

The SAGE

The Newsletter of SAGE of South Florida

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Valuable Moments and Memories

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

I had originally planned an article along the lines of “What has SAGE done lately.” But with the untimely deaths of our brothers and sisters in Orlando and four of our Members (Richard “Rick” Frisby, Dr. David Goldberger, Richard Day Overton, and Alan Schubert – who were activists and advocates in their own right), and amid the Celebrations of Independence, which will be happening the first few days of this month, I had a slight change of heart.

We mourn those killed and wounded in Orlando. We also soon celebrate the independence of our country, as well we should. But we need to celebrate our own independence, as LGBT people. This “freedom” has also been difficult to win, and has come with the cost of lives. We continue to forge ahead as we have since the Stonewall Riots and the West Side Group Pickets of 1969. Challenged by micro-organisms and soul-sucking homophobic commentary during the AIDS Crisis in the 1980’s. Legitimated by the Supreme Court in 2015. **Reaffirmed in Orlando, where some of our younger brothers and sisters have survived - despite the savagery of a madman.** All of the time groups like SAGE were there as advocates and activists.

Our own affiliate was founded by a few handfuls of dedicated women and men back in 1994 – when there were no other viable LGBT elder organizations in South Florida. And we continue to this day, amid an alphabet-soup of groups, as a force within the LGBT Community. Not just as a “party throwing group” (as some have suggested) – though our parties are legendary (and often copied by others, down to our menu choices). But, as a vital part of the community, giving back to the LGBT Community at large, as well as to the mainstream community.

For those who don’t remember (or for those who can, and want to enjoy our successes once again) here are a few **Valuable Moments** in our history:

- Fact-finding visits to assisted living facilities. This is how we got the listings for LGBT-friendly facilities we have on our website. Several even hosted welcome parties for our members.
- CarFit (sponsored by AAA, AARP, Florida DOT, and Occupational Therapists) for the entire Community. For two years the program utilized The Pride Center campus and has since been passed on to the Center
- CarFit trained senior drivers on how to best drive safely. SAGE volunteers checked drivers’ vehicles and car environments.
- Among the Founders (under Jean Johnson and Bob Tomasulo) of the Noble A. McArtor Senior Day Care Center. Passed on to MCC/Sunshine Cathedral, and now securely helps Seniors at SunServe.
- Began LGBT Senior Health Expos, now a program of The Pride Center.
- Hosted **Connie Kurtz and Ruth Berman** (who fought the NYC Dept. of Education for Domestic Partnership Rights) for Q&A after a screening of their nine-time award-winning documentary, Ruthie & Connie -Every Room in the House. This program was open to the entire community.

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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 no longer accept paid ads in the SAGE Newsletter. This was decided by the SAGE Board. We will, at our discretion, occasionally run a PSA or other nonprofit advertisement. We thank our previous advertisers for their support. Appearance of an advertisement in this newsletter does not constitute endorsement by SAGE of South Florida, Inc. of the service being offered.

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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

If you are senior or a caregiver and need information or referral services regarding assistance with activities of daily living, contact the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center). In Broward call 954.745.9779, in Palm Beach County call 866.648.5885.



SAGE WOMEN'S LUNCH NANCY DRENNEN/JEAN JOHNSON

Every 2nd Thursday of the month, the Women of SAGE of South Florida meet at The Golden Corral, 7401 Commercial Blvd., Tamarac at 12:00 pm. Here they meet, greet, eat and have conversations on current happenings. Call Nancy at 954.741.1540 for reservations. The restaurant's phone is 954.623.6400.

The Members of SAGE of South Florida mourn the loss of 49 of our brothers and sisters killed in Orlando. We pray for the recovery of those who were injured and being treated at local hospitals. Our condolences to the loved ones of the victims.
(please visit our website: www.sagewebsite.org)

July 2, 2016 at 12:30 pm

HERB SKOLNICK COMMUNITY CENTER

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

One Time Only: \$10 per person (Members & Guests)

Everyone Pays at the Door.

Doors Open at 12:00 Noon

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 12:30 pm on June 30, 2016

by calling the SAGE office at **954.634.7219**.



EVERYONE'S INVITED!

Start Your July 4th Weekend with Your SAGE Family & Friends at our Indoor Picnic.

RAIN or SHINE!

July's Lunch & Learn will feature a special holiday menu, singing patriotic songs & other fun activities to get you in the spirit to celebrate our nation's holiday.

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.

A SAGE – Sponsored Activity

The Daily SAGE

Mondays

Every Monday. . .11:00 am

SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives
Volen Center in Boca Raton

Every Third Monday. . .4:00 pm

See You at The Movies (Dinner follows)
The Pride Center

Every Fourth Monday. . .5:30 pm

SAGE Men's Night Out
Tropics Piano Bar & Restaurant

✂ cut and save in your wallet

Wednesdays

Every Wednesday. .1:00 pm

SAGE Men's Drop-In
The Pride Center

Every Wednesday. .4:00 pm

SAGE Computer Club
The Pride Center

Thursdays

Second Thursday 12:00 pm

SAGE Women's Luncheon
Golden Corral in Tamarac

Third Thursday. . .10:45 am

Co-Ed SAGES of SAGE
The Pride Center

Saturdays

First Saturday. . .9:30 am

SAGE Board Meeting
Skolnick Center, Palm Aire

First Saturday. . .12:30 pm

SAGE Lunch & Learn
Skolnick Center, Palm Aire

Second Saturday. .11:00 am

SAGE Book Club
Stonewall Library

SAGE Sponsored Activities

SAGE COMPUTER CLUB KEN GOODMAN



Do you want to catch up 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 10 Phone and Apple iOS operating systems.

The Computer Club meets every Wednesday at 4:00pm 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.

SAGE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP PHILIP COLLIER & ALAN DORFMAN

Can two successful London businessmen, one with Minnesota roots, resolve a midlife crisis by giving up their careers and moving to Hayward, a small town in the north woods of Wisconsin, to rejuvenate an aging ice-cream parlor? What follows is a humorously detailed adventure of naiveté as they encounter colorful local characters, explore the Hayward restaurant scene, make milk deliveries and experience the wilderness. Please consider joining the SAGE Book Group at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale as they discuss ***Scoop: Notes from a Small Ice Cream Shop*** by Jeff Miller - on July 9 from 11:00 am to 12 noon. All readers are welcome - no reservation is required. For information, please contact Philip (443) 614-7135 or Alan (561) 385-8260.

SAGE MEN'S NIGHT OUT JOHN CHANDLER



We recently changed the format of our Men's Singles Night to incorporate all our Male members & their guests. Now, whether you're a single or in a couple, we welcome you.

If you are a man who enjoys the company of other men, 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 5:30pm. At 6:30pm 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.



ATTENTION SAGE MEMBERS

Due to the increased cost to mail the newsletter to those who do not wish to receive it via e-mail or pick it up at The Pride Center, the SAGE Board decided to charge a \$10 surcharge to the \$35 annual membership fee to offset the costs of mailing. Please note on the membership form below if you wish to receive the newsletter, and if so, do you wish it be sent to you via e-mail or the postal service. Thank you.

SAGE WANTS YOU!!!

PLEASE JOIN OR RENEW TODAY

NAME: _____ Birthday: Month: ____ Day: ____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

E-MAIL: _____



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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 ☐

I have enclosed:

\$300 for my Lifetime Membership ☐

\$35 for my Annual Membership ☐

\$45 Annual Membership with the Newsletter mailed to me ☐

\$_____ as a special Gift to SAGE

Mail To: SAGE of South Florida, PO Box 70516, Oakland Park, FL 33307

SENIOR ACTION IN A GAY ENVIRONMENT

CO-ED SAGES OF SAGE



FRANK PIASECKI &
KAY BEATTIE



The Co-Ed Sages of SAGE discussion group now has two facilitators!

We welcome Kay Beattie as co-

facilitator at our monthly meetings. While Kay is currently on vacation, we hope you will continue to join us on the third Thursday of the month at 10:45 am. This free group meets at The Pride Center in Room B-208. Mark your calendars for July 21st. EVERYBODY is welcomed and it is good for all of us to socialize and interact with others. If you are good-natured and enjoy communicating with others this could be an interesting involvement for you. (Lunch with others after the meeting at a local establishment is optional.) Hope to see you there.



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SAGE ON THE BORDER/
CO-ED ALTERNATIVES
CAROLINE LETO &
FRANK PIASECKI



This co-ed discussion group meets every Monday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, at The Volen Center, 1515 West Palmetto Rd. in Boca Raton. Everyone is welcome and no reservations are needed. Please call The Volen Center at 561.395.8920 to assure the Center is open as it is closed on holidays.

*A Progressive Community in the Catholic Tradition
Where We Welcome and Appreciate Diversity!*



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Wednesday 7:00 PM
Saturday 5:00 PM • Sunday 10:30 AM
101 N.E. 3rd St.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
954.731.8173
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SAGE-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES



SAGE MEET UP AT ELLIE'S 50'S DINER



SAGE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



SAGE MEN'S DROP-IN MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

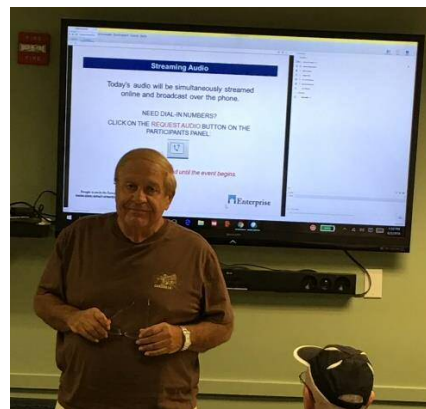
Be sure to check out SAGE of South Florida's Photo Gallery at www.sageofsofl.org.

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POTLIGHT

LGBT SENIOR HOUSING WEBINAR



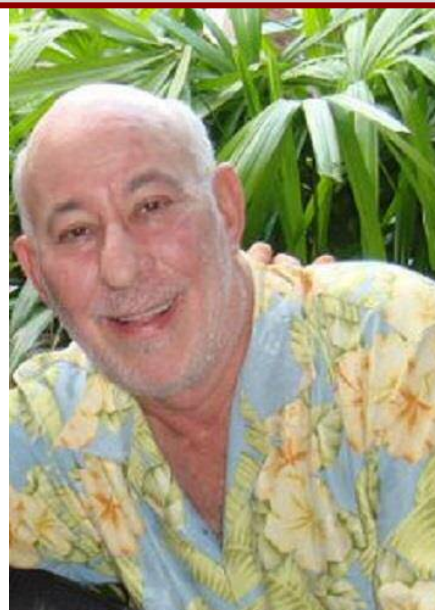
SAGE OF SOUTH FLORIDA MOURNS THE DEATHS OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS, LIFETIME MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS



Dr. David Goldberger
1925 - 2016



Rick Overton
1949 - 2016



Alan Edward Schubert
1946 - 2016

Photos contributed by Rex Coston, Allen Churchman and others.



NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP IN

Ron Catena

For the many years that I have been a Drop-In member, and more recently the moderator, I have always marveled at the friendships formed and enjoyed amongst the group's members. No one enjoyed more respect and love than Drop-In regular, **Dr. David Goldberger**. David recently passed away at the age of 90 leaving behind a whole host of saddened friends and a treasure trove of fond memories. David was always traveling throughout the world and the USA. He would tell of his upcoming travels reminding the group that he planned his trips so that he would avoid missing the least number of Drop-In meetings.

As he approached his 90th birthday David said he wanted to plan a piano recital in celebration. David, a classically-trained pianist, who performed all over the world and throughout the United States, had given several recitals over the years sponsored by SAGE of South Florida and usually performed in the main hall of The Pride Center. Always playing to a full house, David once produced a concert called *The Four Doctors*, where he put together a group of musicians all with PhD's in music. The "doctors," offered free to the general public, wowed the audience with their extraordinary musical talents.

Well known pianist and SAGE member, **Dr. Deric Bownds**, said, "I will always savor the recall of many hours spent with David rehearsing for several SAGE-Sponsored, four-hand concerts that we gave. His passing is almost like losing a limb. He was an exceptional teacher and friend. I was in awe of his focus, humor and energy. His amazing piano recital on his 90th birthday was a fitting climax to a life well lived."

Ron Seidle and **Fred Vega**, determined to honor David's 90th and his life achievements, had planned a lovely dinner at a local restaurant, leaving it to me to tell David of our plans. I told him what was "in the works." He asked me for some time to think about it. Phoning me the next day, David said, "OK, but absolutely no gifts. At 90 what do I need?"

Down to earth, witty and always well informed, David leaves behind many fond memories and good friends – his weekly dinner companion, **Jim Anderson**, who introduced David to SAGE, Ron Seidle and Fred Vega, who enjoyed many hours together at various classical music performances, including traveling to Tanglewood in Massachusetts, and his pal of many years, **Sonny Miller**, who also attended the West Side Discussion Group with David in New York City. Thank you David.

The Men's Drop-In consist of a diverse, well-informed group of men. I always marvel at the accomplishments and knowledge of many of our members. As the news spread about a child who fell into a gorilla exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo, I asked SAGE Board Member and Drop-In regular, **Terry Feathers**, to speak to the issue. Terry had spent a period of time as a zoo keeper. He told of plans in place at most zoos to deal with such incidents, including having periodic drills. He gave us a lot of insight and inside information only an expert could provide. After his presentation members had lots of questions for Terry. Now, I ask, where else could you have a zoo keeper able to provide that kind of information on a current new story?

SAGE Men's Drop-In group meets every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at The Pride Center.

SOCIAL LITES

Ron Catena

Well, everyone, our SAGE continues to enjoy one successful program after another! And this extends not just to SAGE-Sponsored Activities, but also to those SAGE friends who go as a group on outings.

The Meet-Up at Ellie's 50's Diner in Delray Beach was a real hoot. We were able to meet some of our Palm Beach County members whom we rarely see in the Broward area. But was that ever a long trek! Glad I had my passport handy! Just goes to show: we have to plan more events where we can mix and mingle outside Broward, (and we got two new members, **Deb & Mary**) from the Delray area. Welcome!

The second day of June we hosted a **View Party for the Webinar on Elder LGBT Housing Initiatives**. This was open to the public, and more than 20 SAGE of South Florida members and **community guests** attended. They enjoyed a light lunch arranged by **President Carl** and desserts, including wonderful rainbow cupcakes donated by **Patrick Vida**, before the Webinar began. Thanks to **SAGE USA & Enterprise Community Partners** for bringing attention to a very important issue facing older members of the LGBT community. Thanks also to **The Pride Center** for providing the space for this community event. While there were a few glitches (when are there not, when Webinars are involved) everything went pretty much as planned. Thanks to **Carl B., Terry, and Kathy**, for helping to set up the room. And, of course, thanks to **Ron W.**, for his technical expertise in facilitating. It was a very thought-provoking presentation: A feeling shared by **Bruce Williams** (the Center's Senior Services Specialist) who was in attendance.

On a rainy Friday, June 10th evening 40 or so SAGE members gathered along with hundreds of music lovers for the **Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida's** spectacular "Love and Marriage" concert at the Sunshine Cathedral. Thanks to **Jerry Levy**, a member of both organizations, for once again arranging the 2-for-1 ticket special for SAGE of South Florida Members.

The next day, seven SAGE members traveled to the Florida Keys (particularly Key Largo) for a morning and afternoon of sightseeing, and dolphin and sea lion entertainment. **Terry** led the excursion. **Dan, Charlie, Chip, Ted, Jerry, and Pres.** Carl all seemed to enjoy it. This is encouraged and one aspect of being a member – an impromptu group of friends. That same night, amid gloomy skies and downpours, **Ann Smith & Caroline Leto** traveled to **Integrity, Lake Worth** to speak about the accomplishments of our SAGE. (See front page article.) This was very well received. As was our new hand-out (prepared by Ron W).

The next day, was The Pride Center's birthday party for **Clarence** to thank him for all he does not just for the Center, but also for us, SAGE provided the gorgeous birthday cake! This coincided with a vigil, where more than 1,000 attended to pay respects to the victims who died in Orlando.

At this writing, our dinner at **Christina Wan's** is shaping up to be another success. And, don't forget, our **Meet-Up at Aruba's on the Beach is July 19th**. This will be a nice, informal way to once again mix and mingle with your SAGE friends, and share stories of what you all did the first months of summer. Remember, there is valet parking or metered lot parking readily available. (And if you car-pool, that's something else to share!) But this will be a time to order what you want, and pay for what you order.

We have a diverse Social Committee, which is hard at work planning future activities for your enjoyment. And soon, we will announce our August and September events.

These are SAGE Sponsored Events

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AVER – AMERICAN VETERANS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Gary “Lee” Lawson, SAGE Board Member and Gold Coast Chapter President “Commander”

Many of you know of Baron von Steuben, the Prussian military officer who became George Washington’s inspector general. What you may not know is that von Steuben’s aide-de-camp and lover was Captain Benjamin Walker about who the Baron wrote, *“If I had seen an angel from heaven, I should not have been more rejoiced.”*

Only 15 days after von Steuben joined Washington at Valley Forge, Lt. Gottfried Enslin was literally “drummed” out of the army for attempted sodomy. When I say drummed, I mean all the drummers and all the fife players at Valley Forge played and humiliatingly marched the delinquent, first in front of his assembled regiment and then the entire army, all with his coat turned inside out (the sign of a “turncoat,” not as a traitor, but the sign of one who has betrayed his cause).

The **American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER)** is the only federally recognized LGBT veterans’ organization. AVER has testified at congressional hearings, in front of the Chiefs of Staff, to the Department of Defense, and at VA hearings. We worked to end DADT and submitted legal briefs to the Supreme Court for marriage equality. We have placed LGBT memorials in 3 locations in the US - in Albuquerque, at the New Mexico Veterans Memoria, in Cathedral City near Palm Springs, CA, and in Chicago at the Lincoln Federal Veterans Cemetery. Since 2003 AVER has been invited annually to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington on Veterans Day.

What has AVER done lately?



Every year, 8,000 veterans commit suicide in the U.S. At the same time 1.2 million unwanted dogs are euthanized. When a veteran suffers from PTSD, brain injury, anxiety, or symptoms of depression, the **Pets for Vets** organization has partnered with Broward Humane Society to give the veteran a dog of their choice for free. Then they provide free training for both the veteran and the dog. There is evidence that when people are responsible for another life they are much less likely to take their own.

Veterans Buddy-Up Program – Vets of Iraq and Afghanistan often have trouble talking with others about their experiences. The buddy program sponsors cookouts, BBQ’s and other similar events to help these veterans bond with others and to “open up.”

We have a **Veterans Drop-In Discussion Group** at SunServe from 5:30 – 7:00 pm every Tuesday, the newly organized **“Rainbow Veterans Group”** at the VA every other Wednesday afternoon, and a twice monthly veterans support group.

AVER works hard to upgrade less than honorable discharges due to DADT and prior discharges in order for veterans to get their VA benefits. In some cases, commanding officers have said to the soldier, “You won’t be able to get a job if we list you as queer on your discharge, so instead I will list the reason for discharge as conduct unbecoming or disobeying a direct order, insubordination, or some other reason.” AVER helps to upgrade these discharges by assisting veterans in the appeal process. When a veteran applies for VA benefits and is denied, he or she has to appeal the decision. When a Service Officer, a volunteer who fills out the paperwork says, “you don’t qualify for that benefit and I won’t file the paperwork,” losing the veteran’s right of appeal, what is the veteran to do? All this can be a difficult process especially if the vet is suffering from PTSD or some other malady. Other problems develop when active service members go off base and are subject to various state regulations that may include gender identity. Changing regulations throughout the military and VA is not a simple task. Congress has to make specific changes in laws to relieve these situations. According to the Transgender American Veterans Association (TAVA), there are an estimated 15,000 self-identified Transgenders serving in uniform (Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard).

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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	First Name	Last Name	Birthday
ALLEN	BROWN	JUL-02	TONI	HERBERT	JUL-16
MATT	FARBER	JUL-02	GEORGE J.	ANDERSON	JUL-17
DONALD L.	HUTCHINS	JUL-03	PAUL	FASANA	JUL-20
PATRICK	WERNIMONT	JUL-03	ANDREW ANDY	MASTERSON	JUL-22
GERALD	HEINEMAN	JUL-04	DOMINIC	DESANTIS	JUL-24
JAMES W.	LAIRD	JUL-04	ROLAND	LAPERLE	JUL-24
JOHN F.	HANSON	JUL-11	JOE	SUPLIT	JUL-24
JAMES	BASMAJIAN	JUL-11	GENE	MAJKA	JUL-25
KENNETH	GOODMAN	JUL-12	KEN	GAULT	JUL-26
BRETT	PEELER	JUL-13	DOMINIC	BISIGNANO	JUL-27
BILL	RAFTERY	JUL-13	BILL	HIRSCH	JUL-29

5 Year Anniversary

ELIOT H.	COHEN	MAY-11
TOM	LEPORE	MAY-11

10 Year Anniversary

ANTHONY	CIANCE	MAY-06
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New Members

James Basmajian	Bob Gourlay	Gary Meehan	Jerry Skidmore	Gene Templeton
Barry Bates	Joseph Levesque	Osamu Miyach	David Stamps	Joseph Zkarzynsk

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.

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

Maria Diaz, Public Affairs Specialist, So. FL Area Director's Office,



Over half a million people who live outside the United States receive some kind of Social Security benefit, including retired and disabled workers, as well as spouses, widows, widowers, and children.

If you are a U.S. citizen, you may receive your Social Security payments outside the United States as long as you are eligible. When we say you are "outside the United States," we mean you're not in one of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, or American Samoa. Once you've been outside the United States for at least 30 days in a row, we consider you to be outside the country.

If you are traveling outside the U.S. for an extended amount of time, it's important that you tell Social Security the date you plan to leave and the date you plan to come back, no matter how long you expect your travel to last. Then we can let you know whether your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will be affected. You can use this online tool (www.socialsecurity.gov/international/payments_outsideUS.html) to find out if you can continue to receive your Social Security benefits if you are outside the U.S. or are planning to go outside the U.S. This tool will help you find out if your retirement, disability, or survivor's payments will continue as long as you are eligible, stop after six consecutive calendar months, or if certain country specific restrictions apply.

When you live outside the United States, periodically we'll send you a questionnaire. Your answers will help us figure out if you still are eligible for benefits. Return the questionnaire to the office that sent it as soon as possible. If you don't, your payments will stop. In addition to responding to the questionnaire, notify us promptly about changes that could affect your payments.

You can also read the publication titled Your Payments While You Are Outside the United States at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

GOALS

- AVER is still working to pass ENDA (The Employment Non Discrimination Act).
- We continue social and support activities for local veterans. We want to assure veterans receive all the benefits to which they are entitled.
- We honor our veterans by collecting oral histories from our oldest veterans, to be placed in the Stonewall Library and to submit to The Library of Congress. We have one local veteran who was in Tokyo Harbor the day the Japanese surrendered at the end of WWII!
- We are working to place a monument to LGBT veterans in front of Wilton Manors' City Hall.

In conclusion:

We have many reasons to celebrate our victories. We ended DADT through congressional action and we gained marriage rights in the Supreme Court. Many people feel we on the verge of getting the keys to unlock full equality for all LGBT persons in America. But now we have a new problem.

THERE IS THIS LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DETERMINED TO CHANGE THE LOCKS.

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SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES



with Carl M. Galli, Marc Flanagan & Michael Vita



In keeping with July's themes of freedom and independence, our film selection for July, 2016 is ***American Beauty***. A 1999 American satirical, black-comedy, romantic drama, the film is directed by

Sam Mendes (*Road to Perdition*, and most recently, *Spectre*) and written by **Alan Ball** (*Six Feet Under*). **Kevin Spacey** stars as Lester Burnham, an office worker who has a mid-life crisis, desiring independence; who becomes infatuated with his teenage daughter's best friend (**Mena Suvari**). **Annette Bening** co-stars as Lester's materialistic wife, Carolyn.

The film is described by academics as "a satire of American middle-class notions of beauty and personal satisfaction" with analysis focusing on the film's romantic explorations, paternal love, sexuality, materialism, self-liberation and redemption. *American Beauty* won the 2000 Academy Award for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor (for Spacey), Best Original Screenplay and Best Cinematography. In addition to winning 101

other awards & 96 nominations.

Lester is told he is to be laid off, but instead blackmails his boss for \$60,000 and quits his job, taking employment serving fast food. He buys his dream car and starts working out after he overhears his daughter's best friend say that she would find him sexually attractive if he improved his physique.

Colonel Fitts (**Chris Cooper**), his next door neighbor, becomes suspicious of Lester and his son's friendship. He later finds his son's footage of Lester lifting weights while nude, leading him to think that the two are in a homosexual relationship. After watching his son (played by **Wes Bentley**) and Lester through Lester's garage window, the colonel mistakenly concludes the pair are sexually involved. He later beats his son and accuses him of being gay. **Allison Janney** stars as Fitts' wife.

Professor Vincent Hausmann (Associate Professor of English and Film Studies, Furman University, SC) says, "*American Beauty* is in part about how homophobia is based in fear and repression and about what [they] can do." He continues, "A recurring theme of screenwriter Alan Ball's work is his comparison of the taboos against incest and homosexuality."

Some surprising turns of events happen at the end of *American Beauty* that will shock you. Michael Vita says: "This is the best film I have seen in a very long time. You won't want to miss it!"

American Beauty screens at 4:00pm on Monday, July 18, in Room 204 of The Pride Center. Running time is 122 minutes. The movie is Rated R. Dinner will follow.

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- Hosted a documentary on the legendary Charles Busch's life and times (The Lady in Question is Charles Busch) with filmmakers John Catania and Charles D. Ignacio present for Q&A. The program, open to the community, was held at the old GLCC on Andrews Avenue.
- Our 13-year Monthly Movie Club is open to the community. Each month SAGE screens everything from big hits to little-known, independent films, documentaries and biopics. All our films have an LGBT underpinning, be it characters, cast, director or plot.
- In October, 2015 SAGE was invited to participate as a Community Partner by MiFo, for which we sponsored Reel in the Closet at the Gateway Theater. The film went on to win the Audience Award for Best Documentary. Filmmaker Stu Maddux was present for Q&A.
- For many years, through 2014, SAGE sponsored The Smart Ride Pit Stop 4. The sponsorship, heavily subsidized by members John Gearrity and Les Oldenbush, enabled SAGE to donate over \$10,000 to The Smart Ride over those years.
- We donated to and helped in the build out of The Pride Center's playground.
- SAGE provides free piano recitals and cabarets open to the community.
- We produced Class & Sass with all \$1,600 in profits raised for cancer research.
- SAGE-sponsored trips have included the Museum of Discovery & Science, Backstage at the Broward Center, Flamingo Gardens, Madams in North Miami Beach, the Flagler Estate & Whitehall Museum in Palm Beach, and the NSU Art Museum.
- SAGE received recognition for our quiet advocacy by a City of Margate Proclamation and acknowledgments from the Mayor of Wilton Manors.
- Continued participation in The Pride Center's Senior Advisory Committee as advocates for our members and activists within the community.
- SAGE has hosted four Caribbean Cruises for our Members and their guests, with another cruise coming soon.
- In July 2015 we hosted a live viewing and participation party of the once-a-decade White House Conference on Aging. And, in July 2016 we hosted a viewing and participation luncheon of the interactive webinar on LGBT Senior Housing Initiatives.
- We participate in SAGE USA's SAGEWorks & SAGEStory.
- Our vital and over 21 years-running Gay Book Discussion Group, in cooperation with the Stonewall Library, Museum & Archives, is open to the community.
- Lively and topical, our long-established, hugely successful SAGE Men's Drop-In discussion group meets weekly at The Pride Center.
- Seven years and counting, SAGE on the Border/Alternatives Co-Ed discussion group meets weekly at the mainstream Volen Center in Boca Raton. (Open to all.)
- Fairly new, but infused with new vigor, our Co-Ed Sages of SAGE discussion group meets monthly at The Pride Center. (Open to all.)
- Members and guests have enjoyed theatre at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and trips to shows at the Actors' Playhouse in Coral Gables.
- Annually we recognize and celebrate our most senior Senior Members with a Milestone Birthday Celebration.

"Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory." -Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

Quiet Activism: All for the Education, Socialization, Edification, Guidance, Information, and LGBT-Enculturation of our Members & our Community.



SAGE EVENT CALENDAR

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 12:30 pm SAGE Monthly Luncheon – Special July 4 th Celebration
3	4 Independence Day	5	6 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club	7	8	9 11:00 am SAGE Book Club <i>Scoop: Notes from a Small Ice Cream Shop</i>
10	11 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives	12	13 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club	14 12:00 pm SAGE Women's Luncheon	15	16
17	18 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives 4:00 pm SAGE Movie at Pride Center AVRoom 206 <i>American Beauty</i>	19 5:00 pm Meet Up at Aruba Beach Cafe	20 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club	21 10:45 am Co-Ed SAGES of SAGE Discussion Group 7:00 pm Looking: The Movie Gateway Theater	22	23
24	25 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives 5:30 pm Men's Night Out	26	27 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club	28	29	30
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UPCOMING SAGE EVENTS

SAGE MEET UP: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at Aruba Beach Café from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 1 Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale-by-the-Sea 33308, telephone (954) 776-0001 (see accompanying flyer in newsletter or go to Social Events on the SAGE website (www.sagewebsite.org)).

Community Events

LOOKING: THE MOVIE, An exclusive East Coast screening of the film, sponsored by the Miami Fort Lauderdale LGBT Film Festival, Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm at The Classic Gateway Theater, 1820 E. Sunrise Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, 33304.

BALLET AND OPERA GROUP meets at The Pride Center at 12:30 pm in room 204 on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month.

GLBTQ VETERAN'S DROP IN GROUP sponsored by the Gold Coast Chapter of AVER meets the 1st, 3rd, 4th and last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at SunServe (2312 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305).



SAGE MEET UP JULY 19, 2016 5—8:00 pm



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No Reservations Required

Come Join the Fun—Drinks and Dinner by the Beach

Tell the Hostess that you are with SAGE

Order what you want—Pay for what your order

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