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Visit our PTWW Booth June 7-8 at World Pride



With 1.5 million people expected to attend this high visibility global event, PTWW will be **actively promoting PrimeTimers® and our 70 Chapters** to the world as part of our Strategic outreach plan. We have a booth at the **International Street Festival**.

We'll have booth volunteers from **Washington DC** and **Baltimore Chapter** along with PTWW President Charles Koehler (STL), and Board members Ron Worth (KC), and Frank Pirhalla (Independents).

PTWW will raise global awareness of our Local Chapters and make personal contacts with dozens of International Exhibitors and Organizations. We will distribute thousands of business cards (with QR Codes linked to our website) to throughout the crowd.

PTWW will create a 30-second YouTube ad link on our PTWW website to further promote the many benefits of becoming a Prime Timer chapter member.

🕒 YouTube

So if you are planning on attending World Pride this year, or if you can help us develop print or video marketing materials for this event, please email Charles at: <u>president@ptww.org</u>

The PTWW booth location will be announced June 1.

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Focus on the ...



President's Corner: News You Can Use

With the **2025 PTWW Convention** just six months away, I encourage you to register to attend and make your reservations now before rates increase in July!

This Convention will provide you with four full days of "Focus on the Fun" activities, with plenty of time for socializing at our:

- Nightly Mixer Receptions, Poolside Parties and Table Game Room Activities
- Breakfast Buffet to Start Your Day with "Table Talk" and "Walk & Talk"
- 3 Historic Walking Tours and shuttles to 5 nearby Must-See Sights
- 22+ engaging Chapter-Focused and Personal Development sessions
- Our signature PTWW Opening Session and Closing Banquet Celebration

We've included five "News You Can Use" articles that are important for you and your Chapter Members to know:

- Major Proposed Updates to PTWW Bylaws
- Nominations for PTWW Board Elections
- Promoting PTWW Chapters at World Pride
- PTWW, Chapter Partnerships & SAGECollab
- Volunteer Opportunities.

And as part of our Board's Chapter-focused commitment to providing ongoing contact, support and resources to our Network of 70 Chapters, our Board Members have made over 30 recent (and planned) virtual and in-person Chapter Care visits.

Each one of these in-person visits helps our PTWW Board members to better understand their assigned Chapter's successes, challenges and needs, helping us to develop and provide the support and useful resources to help meet current and future Chapter needs.

One of these recent Chapter visits was made to a once thriving 14-year-old Chapter that was right at the edge of closing.

But thanks to many hours of pre-visit discussions, experienced in-person encouragement and recommendations, and their collective hard work, their Chapter now has a fully functioning Board of Officers and is once again bringing in new members, all within two months.

PTWW's ongoing assistance has also helps Local Chapters face serious challenges with leadership, planning events, and membership.

This is just one example of the



Charles Koehler PTWW President

more than 20 Chapter Benefits provided at: https://theprimetimersww.com/benefits/

And our ongoing Chapter contacts continue to be invaluable in helping us to create updated PTWW Bylaws that will serve and support all PTWW Chapters, now and into the our future.

Charles

Everything You Need to Know in One Place

Convention News, Schedule and Updates:

https://theprimetimersww.com/2025-omaha-general/ Discount Convention Registration and Special Room Rates: https://theprimetimersww.com/2025-omaha-online/

Featured Sights, Group Tours and More

Historic Gay-Friendly Old Market District *Dining and Shopping https://oldmarket.com/*

Strategic Air Command Museum https://www.sacmuseum.org/

Doorly Zoo & Aquarium (#1 Zoo in the US) https://www.omahazoo.com/

Lauritzen Botanical Gardens http://www.lauritzengardens.org/visit/

Joslyn Art Museum (free) https://joslyn.org/

Union Pacific Museum / Historic Squirrel Cage Jail

https://www.thehistoricalsociety.org/museums/squirrel-cage-jail-1.html

Durham (History) Museum

https://durhammuseum.org/

Special Carillo Bell Tower Concert (free) https://www.unomaha.edu/about-uno/buildings-and-maps/ henningson-memorial-campanile.php

Gay Bars

The MAX https://www.themaxomaha.com/ Flixx Lounge https://www.flixxlounge.com/

Additional Attractions and Activities https://www.visitomaha.com/





Tentative Convention Schedule October 2025



Presentations and Panels

Grow Your Membership

Funeral Director For The Stars

Sexual Health Boston Scientific

Estate Planning

Gay Authors Forum

Local Chapter Insurance and Liability Stuff

Independent Chapter Meeting

Cabaret

Email us at *theprimetimersww.com/contact-us/* select option 2 for convention

Proposing Changes to PTWW Bylaws in 2025 Listening Sessions

https://theprimetimersww.com/presidents-listening-sessions/

Over the past 3 years, a Committee of PTWW Board Members has been hard at work on major updates and upgrades to our current PTWW's Bylaws. These updates are necessary to provide a more secure foundation for PTWW and all Chapters, help reduce ambiguities, clarify expectations, assure mutual accountability by the PTWW Board and Local Chapters, and comply with US and International laws necessary for our future expansion.

This lengthy, multi-stage updating process of our Bylaws has included not only important input from multiple US and Canadian Chapters, but will also include an indepth review by both a Certified Parliamentarian and an Attorney, both experienced in developing and reviewing Bylaws for major international nonprofit organizations.

Once the Bylaws have passed those professional reviews, then the <u>Proposed</u> <u>PTWW Bylaws</u> will be sent out to all Chapter Leaders for their review, comments and recommendations on or about June 10th with a deadline of July 14th to provide recommendations.

The Board will then email the Official Proposed PTWW Bylaws to all Chapters no later than August 8th for their vote at the

PTWW Convention Business Meeting. And to ensure a transparent and "no surprises" process, we have scheduled two "**Chapter Listening Sessions**" to focus mainly on your Bylaws-related questions and comments. Those dates are:

Tuesday, June 17 @ 7:00 PM CENTRAL TIME Proposed Bylaws

Saturday, August 9 @ 2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME

Final Bylaws

Be sure to RSVP at the link *above* least 2 days prior to these Listening Sessions to receive the Zoom Link invitation.



Read our CURRENT Bylaws at:

Chapter Voting, Candidates, and 2025 Ballots

PTWW is governed by a "working" Board of Directors, to represent the membership and provide guidance to the organization's fiscal and operational activities.

ONE VOTE PER CHAPTER

As provided by PTWW Bylaws, each Chapter in Good Standing is eligible to have its Chapter President cast an in-person vote at that General Meeting for the election of the PTWW Board of Directors and also any other matters requiring a vote by Chapters.

• If the Chapter President cannot attend the October 10 Business Meeting, then he may delegate a PROXY for any person attending the meeting to represent that specific chapter.

ONE NOMINATION PER CHAPTER

Each Chapter in good standing may nominate ONE candidate in good standing to a specific PTWW Board role:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Chairman, Independent Chapter
- At-Large (min. 2, max. 4)

Each nomination must be made by the Chapter President of record *and* should have a letter of recommendation approved by the Local Chapter board to ensure we don't "rob Peter to pay Paul" of leadership skills.

CRITERIA FOR BOARD CANDIDATES

- Be passionate about PTWW and its mission to battle isolation.
- Possess skills and knowledge in at least one of the following areas: business, communication, education, finance, fundraising, public relations, or other areas important to the success of PTWW.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend and fully participate in scheduled quarterly and occasional impromptu virtual meetings of the board.
- Directors are expected to chair or serve on one mid-year video presentation and also at the convention.

QUESTIONS

Need election information? Email us at:

nominations@ptww.org



NOMINATION PROCESS

Sunday, June 8 nominations open

- Each Chapter President can nominate ONE candidate from a member in good standing for a specific role. The nomination is also accompanied by a Letter of Recommendation from that Local Chapter governance team.
- 2. Nominee shall furnish an essay, not to exceed 150 words, describing how his background, knowledge, and skills can positively contribute to the needs of PTWW. In addition, the nominee must provide the following information:

name, complete address, current occupation, telephone number, e-mail address, and a photograph.

3. Email all nominee documentation to:

nominations@ptww.org

Sunday, July 13 at 11:30 PM Central Time

Nominations from Chapters close, as all documentation must be received.

Monday, July 14

The Candidate Review Committee (CRC) will review each Candidate's documents, and determine his suitability for his intended Board position. The CRC is comprised of at least 3 non-candidate Leaders from multiple Canadian and US Chapters .

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PTWW ELECTIONS

July 30

Final Candidate Review Committee recommendations are sent to the PTWW Board for further review and finalization of the candidates for election.



August 27

The Official List of 2025-2027 PTWW Board Candidates is emailed to all Chapter Leaders, along with brief Candidate Statements, Official Voting Ballots, voting instructions and also official Chapter Proxy Forms.

Saturday, October 11

Verification and tabulation of in-person and proxy voting for the Board and any other appropriate business.

October 24

Official results will be emailed to all Chapter Leaders on record.

A New Resource for You

For years, PTWW has encouraged Chapters to consider partnering and/or collaborating with global and national LGBTQ and allied organizations.



Partnering Opportunity with Major LGBT Adult Organizations

So, in addition to our partnership with the International LGBTI Association (ILGA), PTWW has just become an **active partnering member** with SAGECollab.

We encourage all US *and* Canadian Local Chapters to consider becoming SAGECollab partners too.

Becoming a SAGECollab Partner is easy to do for you Chapter. To find out how:

https://www.sageusa.org/whatwe-do/sage-partners/

• It's a unique opportunity to collaborate with the nation's largest, oldest and most respected organization serving older LGBTQ+ adults

WHY?

- Partnership with SAGECollab is free and optional no obligation to join.
- All Chapters retain 100% of their current identity, independence and autonomy
- Benefit from over 100 other organizations partnering with each other and SAGE with the common goal of supporting older LGBTQ adults.
- It's an excellent fit with PTWW's Mission, Purpose and Goals and an extra "add-on benefit" for your Chapter and Members
- Increase Chapter visibility for free by inclusion on SAGE and National Resource Center on LGBTQ+ Aging's websites
- Training and Support provided for your Board from SAGE's professional staff
- Learn from leading LGBTQ older adult experts and organizations
- Opportunities for targeted networking and workshops
- Periodic promotion of your Chapter's successes and accomplishments in SAGE publications and media outlets.
- Opportunities to help create LGBTQfriendly housing in your area.

Facebook and Websites

PTWW encourages local Chapters to publicize their events and other information on the PTWW Facebook group page. While the PTWW Facebook group page is a great platform to publicize your Chapter and its events, remember that the vast majority of our Facebook group members don't live in your area.

Read and keep in mind these PTWW Facebook guidelines :

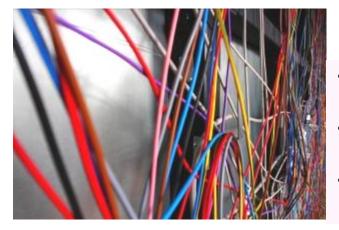
1. Every Chapter should designate one member who is responsible for submitting all PTWW Facebook posts. This important step will eliminate duplicate postings which we've experienced far too often.



2. Whenever possible, consider creating posts that summarize multiple events, and limit postings about your Chapter to no more than two per month. Any more than that runs the risk of turning our PTWW Facebook page into post after post of Local Chapter events that are of little interest to many of our readers.

3. In all cases, clearly identify the actual name (*NOT initials*) of the Chapter to which the event applies.

4. Everyone eats, usually three times a day. Our readers look forward to seeing articles and photos of your members engaged in a variety of interesting Chapter-sponsored activities as a break from photos showing men at a table eating. This will have the side benefit of giving other chapters ideas for events that do NOT involve eating.



Website Must Have's

- Easy to find the "Contact Us" link. Do not make it "password only"
- Display upcoming events.
 Make chapter activities be welcoming.
- Protect privacy and security.
 Don't post locations of private homes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

| JUN. 7- 8 | World Pride Festival and Parade in Washington DC | |
|-----------|--|--|
| JUN. 15 | Nominations Open for PTWW Board | |
| JUN. 17 | PTWW "Listening Session #3" at 7:00 PM Central | |
| JUL. 1 | Convention Fee increase to \$260 member / \$310 non-member | |
| AUG. 1 | Sign-ups open for Omaha Excursions | |
| AUG. 9 | PTWW "Listening Session #4" at 2:00 PM Central | |
| SEP. 8 | Convention Hotel Discount Ends - if rooms available | |
| SEP. 14 | TriState Chapter Pig Roast - Cincinnati OH | |
| SEP. 23 | International Bisexual Day | |
| SEP. 27 | Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day | |
| OCT. 9-13 | 19th PTWW Biennial Convention in Omaha NE | |
| NOV. 20 | Transgender Remembrance Day | |
| DEC. 1 | World AIDS Day | |
| JAN. 2026 | PTWW 8-night Cruise from Miami FL | |

APR. 2026 PTWW 7-night Cruise from Los Angeles CA





Oklahoma City OK No Labor Day Gathering in 2025

Due to venue issues there is no Labor Day Weekend gathering this year. "But, wait! There's more!" We are planning ahead for staging the event in even-numbered years.

Save the dates for next year:

September 3-7, 2026



Cross Timbers TX *Abilene Midland-Odessa Mineral Wells*

Since 1999, Cross Timbers Prime Timers (CTPT) travel up to 275 miles ONE WAY to attend our monthly socials. We proudly restate our mission to provide social opportunities in North Central Texas. Many of our members are generated from social networking groups, so privacy and security of CTPT activities is VERY important to us and all Prime Timers.

We're re-creating our "hijacked" Facebook group along with PTWW support.



CTPT membership just reorganized May 17 to reaffirm its affiliation with PTWW and the Code of Behavior.

CTPT does not accept men with a reported history of bullying, making unwanted contacts with members listed on a chapter roster, anger management or verbal abuse or other hostile actions, unwanted sexual harassment or misconduct, or excessive consumption of alcohol-contained beverages, or other illegal behavior and actions.

Rephrased by Benjamin Franklin in <u>Poor Richard's Almanack</u> in 1736 "The rotten apple spoils his companion."

San Antonio TX

February is Rodeo Month in San Antonio And SAPT held their annual "Chili Cook Off." Over 40 members attended and there were 8 entries for the competition. The winner was our South African Native Bernard Taylor. Plus, there was plenty of cornbread, macaroni and cheese, and desserts to accompany the meal for all.



Let's Rodeo, San Antonio!

Kansas City KS/MO

In Kansas City, we've invested in a state-of-the-art ID card printer to create elegant ID name badges and membership cards.

We're thrilled to offer these services to PrimeTimers® chapters at highly competitive rates. With each card purchase, we provide complimentary design assistance and a free logo design for your chapter. We've successfully assisted other chapters, who have

Individual Member Badges

been pleased with the results, fast turnaround, and ongoing support. We invite all chapters to utilize our services to help us grow together and make a positive impact for our PTKC members.



For information, contact PTKC Secretary Jim at: primetimerskc@gmail.com

Palm Springs CA

PrimeTimers of the Desert (PToD) has become THE trusted source of programming and activities for gay gentlemen in the community, reaching a current membership of over 1,300 guys. Palm Springs, California continues to grow as a gay men's retirement destination with multitudes of like-minded gentlemen to build community.

Each month our volunteers stage 15+ activities to choose from theater, dine outs, pool parties hosting 60+ men, and bar socials. Special offerings are also scheduled such as group theater events, periodic bus trips to Los Angeles museums, or the annual trip to Laughlin, Nevada casinos along the Colorado River.

Monday Socials

The flagship activity is our weekly Happy Hour Mixer held most of the year at Ascena Golf Club, a lovely property with staggering views of Mount San Jacinto (home of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway) and the other mountains of the Coachella Valley.

During our mixers, members view our display poster boards with upcoming events, and volunteer activities so they can get involved, and be part of the PToD leadership team.

Activities Abound

A monthly lunch, singles mixer, movie night, book club, karaoke session and special outreach to other local community service organizations round out the regular offerings.

Annually, PToD does a Volunteer Appreciation



Dinner, support for the Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast, and sponsors 1-2 cruises each year.

Consider joining us at one of our events when you make Palm Springs your destination vacation stopover, for a few days or the entire Fall-Winter-Spring season. We don't stop in the heat of the summer, so come and cool off with a nice beverage any Monday night mixer in the summer as well.

Until we see you around, enjoy yourselves, travel safely and think of us.



We are here for you in Palm Springs!

Tampa Bay FL Clearwater St. Peterburg Tampa



Monthly Social Activities

PTTB hosts many and varied events including dine-outs, bowling, cards, game night, potlucks, picnics, theater, and concert performances, a wildly popular "Singles Mingle" and visits to the aquarium and the manatee and sea-life preserves.

30th Chapter Anniversary

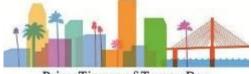
Prime Timers of Tampa Bay (PTTB) celebrated this momentous 30-year milestone with a catered BBQ event at Fort De Soto Beach Park where the waters of Tampa Bay converge with the Gulf of Mexico. There were 98 of 198 dues-paying members attended with our PTWW Chapter Care Rep Mike Murphy, based from Atlanta.







Recently PTTB began a series of informed presentations on preserving marriage equality and estate planning for our members.



PrimeTimers of Tampa Bay

June 2025

OFFICIAL PTWW CRUISE #1

BOOK NOW! Advantages of Official PTWW Cruises

Socializing with other likeminded 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.

For more details contact Ron or click the link below:





8 Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise

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







| Cabin Category | US\$ per person shared cabin |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Interior | \$ 1,012 |
| Boardwalk View Balcony | \$ 1,218 |
| Central Park View Balcony | \$ 1,420 |
| Ocean View Balcony | \$ 1,763 |
| Deposit per cabin by 25-SEP | \$ 620 |
| Pre-paid Gratuities per person | \$ 148 |

https://traveljoy.com/bookings/HVYz9VvfUrMFEch8GhhiLYM

April 4 - 11, 2026

7 Night California Wine Country Cruise via Los Angeles

San Francisco, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ensenada MX

OFFICIAL CRUISE #2

More Advantages of PTWW Cruises



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

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

| And you have the option to upgrade this to Premier Princess Package for an | Cabin Category | Total US\$ per person |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| extra fee for a | Interior | \$ 1,586 |
| bigger cabin! | Central Park View Balcony | \$ 1,652 |
| | Balcony | \$ 1,898 |
| For more details contact | Mini Suite | \$ 2,408 |
| Michael or email him below: | Pre-paid Gratuities | included |
| Michael Sinn | Deposit \$310/person | |
| | | |

msinn@dreamvacations.com BOOK NOW!

Q: How can I contact PTWW with a question about ???

A. Click below to email your inquiry to any of us:

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

| Name * | | | | |
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| My request involves: * | | | | |
| Chapter Operations & Membership | | | | |
| Convention in Omaha 2025 | | | | |
| General Information | | | | |
| Explain why you are contacting PTWW * | | | | |
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| PTWW will respond to your email in 5-7 days. Please be patient! Thank you! | | | | |
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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



