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"SENIOR ACTION in a GAY ENVIRONMENT"

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**WELCOME HOME:** It's that wonderful time of year when the leaves start to change and members return from their summer homes or vacations. We missed each and every one of you! So glad you are back to enjoy our many SAGE activities. Be sure to read your newsletter.

Our 12th SAGE Anniversary dinner was a **SMASH**. The food was delicious, great service, super music and everyone enjoyed the Chinese raffle. We had interesting items and they were won by many different members.

As you know, SAGE was one of the benefactors of the proceeds of the NAGAAA World Series 30th Anniversary of gay softball games held here in Ft. Lauderdale. Many of our SAGE members were volunteers. I received a very nice letter from them thanking each of you for your dedicated work.

**SMART RIDE 4 "Southernmost Aids/HIV Ride 2007"** is scheduled for March 30 and 31, 2007. As always, our very own John Gearrity will be in charge if SAGE decides to participate. It is my understanding that to sponsor a Pit Stop for one day is \$1,500 (so I would suggest that the first 15 SAGE members that come forward to donate \$100 toward the spon-

sorship would be the lucky ones to participate). In addition, each participant would have to pay his or her own expenses which average approximately \$400. Please keep in mind it's a working volunteer job. You are expected to be at your post at 5:30 AM, so for some that may mean being up as early as 3:30 AM. It is very exciting to be a part of this event but do keep in mind you will be working long hours, not necessarily hard work but you must be in place and courteous at all times.

Do read your newsletter as we have some wonderful events coming up. PLEASE register early for the events as we do have to respect deadlines.

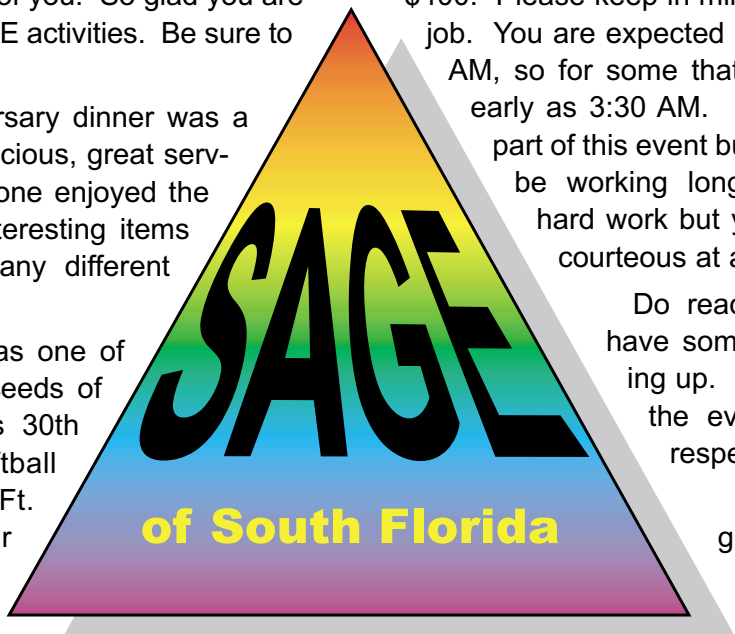
Thanks again to all our great volunteers and to those that have not registered to volunteer yet, please do so as it is a

wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow SAGE members - plus it will be greatly appreciated by all of us. ■

Jean Johnson  
President

*"True excellence is rarely found,  
even more rarely is it cherished."*

— Johann von Goethe (1749-1832)



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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**THIS MONTH** I have several things I would like to cover. Firstly, several members have let us know that we have not included their birthdays on the birthday list. Unfortunately, we started asking for birthdays with last year's membership application. If you have not filled out that document or called or e-mailed the office with the appropriate month and day of your birth, we have no way of knowing when to acknowledge your birthday. We would like to acknowledge everyone's birthday and if we had the information we would.

Secondly, concerning the computer club, I have gotten a large response to this and am trying to find a location that is suitable that contains the equipment necessary to make this work and an appropriate date. As yet, we have not been successful. I hope to have a place by the deadline for the December newsletter. It looks like there is a need in our group for other varied activities. Feel free to contact us if you have a suggestion or would like to host a new activity.

Lastly, I want to say a word about volunteering. Our organization runs on volunteers. I have heard from some of you that you have offered your services but were never contacted. We now have a Board member whose responsibility is to be the Volunteer Coordinator. If you let me know in the office I will be happy to pass on your information.

You may call, e-mail, or just talk to us at any event. You can call the SAGE office at 954-720-0833 or e-mail us at sageoffice@bellsouth.net. Feel free to visit the SAGE website at www.sagewebsite.org. ■

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**SEE  
YOU  
AT  
THE  
MOVIES**

**with John Gearrity**

The SAGE movie for Monday, November 13, 2006 will be *“Lady of Burlesque”* based on the novel by Gypsy Rose Lee and starring Barbara Stanwyck with a group of camp supporting actresses headed by the wild Iris Adrian. Directed by William Wellman, it is the story of a stripper who is murdered backstage at a Times Square burlesque house. What follows is a wild romp in which everyone is a suspect. The film also includes a wild-

for-its-time dance number performed by *ala* Miss Stanwyck.

Come by and enjoy free popcorn and this crazy bunch of backstage characters. SAGE movies begin at 4:00 PM in Room 6 at the GLCC and will be followed by a dinner at Tropics for their 10 by \$10 specially priced dinners.

See you at the movies! *This is a SAGE sponsored activity.* ■



**GAY COMMUNITY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Gay Community Bereavement Support Group's mission is to provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for those individuals who are or have been experiencing grief and the loss of a loved one. Group discussion and exercises contribute to and provide an opportunity for individuals to build a foundation that will assist them in "collecting their thoughts" and focusing on how to cope with their feelings and emotions. Our primary goal is to have group members take a more proactive role in recognizing and accepting their way through the bereavement process and reclaiming their lives. The Group meets every Sunday from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Facilitators are: Daniel C. Lamberti, Marc Kepner, and Marc Flanagan. *This is a SAGE sponsored activity.* ■

**SAGE FRIENDLY  
VISITOR PROGRAM** 

We are not just fair weather friends, but people who really care about our SAGE family. If you know of anyone that needs a friendly call, is sick, in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or just needs cheering up or needs a ride to one of our SAGE sponsored functions or activities, please contact Sandy Darrall at (305) 895-9461 so that arrangements may be made. *This is a SAGE sponsored activity.* ■

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# CURTAIN UP!

by Sandy Darrall

**Actor's Playhouse** – 280 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, (305) 444-4182. The upcoming 2006-2007 season presents *Moonlight and Magnolias* October 15 - November 12. (a South Florida Premiere by Ron Hutchinson). This delightful comedy takes us into the inner sanctum of 1939 Hollywood.

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**New Theatre** – 4120 Laguna Street, Coral Gables, (305) 443-5909. Tickets \$30 for Thurs., \$40 for Fri. - Sun. Through November 5: *Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue*. A long time soldier comes to terms with his memories of war. November 5 - December 10: Just a Kiss, two actresses doing bit parts on TV and film now about to co-star in a play. There is only one catch: they must play a love scene featuring a big kiss. (This sounds like a play for SAGE members).

**Gable Stage** – www.gablestage.org or call (305) 445-1119 for reservations. Now through November 19: *Fahrenheit*, a Southeastern premier play is a futuristic fable about a civilization where all written word is forbidden and firefighters are paid to burn books instead of fighting fires.

Don't forget a wonderful performance by the great **Ballet Gamonet, Maximum Dance** at the Bailey Concert Hall, 3501 SW Davie Blvd., Davie, FL. Saturday, November 11, 8:00 PM and Sunday, November 12. Call 305-259-9775 for ticket information.

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### GUEST SPEAKER:

Our guest speaker will discuss how recent changes to Medicare have impacted the senior community and what's in store for 2007.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

David Goldberger  
Philip January  
Fred Moore

### 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas Fitzgerald

## THANKS FOR JOINING SAGE



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NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

Contact a Veteran you know and acknowledge his or her effort in protecting our country.

**AS I SEE IT  
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...**  
by Mike Di Paola

***The First Thanksgiving Story***

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (the Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, they negotiated with a London company to finance a pilgrimage to America.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one and the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast, including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days!

Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. It is unlikely that the first feast included this treat. The supply of flour had long been diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There were no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. The feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison and plums.

Today's Thanksgiving feast is much different and celebrated in many different ways. Turkey has become the staple of the dinner, surrounded by a cornucopia of side dishes including the ever popular sweet potato (yams), green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, turnips, and many more too numerous to mention, and pumpkin pie is the favored dessert of the day.

One thing that hasn't changed through the many centuries that separate the Pilgrims and us is that Thanksgiving is still a day of remembrance and of sharing our home and hearths with family, friends and loved ones. As we gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving 2006, please remember our young servicemen and women who are overseas, who are sorely missed by their families, and say a little prayer for their continued safety.

**"HAPPY THANKSGIVING" ■**

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**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S  
THURSDAY DROP-IN**

Current events, past events, future events – actually any kind of an event or topic is discussed with good hearted passion. It's a chance to express your feelings about what you feel concerned about – be it the President, Iraq, gasoline, sex or corporate mergers – good discussion awaits you. The group meets every Thursday from 1-3 PM at the GLCC. This is a good chance to meet other SAGE members and their friends. Out of town visitors are welcomed. ***This is a SAGE sponsored activity.*** ■

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Paul Celendano	Nov. 05
Larry Votta	Nov. 11
Donald Marshall	Nov. 17
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Jimmie Norman	Nov. 21
Leonard Sanginario	Nov. 23
Nancy Drennen	Nov. 26
Daniel Gottlieb	Nov. 26
Bobbie Gove	Nov. 26
Robert Keheley	Nov. 26
Doyle McNelly	Nov. 27
Frances Lichtman	Nov. 29

### BELATED BIRTHDAYS:

Lanell Harrison	Sep. 23
Vicky Keller	Oct. 25

If, when you renewed your membership or became a new member you did not give us your birthday, you may call the office and leave the information at: (954) 720-0833 or e-mail us at: [sageoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:sageoffice@bellsouth.net)

## SOCIAL NOTES by Carl Galli

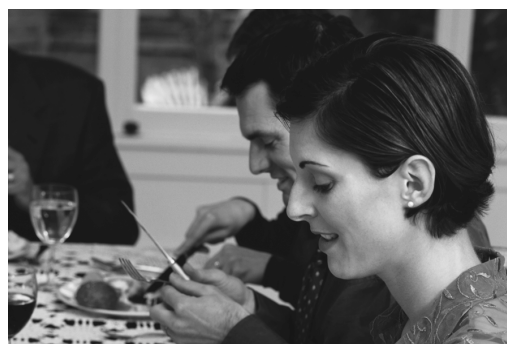
**And a splendid time was had by all:** On September 10, members and guests gathered at the Palm Aire Country Club for our 12th Annual Cotillion. Everyone was dressed to the nines (oh well, at least the seven-and-three-quarters which can pass for the "nines" in South Florida), dancing to C.J. Young's disco and pop beats, dining on prime rib and salmon, and taking a "Chinese" chance on everything from beautiful art glass to magic vibrators (never saw a Chinese Raffle before). The ladies and gentlemen looked beautiful and handsome – you decide which.

As this newsletter goes to print, we are preparing for the October 15th "Brunch at Tropics". We have about 30 reservations and this looks like a sell-out. We all know how good the food is – though with three mimosas or screw-drivers we may not even remember (just kidding, remember to drink responsibly).

Getting ready for the "Season" with a hearty welcome back to all our snowbirds, and some surprises in store so keep reading all the flyers and the calendar. ■

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## SAGE WOMEN IN ACTION

### MOVIE, LUNCH, DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group will not be meeting until after the New Year. For further information please call Sandy Darrall at (305) 895-9461.

### SHIRLEY'S GIRLS LUNCHEON

The November 8th meeting will be held at Judy Bowling's house in Deerfield Beach. The lunch, a potluck, begins at 12:00 noon. Please call Judy at (954) 481-2157 so that food may be coordinated and for directions.

**This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■

## BOOK BUNCH NEWS: NOVEMBER

Our latest selection for the year is a classic. We will be discussing Radclyffe Hall's "The Well of Loneliness." This novel created a storm of controversy when first published in 1928. It has come to be one of the most famous lesbian novels of the 20th century. Join us at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 11, 2006, at Border's Books on Sunrise Blvd. in Ft. Lauderdale. Ladies especially welcome.

We take the month of December off so we wish all a very Happy Holiday season! **This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■



Bob Tomasulo

## MEN'S SINGLES GROUP

### NOVEMBER MEN'S SINGLES DINNER NOVEMBER 27, 2006

If you are a man without a partner, we have scheduled a dinner especially for you on this date. The Men's Singles Group of SAGE will be having our monthly dinner at Tropics Restaurant at 6:30 PM. Reservations are required by calling Wayne Morris at (305) 965-8682 or e-mail to: sagesingles@aol.com

Put on that red shirt, a pair of shorts or pants, and join us. Yes, we know that this is the week after Thanksgiving and you may want to "work-it-off" but you can do that next week with a friend.

If you have a friend who is without a partner, too, and not a member of SAGE, invite him to join us or tell him about our group. You do not have to be a member of SAGE to attend your first dinner.

We usually have between 20-30 guys who join us. Dinner is usually over by 8:00 PM. We try to make it a relaxed, informal evening – designed to promote friendships and introductions. **JOIN US! This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■

Wayne Morris

*"The most terrible poverty is the feeling of loneliness  
and the feeling of being unloved."*

– Anonymous

## MEN'S WEDNESDAY DROP-IN

The discussions are always lively on many diverse topics. The social hour, following the discussions, serves as a way to really get to know your fellow members. The group meets every Wednesday at the GLCC from 1-3 PM. Try it. You'll like it. **This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■

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**SAGE TRAVEL TOOLS NETWORK  
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So, come along with other SAGE members and join us in this new SAGE activity – the sharing of travel experiences, travel knowledge and travel passions. You do not have to be an experienced traveler to participate. This SAGE activity is open to all members of SAGE. ***This is a SAGE sponsored activity.***

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 1717 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, from 3 PM to 5 PM.

A contribution of \$2.00 per person will be collected to pay for the meeting room at the GLCC. **NO RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

You are requested to wear an article of clothing or bring a souvenir with a name of a travel destination you have visited. For example, a tee-shirt from China, a hat from Key West, a purse from Australia, or a coffee cup from San Francisco, etc. Be proud of your souvenir purchases!!

Our first destination topic will be on *Rome, Italy*, followed by an open discussion of travel tips, travel experiences, and travel questions. If you are interested in joining our group, please bring any photos of your trip to Rome, travel brochures relating to Rome, stories of your visit to Rome, or any questions you want to know about Rome. As this is our first meeting, join us and help develop the format for our future gatherings. Invite a friend to join us as well.

If you have any questions, please phone Wayne Morris at (305) 965-8682 or e-mail: [miamiwayne937@aol.com](mailto:miamiwayne937@aol.com). ■

**SAGE VOLUNTEERS  
by Jan Kronholm**

**Thank you for “volunteering”  
to be a SAGE VOLUNTEER.**

SAGE VOLUNTEERS make SAGE happen. The lunches, dinners, dances, trips, guest speakers, etc. that we enjoy as SAGE members were all planned and run by a volunteer. Much work is done by a few people and any time you can give to SAGE will be greatly appreciated.

Being a SAGE volunteer is a great way to meet other members and have fun. If there is some area of volunteer work that particularly interests you and you would like to volunteer, please call me at: (954) 428-2998 or e-mail me at: [www.jkronh@aol.com](mailto:www.jkronh@aol.com). ■

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**SAGE** of South Florida is a non-profit organization for **Senior Action** in a **Gay Environment** to enrich the lives of the GLBT senior community through membership inclusive of age, gender, race, nationality and religion. We believe this can be accomplished by sponsoring social alternatives to provide personal interaction, offering educational opportunities to deal with the special needs of aging, and promoting contact with the isolated and homebound persons of our community. **SAGE** is also an advocate for the concerns and needs of the senior GLBT community at large, providing referral information of community resources and promoting inter-generational communication in the GLBT community.

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			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> SAGE Co-ed Drop-In 1:00 PM GLCC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Board Mtg. 9:30 AM <hr/> Members' Lunch 12:30 PM - Herb Skolnick CC
<b>5</b> Gay Community Bereavement Group 2-4 PM GLCC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> SAGE Men's Drop-In 1 PM - GLCC <hr/> Shirley's Girls Luncheon - Noon	<b>9</b> SAGE Co-ed Drop-In 1:00 PM GLCC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> SAGE Book Bunch 2:00 PM Border's
<b>12</b> Gay Community Bereavement Group 2-4 PM GLCC	<b>13</b> SAGE Movie 4:00 PM GLCC Followed by Dinner at Tropics	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> SAGE Men's Drop-In 1:00 PM GLCC	<b>16</b> SAGE Co-ed Drop-In 1:00 PM GLCC <hr/> <b>TRAVEL GROUP</b> 3:00 PM GLCC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Peter Burke Show - Herb Skolnick CC
<b>19</b> Gay Community Bereavement Group 2-4 PM GLCC	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> SAGE Men's Drop-In 1:00 PM GLCC	<b>23</b> <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Gay Community Bereavement Group 2-4 PM GLCC	<b>27</b> SAGE Men's Singles Group 6:00 PM Dinner at Tropics	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> SAGE Men's Drop-In 1:00 PM GLCC	<b>30</b> SAGE Co-ed Drop-In 1:00 PM GLCC		

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

For you new comers to the area, here are some vital addresses for you to note. Now you will know where to attend all of our functions. No more excuses. We are sure that if you call any of these places for directions, they will be pleased to assist you.

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