

# THE SAGE

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## The Survey Results Are In!



The results on the Comment portion of the SAGE Survey have been read and discussed by your Executive Board. We again would like to thank you for your overwhelming response. All the comments were helpful and useful. We applaud your participation. Now it's time to summarize the results and give you either answers to your queries as to why we do the things we do or solicit you to help to make your suggestions a reality. Remember we are an all-volunteer organization and need you to volunteer and make things happen.

Here are the topics you commented on in the SAGE Membership Survey:

### **SAGE Events:**

*Times and Locations of SAGE Events*

*Kinds of Events*

*Cost of Events*

**SAGE Services and Advocacy  
New Member Integration and  
our Member's Cliques**

### **SAGE Events:**

I want to discuss your input regarding SAGE events. To begin... you told us you would like the events to take place during daytime so you can get to and from the event; at night since some of you still work; at meal times not in the middle of the afternoon and we should have more events outside the Ft. Lauderdale/Wilton Manors area. As you can see, we got many conflicting suggestions on when to have an event. Your SAGE Social Committee tries to offer as many alternatives as possible. We have some luncheon events, some dinner events, and some formal dinners on Sundays usually starting at 1PM or 2PM. We do this so everyone who wants to come to an event can make several of them. Our major events (Valentines, Anniversary, Holiday, etc.) are usually on a Sunday in the afternoon. There are a number of reasons for this:

We want as many of our members to participate... including those who work, can't drive at night, or want the cost kept down. By having major events on Sunday afternoons we allow all our members who can drive or get transportation services to attend. We are aware that the major events are expensive and we do try to keep the price down as much as possible. However, these particular events are special and therefore deserve a nice venue with entertainment. When contracting a catering establishment we use their Luncheon Menu to make our selections to keep the price as reasonable as possible. SAGE makes no money from these events unless there is a fundraiser attached, i.e.,

a Chinese Auction or a 50/50. To keep your costs as low as possible the organization subsidizes many of our main events.

SAGE does its best to accommodate all our members. The July luncheon took place at the 5th Avenue Grill in Delray Beach to encourage our members up north to participate. We are also looking into scheduling some meet-ups and other events down south.

As to the price of the SAGE events... when you eat out you see for yourself that restaurant prices have risen. We are trying to keep our price for monthly events to \$20.00 or less. It's not easy but we will continue to try. We have tried to pick some member favorites that allowed us to contain the price and serve outstanding meals. If you are among the members who attended the Peter Pan dinner party or dinner at Chuck's Steakhouse, you know we were able to accomplish this.

As for activities, you asked for a **co-ed group at the Pride Center, dances with more fast dance music, cultural events, a Camera/Photography club, a Current Movies club, Beginners Computer club, Intergenerational events, Board & Card Game nights and outdoor activities.**

Some of these we are trying to make operational. SAGE, in collaboration with the Pride Center, hopes to have a co-ed group up and running by the time our snowbirds return. The SAGE Board and Social Committee are trying to schedule a dance for sometime this year. SAGE, with the help of the Pride Center, will be

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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, August 3, 2013

**HERB SKOLNICK**

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!!!!!!!!!**

Members with reservations: \$14.00

All others: \$19.00

Everyone Pays at the Door.

Due to the increasing costs of the facility, supplies and food, the price of Lunch & Learn has been raised to \$14.00.

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 August "Lunch & Learn" with the SAGE office @ 954.634.7219.

### MENU

Salad

**Vegetarian Canelloni**  
(Vegetable in Bechamel Sauce)

**Salmon Fillet**

(Asparagus crusted w/  
lemon/asparagus sauce)

(Chicken Breast "Milanese available)

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**Ken Goodman**



Come and join the fun time we are having 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 to the SAGE Computer Club. We discuss how to use your computer more efficiently and you can ask questions about issues you are having with your computer. If you have a laptop computer you can bring it to help us resolve your problem. We discuss various topics which can include Cloud Computing, the Web, E-Mail, setting up your computer, personalizing the computer, Office software, multimedia software, use of Smart Phones, operating system utilities and maintenance software, security, etc.. We discuss the windows operating systems (XP, Vista and Windows 7 & 8) and the Apple OS/X operating systems. For the Smart Phone and/or tablets, we will discuss the operating systems including Windows Phone, Google Android, Windows 8 Phone & RT and Apple iOS. The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 4 pm for at least an hour, sometimes two hours. Any new Computer related news is discussed, followed by the issues you wish to bring or a current topic of interest. We have looked at Windows 8, Office 360, discussed Apple's Mountain Lion, talked tablets and how to diagnose and resolve problems recently. 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 August meetings of the SAGE Computer Club will be 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.

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

## SAGE on the Border/Alternatives

**Caroline Ieto/Bruce Todres**



**Where:** the Volen Center

1515 West Palmetto Rd., Boca Raton

**When:** Every Monday from 11AM to 1PM.

**Welcome everyone, no reservation required.**

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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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## SAGE on the Border/Alternatives

Summer is here and though a few people are away at this time, our numbers have increased. Though the cast of characters changes from week to week, the basic harmony still prevails in this small, very special group. Some of the new folks who recently tested the waters are Deric B., Pamela G., Larry T., Lorraine L., Robert S., Joan F., and Charles S. We continue to keep our members on their toes with surprising questions. Occasionally, the answers are even more surprising than the questions.

In April The Volen Center held its annual volunteer appreciation luncheon and awards ceremony. Anne and I with Bruce and Larry attended and, as always, it was a lovely well-organized event.

Once again Richard hosted a potluck at his lovely home. These extra events plus going to lunch after our meetings all help to bind us and keep us close.

Our Sage on the Border/Alternatives co-ed group seems to

## 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 that we can all recognize each other.**

**Our next dinner will be held on Monday, August 26th.**

For reservations please contact **John Chandler @ 954.933.2963** or e-mail @ [stonymen4u@aol.com](mailto:stonymen4u@aol.com) and don't forget to wear your red shirt!  
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## SAGE AT STONEWALL

**Bill Greeves**



*The August Book Club selection is: **Edward the Second**, a play by **Christopher Marlowe**. We meet once a month to discuss books of interest to the LGBT community.*

*We invite all readers to join us in engrossing conversation every month at the Stonewall Library. We will meet on **Saturday, August 10th, 2013 at 11AM** at the Stonewall, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale.*

***All readers are welcome, no reservation required. Any questions, please contact me. Thank you. Bill Greeves - 954.523.8656***  
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## SAGE Women @ Golden Corral

**Nancy Drennen**



**IMPORTANT! OUR VENUE HAS CHANGED!**

**Where:** Golden Corral.

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**When:** Noon, 2nd Thursday of every month.

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**2013 Schedule: TBA**

continue to meet the needs of our community. We have been in existence for four years now...many different personalities blending, resulting in very varied opinions and at times, an exercise in control and patience. Such bright minds make up this unique group of men and women. We are all lucky to have found each other and for that two-hour period when we meet once a week, exchange ideas and learn from one another. The men and women in Alternatives are living life to the fullest it seems. In fact, our collective age span (60-84) does not stop us from traveling, in fact the phrase, "do what you can while you can" seems to be the motivating factor with this group.

Til next time...

--Caroline

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# See You at the Movies



John Gearrity and Carl M. Galli

Saying that it would be his last directorial effort, **Steven Soderbergh** released *Side Effects* in February, 2013 (before his Liberace biopic for HBO *Behind the Candelabra*) to mostly critical praise -- but general public apathy. Written by **Scott Z. Burns** (and nurtured by Soderbergh), the film, at first, appears to be another indictment of "Big Pharma" and the marketing of psychotropic drugs. But this is simply the McGuffin of the plot.



Starring **Rooney Mara** (*The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*) and **Catharine Zeta-Jones** (something for the women), and **Jude Law** and **Channing Tatum** (something for the men) our August 19th film veers into Hitchcock territory by the second act -- and will keep you guessing through the end.

From IMDb.com: *"A crime is committed. It's bad, really bad. But the question is not who did it, the question is, who is guilty? In answering that question the film weaves from deception through twist to deception, never ceasing our questions of what is morally right, what is morally wrong and who is guilty? The screenplay is incredibly well-written, creating characters that amaze us, disappoint us and deceive us all the while being a part of an interesting and complex story...It's more of an edge-of-your-mind thriller... than an edge-of-your-seat thriller...always questioning the moral and psychological*

*behavior of these characters. The ending takes some strange, sexually-charged turns... but don't worry, you can still question where the line is between right and wrong and when each character crossed it.*

*"Soderbergh's complete control of atmosphere would not be complete without his usual great cinematography, crisp editing and unnerving music score by Thomas Newman, who conjures up some interesting musical themes... This is extremely skillful filmmaking, and although the plot has been seen and done before, it is exhilarating to see how a master filmmaker commands his given material so strongly and flesh(es) it out with his*

*signature style."*

*Side Effects* screens on **Monday, August 19th, at 4:15PM in Room 204 of the Pride Center.** Just nominated for the Golden Bear of the Berlin International Film Festival, the film is Rated "R" for language and Lesbian content; and runs 106 minutes.

Discussion, and dinner, will follow.

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## Are You Having a Milestone Birthday in 2013?

SAGE would like to celebrate any member who is having a milestone birthday in 2013 with our Annual Milestones party which will include a dinner at our January 26, 2014 event. A milestone would be that you are celebrating a 75<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> birthday any time in 2013.

If you will have a milestone birthday in 2013 please let us know so we may treat you.

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*Please let us know by August 31, 2013, so that we may plan this event.*

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# DOMA is DEAD: Now What

*June was a groundbreaking month in the history of LGBT rights, with the Supreme Court of the United States announcing its decision that the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional. The bottom line of the Supreme Court's decision is that the federal government may no longer refuse to recognize the legal marriages of same-sex couples. However, while the death of DOMA is certainly cause for celebration, the practical impact of this decision will leave Florida same-sex spouses with some new rights, but still lack others.*

## WHAT IS DOMA, AND WHAT DID THE SUPREME COURT OVERTURN?

*In 1996, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act. DOMA contained two rules restricting the rights of same-sex couples. DOMA's first rule, which remains valid law even after the recent Supreme Court decision, states that whether individual states recognize gay marriage is solely an issue for each individual state to decide. Under this reasoning, New York may allow gay marriage, while Florida may refuse to recognize gay marriages – even if they are legally performed in a gay marriage state like New York.*

*DOMA's second rule declared that the federal government could not consider any same-sex couples "married" for the purposes of federal law. This meant that a same-sex couple legally married in New York could not, for example, file federal income taxes jointly as a married couple.*

*This June, the Supreme Court overturned DOMA's second rule. The practical consequence of this decision is complex: for issues related to the federal government, legally-married same-sex couples now enjoy the same rights as straight couples. However, state governments may still refuse to grant equal rights to gay spouses in programs and laws they administer.*

## RIGHTS ONLY COME WITH MARRIAGE

Even after the Supreme Court's DOMA decision, the power to make laws concerning what people can marry each other belongs to the individual states. Only couples who were married in a state permitting gay marriage, such as New York, have access to the rights opposite-sex spouses enjoy. Unfortunately, the Florida Constitution bans same-sex marriage. This means that Florida same-sex couples looking to take advantage of new rights granted under federal law must travel to a state permitting gay marriage to get married and take advantage of the new benefits offered under federal law.

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS MEAN MORE RIGHTS FOR SAME-SEX SPOUSES

Now that the federal government must recognize same-sex marriages, gay spouses suddenly have many new rights. The Human Rights Campaign, for example, calculated that federal law grants over 1,100 rights to married couples. An overview of the new rights granted to same-sex spouses includes the following federal programs:

### FAMILY MEDICAL AND LEAVE ACT

– Until last month, employers were not required to grant gay employees leave to care for their same-sex spouse. Now that DOMA has been overturned, married couples may take time off from work to care for one another.

### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR FEDERAL WORKERS

-- Marital status affects over 270 provisions dealing with current and retired federal employees, members of the Armed Forces, elected officials, and judges. Most significantly, under current law, domestic partners of federal employees are now included in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program

### CONTINUED HEALTH COVERAGE

(COBRA) -- Federal law requires employers to give their former employees the opportunity to continue their employer-provided health insurance coverage by paying a premium. The Federal COBRA law now

requires employers to provide same-sex spouses the continued medical coverage guaranteed to straight married couples.

**SOCIAL SECURITY** – Before the recognition of same-sex marriage by the federal government, the surviving spouse in a same-sex marriage could not receive Social Security survivor benefits after the death of their spouse. However, now that federal law recognizes same-sex marriages, same-sex couples may receive Social Security benefits even after the death of their spouse.

**IMMIGRATION** – Immigrating legally to the United States is a daunting process, with many people waiting years to obtain their green card. However, a shortcut in the process has always existed for Americans to bring their foreign spouses home. Now that the federal government recognizes gay marriage, it is possible for the same-sex spouses of Americans to immigrate legally to the United States.

**VETERANS' BENEFITS** – The same-sex spouses of veterans are now entitled to certain benefits, such as survivor pensions upon the death of their spouse, and the right to be buried beside their spouse.

**TAXES** – Perhaps the most important right granted to married couples under federal law is the availability of equal treatment under the tax code. Indeed, the case that brought the overturn of DOMA concerned the unequal treatment of estate taxes for gay spouses. An overview of the many tax provisions that gay spouses now enjoy includes the ability to file jointly, lower estate taxes, and the ability to claim deductions for a gay spouse's minor child.

## STILL NO RIGHTS UNDER FLORIDA LAW

While the Supreme Court has required the federal government to recognize gay marriages, the individual states are free to refuse recognition of same-sex spouses. Because the Florida Constitution contains an outright prohibition on the recognition of gay marriages, legally married same-sex couples still have limited rights under Florida law. Areas of inequality include:

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**ESTATE PLANNING** -- Opposite-sex spouses are offered numerous protections under Florida law in the event one spouse predeceases the other. This means that the process of estate planning for same-sex couples is much more complex than for opposite-sex couples – but also much more important. Without a will and other key estate planning documents, a same-sex spouse could be denied any inheritance.

**HEALTH CARE** -- When an opposite-sex spouse becomes ill or incapacitated, the well spouse has many rights under Florida law with respect to directing the care of the ill spouse. Additionally, if the sick spouse requires long-term care in a nursing home or other facility, the well spouse is able to keep the couple's pooled savings while the state pays for sick spouse's health care. Not so for same-sex spouses, who do not enjoy such protections.

**FAMILY LAW** -- If an opposite-sex married couple splits up, the courts have the ability to impose an arrangement that is fair for both sides. However, because Florida does not recognize same-sex marriage, Florida courts are powerless to grant same-sex divorces. Resolving issues of child custody and the division of assets following a break up is significantly more challenging for same-sex spouses than for straight couples, with the courts offering fewer protections for the divorcing parties.

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# SAGE Spotlight: L&L, C&



*A Visit From Helga*



# C and Peter Pan



*Happy 4th of July to Coffee & Conversation from SAGE!*

Presenting the holiday cake are SAGE Board members Nancy Drennen, Ken Goodman, John Harris, Lee Lawson, John Chandler, Inez Pasher and Ron Catena.

Photos: Sharron Demarest

## Social-Lites



Ron Catena

If you missed the SAGE dinner at Peter Pan in June you missed out on a truly wonderful experience. Happy hour began at 5PM sharp as our dinner companions ordered favorite libations from the bar. Once the cocktail hour finished attention turned to the main event... dinner! (It's well known amongst diner aficionados that Peter Pan serves up some of the best comfort food in Ft. Lauderdale so, of course, we'll be going back!)

Okay, so you decided to leave town during the 4th of July weekend. Too bad because you missed our Independence Day L&L on July 6th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, all the summer holiday fixin's, patriotic music and a visit from Helga (a friend of SAGE direct from her European tour). With not an ant to be seen.

Speaking of steakhouses, our first visit to Delray Beach (up north... for those of you who may be geographically challenged) was lunch at the lovely 5th Avenue Grill. From the old-fashioned atmosphere to steakhouse favorites including grilled chopped sirloin and English style fish and chips we all enjoyed our visit and plan to return in the future.

What's your favorite eatery? Let us know, we'll check it out and perhaps we can schedule an event.

Come August we hope to see you all for dinner on the 13th at Christina Wan's Mandarin Restaurant and don't forget to

put the annual SAGE Anniversary Dinner on September 29<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

*I'll be there...will you?*

### Save the Dates:

*August 13, 5PM, Dinner, Christina Wan's*

*September 29, 2PM, SAGE Anniversary Party, Embassy Suites*

*December 1-8, SAGE Cruise*

*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2PM, Holiday Party, Westin*

*January 26<sup>th</sup>, 12PM, Milestones Party, Pride Center*

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# SAGEWorks 2013



The Pride Center, SAGE and The AARP Foundation – with funding and generous support from The Walmart Foundation – are proud to announce the opening of SAGEWorks: An LGBT Mature Workers' Initiative at The Pride Center. This is a work readiness program for LGBT individuals age 40 and over who want or need to return to the work place and to remain productive, vital and contributing members of the nation's workforce.

The goals are to increase technology and job skills, create a deeper knowledge of job search strategies, make known community-based employment resources and to provide older LGBT seniors with increased financial security and resources. Components of the program will include access to The AARP Foundation's Certified WorkSearch Site, orientation and work skills assessment, computer proficiency classes, seminars and job fairs. Orientations are scheduled to begin in early August, 2013...please visit The Pride Center website for further details.



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starting a program called SAGEWorks to help the older GLBT population get back into the workforce by providing basic computer training. Other plans include a Camera/Photography group and Board & Card night. However, as always, the big IF to accomplish many of these things is we need volunteers to help set them up and lead them. If you are interested in cameras and photography, game night, going to new movies, or getting an intergenerational group started, WE NEED YOU. Please contact me or the SAGE Office and I will work with you to get it going. I look forward in hearing from you and establishing more meaningful groups for our members.

The Social Committee will also be implementing a program of 'Meet-Ups'. A meet-up is when we announce that SAGE members will be somewhere at a set time and location. Everyone will pay for themselves and enjoy the venue. This will allow for things like athletic events, trips to cultural spaces, and varied cost events. Not having a set price at these meet-ups will allow you to pick and choose what you want. Some of the meet-ups SAGE is planning include a Day of Miniature Golf, a visit to a diner with entertainment, a visit to one of the area bar/restaurants, etc.

## ***Services and Advocacy of SAGE***

Some of our members want SAGE to be more of an Advocacy and Services group. According to the survey many of you didn't know that SAGE provides a limited 'Friendly Support' program if we are told that a member is ill or simply needs a friendly, supportive ear. We also have a 'Members in Need' program that tries to find the correct referral to help get the proper support. Since we are an all-volunteer organization without the proper credentials to help most of our members directly we refer the member to the proper agency or service needed. The Pride Center also performs this function in a similar way. What SAGE can and will do is gather and provide a list of Service and Advocacy groups who perform the functions needed with their contact information. If you are interested in helping us set up a directory please let me know and I will form a committee to accomplish this.

## ***New Member Integration and the Cheekiness of our Member' Cliques***

When the Executive Board reviewed the comments about the integration of new

members we agreed we can do better than we have. One member suggested a New Member Ice Breaker, something we've tried in the past. During Lunch & Learn each month I ask for the new members to identify themselves so we can get to know and chat with them. We all share the experience of integrating into a group and should take the effort to try to make our new members feel at home. We all have our special groups, but we should each make an effort to include those who have not yet made friends in the community. At an event try to leave one or two places available so someone your group does not know can feel welcome and learn who we are.

## ***In Summary***

Basically these are the results of your much appreciated comments. Please feel free to communicate any additional thoughts you may have to the Board about these points. We hope this survey will help us to grow and support our community better. Remember, SAGE is an all-volunteer organization and needs your help to fill your needs and grow stronger.

*-Ken Goodman  
President*

***Members of SAGE Board present check to the Judy Shepherd's Annual Back to School Back Pack Drive.***





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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
Bruce S.	Gelly	08/03	Spencer	Wulwick	08/18
Charles	Scarcella	08/04	Rick	McCollum	08/19
Peggy	Watson	08/06	Jeanne	McCarthy	08/20
Gayle	Scott	08/07	Joel	Rubin	08/20
Michael	Thau	08/07	David R.	Fogel	08/20
Don R.	Bartels	08/08	Joyce	Edelson	08/23
William S.	Greeves	08/08	David R.	Vogel	08/20
Rex	Coston	08/09	Les	Oldenbusch	08/23
John	Neely	08/09	Joel A.	Risch	08/23
Sharon	Knowles	08/10	Melvin	Epstein	08/24
Trish	Stypka	08/10	Joel	Glass	08/24
Clay	Drexler	08/11	Chuck	Prentiss	08/25
Adriane	Reesey	08/11	John L. "Mac"	MacIntosh	08/27
Ann	Smith	08/11	Ralph	DiNapoli	08/29
Alan	Dorfman	08/12	Ray	Drakoff	08/30
William	Cortes	08/15	Edward G.	Lee	08/30
Betty	Costanza	08/18	Charles	Ohsiek	08/30

### New Members

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
Leslie J.	Basch	06/13
Susan	Harrison	06/13
Rob	Labby	06/13
Joseph	Scafa	06/13
Daniel W.	Wolfe	06/13

### 5 Year Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
Myra	Brahms	06/08

### 10 Year Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
James W.	Laird	06/03

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Thursday, August 15, 2013

Thursday, August 29, 2013

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Bruce Williams, Senior Services Coordinator – [Bwilliams@PrideCenterFlorida.org](mailto:Bwilliams@PrideCenterFlorida.org) or 954.463.9005 ext. 109

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# SAGE 2013 Activities Calendar

## AUGUST 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30AM <b>Board Meeting</b> SKOLNICK Ctr. <b>LUNCH &amp; LEARN</b> 12:30 PM Call Office @ (954) 634-7219 for reservation
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11AM - 1PM <b>SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center</b> in Boca	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1 PM <b>Men's Drop In @ Pride Center</b> 4 PM <b>COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center</b>	<b>8</b> Noon <b>SAGE Women's Lunch @ Golden Corral – Tamarac</b> - call Nancy for more info (954) 741-1540 4-6 PM <b>SAGEWorks Orientation</b> Pride Center	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11AM <b>SAGE at Stonewall – Book Club @ Stonewall Library</b> Call Bill Greeves 954-523-8656
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11AM - 1PM <b>SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center</b> in Boca	<b>13</b> 6 PM <b>Dinner at Christina Wan's</b>	<b>14</b> 1 PM <b>Men's Drop In @ Pride Center</b> 4 PM <b>COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center</b>	<b>15</b> 4-6 PM <b>SAGEWorks Orientation</b> Pride Center	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1AM - 1PM <b>SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center</b> in Boca 4:15 PM <b>SAGE Movie "Side Effects" @ Pride Center</b> - dinner TBD	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1 PM <b>Men's Drop In @ Pride Center</b> 4 PM <b>COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11AM - 1PM <b>SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center</b> in Boca <b>Men's Singles DINNER @ TROPICS</b> - call John C (954) 933-2963	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1 PM <b>Men's Drop In @ Pride Center</b> 4 PM <b>COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center</b>	<b>29</b> 4-6 PM <b>SAGEWorks Orientation</b> Pride Center	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# ***SAVE the DATES:***

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| <b>Sept 29th Sunday</b>                  | <b>Anniversary Dinner at Embassy Suites, Ft. Lauderdale w/Mary Jane Cunningham</b> |
| <b>Oct 13th Sunday</b>                   | <b>“Chicago” at the Broward Center – SOLD OUT</b>                                  |
| <b>Nov 15th – 16th Friday – Saturday</b> | <b>“SmartRide 10” Miami to Key West Bike Ride for Aids</b>                         |
| <b>Nov 26th Sunday</b>                   | <b>“The Book of Mormon” at the Broward Center – SOLD OUT</b>                       |
| <b>Dec 1st – Dec 8<sup>th</sup></b>      | <b>SAGE 2013 Cruise (“What Cruise?”) on Holland American’s Eurodam</b>             |
| <b>Dec 15 Sunday</b>                     | <b>Holiday Party Westin w/Glenn &amp; Sissy</b>                                    |
| <b>Jan 26 2014</b>                       | <b>Milestones Birthday Noon Pride Center</b>                                       |