

Prime Times

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Angels Matching \$7,019 Donations = \$14,038 Total

All donations pledged by March 31 were matched by a combination of two anonymous “archangels” of the PTWW Angel Fund. The fund helps offset expenses for Biennial Conventions. Separately, the January PTWW Fund Raising Cruise raised \$1,000, too! The next PTWW cruise is being planned for 2028: dates to be announced.



Thank you to individual Prime Timers and Local Chapters for your generosity!

Leaders’ Video Call Wed. May 27 3:30 PM EDT

‘Insurance’

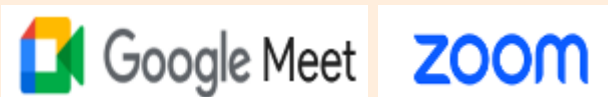
Insurance is a hot topic for PrimeTimers® chapters. Coverage options for Board of Directors & Officers and General Liability depend on the number of events, types and locations of activities.

Kendra Wilson from ASAE will present options for non-profits, along with Q&A.

The RSVP link was sent to chapter leaders today. Sign up individually to get the URL meeting link!

Chapter Presidents can use our PTWW Virtual Meeting rooms. **FREE!**

[Contact us](#) for availability for your chapter.



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PTWW CONVENTION

NEXT NOVEMBER 2027

PALM SPRINGS CA



Hotel reservations and convention registrations will open later this year. Travel to “PSP” Airport can be booked in December 2026, as well as “PSN” AMTRAK train station in north Palm Springs. The TENTATIVE daily schedule is:

Day/Space	Crosby W	Crosby N	Crosby E	Salon A	Salon B	Royal 1	Royal 2	Royal 3	Pool
WED 11/3 AM	<i>optional</i> Pre-Glow on your own								
WED 11/3 AFT									
WED 11/3 EVE	Games			Register	staff	x	x	x	OASIS POOL <i>restricted</i>
THU 11/4 AM	Speakers			Register	Breakfast	Speakers			
THU 11/4 AFT	Speakers			Register	staff	Speakers			
THU 11/4 EVE	Games			Register	staff	x	x	x	
FRI 11/5 AM	booth			Register	Breakfast	speakers			
FRI 11/5 AFT	Booth			Register	staff	speakers			
FRI 11/5 EVE	Opening			Register	staff	x	x	x	
SAT 11/6 AM	Speakers			Register	Breakfast	Speakers			
SAT 11/6 AFT	Speakers			Register	staff	Speakers			
SAT 11/6 EVE	Games			x	staff	x	x	x	
SUN 11/7 AM	x	x	x	x	Breakfast	x	x	x	
SUN 11/7 Noon	<i>P</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>			
SUN 11/7 AFT	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Social
SUN 11/7 EVE	Closing			x	x	x	x	x	
MON 11/8 AM						<i>optional</i> After Glow groups or on your own			PToD Mixer PTOD mixer
MON 11/8 AFT									
MON 11/8 EVE	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

Chapter Celebrations

Atlanta GA 35 Years

Terry visited Ezra & Team for a weekend and presented a PTWW anniversary certificate.



Waiting for the festivities to start for the cake and presentations.

One of the APT tables out for the Friday special dinner.



Chapter Celebrations

SE Montana *Billings 10 years*



Richard visited Walt, Cornell and Southeast Montana to help celebrate the chapter's 10 year anniversary.



Smaller group gatherings work best for SEMT PrimeTimers[®] during each month, also are key supporters of 406 Pride.

Chapter Celebrations

Colorado *Denver*

Richard visited Dick & Team for its weekly chapter lunch and meeting at a suburban Golden Corral in Englewood.



Meeting with the CPT Board to talk over weekly operations and membership plans.

2026

On the PTWW calendar

May 16	National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
June 26	Same-Sex Marriage is Legalized in the U.S.
June 28	Stonewall Riots Anniversary
September 16	Bisexual Awareness Week
October	U.S. LGBT History Month
October 11	National Coming Out Day
December 1	World AIDS Day
December 2	Convention Reg Opens!

2029

Biennial Convention Host Request for Proposals and Selection will begin in 2027.

Focus on a Chapter

Sharing what works for PrimeTimers®

Submit your success stories to newsdesk@ptww.org

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May-June 2026

Charleston SC Outreach & Marketing Flyer



Charleston's Gay Men's Social Group

Scott Jackson • President | palmettoprime.org

Building Momentum in Charleston's Gay Community

Palmetto Prime is **thriving**—quickly emerging as Charleston's largest go-to social group for gay men. This growth is no accident.

It reflects both simple shifts and more strategic transformation.

At the most visible level, we focused on *showing up*.



Historically, the group was smaller and routine-driven, cycling through the same events and venues.

Today, we've expanded our presence—introducing new experiences, increasing event frequency, and becoming a recognizable part of the broader Charleston community.

Future Members can join on our website palmettoprime.org, through Facebook or Meetup, or by scanning the QR code on our logo, handouts, t-shirts, and marketing.

Not every change has been easy. Growth requires evolution, and with it, some longtime members have stepped away. But that evolution is also what's making the organization more dynamic, welcoming, and sustainable.

From Rebuild to Expansion

Behind the scenes, we rebuilt the foundation.

We rebranded with a new logo and QR-enabled apparel, launched a structured Facebook group, introduced Meetup, and significantly expanded programming. Our participation in Charleston Pride marked a turning point in visibility and engagement.



This year, we strengthened leadership by recruiting a more experienced, hands-on Board. Guided by member feedback, we set clear objectives, defined roles, and increased dues to support community service and partnerships with other LGBTQ organizations.

Today, Palmetto Prime maintains a consistent presence at major Charleston events while expanding access—opening select gatherings to the broader community.

Our mission remains clear: honor our legacy while building a more inclusive, *bigger tent*.

Goal: 175 members—and growing.

Focus on Columbus

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Columbus OH

Our chapter has been involved in supporting Huckleberry House in Columbus, Ohio in couple of ways. Huckleberry House provides shelter, support, and guidance to young people facing difficult situations through four main programs:



- A 24/7 Crisis Shelter offering a temporary safe place to stay for teens ages 12 to 17 including hot meals, a warm bed, and access to necessities like clothes and hygiene items
- A Transitional Living Program for young people, 18-24 years old, providing a safe place to live combined with a range of supportive services.
- A Counseling Center and Youth Outreach Program, with a team of therapists who specialize working with teens, young adults, and families to help solve even the most challenging problems.
- We are currently providing a meal for the residents of Huck House once a month. These kids really appreciate the meals. We see that the services that are provided are helping these kids because the residents keep changing from month to month.

We had a Christmas tree decorating party and dinner for the youth at Huck House, with 11 residents participating plus staff and all had a good time. COPT also brought turkey and all the trimmings. Our chapter collected a donation of \$2,100 to help provide gifts for the kids. Huckleberry House has acknowledged our commitment to assisting these young homeless boys and girls.

Photo by Don G.



Newsletter Exchange but no Repository

Chapter Anniversaries In Mid-2026

(#) indicates a special
“5 or 0” anniversary.

Houston TX	May 1
North Jersey NJ	May 1
St. Louis MO	May 12
Cleveland OH	Jun. 1
Columbus OH	Jun. 5
Mobile AL	Jun. 10
Sarasota FL	Jun. 23 #
Chicago IL	Jul. 1 #
Orlando FL	Jul. 1
Pittsburgh PA	Jul. 1
Providence RI	Jul. 16
Nanaimo BC	Aug. 1
Portland OR	Aug. 1
San Francisco CA	Aug. 4
Tucson AZ	Aug. 8
Boston MA	Aug. 15
Minn.-St. Paul MN	Aug. 20
Tulsa OK	Aug. 21
Cincinnati OH	Sep. 1
New Orleans LA	Sep. 1
Norfolk VA	Sep. 1
Canton OH	Sep. 12
Des Moines IA	Sep. 12
Seattle WA	Sep. 13
Chattanooga TN	Sep. 20

No archive of printed newsletters will be maintained by PTWW, based on only 3 of 12 chapters responding to contribute artifacts. However, PTWW will facilitate exchanges for participating chapters producing official newsletters:

- Central FL (Orlando)
- Connecticut
- Hamilton ON
- Kansas City KS
- Minneapolis/St. Paul MN
- SE Montana (Billings)
- Seattle WA
- Tucson AZ
- Vancouver BC

Individuals should directly request a copy of the printed newsletter using its website listed on the directory at theprimetimersww.com.



PTWW Virtual Meetings

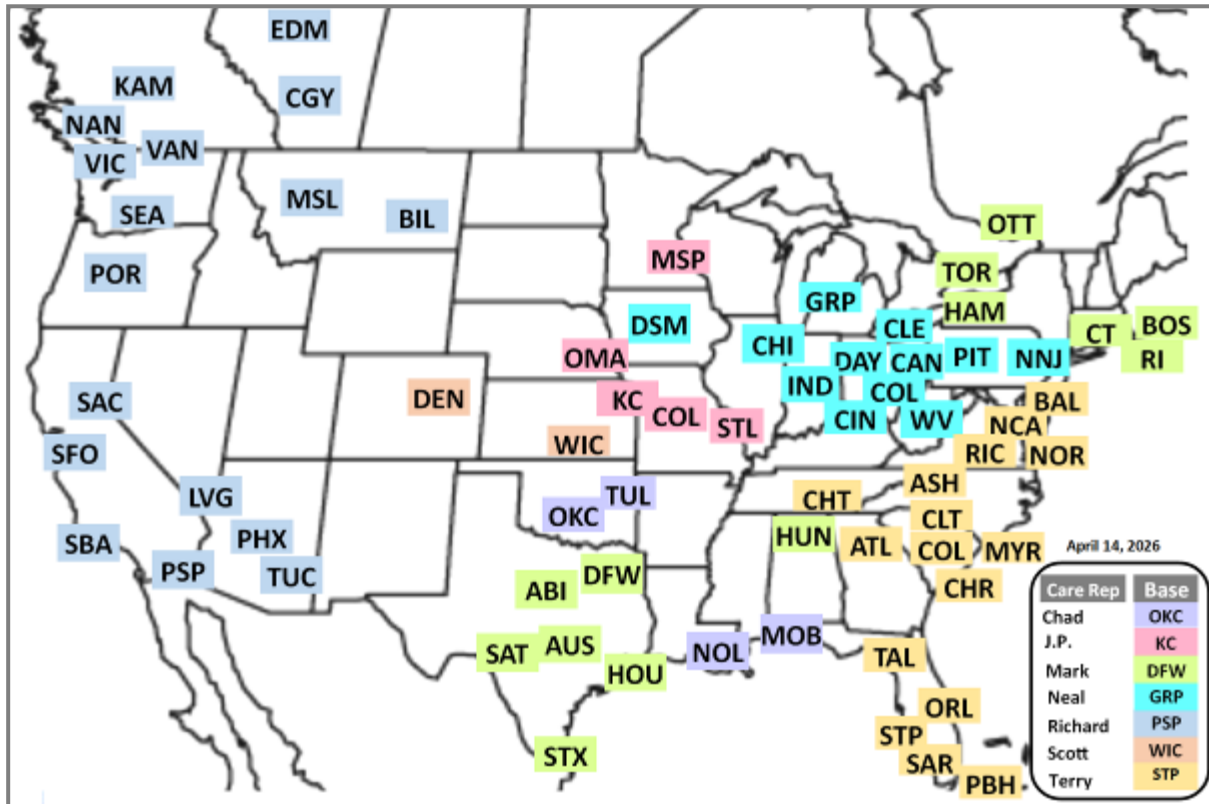
4th Tuesdays	Board of Directors
2nd Saturdays	Independent Chapter
Mid-May	Local Insurance
Mid-October	2027 Convention

Chapter Support and Contacts For You

PTWW designates a dedicated Board Member to maintain communications for questions and sharing on administration and membership.



Check this map for your rep!



Contact us: <https://theprimetimersww.com/contact-us-via-email/>

2025-2027 Board

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- Jame Paskiewicz** Chair I-Guys (KS)
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- Scott Tolle** Secretary (KS)
- Terry Lauer** At-Large (FL)

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- News Desk** - Mark Hatten

Directors Emeriti

- Michael Stone**
- Richard Tobiason**