

The SAGE

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IN MEMORIAM

"To forget the dead would be akin to killing them a second time."

Elie Wiesel

SAGE of South Florida mourns the many lives whose futures were cut short. We send strength to those injured and survived. Those who died in Orlando on June 12, 2016:

Stanley Almodovar, III, 23
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Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25
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Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20
Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36
Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32
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Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35
Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24
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Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37
Luis S. Vielma, 22
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We must not become complacent. We must stay involved in our community and continue to live our lives in greater love, greater understanding and with less fear and hatred.

Several SAGE of South Florida groups are signing cards to be distributed to the individuals who were injured in the June 12th attack. If you would like to participate, get in touch with Ron Catena or Ann Smith.

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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.)

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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.



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August 6, 2016 at 12:30 pm

HERB SKOLNICK COMMUNITY CENTER

800 SW 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL

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

Members \$14.00 -- Guests \$19.00

Everyone Pays at the Door.

Doors Open at 12:00 pm

**Reservations must be made by 12:30 pm on
Thursday, August 4, 2016 by calling**



Speakers at the August 6th Lunch & Learn will be representatives from the Broward County Sheriff's Office. They will present on hurricane preparedness.

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

REMINDER FROM THE BOARD

If you reserve a place at Lunch & Learn and you do not attend, you are still responsible to SAGE for payment. We must provide the caterer with a count based on reservations. Thank you.

AUGUST MENU

Romaine Salad
Rigatoni with a Beef Bolognese Sauce
Salmon Fillet with Asparagus Crust
Grilled Chicken
Green Beans
Apple Strudel

Catered By



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

The SAGE Book Discussion Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, from 11:00 am to noon. Our August 13, 2016 selection – ***Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*** by Jeanette Winterson – is the semi-biographical story of a girl adopted into an evangelical household and a small community that is a bubbling stew of English coziness, superstition, religious fervor and oddly good-natured fanatical beliefs. The girl soaks it up – to a point – but finds that no amount of exorcism is going to allow her to follow the path that has been set out for her. Told with incisive wit, the novel combines keen observation with a good use of myth, history and the Bible. For information, 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: _____

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E-MAIL: _____



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

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SENIOR ACTION IN A GAY ENVIRONMENT

CO-ED SAGES OF SAGE



FRANK PIASECKI &
KAY BEATTIE



Wouldn't it be enjoyable to get together once a month with other SAGE members to talk about rel-

evant topics of interest in a cordial atmosphere? You are invited to join the Co-Ed Sages of SAGE discussion group where it is known that some fascinating and spontaneous dialog can transpire. Structured questions prepared ahead of time are asked of the participants. Answers can be both fascinating and insightful. Even though we are older and wiser there is still much we can gain from hearing the insights of others. After our dialog those who wish can meet for lunch, making this monthly outing a pleasant day. The August meeting is scheduled for August 18 at 10:45 am in Room B208 at the Pride Center. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.



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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!*



Mass Times:
Wednesday 7:00 PM
Saturday 5:00 PM • Sunday 10:30 AM

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PRIDE 2016 Wilton Manors



SAGE Dining Event At Christina Wan's



Nancy brought a beautiful cake to the SAGE Women's Pot Luck (more photos on page 11)



Hank Brooks receives his 15-year pin

Photos contributed by Rex Coston, Allen Churchman, Ann Smith, Caroline Leto and others. View more photos by visiting our Photo Gallery at our website: www.sageofsofl.org

SAGE CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY





NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP IN

Ron Catena

June's meeting, after the Orlando massacre, was a one-topic meeting. We mourned the deaths of so many of our younger brothers and sisters. All were

in the prime of their lives and were out for an evening of fun and socializing. We shared our grief, sorrow, fears and anger, and somehow tried to understand. It was good that we were able to discuss the horror that took place, doing it with our Drop-In friends and guys that we spend time with each week. It was a big help for all of us. I had never experienced such a comforting experience. We expressed our condolences to those who lost loved ones and sent our best wishes and prayers for those recovering in the hospital.

On a happy note, the Drop-In Independence Day Party, held in the main hall of The Pride Center was another one of those typical Drop-In fun and enjoyable events. The food was delicious with a capital "D" and beyond plentiful. Lots of advance planning went into making the event fun. We cannot do these kinds of events without our cadre of volunteers. We are truly blessed with guys who step right up to the plate all the time to tackle any task – whether picking up supplies, to setting up and decorating the room, to efficiently cleaning up the room. Our food servers are professionals and THAT is a BIG plus. We enjoyed live music by our dear friend **Kris Nicholson** on the piano. We sang patriotic songs and enjoyed a bit of trivia about each song, researched by **Patrick Vida**. **Captain Carl Barton** was officially appointed by the Drop-In group to be our Director of Entertainment. Carl has a longtime friendship with a retired female singer who lives in Weston and he always invites her to entertain the group. She never says no but always misses the bus from Weston to The Pride Center. Carl promises to pick her up for the next event.

President Carl was in attendance with his lifelong friend, **Jack**. I love Jack. He always laughs at my jokes no matter how many times he has heard them.

Several new SAGE members were in attendance and told me that they had a lot of fun and looked forward to the next event, which will be in September to celebrate Labor Day. The Planning Committee is hard at work vowing to make it a "Wow Event."

The Men's Drop-In group is an open discussion group made up of fun, interesting guys. No topic is off limits and everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We have lots of members who seldom miss a meeting and many new guys who show up and always receive a warm welcome.

The SAGE Men's Drop-In group meets every Wednesday at 1:00 pm at The Pride Center. "Come look us over." You will wonder what took you so long to find all of the nice guys in one place.

SOCIAL LITES

Ron Catena

Well, if you are a SAGE member, you certainly knew that July is the month our country celebrates Independence Day. At our July Lunch & Learn scores of SAGE members and their guests enjoyed a fabulous traditional all-American cookout that we held indoors at The Herb Skolnick Center – no weather worries, no pesky mosquitoes, and there was not an ant in sight.

The food, prepared by SAGE's official caterer **Café Primavera**, consisted of grilled hamburgers, all beef hot dogs on fresh buns, homemade coleslaw, and Chef Giacomo's potato salad. The salad, from an old family recipe, was smuggled out of Italy by his family during the Second World War. The recipe was almost confiscated by immigration agents at Ellis Island who thought it was some important secret war communication. Fortunately, the immigration agent was taken by the ravishing beauty of Giacomo's aunt when she gave the agent a wink and a big smile. The agent was so smitten that he tracked her down, they started dating and eventually married, had a family and opened up an Italian supermarket!

The luncheon program started with the Reverend Deacon **Jean Johnson** giving the invocation. Jean is a former SAGE President. This was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance led by **Michael Gagne's** young sons and the singing of God Bless America and America The Beautiful. Our official SAGE pianist, **Kris Nicholson**, did a great job with the music. SAGE Board Member, **Captain Carl Barton** was in charge of the entertainment. He auditioned several musicians and finally chose Kris. Carl worked on the music playlist for several weeks. The room was decorated with balloons and flags. **Kathy Machio and Michael Gagne** headed the decorating and set-up committee. We enjoyed lots of group singing and laughter. We knew everyone was enjoying themselves. Normally after lunch is served people get up and leave. Not this time. Members and guests lingered and enjoyed homemade baked goods prepared and donated by SAGE Board Member **Patrick Vida**. The welcoming committee consisted of **Brother John Chandler** at the door along with the personable **Leo Glickstein**. **Allen Churchman**, our ever efficient Treasurer/Office Manager, prepared the reservation roster.

In addition to the fantastic Lunch & Learn we also held our informal Meet Up at The Aruba Beach Café in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Located right on the Atlantic Ocean, the café made for a lovely, relaxing cocktail hour with fun conversation. Members then ordered from the menu and paid for what they ordered. This was a well-attended, mid-summer activity at a very appropriate location. Thanks to the Social Committee for scouting this place out. Captain Carl chaired this event with the assistance of **John Chandler, Allen Churchman and Dr. Marty Horowitz**.

We continue to work hard to find fun, creative and reasonably priced activities for our members. For a complete roster of all of SAGE of South Florida's activities, see The Daily SAGE on page 3 of this newsletter, or you can visit our website – www.sageofsofl.org. Here you will find our monthly calendar of SAGE-Sponsored activities. Additional updates on events and activities can also be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SageOfSouthFloridaInc/.

These are SAGE Sponsored Events

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July 8, 2016

Mr. Terry DeCarlo
Executive Director
The Center
946 N. Mills Ave.
Orlando, FL 32803

Dear Terry:

Enclosed are the Get Well/Thinking of You Cards which you graciously agreed to distribute to the recovering survivors of the Pulse Massacre. We understand that due to privacy concerns you cannot release their names and addresses at this time, so that we could send them directly. In light of this, we truly appreciate your willingness to see that they reach those who are recovering.

The members of SAGE of South Florida (a Senior LGBT Advocacy and Social Organization) want to let our younger brothers and sisters know that they are in our thoughts and prayers daily. We will not forget Orlando.

If you can think of anything SAGE of South Florida can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Again, thank you, to you and your staff for all you are doing to assist the survivors, and their families and friends.

Sincerely,

Carl M. Galli,
President, SAGE of South Florida

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
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	Birthday	ANN	GOWEN	Aug-17
BRUCE S.	GELLY	Aug-03	LARRY	TINSLEY	Aug-17
RICHARD TRICKY	MAGGIORE	Aug-04	JOEL	RUBIN	Aug-20
CHARLES	SCARCELLA	Aug-04	RICHARD E.	LENZI	Aug-21
RON	BAST	Aug-05	JOYCE	EDELSON	Aug-23
HARVEY	CHASSER	Aug-06	JOEL A.	RISCH	Aug-23
PEGGY	WATSON	Aug-06	MICHAEL	GAGNE	Aug-24
MICHAEL	THAU	Aug-07	JOEL	GLASS	Aug-24
REX	COSTON	Aug-09	JOHN L. MAC	MCINTOSH	Aug-27
SHARON	KNOWLES	Aug-10	RAY	DRAKOFF	Aug-30
TRISH J.	STYPKA	Aug-10	CHARLES	OHSIEK	Aug-30
ANN	SMITH	Aug-11	GENE	TEMPLETON	Aug-30
THOMAS	LYONS	Aug-15			

New Members in June 2016

Ron Bast, Robert Bellone, Steve Johnson, Deb McNeerney, Michael J. Roussell, Edward Slough, Mary Vasiliades

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.

SAGE PRESENTS TO INTEGRITY

Ann C. Smith

SAGE of South Florida was invited by **Joe Kolb**, Convener of Integrity/Palm Beach, to attend their June monthly meeting and give a "Talk" about SAGE. Integrity, a Christian religious group, meets monthly on a Saturday evening at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Lake Worth. They have a religious service followed by a potluck supper and presentation by an invited speaker.

I spent 3 weeks nervously preparing for the event and the day finally came. Armed with absolutely beautiful SAGE flyers and our top notch newsletter (plus a single page flyer that included all the SAGE affiliates throughout our country as well as a picture of "The Stonewall" in New York City) Caroline Leto and I set out for our adventure.



It turned out to be a lovely experience. Joe greeted us warmly as did other members of this group. **Mary and Deb** who regularly attend SOBA (Sage on the Border/Alternatives) at the Volen Center in Boca Raton also showed up unexpectedly. The potluck was sumptuous and then the "Talk" began. As Joe distributed the handouts I asked if there was anyone who never heard of SAGE. Only 3 hands went up. After explaining what the acronym SAGE stood for I briefly shared the history of SAGE.

So, what have studies shown to be THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN among retired persons – LONELINESS! For people who are in relationships - partners, spouses or other family members are more important than the activities they engage in. For single individuals, FRIENDS ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO BE WITH THAN WHAT THE ACTIVITY IS. Mental health, physical health and quality of life are ALL enhanced with socialization.

What does SAGE of South Florida do BEST? We provide numerous weekly, monthly, and yearly opportunities for our members to reconnect with old friends and meet new acquaintances. It is our tradition. We invite all our members to share the camaraderie and support found among our members. Just look at our flyer and newsletter and you'll see what I mean. Socialization is our raison d'être and we are VERY good at it. If we can't help, we'll refer you to someone who can.

As I looked out among the attendees, I could see everyone gathered in small groups reading the flyer and the newsletter. It was a good night.

SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES



with Carl M. Galli, Marc Flanagan & Michael Vita

Have you ever seen a movie that is so representative of your life, even down to having spent one's formative years in the same locale? That is the case between this writer and several of the characters in The SAGE August Movie, **"Edge of Seventeen."** Hollywood often manufactures coming-of-age flicks with similar themes and soundtracks that match the era of the film. For instance, people in my father's generation cite the movie "Summer of '42", while others born 20 years later mention "American Graffiti" in this respect.

"Edge of Seventeen" was released in 1998 as a semi-autobiographical piece written by Todd Stevens. He and the main character, Eric (played by Chris Stafford), were raised in an Ohio community where being an outsider can be a challenge. Prior to starting his senior year in high school, Eric takes a summer job in an amusement park restaurant. The initial dread he felt quickly evaporates when encountering his offbeat supervisor, Angie (portrayed by Lea DeLaria). Things are so light and airy between Angie and her employees that they have parties at her house and bowl together.

Two co-workers have influences on Eric's sexuality. He and Maggie (Tina Holmes), have a hybrid relationship that is one moment platonic, the next sort of romantic. She reveals to Eric that she told someone they "are a pair." Rod, (Andersen Gabrych) responds to Eric's inquiry about having a girlfriend with the name of a male. This is met with ambivalence on Eric's part. As time goes on, our two curiosity seekers "round the bases," which results in some problems of perception and expectations.

Everybody should have parents like Eric's. They can't be considered as trendy, but are really cool

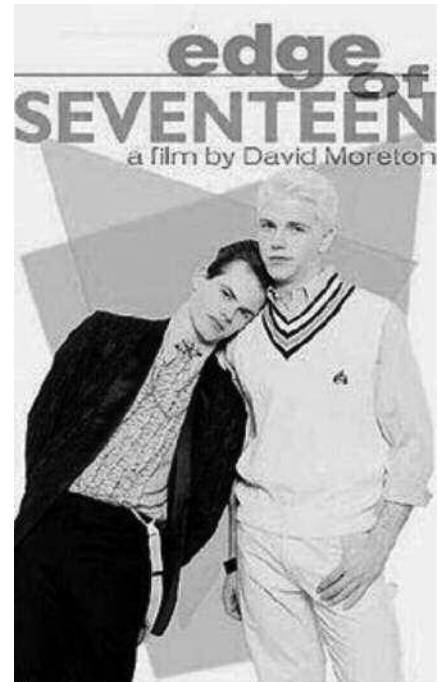
when dealing with most of their teen's fashion and personal statements. He and his mom are especially close, including writing him cute notes and putting them in his lunch box. Son expresses a wish to attend college in a large city with high tuition, a request made manageable by her offer to work a third shift in a diner.

As Eric proceeds towards graduation, he transforms his hairstyle and personality. While at an extracurricular activity, a homophobic slur is uttered that prompts Eric to explore an aspect of his life previously forbidden. As this adventure evolves, it has its most

comical and poignant moments. One of these episodes was when Eric hooks up with a trick in a venue that he initially deemed as undesirable. When it becomes obvious to him that his partner doesn't share the same sentiments for Eric, he takes out his angst on Rod, who (at this point) was an innocent party.

More episodes like this are displayed. Things get out of hand and statements are uttered that are construed as harsh (at the time). Mom, who demonstrates her affection for Eric at her most irate, finally brings this matter to a head. The conclusion is positive with reconciliations at an intrinsic and personal level.

The movie is unrated with two or three nude scenes, sex acts and about six utterances of profanity. "Edge of Seventeen" will screen sub-titled on Monday, August 15 at 4:00 pm in Room 204 of the Pride Center. The 103 minutes running time will allow viewers the opportunity to discuss the proceedings as we dine afterwards.



SAGE Women's Potluck



In a renewed effort to bring together the women of SAGE of South Florida, the SAGE Women gathered for a Potluck on June 25, 2016.

I came up with the idea and 21 women responded. It was held on a fine Saturday afternoon at our home in Delray Beach. Though the smoldering temperature climbed, the table was set on the patio and the brave ones lunched out there while the rest took their seats throughout the house.

An abundance of food arrived with each attendee. Nancy even ordered a sheet cake (see photo on page 5) to celebrate the renewal of the old and very popular potlucks. Must also note that Josie supplied us with a huge tray of fresh fruit from "The Boys." Does anyone not know this store? Feedback tells us the gathering was a great success. No small measure of thanks goes to Dean, my son, who kept things moving smoothly.

Joan Frimmer offered to host a potluck at her house this Fall. So, we are on our way ladies to more fun.

Caroline Leto



Be sure to check out all the photos from the SAGE Women's Potluck at <http://www.sagewebsite.org/photo-gallery/>

SAGE EVENT CALENDAR

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives	2	3 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club	4	5	6 9:30 am SAGE Board Meeting 12:30 pm SAGE Monthly Luncheon
7	8 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives	9	10 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club	11 12:00 pm SAGE Women's Luncheon	12 LAST DAY TO ORDER TICKETS FOR 2016 – 2017 Broadway Series.	13 11:00 am SAGE Book Club
14	15 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives 4:00 pm SAGE Movie Edge of Seventeen at Pride Center AV Room 204	16	17 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club	18 10:45 am Co-Ed SAGES of SAGE Discussion Group	19	20
21	22 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives 5:30 pm Men's Night Out	23	24 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club 5:00 pm SAGE Mid-Summer's Night Dinner at Chatham House	25	26	27
28	29 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives	30	31 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club			

UPCOMING SAGE EVENTS

Friday, August 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm -- 2016-2017 Broadway Tickets Sale closes. **ALL ORDER MUST BE IN. Download your reservation form at:**
www.sagewebsite.org/sage-programs/sage-social-activities/.

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 (5:00 pm Mixer and 6:00 pm Dining) at Chatham House, (954) 351-0310. Located at 4331 N. Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea 33308 (on the West Side of A1A just South of Commercial Boulevard. Go to the SAGE website <http://www.sagewebsite.org/sage-programs/sage-social-activities/> for reservation form.

Thursday, September 22, 2016 SAGE MEET UP at Lester's Diner, 4701 Coconut Creek Parkway, Margate, FL 33063 (954-979-4722). Mixer in the Atrium Room from 4:30 to 5:30 pm followed by Dinner in the Main Dining Room from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. No reservations needed. Watch for flyer in the September newsletter or go to Social Events on the SAGE website (www.sagewebsite.org).

Community Events

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 Presents The 2016 – 2017 Broadway Series

in cooperation with Bank of America's "Broadway in Ft. Lauderdale" & The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

Okay, Broadway Lovers. We've got our seats. We've got our dates. Now we need you for the **2016 – 2017 BROADWAY SERIES** ALL SHOWS are Sunday, 1:00 pm Matinees



October 9, 2016
Mezzanine \$52.00
Rear Orchestra \$60.00



December 18, 2016
Mezzanine \$62.00
Rear Orchestra \$72.00



January 15, 2017
Mezzanine \$60.00
Rear Orchestra \$68.00



March 26, 2017
Mezzanine \$60.00
Rear Orchestra \$68.00



April 30, 2017
Mezzanine \$72.00
Rear Orchestra \$82.00



May 21, 2017
Mezzanine \$52.00
Rear Orchestra \$60.00



June 18, 2017
Mezzanine \$64.00
Rear Orchestra \$72.00

SAGE IS NOW Pre-BOOKING for ANY and ALL 7 SHOWS.
Pre-Booking will close on FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

WE MUST SELL AT LEAST 10 SEATS for EACH SHOW
to Get Group Rates. BUY NOW and INSURE YOURS!

NO REFUNDS! If you Buy a Ticket and You Cannot Go Please Give it to a Friend
Pricing, as indicated with each show above, includes fees.



BUY ONE or ALL SHOWS NOW and GUARANTEE your SEATS

YES! I want the Following Number of tickets to:

RENT # _____ CINDERELLA # _____ CABARET # _____ SOMETHING ROTTEN # _____
MATILDA # _____ MAMMA MIA # _____ FINDING NEVERLAND# _____

MY PHONE: _____

MY CHECK FOR \$ _____

Enclosed amount for total number of tickets

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

Mail with Payment to SAGE, P.O. BOX 70516, Oakland Park, FL 33307

Questions or to pay with Credit Card Call the SAGE Office at (954) 634-7219

A SAGE-Sponsored Activity



Join SAGE for a Mid-Summer's Night Dinner at

CHATHAM HOUSE

4331 N Ocean Dr., Lauderdale-by-the-Sea 33308



(On the West Side of A1A, Just South of Commercial Blvd.) 954-351-0310

Wednesday August 24, 2016 5 – 7:30pm

Mixer at Cash Bar 5 – 6pm (NO Entry until 5:00 pm) Dinner Seating: 6:00 pm

First Course: Soup of the Day or House Salad Bread Service

Entrée Choice of one from:

BAKED COD with House-made Stuffing (with French Fries and Cole Slaw)

CHICKEN MARSALA Sautéed Mushrooms, in a Marsala Wine Sauce (Pasta Side)

FILET MIGNON (6oz Center Cut) with Garlic Mashed Potatoes

EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA (in a light tomato sauce) with a Pasta Side

Dessert:

Pistachio Pound Cake with Pistachio Ice Cream or New York Style Cheese Cake or Tiramisu

Included Beverage (at table) Coffee or Iced Tea

Pricing: \$21 @ Members & \$25@ Non-Members

3 course meal inclusive of specified beverages, any tax and gratuity. *Cash Bar *not* included in price.

Members' Price has been Subsidized by SAGE

Reservations close no later than Friday, August 19, 2016 -NO REFUNDS

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SAGE goes to Chatham House for DINNER (August 24, 2016)

____ MEMBERS @ \$21 & ____ NON-MEMBERS @ \$25 My Phone Number: _____

NAME: _____ Write-in Entrée Choice: _____

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Send with Payment to SAGE, PO Box 70516, Oakland Park, FL 33307

For More Information Please Call: 954-634-7219

A SAGE-Sponsored Activity

2016 Annual School Supply Drive



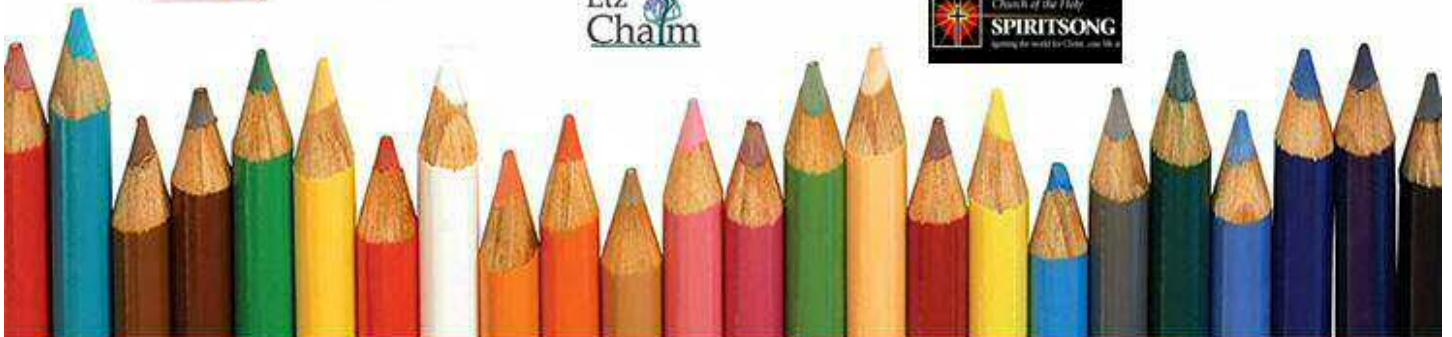
July 11th-August 15th

The Pride Center at Equality Park • 2040 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

**Help us support Tools for Schools
and Broward Education Foundation by
donating school supplies to The Pride Center**



THE PRIDE CENTER



If you would like to have a collection bin at your organization or place of business,
please go to www.browardedfoundation.org/drive
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For all other inquiries, please contact:
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