

# The SAGE

The Newsletter of SAGE of South Florida

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## *What is your Passion*

*By Ann C. Smith*

What is your passion? What is passion? Oprah Winfrey has said, "Passion is energy" a "power that comes from focusing on what excites you." Well, I guess passion has a variety of meanings when you think about it. The passion I'm talking about is a force that compels us to act, to pursue something that brings us happiness - or perhaps frustration at times via a challenge - like improving our golf handicap. We often keep track of our own performance and maybe compare it to others who share our particular bent. It is a desire to incorporate into our lives something others may find somewhat odd but it is something that WE do. And, we often love to connect with others who share our passion.

Let me give you an example. I met a woman a number of years ago who said she was a "Birder". "Birder"! "Birder"? Well, I soon found out that "Birders" are a special breed of really nice people who are so passionate about spotting our fine feathered friends, they take birding trips to the far reaches of the world just to see ONE BIRD they have never seen before. Now that is what I call passion (and idiosyncratic?). I remember calling this friend one afternoon because I was so excited to tell her that I had finally spotted and identified a bird new to me. All on my own. Wow! I noted the date and place in my very own Birding Book.

Well, you get the idea and, aren't we lucky to be so passionate about some things in our lives. It gives us a zest for being. And we can all use that given the problems of today's world. And when you meet someone who shares that passion, you're a mighty happy person. You've made a connection.

So what is your passion? What are you good at? What makes you feel satisfied, fulfilled? What has become part of your identity? What do YOU like spending time at? What has revealed to you your authentic self and has built confidence? What makes you tick? What excites YOU? Reading, bowling, deep sea fishing, knitting, camping, photography, cooking, playing cards, discussing philosophy, seeing films, the theater? Oh, I could go on but you know what I mean. Do you know others with whom you can share your passion? Are you a member of or have you formed a group of like minded people?

If you would like to meet some people who share your special passion, give us a call and we'll help you make the connection. Call the SAGE Office at 954-634-7219 or email us at [sagesofl@gmail.com](mailto:sagesofl@gmail.com). Leave your name & telephone #. Tell us what your passionate about. We'll be in touch. Have a great day.

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## 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 @ 754.307.2495. This is a SAGE sponsored activity.

## 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.)

## SAGE ADVERTISING POLICY

We are no longer taking ads in the SAGE Newsletter. This was decided by the SAGE Board. The only ads that will appear are those that have been paid for in advance until they expire.

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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.

**12:30 PM, December 5, 2015**

**HERB SKOLNICK COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

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

Members with reservations: \$14.00

Guests: \$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 December "Lunch & Learn" with the SAGE office  
**@ 954.634.7219.**

The December speaker will be from the Broward Sheriff's office (BSO), who will speak to us about being safe for the Holidays.

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### **December Lunch & Learn Menu**

• Romaine Hearts Salad  
with Lemon Vinaigrette Dressing

• Baked Ziti

• Meat Loaf "Wellington Style"  
Grilled Chicken available

• Sautéed Spinach

• Panna Cotta

*We all wish Chef Giacomo a speedy recovery.*

# THE DAILY SAGE

## MONDAYS

### **Every Monday...11am**

*SAGE on the Border Co-ed/Alternatives*

*Volen Center in Boca Raton*

### **Every Third Monday...4:00pm**

*See You at the Movies (Dinner to follow)*

*Pride Center*

### **Every Fourth Monday...5:30pm**

*Men's Night Out*

*Tropics*

## Wednesdays

### **Every Wednesday...1pm**

*Men's Drop-In*

*Pride Center*

### **Every Wednesday...4pm**

*Computer Club*

*Pride Center*

## Thursdays

### **Second Thursday... noon:**

*Women's Luncheon*

*Golden Coral in Tamarac*

### **Third Thursday...1pm**

*Third Thursday...1pm Co-Ed Discussion*

*Group Pride Center, Room 208*

## Saturdays

### **First Saturday...9:30am**

*SAGE Board Meeting*

*Skolnick Center in Palm Aire*

### **First Saturday...12:30pm**

*Lunch & Learn*

*Skolnick Center in Palm Aire*

### **Second Saturday...11am**

*Book Club*

*Stonewall Library*

### **Fourth Saturday...1pm**

*Camera Club Pride Center*

*This is a SAGE Sponsored Event*

## **SAGE COMPUTER CLUB**

**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. If you have a laptop computer, smartphone or tablet you can bring it to help us resolve your problem. We discuss the Windows, OS/X, Android, Windows 8.1 Phone and Apple iOS operating systems.

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 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.**

*This is a SAGE sponsored activity.*



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## **SAGE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

**PHILIP COLLIER & ALAN DORFMAN**

The SAGE Book Discussion Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, from 11 AM to noon. Our December 12, 2015 selection – The Snow Queen by Pulitzer Prize winning author Michael Cunningham – is a stirring and wistful picture of early-21st-century New York, with its fast-shifting neighborhood dynamics and the strange, toxic social proximity of the carelessly wealthy and the just-getting-by. All readers are welcome - no reservation is required. For information, contact Philip (443) 614-7135 or Alan (561) 385-8260.

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## **SAGE MEN'S NIGHT OUT**

**JOHN CHANDLER**



Are you a man who enjoys the company of other 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 Tropic's restaurant in Wilton Manors. Cocktails, lively conversation and meeting and making friends begin at 5:30. At 6:30 the party moves to the dining room where we enjoy a terrific "ten for ten" dinner. For reservations please contact John Chandler @ 954.933.2963 or e-mail him at stonyman4u@aol.com.

*This is a SAGE sponsored activity.*



# NOTES FROM THE SAGE CO-ED DISCUSSION GROUP (AT THE PRIDE CENTER) DECEMBER 2015

By Frank Piasecki

The next monthly SAGE Co-Ed Discussion Group meets on Thursday, December 17. If you are a good-natured individual who would enjoy meeting on a regular basis with others in our age group then please consider coming to check us out. As mature members of the LGBT community, this group is targeted for women and men. We share our insights and experiences in a cordial atmosphere on general topics related to life, work, relationships, "memory lane", LGBT issues, and other common experiences.

There is no fee for participation. The meeting begins at 1 pm. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us at the Pride Center in Room B208.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 17th at 1pm. We meet at the Pride Center in Room B208.

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## SAGE CAMERA CLUB DECEMBER 2015

*The SAGE CAMERA CLUB December Photo OP will be held on Sunday, December 6th. We will meet, and then caravan to the Flagler Museum in West Palm Beach, to take pictures and enjoy their holiday decorations. We will endeavor to get group rates for our members, as we will also be joining another group of SAGE people. The December Monthly Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 26th, at the Pride Center, at 1:00pm, where we can share all of our holiday photos. I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE AT BOTH EVENTS...by John Harris*



## SAGE ON THE BORDER/ ALTERNATIVES CAROLINE LETO/FRANK PIASECKI

**Where:** the Volen Center

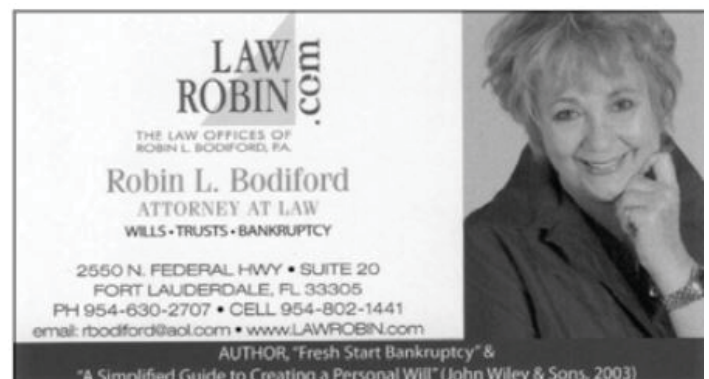
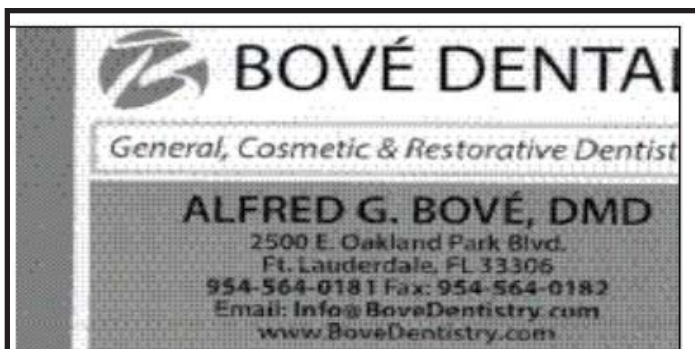
1515 West Palmetto Rd., Boca Raton

**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. 561-395-8920

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## Pictures from SAGE's Dinner at Christina Wan's



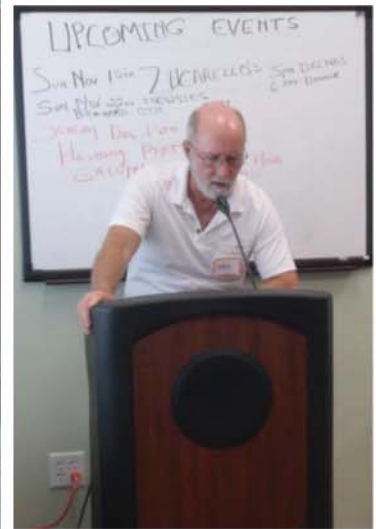
*Some Photos Courtesy of John Harris, Rex Coston, Allen Churchman and others.*



## SAGE Board Meeting & November Lunch & Learn



President Carl Presents Nancy Drennen a Certificate of Appreciation



Our Speaker Dr. Deric Bowns



## SOCIAL LITES

Ron Catena



After a very successful and well attended November dinner at Zuckerello's, we move on to the beginning of the holiday season and the events planned for our members and guests.

Our Holiday party is on Sunday, December 13th at Galuppi's. The festivities begin at 2pm in the lounge. At 3pm, we move into our own private dining room where we will enjoy selections from our fresh fruit and cheese & cracker platters. Also prior to our lunch service, we will be entertained by our keyboardist/vocalist Ms. Jan Hadden. After we are comfortably seated, our dedicated wait staff will begin serving the salad course followed by the entree that you have selected on your reservation form. The included beverage service begins in the dining room and includes iced tea, coffee or soda. The menu choices are varied. A gourmet dessert which is appropriate for the holiday season will be the finale, as we sing along with Jan and share the warmth and friendship of our friends and guests. Galuppi's is located on the golf course in Pompano Beach. Our private dining room overlooks the rolling lawns of the golf course and a small pond.

I had originally thought that I would arrange to have some swans placed in the pond with red and green ribbons around their necks. I had looked into having a flock of colorful flamingos flown in from Key West to join the swans, for everyone to enjoy. However, I ran my thoughts by president Carl via e mail and I received a short reply back: "I have reserved a room for you at Bellevue". I took it as a no, so the birds are out but the party goes on. See the enclosed flyer for all the details and sign up so that you can spend an amazing fun filled day during the holiday season. Do not miss this event!

The new year brings an ambitious schedule of fun and varied events. On Sunday, January 10th at 2pm, SAGE of South Florida presents Michael Vita in concert in the main hall of the Pride Center (set up Cabaret style). This event is open to all and I do expect a full house. Refreshments will be served and the concert is open to all free of charge. Lots more details to follow.

On Sunday, January 24th at 1pm, we will honor our members who have celebrated a milestone birthday in 2015 with a gourmet Italian buffet luncheon in the main hall of the Pride Center. Entertainment will be provided by the South Florida Wind Ensemble following their successful performances at the Broward Center For The Performing Arts. So if you turned 75, 80, 85 or anywhere in your 90's in 2015, call the office to register and you will be the guest of SAGE of South Florida. This event will be open to both members and guests. A reservation form will be included in the January newsletter.

As we approach the end of another successful year at SAGE, I would like to recognize and thank the hardworking members of the Social Committee, Captain Carl Barton, Dr. Marty Horowitz, Brother John Chandler and SAGE Treasurer, Allen Churchman. Allen does a great job of collecting the mail from our postal box, processing payments from our members, logging in menu choices and finally prepares the final guest list so that when you arrive at the venue we know what you are having for dinner and who you may have as a guest. Thanks guys, we could not do it without you.

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## NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP IN

Ron Catena

It's certainly nice to see so many snowbirds back anxious to share "the doings" of their summer adventures. We did miss them and are eager to hear what adventures they experienced and what mischief they got into.

As we begin the holiday season, amongst the many social events taking place, is the Men's Drop In Christmas luncheon, which is always held in the main hall of the Pride Center. Drop in members will enjoy a delicious Italian buffet luncheon catered by the Zagat rated Primavera restaurant.

We will enjoy singing appropriate seasonal music. Music selections are usually selected by Captain Carl Barton, since he had spent many years as a staff member of the popular TV show "Your Hit Parade". "The Night Before Christmas" will be read by Charlie Scarcella who recited it in his middle school in Boston for the nuns. Charlie won second prize for his performance (a free cheese pizza at Antonio's Pizza Joint located in South Boston). A guest appearance was anticipated by Santa but he had to cancel and deal with some ongoing problems with the elves. Nothing is worse than a bunch of gay elves not getting along during the busy North Pole holiday season. The Men's Drop In group traditionally invites the SAGE President and the Executive Director of the Pride Center to be our special guests.

SAGE of South Florida has a whole host of activities and programs for the senior LGBT community to enjoy. Check out our monthly newsletter which is always available at the Pride Center.

Drop in regular Michael Gagne, the father of three sons, two who are of playground age, helped plan and build the playground at the Pride Center. This was an all-volunteer effort and Michael recruited many members of the Drop In group to work on the project. Primarily, we older guys worked serving food to the hardworking labor and design group. We did this in air conditioned comfort while admiring some of the big burly volunteers as they came inside for a break and a bite to eat. I did have a lot of cold towels available to wipe down some sweaty handsome faces. Thanks Michael for including us in this very worthwhile project

The Men's Drop In group wishes everyone a very happy holiday season and invites you to join us at the Pride Center every Wednesday from 1-3pm. We assure you a warm welcome.

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## SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES



*with Carl M. Galli, Marc Flanagan & Michael Vita*

The SAGE movie for December, 2015 is "Tru". I took liberties with the "movie" part, since it was a stage play about (arguably) the most famous homosexual of his era attempting to do something he was familiar with: Repairing relationships with his rich and famous friends unilaterally broken. Added to the mix is the setting of The Big Apple during the holiday season. Truman "Tru" Capote is in his midtown Manhattan high rise condo during the two days leading up to Christmas. He just received the news that members of his posse, consisting of Gloria Vanderbilt & the wife of TV executive Bill Paley, were not pleased with Tru's portrayal of them from excerpts published in a magazine from his latest book, "Answered Prayers". While mentally processing the fallout through rationalizing, he engaged in a routine of establishing business deals, expressing holiday greetings over the phone & making party preparations. At a certain point, he succumbed to the triple whammy of drink, cocaine & chocolate truffles.

"Tru" was produced several years after Capote's 1984 death. After I attended the play in the early '90s, there was a trickle of media attention about the subject. The mother lode was tapped in 2005 with two critically acclaimed movies ("Capote" & "Infamous") that dealt with the writer's craft. While "Tru" was similar to these motion pictures highlighting Capote's voice inflections and probing nature, it was different in that the audience is exposed to how the people, places & things which influenced his life impacted his literary work. Robert Morse (most widely known for his work in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really

Trying") did a splendid job as "Tru". For this portrayal, he was bestowed numerous acting achievements & was nominated as best actor at the 1990 Tony Awards.

The production is sprinkled with profanity (especially the rectal excrement word). Additional objectionable items may be the plentiful double entendres & nasal snorting (perhaps derived from Morse's take of "Tru's recreational drug use").

"Tru" will screen without subtitles on Monday, December 21 at 4pm in Room 204 of the Pride Center. The 85 minutes of air time will allow viewers the opportunity to discuss the proceedings as we dine afterwards.



## In Memoriam

**Richard Stern**

a long time member of SAGE.

## SAGE BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS MONTH

The SAGE Board would like to acknowledge the following members whose birthdays are this month as well as any other member whose birthday that we don't have.  
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	New Members		
DENNIS	COLE	Dec-02	LARRY	CUTLER	Oct-15
JOHN P	CONNOLLY	Dec-02	JOHN	JENNINGS JR.	Oct-15
DAVID P	DURHAM	Dec-03	RICHARD	TRICKY MAGGIORE	Oct-15
ALLEN	SANDLER	Dec-03	KEN	MYLOTT	Oct-15
TOM	SLUBERSKI	Dec-07	WILLIAM J	NACY	Oct-15
BARBARA	VARGA	Dec-08	KEITH	SUTTON	Oct-15
JERRY	GANZ	Dec-14	PETE	WAINER	Oct-15
ROE	SARNE	Dec-15	GEORGE	WILLIAMS	Oct-15
JERRY P	WARD	Dec-18	MIKE	ZUKOWSKI	Oct-15
DAN	FOUNTAIN	Dec-19	5 Year Anniversaries		
JOHN	JENNINGS JR.	Dec-19	CHARLES	CHRISTOPHER	Oct-10
RON	CATENA	Dec-20	JOHN P	CONNOLLY	Oct-10
GARY	PAYNE	Dec-20	ROBERT	KURTZ	Oct-10
SHARRON C	DEMAREST	Dec-22	JOE	MARTIN	Oct-10
HARRY	KAHRS	Dec-23	JAY (JOSEPH M)	ROSE	Oct-10
JOHN	HASANDRAS	Dec-24	20 Year Anniversaries		
JERRY	MURPHY	Dec-24	DAVID	MILLAN	Oct-95
JEANIE	NEIER	Dec-24			
PATRICK S	VIDA	Dec-26			
JAMES L	RIEDY	Dec-27			
HUGH	RANCE	Dec-30			
CAROLINE	LETO	Dec-31			

*If you have had an anniversary with SAGE for either 5, 10, 15 or 20 years and you have not received your pin, please call the SAGE office (954.634.7219) to pick it up.*

## Thanks and Praise

by Carl M. Galli, President, SAGE of South Florida

We continue getting ready for our fun holidays. Digging ornaments and lights out of mothballs. (Do we still keep things in mothballs?) Polishing balls. (Stop. You know what I mean.) Adding luster to things that may have suffered over the years. And once again, remembering...

**Nancy**, who continued to Chair the SAGE Women's Lunches and worked on the Membership Committee, even when she was on hiatus from the Board. **Inez**, who left the Board this year to pursue another opportunity, but continued with our Friendly Support program. **Emma H.**, who sends out birthday cards to many of our SAGE Women. **Leo and Hank** who send out Condolences and Get Wells to many of our SAGE Men – and often help at Lunch & Learn. **Rex**, who not only provides beautiful photos, but has also put our SAGE to music on YouTube. "Fabulous" **Sonny**, who never says "no" when asked to help set-up or breakdown an event. **Michael G.** who was instrumental in getting many of our members to help with the playground build at The Pride Center. **Jay and Wes** who keep our Website from Crashing. **Dr. Deric** who gives of his talent –and his **Len** who gives from his kitchen.

**Ken and John H.** who put this beautiful Newsletter together and get it to you on time -among their other assignments.

**Ann** who makes being Secretary seem so easy when she has to disentangle all our Board's "grammatically (and sometimes politically) incorrect" musings. **Brother John** who tries to balance our shouts with a dose of spirituality. **Dr. Marty**, who quietly imparts his wisdom. **Lee**, who gets speakers for our monthly Lunch & Learn –and sometimes comes up with ideas from left-field which actually turn out to bear really juicy fruit (like MiFo). **Bruce** who tirelessly serves our community on our Board as well as the Senior Services Coordinator of The Pride Center. And, of course, my confidante and Vice President, **Ron** who runs the Social Committee with an iron fist (even though he has to do so from his safe-house in Beirut where he is in hiding from Bellevue).

**Ted & Ray**, who periodically make trips up from Miami-Dade –and who never cease to donate so that our programs may continue. To **Joyce E.** who gave in memory of John and Gayle. To **Jack M.** –who always comes through, even if it means sometimes getting into Santa drag. Founding Member, **Gerald H.** who wrote a heartfelt letter of appreciation to me and our Board. **Bill C.** who gave in memory of Philip. **James L.**, who never forgets us. **Tom L.** for his donation following our WHCoA View Party. And all our **Archangels and Angels** who will be acknowledged in the June Newsletter for all your donations...

**Happy Holidays ... and Thank you.**

## ATTENTION SAGE MEMBERS

Due to the large cost of mailing the Newsletter to those who do not want to get it via e-mail or pick it up at the Pride Center, the SAGE Board decided to charge a \$10 surcharge to the \$35 membership fee to help cover the extra costs of mailing (postage, envelopes, folding, etc.).

When you renew your membership in SAGE of South Florida, you will notice some new options are available to you. You will have the opportunity to receive the SAGE Newsletter in one of three ways by checking off the appropriate box. You may elect to say:

- (1) I do not want the Newsletter mailed to me;
- (2) I want to receive the Newsletter electronically only;
- (3) I want the Newsletter mailed to me at the additional cost of \$10 making my membership \$45.00.

## SAGE WANTS YOU!!!

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW TODAY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Month: \_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: RENEWAL NEW MEMBER

### Newsletter Mailing Options:

1. I do not want the newsletter mailed to me ☐
2. I want to receive the newsletter electronically only. ☐
3. I want the newsletter mailed to me at the cost of \$10 making my membership \$45.00 ☐

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## SENIOR ACTION IN A GAY ENVIRONMENT



### “Who I Once Was”

**Michael Vita** has enjoyed a successful career on the New York Stage. He has appeared in fourteen Broadway Shows including the original casts of “Bye, Bye, Birdie” – 1960; “Sweet Charity” – 1967; “Promises, Promises” – 1971; “Chicago” – 1977; “On Your Toes” – 1984 and “42nd Street” – 1990. He has recorded

for CBS Columbia in London and has appeared in various cabarets in New York City. His career highlights can be viewed at <http://www.IBDB.com>. Michael is a founding member of “Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS,” a national AIDS fundraising program that has raised over 150 million dollars to date.

*“A medley of “Solitude” and “The Way We Were” is seemingly as perverse a way of singing these songs as one could imagine, yet Vita makes it a rousing high point.” – John S. Wilson, New York Times, December 20, 1976*

*“Vita made something special of “After We Love,” a touching account of post-coital affections that slips into pre-coital enthusiasm, and “After The Ball” that emerges inevitably as a soufflé of simplicity.” – Robert Jones, New York Daily News, June 13, 1976*

**Jeff Hess, Piano:** Jeff has been music director for musical productions throughout the country and for the past 12 years has been the full time music director at New World School of the Arts in Miami.

**Arnie Miller, Bass:** Arnie has played with the Hollywood Philharmonic, the Broward Pops, and the Sunrise Symphony Pops and with many Big Bands. He is currently a professor at Nova Southeastern University.

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**SAGE of South Florida will proudly present Michael’s “Cabaret in the Afternoon” on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 2pm in the Main Hall of The Pride Center. (See next month’s Newsletter for more information.**



# SAGE Net Annual Conference

By Carl Barton

I was delighted to have been chosen by the SAGE of South Florida Board of Directors to represent our chapter at the annual conference in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Representatives from all over the United States and representing twenty-nine SAGE affiliates gathered at the Persad Center for the conference. It was an enlightening and wonderful experience to meet so many dedicated and interesting SAGE members.

Various seminars and meetings were held during the four-day conference. Among some of the interesting topics covered were fundraising, housing discrimination, SAGE strategic growth throughout the USA, assuring diversity and inclusion in SAGE services and geriatric sensitivity training. The highlight of the conference was listening to the various SAGE representatives speaking about their many accomplishments on behalf of the senior LGBT community.

Given the opportunity to showcase SAGE of South Florida, I brought to the conference a supply of our October Newsletters which was met with many compliments and praise. I received many questions, from attendees as to how we produce and distribute such a wonderful document each month. Everyone was also surprised to find out that we operate with an all-volunteer staff who are responsible for implementing and coordinating all the weekly programs and events outlined in our newsletter.

The conference was led by Serena Worthington who produced and ran a well-organized event. She and I quickly bonded and enjoyed each other's company. The conference was a wonderful and enlightening experience for me.



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**You're Invited to the SAGE HOLIDAY PARTY**

**SUNDAY, December 13, 2015 2pm – 5pm**



**1103 North Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, FL 33062**

***At the Pompano Beach Municipal Golf Course***

**954-785-0226**

***CASH BAR AVAILABLE FROM 2 – 3pm in the LOUNGE  
Cheese and Fruit Bar in the Main Room from 3 – 3:30pm***

**DINNER MENU**

***Caesar Salad***

**Entrée -Choice of one:**

***Chicken Breast Marsala with Mushroom Marsala Sauce***

***Grilled Salmon in Beurre Blanc Sauce***

***Ginger-Soy Marinated Sirloin Steak (Served Medium)***

***All with Red Smashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables      Rolls & Butter***

***Dessert: Decadent Bread Pudding with Jack Daniel Bourbon Sauce***

***(or Sugar-Free Dessert -on Request –See RSVP Below)***

***Beverages: Coffee/Decaf/Hot or Iced Tea/Soda at the table***

**Entertainment: Ms. Jan Hadden, Keyboard & Vocals**

**Gifts from the North Pole**

***Pricing: \$24 @ Members & \$29 @ Non-Members***

***Reservations Close No Later Than Wednesday, December 9, 2015***

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**SAGE Holiday Party at GALUPPI's**

\_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS @ \$24.00 & \_\_\_\_\_ NON-MEMBERS @ \$29.00 My Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**A SAGE-SPONSORED EVENT**

## **Is SAGE of South Florida on Your Holiday List?**

**It's almost 2016, and the end of the tax year.**

**Be sure to get your last minute donations arranged  
and please remember SAGE of South Florida  
as you make your gift list.**



## **End of 2015 Tax Year Campaign**

**YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution\*, small or large, will  
help assure the financial health and continuing success of  
SAGE of South Florida.**

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### **SAGE'S End of 2015 Tax Year CAMPAIGN**

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future issues of the Newsletter.***

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# SAGE Activities Calendar

December 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30AM Board Meeting Skolnick Center 12:30 PM LUNCH & LEARN Call Office @ (954) 634-7219 for reservation
<b>6</b> Camera Club – Photo OP Meets @ Pride Center for information call John Harris 954- 969-1576	<b>7</b> 1st Day of Chanukah 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca 6 – 8pm SAGE, Equality Florida & The Pride Center Town Hall Mtg	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	<b>10</b> 12PM SAGE Women's Lunch @ Golden Corral – Tamarac - call Nancy for info (954) 741-1540	<b>11</b> 8pm SAGE goes to the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida @ Sunshine Cathedral/MCC	<b>12</b> 11AM SAGE Book Club @ Stonewall Library Call Alan Dorfman 561-499-2913 or Philip Collier 443- 614-7135 8pm SAGE goes to the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida @ Sunshine Cathedral/MCC
<b>13</b> 2 – 5pm Holiday Party @ Guluppi's Restaurant	<b>14</b> 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	<b>17</b> 1–3PM SAGE Co-Ed Discussion Group @ Pride Center	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca 4 PM SAGE Movie "Tru" @ Pride Center - dinner TBD	<b>22</b> First Day of Winter	<b>23</b> 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> 1PM Camera Club @ Pride Center
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca Men's Night Out @ TROPICS - call John C (954) 933-2963	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center 4 PM COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve		

# UPCOMING SAGE EVENTS:

**Sunday, Jan 10, 2016**      **SAGE presents “Who I Once Was” featuring Michael Vita and Friends in a Cabaret in the Afternoon @ The Pride Center**

**Sunday, Jan 24, 2016**      **Milestone Birthday Celebration @ The Pride Center Main Hall**

## Community Events:

**Ballet and Opera Group** meets at Pride Center at 12:30 PM in room 204 on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. For December they will meet on December 13th and 27th.

**GLBTQ Veteran's Drop In Group** sponsored by the Gold Coast Chapter of AVER and SunServe every Tuesday from 5:30 – 7 PM at the Sunshine Cathedral