

TALLAHASSEE PRIME TIMER

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TALLAHASSEE PRIME TIMERS

Tallahassee AIDS Walk Sept. 15

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Monkeypox Concerns?

If you have any questions related to monkeypox and vaccinations in Leon County, please call the local health department at **(850) 404-6299**. Be healthy and stay well.

UPCOMING

Sept. 8 - BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM

NO MONTHLY PARTY IN SEPTEMBER

WHO WE ARE

Organized in 1995, Tallahassee Prime Timers (TPT) is a social organization for mature gay and bisexual men, along with their admirers. Our group provides opportunities to enjoy social, educational, and recreational activities in a supportive atmosphere.

TPT is powered by dues-paying members, and fabulous volunteers. We're a proud local Chapter in good standing of [Prime Timers Worldwide](#).

Register to VOTE by
October 11 for
November 8
General Election

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

GREETINGS

When the traffic becomes unbearable, we know that the 30,000 or so students have returned for the Fall Semester. Drive safely my friends.

We had wonderful monthly parties despite a spring resurgence of the pandemic, thanks to our hosts. I deeply appreciate our members opening their homes for our monthly meetings and monthly parties.

Our party committee has made hosting much simpler and more fun with its support, and with the host guide. Thanks to Bobby, Danny, Greg, Terry and Adam for bringing in and setting up the bar at each gathering. This is a large commitment that Terry and Adam are continuing, and wow, has it ever changed the club for the better! Please consider joining a committee, becoming a board member or stepping in to help when you can. Please also join me in gratitude for the work that benefits us all so greatly.



"PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING A COMMITTEE, BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER OR STEPPING IN TO HELP WHEN YOU CAN."

I trust that you are appreciating the wonderful Newsletter created by Michael Killoren as we look ahead to upcoming events, and to remind us of the wonderful activities of past months. We are grateful that he shares his talents with us.

I look forward to seeing each of you as we approach the monthly meeting on September 8th at the home of Bob and David. There won't be a September Cocktail Party because we were unable to find a host in time. If you wish to volunteer to host a meeting or party in the remainder of 2022 or in 2023, please contact Jerry. As of publication we need a host for the November party

You may have already seen in the news that the Red Hills Horse Trials (RHHT) has folded. Members of the Prime Timers ran the Competitor Party for this event for many years. It made Tallahassee more special, and we made RHHT a little more special with our support. Thank you to all of you who volunteered with RHHT under the Prime Timers banner or on your own.

September is the month when new members joining get the remainder of 2022 as a bonus, so if you know men who have been on the fence, let them know that now is the best time. That means we also are ready to process dues for the upcoming calendar year. If you can renew early, please go ahead and do so. David gets a little frantic when the renewals seem to come all at once.

Jerry Edwards



MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to renew your membership, and/or, if you would like to join, now is a good time! Annual dues are \$40 per person. And please remember that gentlemen guests 21+ are welcome to join you at our parties, with a \$10 per-person donation. You'll find a donation jar at monthly events, or speak with an officer.

Download the membership application form [here](#).

Thank you!



OFFICERS

- Jerry Edwards, President
- George Brophy, Co-Chair, Secretary
- Greg Vagnini, Treasurer.
- Terry Thielen, Social Committee

PASSION PLAY

"Hugh and I have been together for so long that in order to arouse extraordinary passion, we need to engage in physical combat. Once, he hit me on the back of the head with a broken wineglass, and I fell to the floor pretending to be unconscious. That was romantic, or would have been had he rushed to my side rather than stepping over my body to fetch the dustpan."

— David Sedaris, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*

Peter Marshall: Would you be surprised to find some wood in your hot dog?

Paul Lynde: No, but I'd be surprised to find some meat.

HOLLYWOOD SQUARES

Peter Marshall: When you pat a dog on its head he will usually wag his tail. What will a goose do?

Paul Lynde: Make him bark.

PM: Nathan Hale, one of the heroes of the American Revolution, was hung. Why?

Paul Lynde: Heredity.

PM: Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?

Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.

PM: In what state was Abraham Lincoln born?

Paul Lynde: Naked and screaming like the rest of us.

PM: Which performing team were the stars of Ed Sullivan's first TV show?

Paul Lynde: Aretha and Benjamin Franklin.

Asked whether it was against the law in Texas to call a Marine a "sissy," Paul Lynde quipped, "I guess I'll have to take the law into my own hands."

PRIME TIMER LIMELIGHT

SHAYA BARRET

RANDY SCHOEN

1 HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN TALLAHASSEE?

They moved to Cairo, Georgia, in 2013, where Shayla grew up - from Lafayette, IN - Randy's hometown - to take care of Shayla's mother, and return to family roots. They live on 28 acres of Shayla's family farm, which dates back to his grandfather in 1918, and family roots in the area that go back even further. Shortly after moving, they built a beautiful new house. Randy decorated half of the house to suit his taste, and Shayla decorated the other half of the house to suit his taste, which is a pretty unique solution to any potential design conflict - and they both definitely have their own personal and distinct styles, which coexist.

They share the land with two indoor cats, an ever-changing number of barnyard cats, six chickens (two of whom are named), five named peacocks, and acres of trees. Ask them to recite the litany of the pet names!

And if you haven't visited them before, you'll soon have your chance as they are graciously hosting the PT December holiday party, so you better start planning to don your gay apparel, and be your festivus bestest for the rest-of-us.



Randy and Shayla met in 1986, on St. Patrick's Day, which happened to be a Monday evening "school night." Fate brought them together at the Depot, the one and only gay bar in Lafayette, IN. Talk about luck of the Irish! Plus they have easy and convenient anniversary date to remember!

2 PRIME TIMER SINCE?

Their first Prime Timer event was in September, 2014, a Tuesday night "Dine Out." They found out about Prime Timers from "Family Tree," the LGBTQ+ Community Center, which catered to a mostly younger crowd, but it was a resource center with a web link to the Prime Timers. The rest is history, and they've been active and generous members ever since.

3 FAVORITE BOOKS, MOVIES, TV?

Shayla's favorite movie of all time is "Young Frankenstein," and enjoys off-beat films panned by critics. Randy's favorite movie is "All About Eve," followed by "Gods and Monsters." They both really like the 2020 film "Death on the Nile," and several TV series, including "Six Feet Under," "Absolutely Fabulous," and "Nip and Tuck." Shayla's favorite books include "Dune" and other works by Frank Herbert, and Carlene Harris' "True Blood." Randy adores the writing of Armistead Maupin, especially "Tales of the City."

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4 FAVORITE PART OF FALL?

Randy likes fall when the humidity level goes down with the temperatures, and Shayla likes the cooler weather and the leaves turning brown, noting that fall is not as colorful here as it is up north, but Halloween is his favorite holiday. They've hosted several Prime Timer Halloween parties in years past and enjoy the holiday and seeing everyone in costume. And though they miss wearing big sweaters around Thanksgiving, they do not miss the winters.

5 BEST PART OF BEING A PRIME TIMER?

They've not met a single gay person in Cairo (population 10,000) or Grady County (population 25,000), though it seems they meet Shayla's cousins and extended family almost everywhere they go. Shayla's mother is on record with the extended family saying she was "pro-choice and pro-gay rights!" Making the 45 minute drive to Tallahassee is routine for them. Growing up, Shayla says the family did almost all of their shopping in Tallahassee, and he's watched the city grow and transform. They truly enjoy the company of the Prime Timer men they've met.

THE SECRET OF BEING TOGETHER FOR 36 YEARS?

Shayla says it's no one else's responsibility to make you happy - you are the only one who can make you happy. The secret formula to a relationship is 90% giving, and only 10% taking. And it helps to have a partner who puts up with his idiosyncrasies. Randy says tolerance of each other's eccentricities is key. Whatever the exact formula, it's no secret that these two lovely men are totally in sync, can finish each other's sentences, and always keep smiling - like sparkling Irish eyes always do! 

What's your story?

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY OCTOBER 11

Perhaps you are familiar with "Tiny Love Stories?" These are wonderful little short snippets of life, usually 100 words or less, that capture a moment, a feeling, a detail, or vivid insight into the essence or absence of love. Some are funny, some are sad, but all are honest, real and unique.

Please consider writing and sharing your own "Tiny Coming Out Story" for the October Prime Timer newsletter. Not quite out? We'd like to hear your story too. There's no right and no wrong, and you can remain anonymous, if you prefer. **100 words or less**, please. **Are you game?** Give it a try, and let's see what happens.

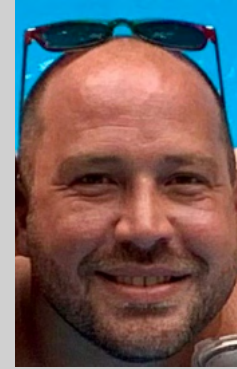
To submit your thoughts and ideas: Email: Tallyprimetimers@gmail.com



GALLERY OF GRATITUDE



Bill Hambsh and James Gordon, for hosting the August pool party!



Adam Ware, for stepping up to help with the social committee!

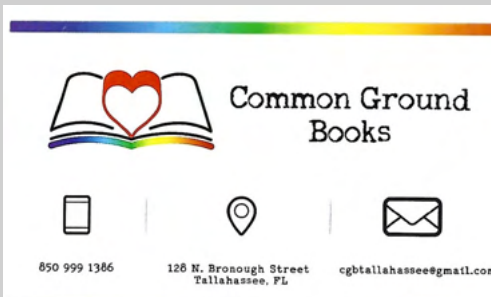
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Items submitted for inclusion in the newsletter would be appreciated by the 23rd of the month. e-mail Tallyprimetimers@gmail.com Photos in JPEG format. Thanks!

COMMUNITY AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

NEW LGBTQ BOOKSTORE

Pretty amazing that TLH has a new independent bookstore with a focus on LGBTQ+ books, lot's of other cool stuff, and a small community gathering place. Common Ground is located in an historic bungalow at 128 N Bronough St, near the Main Library. **Drag Queen Story Hour: Sunday, September 25, at 2:00 PM.** I'm told the first story hour was packed, and fabulous!



MEET UP

Equality Florida is hosting a Tallahassee Meet Up
Wednesday, September 14 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Poco Vino Wine Shop 225 S Adams Street 32301



AIDS WALK

Thursday, September 15
Southwood Nature Trail
at the intersection of
Ivy Green Trail and Grove Park Drive.
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



WEEKLY MEETUPS

SUNDAYS - 4PM @ The Edison

Every Sunday at the Edison Restaurant - Bar area, Cascades Park

WEDNESDAYS - 9AM - COFFEE KLATCH @ Panera Bread

3523 Thomasville Road most Wednesdays at 9 am.

Contact Jerry (850) 321-4479 to confirm it's on this week.

FRIDAYS - 5PM @ Finnegan's Wake

1122 Thomasville Rd # 2

FRIDAYS - 5PM @926 Bar & Grill

Gay Happy Hour - welcoming LGBTQ+ Community, 926 W Tharpe St

Please show your love and support to these businesses for their warm welcome of Prime Trimmers and the LGBTQ+ Community!

MONTHLY MEETUPS

BUSINESS MEETING - FIRST THURSDAY

7:00 PM Gather - 7:30 short business meeting - 9:30 Adjourn,
Member host, TBA. Light snacks and beverages provided.

MONTHLY PARTY - THIRD SATURDAY

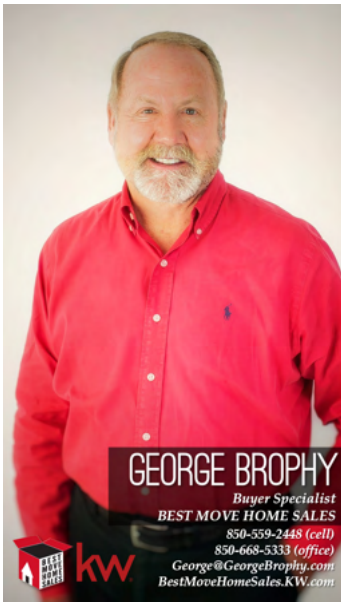
Start time varies, member host, TBA. Potluck: Please bring a covered dish
(+ serving utensil) to share! Full bar open bar provided.

A donation jar is available at each monthly gathering for guest donations,
membership payments, etc.

“BEING GAY HAS TAUGHT ME TOLERANCE, COMPASSION AND HUMILITY. IT HAS SHOWN ME LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES OF LIVING. IT HAS GIVEN ME PEOPLE WHOSE PASSION AND KINDNESS AND SENSITIVITY HAVE PROVIDED A CONSTANT SOURCE OF STRENGTH. IT HAS BROUGHT ME INTO THE FAMILY OF MAN, MAMA, AND I LIKE IT HERE.”

— ARMISTEAD MAUPIN, MORE TALES OF THE CITY





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Postscript

The Tallahassee Primer timers Newsletter is a reboot in progress, - thanks for your patience and feedback. The pandemic did a number on all kinds of organizations, and we're all trying to get back to normal - or maybe normal even better!

Technical: On the technical side, I'd like to work on streamlining production and distribution to get on a regular and timely monthly schedule - like the first of the month- and find a system that works well across multiple platforms -- works on desktops, laptops, iPads, and cellphones - and that will accommodate printing for those who favor a printout. Ideas welcome!

Content: Regarding editorial content, the proposed purpose is to inform members of upcoming events, matters of organizational and governance interest to members, and content that honors and and creates a digital space to celebrate our authentic selves. Your written words, photographs, artwork and ideas are all welcome. Write on!

Advertising: As you can see, we have our first ad. We'd like to begin accepting advertising - business cards from Prime Timer members - and encourage members to support member businesses, and businesses with an interest in supporting Prime Timers. Interested in advertising?
e-mail Tallyprimetimers@gmail.com

I've had the opportunity to see newsletters from other Prime Timers across the US and Canada, and appreciate the sharing. It's also a been great source of learning and good ideas to see what other chapters are up to.

Michael Killoren