

# Newsletter



## New Leadership at Prime Timers

The Board of Directors has been planning for some time now for the transition of leadership when Ken South starts his retirement in Florida early in July. At our Annual Meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> the members will elect the club's next Board of Directors. And a special thanks to Carl Martin for his work on the transition team. The 2016-2017 slate will consist of:

Chuck Almquist, Allan Armus, Wayne Bragg, Hugh Brodsky, Dwight Carter, Chuck Freyder  
George Jenkins, Bill Latham, and Dave Thorne

Officers:	George Jenkins-	President
	Allan Armus-	Vice President
	Dwight Carter-	Vice President
	Bill Latham-	Treasurer
	Hugh Brodsky-	Secretary

### The Leadership Team

- Coordination: **George Jenkins**
- Events (Holiday dinners/parties) & Wednesday Night Host: **Dwight Carter**
- Newsletter & Website: **Alan Armus**
- Treasurer & Memberships: **Bill Latham**
- Ad Hoc Day Trips: **Chuck Almquist**
- Annual Meeting/Picnic in the Park: **Allan Armus**
- Annual Pride Festival: **Bill Latham**
- Name Badge Monitor: **Dave Thorne**
- Monthly Birthday Cakes/ 50/50 Raffles: **Don Chaney**
- Monthly Movie Afternoons: **Chuck Freyder**
- Community Outreach: Vacant

## Pride Festival

Each year, PTers hosts a booth at the **Annual Pride Festival** in our Nation's Capital! As always we need club members to volunteer to help out during the day. Please contact Bill Latham to sign up for a 2 hr shift. 703-528-5018/ BLathamNoVA@aol.com.



Come for a day full of entertainment, music, food, drink, education, and celebration. The festival is open to everyone, and there is no fee for entry; however donations are very much encouraged!



**Date: Sunday June, 12, 2016**

**Festival Exhibit Hours:** 12pm – 7pm

**Location:** Pennsylvania Ave., NW, between 3rd and 7th Sts., NW, Washington, DC

**Metro:** **Green Line** ([Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter](#))



## Annual Membership Dues:

**Prime Timers of Washington, DC** depends on annual dues from its members. Membership is active from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

The dues are \$30.00 per member. You will soon receive a membership renewal form in the mail. You can pay three ways.

1) You can give Bill Latham cash or a check at any PTERS event. 2) you can go to our website at [www.primetimersdc.org](http://www.primetimersdc.org) and use a credit card, or 3) you can mail in a check with your renewal form to:

Make checks out to: Prime Timers, DC and mail to: Bill Latham at 3101 S. Manchester St. #601 Falls Church, VA 22044.

## Windows in the summer!

As you know, spring and summer is a very popular time at the Dupont Italian Kitchen, and you also know how generous they have been with our club over the years. Staff have talked to us and ask that two changes will help them and us be better served by the restaurant. 1) **So our Happy Hour will start at the "Traditional Time" of 6:30 pm.** Dinner close to 7pm. 2) Just for the summer months, they can no longer provide separate checks, but will do checks by table. Remember that the amount you pay is: your **food and beverage amount** PLUS 30% (10% for DC tax and 20% for tip). For example: you may have had: Ravioli Alfredo, \$13.00 & Red Wine \$6.00 = \$19.00 x 30% Tip & Tax = \$5.00..You pay \$19.00 + \$5.00 = **\$24.00.**



## SAVE THE DATES!!!!

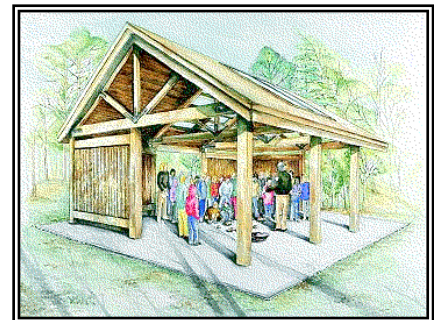
## Annual Meeting & Picnic

**Sunday, June 26th, 2016**

**Noon - 4 PM**

**Glencarlyn Park (Shelter #2)**

301 S Harrison St, Arlington, VA



Election of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors  
Special flyer with details to arrive soon!



## Interfaith Service

The 33rd Annual Pride Interfaith Service, a gathering of LGBT People of Faith and Allies.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**Time:** 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Location:** Covenant Baptist UCC, 3845 S Capitol St SW, Washington, DC

## Pride Parade

The annual Pride Parade steps off on **Saturday, June 11, 2016** at 4:30 pm from 22nd & P Streets, NW, Washington, DC. The Pride Parade travels 1.5 miles through Dupont Circle

and 17th Street, passes by the Logan Circle neighborhood and ends along the revitalized 14th Street corridor at S Street.

## Wednesday Night at Windows, June 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Boys



## 2016 Calendar

### June

WNW (Wednesday Nights at Windows, 6:00-pm)

11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Capitol Pride Festival

15<sup>th</sup> Birthday Night

Board of Directors meeting, Windows, 5:30 pm

26<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic and Meeting

### July

WNW (Wednesday Nights at Windows, 6:00-pm)

20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Night

24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 4 Social

## Thanks for the Memories.....from Ken

When I first met Prime Timers, it was during the national convention here in 1999 at what is now the Crown Plaza Hotel at 14<sup>th</sup> and H. While the DC chapter was quite small then, they took on the task of hosting around 300 guys from all over the country. Bill Latham headed up the effort and did an amazing job. Someone asked me to do a little workshop on GLBT advocacy, and it was a life changing event for me.

Like a flash of lightning, standing in front of 100 or so mature gay men, I realized that only a handful of people in the country had ever had such an experience! Where could you find such a gathering in any other sort of gay event? Almost NOWHERE. From there members of the DC board asked me to lead the organization. The last 17 years with the club has been my personal workshop on how all kinds of gay men age. I came along in the gay community absorbing all its myths and stereotypes, of which there are many. I just assumed that by 50, my gay social life would be over, I would be sitting at home watching old movies because no one would be interested in me socially (or any other way). Thanks to PTers, I have learned that is all a bunch of bunk!

Over the years I have been a part of tons of organizations, personally and professionally as my degree is in non-profit management. I am well aware of the "life cycles" of organizations and how they can be a dream or a nightmare. When I do speaking engagements to HIV groups I open by saying "I am a long time survivor of AIDS....organizations" and always get a laugh because people know how some organizations can be so dysfunctional. That has been one of the reasons why I have loved every minute of my experience with PTers of DC. We are a rare group indeed. Except for only one "ugly" moment I can remember, were a Board member quit in a huff, this group has been the most congenial gang of men I can ever remember. And not only that, but many have become dear friends and part of my extended, adopted family.

When you think about it, probably close to 1,000 guys have been part of our club in the last 17 years. Each one with his own unique history and fascinating personal story of what it is to be an older gay man in our gay and main-stream society. What an incredible blessing that is. While, as a club, we don't make any claims to be anything than a social club, that is we are not a support group or a service organization or even a fraternity, and yet we have reached out to each other when we were sick, we have helped each other with problems, and we have mourned with each other when we lost a friend in death.

There is such a flood of memories going through me as I write this little note to you. Please forgive me for mentioning a few names, as there are literally thousands of stories, but it may spark some memories for you too.

Bill Smith, cheese; Bob Walega, rides home; Ted Conway, my housemate; Rick Hurd, my mentor; Bill Latham, right hand man; Danny Thompson, outrageous; Bill Ashley, parties, "little" George, survival, Brian Sullivan, pool parties; Rainbow Mountain, Lost River, Rehoboth Beach & Falling Water; Allan Armus, cook; Chuck Freyder movies & new adventures; Roof Top Pool Parties; Rik Woods, hats; Wintetur, Longwood, & Hillwood; Ella, a pro; Carl Martin, The Host; Ray Nadeem, painter;

My journey with Prime Timers is not ending, I have already joined the 550 member strong chapter in Ft. Lauderdale...more to come...bye for now.