

THE SAGE

The Newsletter of SAGE of South Florida

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WASHINGTON, D.C., February 26, 2014—Today the [Equal Rights Center](#) (ERC)—a national non-profit civil rights organization—published the results of a 10-state testing-based investigation documenting adverse differential treatment against older same-sex couples seeking housing in senior living facilities. The report was released in partnership with SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders), the country's largest national organization dedicated to improving the lives of LGBT older adults.

The report, titled "[Opening Doors: An Investigation of Barriers to Senior Housing for Same-Sex Couples](#)," documents the results of 200 matched-pair telephone tests conducted by the ERC in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington. In 96 of the 200 tests (48 percent), a tester inquiring about housing in a senior living facility for a same-sex couple experienced at least one form of adverse differential treatment, as compared to a counterpart tester inquiring about housing for a heterosexual couple.

"This investigation is the first of its kind to focus on providing objective, quantitative data specific to older same-sex couples seeking senior housing," said Don Kahl, Executive Director of the ERC. "Older LGBT individuals face many unique challenges when seeking housing at senior-living facilities, and discriminatory practices cause further, undue hardship in the lives of LGBT seniors at a time when financial resources are often becoming more limited."

SAGE partnered with ERC to conceptualize and execute the report. Housing instability affects millions of LGBT older people around the country, many of whom face severe financial hardship, challenges with employment and unequal treatment under the law.

For SAGE Executive Director Michael Adams, this report attests to the role that discrimination plays in worsening this housing instability among LGBT elders.

"This critical report documents the severe ways in which same-sex older people are denied equal opportunity in housing, dramatically affecting their abilities to live full and healthy lives as they age," said Adams. "Policy makers and housing providers must work together to ensure that safe and affordable housing is accessible and available to all older people, regardless of their sexual orientations and gender identities."

The ERC conducted 20 telephone tests in each of the ten states included in the testing investigation using a "matched-pair" methodology, in which testers with virtually identical profiles, except one identified as part of a same-sex and the other as part of an opposite-sex married couple, interacted with senior housing agents to inquire about moving into their senior living community. The tested states were chosen to provide a measure of geographic diversity across the country, and to include states along the full spectrum of sexual orientation anti-discrimination protections.

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SAGE FRIENDLY SUPPORT PROGRAM

We'd like to think we are not merely fair weather friends, but people who really care about our SAGE family. If you know of any SAGE member who would appreciate a friendly call, is sick, in the hospital, recently lost a loved one, or just needs a note of cheer, please contact:

For women — Inez Pasher @ 954.563.2814.

For men — Leo Glickstein @ 954.935.5799.

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SAGE MISSION STATEMENT

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 community at large, providing referral information on community resources and promoting inter-generational communication in the GLBT community. SAGE was founded in 1994 as a Florida "not for profit." Corporation. (Federal Tax-Exempt status of 501(c)3 allowing tax-deductible donations.)

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SHARING SAGE WITH OTHERS

Reconnecting with old friends and meeting new acquaintances is a great part of the SAGE tradition. We invite you to share this tradition by inviting someone new to SAGE to one of our many SAGE-sponsored events. Share the camaraderie and support found among SAGE members with others.

When you invite someone new to any SAGE-sponsored events and that friend joins SAGE, he or she will become a SAGE of South Florida member for the reduced fee of \$25 for their first year of membership.

SAGE MEMBERS IN NEED

Please contact the **AADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center)** @ **954.745.9779**. It is a one-stop center for information and referral services available to seniors and their care-givers in our community.

REMINDER FROM THE BOARD

IF YOU RESERVE A PLACE AT THE 'LUNCH & LEARN' AND YOU DO NOT ATTEND, YOU ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE TO SAGE FOR PAYMENT. WE MUST GIVE THE CATERER AS EXACT A COUNT AS POSSIBLE BASED ON YOUR RESERVATION. THE CATERER MUST BE PAID WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOW UP.

MONTHLY "LUNCH & LEARN"

12:30 PM, April 5, 2014

HERB SKOLNICK

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800 S.W. 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!!!!!!!!!

Members with reservations: \$14.00

All others: \$19.00

Everyone Pays at the Door.

Doors Open at 12:00PM

If you arrive early, please make yourself comfortable in the lobby and meet and mingle with other SAGE members and their guests.

Reservations must be made by 12:30PM on the Thursday preceding the Luncheon, as the caterer must have the final count.

Please make reservations for the April "Lunch & Learn" with the SAGE office @ 954.634.7219.

MENU

Romaine Salad

Mushroom Lasagna

Barramundi Fish Fillet

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KEN GOODMAN



Do you want to catchup to your grandkids or sons and daughters? Come and enjoy learning about technology at the SAGE Computer Club. Would you like to feel more confident when using your computer, smart phone, tablet, or any other type of internet connected device? You should come and join us at the SAGE Computer Club. Bring your questions and problems and we will try to help you solve them. No question is too basic, we want everybody to learn and become better at using their devices.

The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 4 pm for at least an hour. Any new Computer related news is discussed, followed by the issues you wish to bring or a current topic of interest. Bring your questions and problems and we will try to help.

Also, if you wish, you can join us for dinner after the meeting at a nearby reasonable gay friendly restaurant.

The meetings of the SAGE Computer Club are held at the **Pride Center facility on Dixie Highway** Building A in the AV Room 206 on **Wednesdays** at 4PM. Call for directions if you need them at 954-634-7219 or the Pride Center's switchboard at 954.463.9005.

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SAGE ON THE BORDER/ALTERNATIVES

CAROLINE LETO/BRUCE TODRES



Where: the Volen Center

1515 West Palmetto Rd., Boca Raton

When: Every Monday from 11AM to 1PM.

Welcome everyone, no reservation required.

Please call the Volen Center to see if it is

open as the Center closes for holidays.

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WEDNESDAY MEN'S DROP-IN

RON CATENA



Where: The Pride Center.

When: Every Wednesday from 1PM to 3PM.

Welcome all men, no reservation required.

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1ST & 3RD THURSDAY CO-ED DISCUSSION

FRANK PIASECKI

Where: The Pride Center.

When: April 3rd & April 17th-1PM

Welcome to all, no reservation required.

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SAGE MEN'S SINGLES GROUP

JOHN CHANDLER



Are you a single man who enjoys the company of other single men? If you do then we have an evening for you. Every 4th Monday of every month, SAGE Board member, John Chandler, co-ordinates cocktails and dinner at Tropics restaurant in Wilton Manors. Cocktails, lively conversation and flirting begin at 5:30. At 6:30 the party moves into the dining room where we enjoy a terrific dinner followed by complementary coffee. Prices are reasonable and the food is always wonderful (as is the company).

We usually wear red shirts so we can all recognize each other.

Our next dinner will be held on Monday, April 22, 2014.

For reservations please contact **John Chandler @ 954.933.2963** or e-mail @ stonyman4u@aol.com and don't forget to wear your red shirt!

This is a SAGE sponsored activity.

SAGE BOOK CLUB

RICHARD HESS & PHILIP COLLIER

When: April 12, 2014. 11AM

Where: Stonewall National Archives

March Book: *The Scar Letters* by Richard Alther

All Readers are welcome. No reservation required.

Contact for information: Richard Hess, 954.568.1592 or

Philip Collier, 443.614.7135

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SAGE CAMERA CLUB

JOHN HARRIS

Where: The Pride Center.

When: Saturday, April 26, 2014

Meet-Up: Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Welcome to all shutterbugs, no reservation required.

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SAGE WOMEN @ GOLDEN CORRAL

NANCY DRENNEN



Where: Golden Corral.

7401 Commercial Blvd. Tamarac

Phone: 954.623.6400

When: Noon, 2nd Thursday of every month.

Call Nancy @ 954.741.1540 for reservations.

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2014 Schedule: TBA

"WHAT CRUISE?" THE HALLOWEEN CRUISE!!!

Time to get ready for this year's SAGE Cruise! Sail on Princess Cruise Lines Caribbean Princess **October 27- November 1**. Cruise leaves from Ft. Lauderdale, and stops at Grand Cayman and Cozumel with an on-board party on Halloween night.

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NOTES FROM THE SAGE CO-ED DISCUSSION GROUP (AT THE PRIDE CENTER)

The SAGE Co-Ed Discussion Group meets twice a month and we sure would like to have you join us! This group is for mature LGBT men and women who enjoy conversation with others in a group setting. This is a no-pressure and NO EXPENSE way to socialize and communicate with others in our community

For those of you who wonder what the group format is like I would first want you to know that it is a relaxed environment. A group facilitator (usually me) asks a general question and group members respond. One question from the last meeting generated some great responses: name one of your favorite songs that is at least 50 years old. Oh, did we ever get some good memorable responses regarding some of our favorite music artists from years ago.

It brought back a lot of great memories and it was fascinating to hear what songs our peers still cherish. My contribution to this specific discussion topic was Frankie Avalon's 1959 hit VENUS. I loved that song back then and still do today.

We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 1 pm at the Pride Center. Our meeting dates for April are April 3 and April 17. Mark your calendars and come hear what we have to say and let us know what you think too! We encourage your participation.

--Frank

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NOTES FROM THE SAGE CAMERA CLUB

Hello Shutterbugs,

The SAGE Camera Club is *still* waiting for you to grab your camera and join us. I know how busy you all are, but just take a couple hours a month to join us. Our next scheduled meeting is **Saturday, March 22, 2014**. We meet at the Pride Center from 1PM-3PM. This month's tutorial will be on camera aperture settings. We have had numerous photo-ops since the Club was created, and we invite you to bring your favorite pictures (that *you* took) to the meeting, as either hard copy or on a flash drive, to share with the other members. Looking forward to seeing *all* of you with any interest in photography. *We also discussed our future event schedule:*

April 8th
April 26th

Photo Op (TBD)
Camera Club Meeting

Meet at Pride Center 1PM
Pride Center, Room 206 1PM

--John

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NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP-IN

Well, let me start off by thanking the guys who took over moderating the Drop-In while Dr. Norm Peters, our long-time moderator, and I were not available. A special thanks to Philip Norris, Carl Barton, and Dr. Frank Piaceki. Thanks guys!

They must have done a great job because attendance has been robust and the conversation continues to be lively and interesting with a lot of laughs and, of course, discussion of serious topics ranging from current events to who won the oscar and who should have won the oscar.

SAGE recently sponsored a Coffee & Conversation at the Pride Center. It was a nice event and we recruited several new members from those in attendance. Of course, the first SAGE event our new members attended was none other than the Men's Drop-in. And they all gave our group two thumbs up! Welcome to you all.

I volunteered to take a turn manning the SAGE informational booth at Pridefest (a great way to see and be seen). We had a lot of people stop by to say hello and inquire about membership in SAGE. We also got a chance to chat with some of our current members who were enjoying the festivities. A big thank you goes out to Dr. Marty Horowitz who, again this year, volunteered to man the booth with me.

Dick Schwarz informed the group that the members of the Drop-In have donated \$10,000 to the Pride Center. Dick led the charge and recruited donors. Thanks to all who donated. Speaking of donating, if you have not had a chance to donate to SAGE's Give From the Heart Campaign, please do so if you can.

We begin our 20 years of service to the South Florida LGBTQ senior community and it has been 20 years we can be proud of.

SAGE is an all-volunteer organization (no paid staff) and we continue to increase our services to our community.

We have some wonderful events planned to celebrate this milestone and I hope all of you will participate. Stay informed, read our newsletter...it's chock full of useful information and will keep you informed about upcoming events.

--Ron

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SAGE SOCIAL-LITES

Carl M. Galli

For an update on our social schedule please see Ken Goodman's article below.

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New Board...New Year

With the Annual Meeting this past month at Galuppi's, we are starting a New Year, our 20th. At the April Lunch & Learn, I will announce who was elected to the Executive Board. Because this is our 20th Anniversary year, your Board is preparing to celebrate this special time.

Firstly, we are planning two Anniversary events. The first will be a meet-up at a reasonably priced restaurant for those who want a less formal and pricey event. The second will be a catered event, which will include our anniversary and the holiday parties, with entertainment and surprises for those who attend. We have started working on these events and when we have some news about the venues and dates, we will let you know.

In an effort to keep our regular gatherings less formal and pricey we will be using meet-ups more often. For the month of April, there will be a meet-up at Riverwalk. Those who wish to eat or drink will have an option and those who want to take the river cruise can take it after lunch. We will meet at the Briny Pub on the New River in Ft. Lauderdale on Thursday, April 24th at 11:30 am and begin our social event. Look for the flyer in this newsletter.

I have been asked about this year's Broadway series. Because the Broward Center cannot supply final pricing and definite dates at this time, we are waiting. Last year, we had a very difficult time by accepting orders prior to having accurate information. We are planning to go to the following shows on the Broward Center's 2014 – 2015 schedule:

- Phantom of the Opera*
- Lion King*
- Pippin*
- Anything Goes*

We will not take paid reservations until we have the actual dates and prices. However, you can let us know which of these shows you are definitely interested in so we can plan accordingly. If you definitely want to see any or all of these shows, please let the office know and we will contact you when we have dates and prices.

Since we are a totally volunteer organization we have need of some specialized skills:

--**SAGE Webmaster** - If you can maintain a website and have the time we are in need of a Webmaster. Usually this requires a small amount of time each month to post the newsletter and make the monthly updates. About twice a year we review the website and make additional changes.

--**SAGE of South Florida Historian** - This would require that you gather and research the information about SAGE's history and share this with our members and community through the newsletter.

--**Funding Coordinator** - We need a member with the skills to create a campaign that can generate funds for our organization. We try to provide our members and the community with all the services we can. However, this requires funds above and beyond our annual dues.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions, please call the office and leave me a message.

--Ken Goodman

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Some of the adverse differential treatment experienced:

- Housing agents providing information about additional units being available to the tester from an opposite-sex couple;
- Housing agents advising the tester from the same-sex couple about additional fees, costs, and/or a more extensive application process than were disclosed to the heterosexual tester;
- Housing agents providing information about additional amenities to the testers from the opposite sex couple that were not mentioned to the tester from the same sex couple; and
- Housing agents offering “specials” and discounts to the tester from the same-sex couple that were not offered to the tester from the opposite sex couple.

In addition to the test findings, the report also includes a number of recommendations to address these findings. Recommendations include: (1) legislators should work to pass legislation that prohibits housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; (2) existing legal protections need to be enforced when housing discrimination does occur; (3) senior housing providers must adopt anti-discrimination policies and practices; (4) LGBT seniors should know their housing rights and the resources available; and (5) further research must be conducted to provide additional data on housing discrimination against older LGBT adults.

The ERC collaborated with SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) on the creation and release of this report. The ERC’s testing investigation was supported by grants from the Retirement Research Fund and the Gill Foundation.

- See more at: <http://www.sageusa.org/newsevents/release.cfm?ID=89#sthash.RDHtjttJ.dpuf>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SAGE...HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH SAGE!!!

This year marks SAGE of South Florida’s 20th birthday and the SAGE board has decided to make it a doozy!!!

***SAGE will host a combination birthday party/holiday party bash!!!
Venue, pricing and date and time have yet to be determined but we know the festivities will feature a special menu, entertainment, gifts, birthday cake, and lots of surprises!!!***

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SAGE Spotlight: Dr. Eric Bownds Concert & S



Dr. Deric Bouwnds with SAGE President Ken Goodman.



SAGE at Pridefest.



Pride Team with Bruce Williams.

GIVE FROM THE HEART!!!

Over the years our SAGE family has given generously from their hearts to the annual SAGE Give from the Heart campaign.

Once again, we call upon our membership to support the programs and activities SAGE produces throughout the year.

Give a little, give a lot...

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(FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR SAGE GIVE FROM THE HEART CAMPAIGN PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED FLYER.)

Wilton Manors Vice Mayor Julie Carson with Carl Barton and Inez Pasher.

Photos: Sharron Demarest



THE TRUTH ABOUT FAKE CHECKS

Many people, particularly seniors, are being deluged with fake checks. The way it works is that you are sent a letter announcing that you have won money from a major foundation, company or drawing, and with the letter is a very real looking check to cover the taxes or fees to claim the prize. You are supposed to deposit the check, and then call in to arrange for your overnight delivery of your winnings--usually tens of thousands or even over a million dollars. In order to claim all this money, you have to send the amount of the check you received to an office to handle taxes or fees to claim the prize.

You might be thinking that there is nothing to lose because they have fronted you the money for these taxes and fees as part of your winnings. The problem is that the check is no good. *The bank may accept the deposit and even initially clear the funds, but maybe a week or two later, the bank will contact you that the check is worthless, and then you are on the hook with the bank for that money you sent to the scammers. Of course, your «winnings» never come, and you are out of real money.*

A great website to see how these scams work--and there are other variations--is www.fakechecks.org. They even have **investigative-style** simulations to show you how you could be duped. This is a great website to educate the public.

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Time to get ready for this year's SAGE Cruise!

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Cruise leaves from Ft. Lauderdale with stops at Grand Cayman and Cozumel and an on-board party Halloween night.

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SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES



Ken Lowery and Carl M. Galli



It's kind of easy to find an April Fools movie. There are lots of so-so films out there that purport to be funny, or wry, or clever, but come up short. Which is why our **April 21st** movie is perfect.

Zack and Miri Make a Porno, written and directed by **Kevin Smith** (who appealed its original NC-17 rating several times to get its final R), is a subversively funny rom-com that

starts out as pure raunch.

In 2008, **Seth Rogen**, **Elizabeth Banks**, and **Craig Robinson** were not quite the A-Listers they now are. **Jason Mewes** was an almost has-been (mostly for **Smith's *Bill and Silent Bob*** films). And **Tracy Lords** and **Katie Morgan** were porn stars. **Justin Long** and **Brandon Routh** were (are?) mostly bland but herein they make a great gay couple.

From IMDb.com: "People are obviously going to be hesitant about seeing this movie because of the blunt title and risqué plot, which in of itself is hilarious, but these reluctant people need to



realize that the sex is outweighed by the love, and the raunch outweighed by the righteousness. ***Zack & Miri Make A Porno*** is one of the best romantic comedies of the decade, as well as of the year. It's a fun, sweet, heartfelt raunchfest that will leave you laughing your ass off and having a good time. It's the perfect date movie if the person you're taking is receptive to the idea of seeing a movie like this."

There is one three-second scene that is gratuitous. (*And we will warn you before it begins.*)

We also will play the credits which kind of wrap up the movie within the movie.

Be warned: THIS IS A VERY HARD-R RATED MOVIE. There is full-frontal male and female nudity. Simulated sex. Very bad language.

And, just maybe, love.

Zack and Miri... screens at 4:15pm, in Room 204 of the Pride Center.

This is a SAGE sponsored activity.

SAGE Of South Florida, Inc. Balance Sheet 12/31/13

Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	70,497		
Prepaid Expenses	910		
Total		71,407	
Fixed Assets:			
Land		1	
Other Assets:			
Security Deposits		100	
TOTAL ASSETS			71,508
Current Liabilities:			
Prepaid Income		1,320	
Fund Balance		70,188	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance			71,508

Income and Expenses Year Ended 12/31/2013

Income:			
Program Service Revenue	24,750		
Less: Program Costs	26,858	(2,108)	
Membership Dues		12,088	
Contributions		8,002	
Advertising		6,937	
Interest		635	
Raffles		662	
Miscellaneous		63	
Total			26,279
Expenses:			
Newsletter	11,325		
Office	3,052		
Telephone	32		
Postage	2,827		
Rent	8,604		
Insurance	1,547		
Community Events	2,377		
Other	1,370		
Total			31,134
Excess of Income Over Expenses			(4,855)

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SAGE Webmaster

If you can maintain a website and have the time SAGE is in need of a Webmaster. Usually this requires a small amount of time each month to post the newsletter and make the monthly updates. About twice a year we review the website and make additional changes.

If you are interested, please call Ken Goodman at the SAGE office: 954-634-7219. Or, send cover letter and resume to email: sagesofl@gmail.com attn. Ken Goodman.



OCCASIONAL THOUGHTS

Carol Youngblood

MY BIG ADVENTURE

Every two years my church (Metropolitan Community Churches) has a women's conference at the church in Sarasota, Florida. These are wonderful conferences, full of learning, worship, music, fellowship, and the meeting of old friends and the making of new ones. In 2012 I registered for the conference, but I couldn't find anyone to drive me. So I forfeited the \$100 registration fee and stayed home.

This year I was determined not to let that happen. I registered and set out to find somebody to drive me. Well, apparently I am the only person in South Florida going to these conferences these days because, again, I couldn't find a driver. You can't get there on a train. You can fly to Tampa and rent a car, but that kind of defeats the purpose of being driven in the first place. Public buses take forever (and I have a problem common to all women about going to the bathroom in such vehicles). And when you get there you have no car. I did find an express bus service that was reasonable, but it had strange pick-up and drop-off points (Denny's in Hollywood and

McDonald's in Sarasota. They have only one McDonald's in Sarasota?) Besides, that also leaves you without a car. Then you have to depend upon somebody from the church, and I always feel like I'm imposing. It looked as if I was going to have to forfeit another \$100.

But then I had a brainstorm. I would drive myself! Why hadn't I thought of that before? Well, it's a 3-1/2-hour drive. I'm 85 years old. I walk with a walker and a cane. I have never cared much for driving. Since I've gotten old, I'm bored with the trip after 45 minutes. And bathroom stops are few and far between on Alligator Alley. (As it turns out, one was closed.)

Would you have ridden with me? Exactly.

As it turns out, the trip was uneventful. But I will always wonder if anything had happened would my reflexes have been up to it. I'm not driving to Sarasota again.

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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 954.634.7219 or e-mail us @ sagesofl@gmail.com.

First Name	Last Name	Birthday	First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Ronald	Seidle	04/02	Eliot H.	Cohen	04/14
Ted	Singer	04/02	Gibson Bell "Sandy"	Smith	04/15
Bruce T.	Williams	04/02	John	Chandler	04/16
Rafael	Reyes	04/03	Harvey	Nathanson	04/16
Edward	Kunofsky	04/04	Jim	McDonald	04/17
Rick	Overton	04/05	Jose	Solernou	04/17
David E.	Potter	04/05	Frank W.	Cavanaugh	04/20
James V.	Ficke	04/06	Bill	Farrington	04/21
Ernie	Blakenship	04/07	Michael	Keller	04/21
Virg	Lescinski	04/07	Elaine "Micki"	Murphy	04/21
Martin	Horowitz	04/08	Marianne "Micky"	Kirchhoff	04/22
Jean	Johnson	04/09	Tomcat	Pence	04/23
Sharon	McLean	04/10	Judy	Rogers	04/23
Charles R.	Buchanan, Jr.	04/12	Carolyn	Cianela	04/25
Thomas	Motz	04/12	Fred A.	Vega	04/28
Julia	Landis	04/13	Shawn	Fanshier	04/29
Robert J.	Stastny	04/13	John G.	Harris	04/30

New Members

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
Dan	Driscoll	02/14
Ted	Limbaugh	02/14
Tom	Sheaffer	02/14
Michael P.	Vignali	02/14

5 Year Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
Martin	Horowitz	02/09
Roger	O'Shea	02/09
Allen	Spiess	02/09
Alan R.	Sutherland	02/09

10 Year Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
John R.	Ginty	02/04

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NAME: _____ **Birthday: Month** _____ **/Day** _____

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COMMITTEE INTEREST: _____

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**Join SAGE for a Meet-Up at the Briny Pub
at Riverfront
For A Menu-Priced Lunch
And Enjoy the Riverwalk area after Lunch.**



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Telephone: (954) 376-4742

Thursday

April 24, 2014

11:30AM

Parking across the street, in the Las Olas Riverfront Public Parking Garage
Parking Fees Will Vary

Come enjoy a drink and/or lunch with you fellow SAGE friends. After lunch decide with your SAGE friends what you want to do for the remaining time in the Riverwalk area. You can cruise the calm waters of Fort Lauderdale's magnificent inland waterways of the New River or visit any of the other places in the area which includes the Main Library, the Art Museum, Museum of Discovery & Science, and the IMAX Theater.



Questions? Call the SAGE Hot Line at: (954) 634-7219

A SAGE-Sponsored Activity



On SAGE's 20th Anniversary Year
Please GIVE FROM YOUR HEART

**On this upcoming February won't you give
from your heart?**

**You all belong to SAGE, the premier, most
prestigious, senior non-profit LGBT
organization in South Florida. All our
activities are designed to break even at best,
and SEVERAL have to be subsidized by our
Organization.**

**Please help us to continue in our 20th year and
beyond serving you and your needs, as well
as continuing our community outreach efforts
within both the LGBT and the mainstream
communities.**

**On this St. Valentine's Day won't you please
give from your heart?**

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or large, will help assure the financial health
and continuing success of SAGE of South
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Thank you all for your generous hearts!!!!



SAGE'S 2014 GIVE FROM THE HEART CAMPAIGN

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Click on the Terms & Conditions link or Click on the **Cruise Information tab** and read the details about the Sage Halloween cruise

To book the cruise, click on the **Register** tab. Fill in the blanks on the form-anything with a red * is required to be filled out. **Important:** Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the registration page and click on the **Continue to Step 2** button, the credit card details will be required (and encrypted). When completed, Eric Muhlitner will create the reservation as a held stateroom. Eric will then call and verify your order. You will only have **3 days** to get the deposit down once the reservation has been created.

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Dining Options for ALL: 5:30 PM; 8:00 PM; or OPEN Seating/ Choose Open Seating if you would like to meet with your fellow SAGE members for a drink and then have dinner together.

Below are Per-Cabin SAMPLE FARES as of March 2014

Interior: IF

Twin beds that make up into a queen-size bed. Refrigerator and TV. Spacious closet. Bathroom with shower. Approximately 163 square feet. **Double occupancy: \$584.90 per person**

Oceanview: OF

Twin beds that make up into a queen-size bed. Picture window (categories E-G obstructed). Refrigerator and TV. Spacious closet. Bathroom with shower. Approximately 158 to 182 square feet. **Double occupancy: \$734.90 per person**

Balcony: BD

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Double occupancy: \$884.90 per person

On Board Credit is \$50 per Cabin

*Deposits are 20% of the total combined price excluding taxes: Interiors are \$200 total, Ocean Views are \$220 total and Balcony's are \$320 total. Deposit must be Paid within 3 days of Registering

Final Payment Must be Paid by Sunday, August 24th

We highly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance.

Either from Cruise Planners, InsureMyTrip.com, or any other agent you choose.

SAGE Activities Calendar

APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 April Fool's Day	2 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	3 1-3PM SAGE Co-Ed Discussion Group @ Pride Center Rm 207	4	5 9:30AM Board Meeting SKOLNICK Ctr. LUNCH & LEARN 12:30 PM Call Office @ (954) 634-7219 for reservation
6	7 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca	8 1PM Camera Club Photo Op - Meet at Pride Center no later than 1PM	9 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	10	11	12 11AM SAGE at Stonewall – Book Club @ Stonewall Library Call Richard Hess 954-568- 1592 or Philip Collier 443-614-7135
13 Palm Sunday	14 Passover Begins World Health Day 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca	15	16 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	17 12PM SAGE Women's Lunch @ Golden Corral – Tamarac - call Nancy for info (954) 741-1540 1-3PM SAGE Co-Ed Discussion Group @ Pride Center Rm 207	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 1AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca 4:15 PM SAGE Movie “Zack & Miri Make a Porno” @ Pride Center - dinner TBD	22 Earth Day	23 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	24 11:30AM - ? Meet-Up @ Briny Pub Riverfront (see flyer)	25	26 1PM SAGE Camera Club @ Pride Center – Rm 207
27	28 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca Men's Singles DINNER @ TROPICS - call John C (954) 933-2963	29	30 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center			

SAVE the DATES:

May 11, 2014, Sunday	Broadway Series: Ghost at Broward Center, SOLD OUT
June 17, 2014, Tuesday	Meet-Up at Peter Pan Diner
Sept 25, 2014, Thursday	Anniversary Meet-Up at Lester's Diner, Margate
Oct 27 – Nov 1, 2014	SAGE Halloween Cruise on the Caribbean Princess