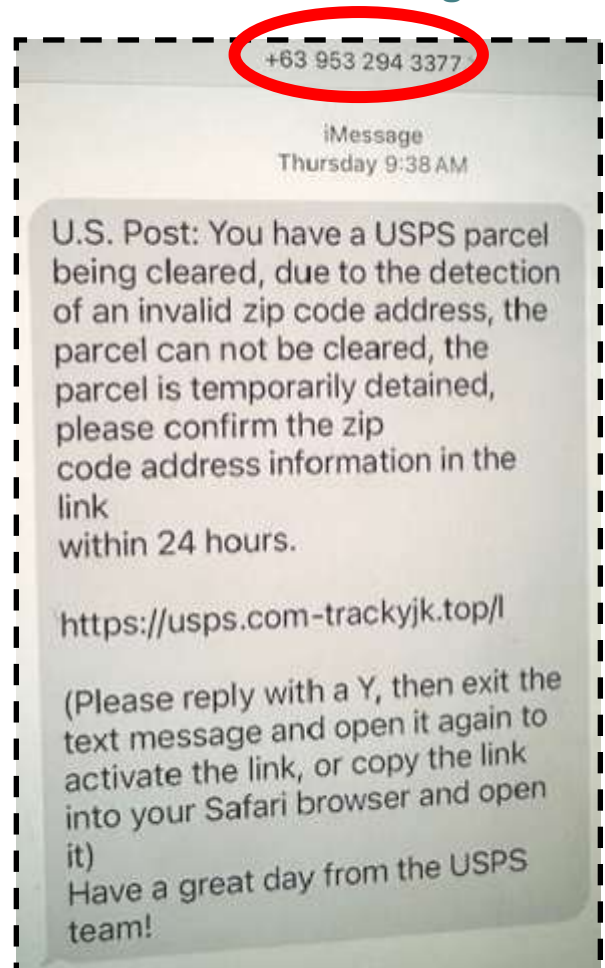
B1. The sender’s phone number is +63 country code: The Phillipines ?!?! For USPS? Really?

B2. US Postal Service would not text a customs question on a mail code that would have been required when making the purchase.

DANGER SIGNS:

1. You do NOT recognize the sender’s phone or e-address.
2. Message states you MUST TAKE immediate action NOW or lose that opportunity in the future.
3. DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS as that validates your email or phone number to sell to other scammer lists and auto-dialing robots for future scam attempts.

EXHIBIT B: Bogus text



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS for your chapter calendars

- November 20** Transgender Remembrance Day
- November 29** Native American Heritage Day
- December 1** World AIDS Day
- January 1** PTWW Chapter Contacts and Dues Notice
- February 1** Request for Proposals to Host 2027 Convention
- June 15** Nominations for PTWW Board
- September 8** Hotel Reservation block closes - if rooms available
- October 9** 19th PTWW Biennial Convention in Omaha NE

ENCORE CHAPTER-FOCUSED PRESENTATIONS open to all PrimeTimers®

Fun & Engaging Events without Food	Sat. January 18	2:00 PM Central
Building Membership with Facebook	Thu. January 23	7:00 PM Central
Building a Better Local Board	Wed. January 29	7:00 PM Central
Building a Better Chapter Website	Tues. February 11	7:00 PM Central
Chapter Liability Insurance	Wed. February 12	2:00 PM Central
Experiences from Conventions	Sat. February 22	2:00 PM Central

Request an invite to these presentations at:

<https://theprimetimersww.com/encores2025/>

Minneapolis/ St. Paul MN



Chapter Anniversary

Our chapter was established in August 1999 by founder Wally Threlkeld and Randall Toenges, Bob Greene, Gene Husca, and Jack Gagnie.



Now in 2024, PTMSP has 200 members celebrating 25 years as PrimeTimers®.

Monthly we celebrate with Thursday breakfasts, Sunday Dominoes, midweek lunches, a book club, and various coffee gatherings around the Twin Cities.



For 25 years, our elected board leaders and volunteers have guided PTMSP to provide social opportunities and camaraderie here in Central Minnesota.



*Photos by Robert Wirkkula.
Activities Director, PTMSP*

Interstate 45 Chapters - Local News

Houston TX Chapter

Every Thursday finds PrimeTimers® in the Westheimer Area at Jason's Deli.

Second Saturday brunch rotates around Metro Houston, weekly Sing-A-Long at Michael's Outpost, as well as pool parties, and dinner at Spaghetti Western Italian Café.



Dallas - Fort Worth TX Chapter

Every Thursday finds a friendly herd of PrimeTimers® in the Dallas Galleria.

And NOT just for shopping!

The 10 AM Walking Group meets at The Westin Hotel for the inside exercise, then meets at Corner Bakery Café with the 11:00 AM Lunch Bunch. WE beat the weather AND have a great 2-hour social.



Independent Chapter Wanting to Travel the World

During the recent October monthly video call for the I-Guys, **the common interest for NOT traveling alone** was raised.

Independent Chapter Members in Barcelona ES and Sydney-Perth-Melbourne AU suggested PTWW should plan a group tour. And, they offered to assist with the planning and tours!

“I want to visit there . . . ”

Share your travel goals in a simple email including:

- **Your dream destinations**
- **Preferred travel dates.**

PTWW can begin networking with other PrimeTimers® for future group travel opportunities.

Email us at travel@ptww.org



Photo by Dima Junglist on Unsplash

Barcelona

Trans-Canada by Rail

Australia



Photo by Dan Freeman on Unsplash

Singapore- Tokyo by Cruise

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 choose to explore things on your own.

Cabin Category	US\$ 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 by 25-SEP</i>	<i>\$ 560</i>
<i>Pre-paid Gratuities per person</i>	<i>\$ 144</i>

For more details contact Ron or click the link below:

Ron Camp
614-581-2700

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

April 4 - 11, 2026

**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 choose to explore things on your own.

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

And you have the option to upgrade this to Premier Princess Package for an extra fee for a bigger cabin!

Cabin Category	Total US# per person
Interior	\$ 1,586
Balcony	\$ 1,898
Central Park View Balcony	\$ 1,652
Mini Suite	\$ 2,408
<i>Pre-paid Gratuities</i>	<i>included</i>
<i>Deposit \$310/person</i>	

For more details contact Michael or email him below:

Michael Sinn

402-988-8880

msinn@dreamvacations.com

BOOK NOW!