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"For the Good of Our Country"

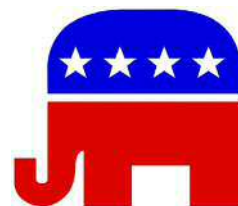
by Carl M. Galli, President, SAGE of South Florida



We stand at either a piedmont or a chasm of historic importance. Depending on who is speaking. And the choices we make may well determine futures beyond our own.

Of course we know after the seemingly interminable months of grueling primary speeches (and one billion dollars in spending) we now have the two main party candidates for President -who were pretty much predicted seven months ago: **Secretary Hillary Clinton** or **Mr. Donald Trump**. Both of whom have 100%

name recognition. Both of whom we have known "intimately" over the past few decades. Or maybe not at all. Each picked a Mid-West born white man as running mate: A Vice-Presidential candidate who would be "a heartbeat away from the Presidency" should it become necessary. And about whom we know very little.



Senator Tim Kaine (D –Virginia) said of himself: "I went to a Jesuit boys' high school ... It was there that my faith became something vital.... when I left ... I knew I wanted to battle for social justice."

Governor Mike Pence (R –Indiana) has said: "I'm a Christian. A Conservative. And a Republican. In that order."

So what do we make of these "strange bedfellows" which politics has wrought? How do we figure this out? Of course we can go to their official websites to discern their policies and proposals: hillaryclinton.com or donaldjtrump.com. Or watch CNN or Fox News. Or simply say we don't like/trust/want either one; and vote, not our conscience, but our gut. And that, of course, is each individual's choice. But remember that we're not playing games here. We are voting for a person who will lead our country. Who will appoint the next Supreme Court Justice. Who will make treaties. Who will command our men and women in war. And protect the peace.

As part of our Educational mission, I have chosen to look at each Party Platform. Mostly, symbolic, as we know. But a good representation of what we can expect regarding some matters of importance to the LGBT Community.

Democratic Platform

Fixing Our Broken Immigration System

....we will ensure humane alternatives for those who pose no public threat. We recognize that there are vulnerable communities within our immigration system who are often seeking refuge from persecution abroad, such as LGBT families, for whom detention can be unacceptably dangerous.

Guaranteeing Civil Rights

Democrats will always fight to end discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, language, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. We need to promote civility and speak out against bigotry and other forms of intolerance that have entered our political discourse. It is unacceptable to target, defame, or exclude anyone because of their race, ethnicity, national origin, language, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. While freedom of expression is a fundamental constitutional principle, we must condemn hate speech that creates a fertile climate for violence....

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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 information. The restaurant's phone is 954.623.6400.



JOEL GLASS

SAGE of South Florida

Mourns the loss of our dear friends and members



CAROL YOUNGBLOOD

September 3, 2016 at 12:30 pm HERB SKOLNICK COMMUNITY CENTER

800 S.W. 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, Sept. 1, 2016 by calling 954.634.7219.**



**Kevin Goldman, Group Sales
Coordinator for Broward
Center for the Performing
Arts, will present on the
Center's 2016-2017 Broadway
Series.**

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.

SEPTEMBER MENU

Romaine Hearts Salad

Vegetables Fusilli

(Spring Vegetables in a Pink Sauce)

Chicken Cacciatora

(Breast Morsels in a Vegetable & Tomato Sauce)

Grilled Chicken

Zucchini & Yellow Squash

Chocolate Mousse

Catered By



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. Anne Garréta's *Sphinx* impressed French readers and critics when it was published in 1986. Recounting an increasingly amorous friendship between a French theology scholar (who is the narrator) and A***, an American nightclub dancer who works in Paris, the author pulls off a stylistic feat: it is impossible to determine the gender of the two main characters. Is it a woman-woman, man-man, man-woman, or woman-man relationship? Please consider joining in the discussion on September 10 at the Stonewall Library, 1300 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, from 11 AM to noon. All readers are welcome - no reservation is required. For additional 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: _____



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 ☐

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



Wouldn't it be enjoyable to get together once a month with other SAGE members to talk about relevant 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 September meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2016 at 10:45 a.m. in Room B208 at the Pride Center. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.



Join the SAGE Group
on Facebook:
SAGEofSouthFloridaInc




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!*

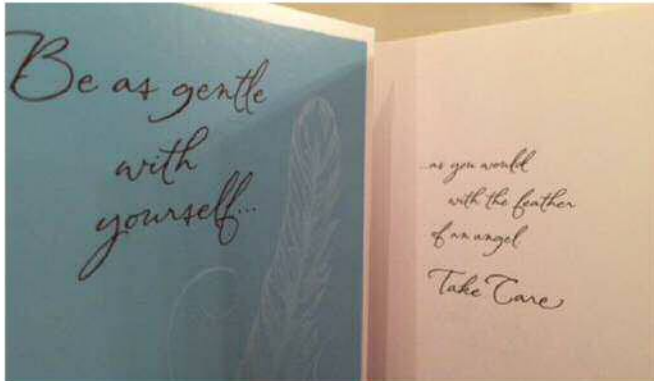


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Wednesday 7:00 PM
Saturday 5:00 PM • Sunday 10:30 AM

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CARDS FOR ORLANDO SURVIVORS



Ed Luisi and Andy Masterson recently visited the Pulse Memorial in Orlando.



JULY MEET UP AT ARUBA



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



NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP IN

Ron Catena

What a wonderful group of men! Is it any wonder that we have developed a warm and caring relationship with each other and continue to

meet every week with a full house or close to one?

I was reading an article about how many family members of the surviving Orlando massacre victims lived outside the United States. They had to return home, to their jobs, to their families or school after spending time caring for and emotionally supporting their loved ones who continue to recover in the Orlando area.

I thought, perhaps we should let them know that SAGE members are thinking of them. I thought we should send them individual "get well/thinking of you" cards. I ran the idea by our President, **Carl Galli**. He said "Do it." We reached out to **Terry DeCarlo**, Executive Director of The Center in Orlando. We asked him how we should best proceed. He promptly volunteered to distribute the completed cards. Over 30 Drop In members wrote personal notes of encouragement and good wishes. Our Treasurer/Office Manager, **Allen Churchman**, volunteered to take care of the mailing of the cards. Our good friends at SAGE on the Border/Alternatives quickly responded and joined us in the card writing. Board Member, **Frank Piasecki** delivered the cards to be shipped to Orlando. So, together we sent scores of cards to our recovering brothers and sisters. Photos of SAGE members writing messages and signing the cards can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.

Another example of the Drop In members generosity this year is SAGE of South Florida's participation in The Pride Center's Back to School Supply Drive. Our guys donated bags and bags of pens, pencils, notebooks, erasers, writing paper – whatever a student would need.

Once again this year our very own Captain **Carl Barton** will represent SAGE of South Florida at the SAGENet National Conference. Carl has developed a close working relationship with members of the SAGE USA staff in New York and SAGE members from around the country. This year's conference is in Tampa. Thank you Carl for taking the time out of your birthday week to conduct SAGE business.

The Drop In Members celebrated Labor Day with a fun luncheon held in the main hall at The Pride Center. The luncheon was well attended. The food was good and our "official pianist" **Kris Nicholson** entertained us. Thanks to all of the volunteers who make these events happen and run smoothly.

On a sad note, longtime SAGE member **Joel Glass** has passed away. Joel was a frequent Drop In participant. He had not attended for a while since the drive from his home to The Pride Center became difficult. Joel was a retired history teacher and always shared his knowledge of American history with the group. Joel leaves behind his longtime partner, Jim Smith, to whom we send our condolences. The Men's Drop In Group meets every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at The Pride Center. The conversation is always lively and interesting. Come and join us!

SOCIAL LITES

Ron Catena

By popular demand SAGE of South Florida will once again celebrate our anniversary on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the newly renovated Lester's Diner on Coconut Creek Parkway in Margate. The venue has undergone a complete makeover and looks great. This will be an informal Meet Up which simply means no advanced reservations are needed. You will order from the menu and pay for what you order. The menu includes everything from burgers and sandwiches to complete meals all reasonably priced. We will meet in the diner's atrium from 4:30 to 5:30 pm for drinks and socializing and move into the front dining room at 5:30 pm for the food service. Last year we had a full house of members and guests and received rave reviews from those who attended. See the enclosed flyer for complete details. SAGE Celebrates Oktoberfest at The Ambry. We will meet for mix and mingle at 5:30 pm at this German restaurant, located at 3016 E. Commercial Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. See the enclosed flyer for details.

On Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm in The Pride Center's Main Hall, SAGE of South Florida will present a concert by the Florida Grand Opera. This event will be open to the entire community. No reservations required.

SAGE of South Florida will celebrate Veterans Day in November with a dinner at Zuckerello's. This is a very fun and well-attended event (time and date to be determined).

On Sunday, December 11, 2016, SAGE will hold its annual Holiday Party at the lovely Galuppi's Restaurant. Last year the event was sold out. The food was extraordinary. The service was impeccable. The owners were delighted to learn that we are returning. Menu and reservation information will follow.

SAGE of South Florida will present Michael Vita in Concert on Sunday, December 18, 2016. The event will be at The Pride Center's Main Hall. Michael is a Broadway veteran. Last year his show at The Pride Center, "Who I Once Was," drew the largest audience ever. We literally ran out of seats – truly a standing room only event. The concert will be open to all members of the community. More details will follow.

In January 2017 we will hold our Annual Milestone Birthday Celebration where we honor those members who reached a milestone birthday of 75, 80, 85, 90 and beyond. The celebration will include a sumptuous lunch and some wonderful entertainment. The event will be held in the Main Hall of The Pride Center. Sign up and other details will follow.

A Valentine's Day Luncheon will be held in February 2017 at Café Primavera. Time and date will be determined.

On Sunday, February 19, 2017 well known classical pianist Dr. Deric Bownds will perform a recital playing classical piano favorites. More details of this event, open to the community, will follow.

So, has the Social Committee been hard at work? You bet. And we enjoyed every minute of working together to bring unique and fun events to our members, guests and the community.

The August Dinner at The Chatham House in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea is shaping up to be a well-attended, fun event. Thanks to the members of the Social Committee who selected the venue and menu. A special thanks to Kathy Macchio who was our menu consultant for this event. Kathy is a retired restaurateur who once owned a pizzeria in Fort Lauderdale called Badda Bing. Her motto was "A Smile With Every Slice." Thanks Kathy.

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

SAGE Message Line - 954.634.7219 - www.sagewebsite.org

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

Maria Diaz, Public Affairs Specialist, South Florida Area Director's Office



HONORING THE BENEFICIARIES OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security is committed to the principles and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which improves the lives of our beneficiaries and our employees who have disabilities.

We also want you to see and hear from the people who rely on Social Security disability benefits to not just survive, but thrive, as active members of our communities. Our Faces and Facts of Disability website highlights the real life stories of people who have disabilities.

The newest person we are featuring on our Faces and Facts of Disability website is Lynne Parks. She is an artist from Baltimore, Maryland. First diagnosed with metastatic fibrosarcoma at age 14, she has lived with this illness for nearly 35 years. It started in her face and moved to different parts of her body, including her abdomen and leg. She also has various tumors on her shoulder and arm.

Inflammatory responses, infections, and new tumors are complications that Lynne deals with every day. "Because of the tumors, I have limited use of my left arm," Lynne said. "I have weakness in my legs. There's fatigue because my immune system has taken such a big hit from the cancer and the cancer treatments. I get sick all the time. There might be a day that I can be at home and resting and I'll try to make the best of it. I'll wake up, fix breakfast and eat, and that takes a while because of my physical limitations, but also because of my first tumor that was in my face."

Having been helped by Social Security, Lynne tries to help others. "I'm also helping people who have issues learn to cope with them, because they see in me someone as a role model, essentially. Life without Social Security benefits, it's a horror story, because I imagine myself on the streets."

The disability benefits Lynne receives are a crucial resource for her quality of life. Our disability programs continue to be a mainstay in the lives of many people — people just like you. Social Security disability beneficiaries are among the most severely impaired people in the country. It's something that can happen to anyone. We invite you to learn the facts about the disability insurance program, and see and hear these stories of hardship and perseverance at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts.

SOCIAL SECURITY TURNS 81

Look who's over the hill! In August, we will be celebrating the 81st anniversary of Social Security. Although Social Security's overall structure remains the same, it's impossible to overlook the changes in the economy and advancements in technology that made it necessary to transform our programs into what they are today.

In 1935, President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act, which gave birth to Social Security, (almost) as we know it today. The program was created primarily as a response to the growing rate of poverty within the elderly population. Here we are in the future, and Social Security has come a long way from 1940, when Ida May Fuller became the first person to receive a benefit check. In 2015 alone, almost 60 million people received Social Security benefits.

The number of beneficiaries is growing daily, and Social Security is developing ways to make conducting business with us easier and more secure. With several services available online, including my Social Security, you might never have to visit a field office. This is especially beneficial for the aging community or those living in remote areas, as traveling to field offices may be difficult.

Choosing when to retire is an important decision. At www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator you can get an estimate of your future benefit amount. You can use "what if" scenarios to see how your benefit amounts will change with different retirement dates and future earnings estimates.

With 37 percent of the American workforce teleworking and almost 70 percent of Americans doing most of their shopping online, we have evolved into a society of convenience. Not to be outdone, like a hip grandma, Social Security has adapted to the times. Below is a list of a few of the services currently available from the convenience of your computer. Online you can:

- Request a replacement Social Security or Medicare card
- Apply for Social Security benefits
- Get your Social Security Statement
- Appeal a decision
- Find out if you qualify for benefits
- Estimate your future benefits
- Get your SSI & Medicare verification letter

Join us in wishing Social Security a Happy 81st birthday and utilize these online services by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

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 |
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| BOB | ADAMS | Sep-02 | BRUCE | WATTS | Sep-18 |
| JOHN L | IRISH | Sep-02 | JANE | KREINBERG | Sep-20 |
| JERRY | ZYGMUNT | Sep-02 | RAQUEL C | WHITE | Sep-20 |
| CHARLES | ESKRIDGE | Sep-03 | CHARLES W (CHIP) | WINEY | Sep-21 |
| ROGER | OSHEA | Sep-04 | CUBBY A | CUNNINGHAM | Sep-22 |
| TERRY | WILLIAMS | Sep-04 | WILLIAM J | HEVERT | Sep-22 |
| MARY | VASILIADES | Sep-05 | MIKE | ZUKOWSKI | Sep-22 |
| JOE | MARTIN | Sep-06 | MARC | FLANAGAN | Sep-24 |
| RICHARD J | JANNOTTI | Sep-08 | DEB | MCNERNEY | Sep-25 |
| INEZ | PASHER | Sep-10 | STEVE | JOHNSON | Sep-29 |
| KENNETH M | MOORE | Sep-15 | FRANK W | BILANCIA | Sep-30 |
| CLAYTON | RANEY | Sep-18 | NORMA | WINGO | Sep-30 |

10 Years Anniversary

KENNETH M. MOORE

JUL-6

New Members in June 2016

Dennis Hudson, Randall Love, Bert Mittler

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.

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Guaranteeing Women's Rights

We are committed to ensuring full equality for women. Democrats will fight to end gender discrimination in the areas of education, employment, health care, or any other sphere. We will combat biases across economic, political, and social life that hold women back and limit their opportunities and also tackle specific challenges facing women of color. After 240 years, we will finally enshrine the rights of women in the Constitution by passing the Equal Rights Amendment. And we will urge U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Guaranteeing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights

Democrats applaud last year's decision by the Supreme Court that recognized that LGBT people like other Americans have the right to marry the person they love. But there is still much work to be done. LGBT kids continue to be bullied at school, restaurants can refuse to serve transgender people, and same-sex couples are at risk of being evicted from their homes. That is unacceptable and must change. Democrats will fight for the continued development of sex discrimination law to cover LGBT people. We will also fight for comprehensive federal non-discrimination protections for all LGBT Americans, to guarantee equal rights in areas such as housing, employment, public accommodations, credit, jury service, education, and federal funding.

We will oppose all state efforts to discriminate against LGBT individuals, including legislation that restricts the right to access public spaces. We support a progressive vision of religious freedom that respects pluralism and rejects the misuse of religion to discriminate. We will combat LGBT youth homelessness and improve school climates. We will support LGBT elders, ensure access to necessary health care, and protect LGBT people from violence -including ending the crisis of violence against transgender Americans. We will also promote LGBT human rights and ensure America's foreign policy is inclusive of LGBT people around the world.

HIV and AIDS

Democrats believe an AIDS-free generation is within our grasp. But today far too many Americans living with HIV are without access to quality care and too many new infections occur each year. That is why we will implement the National HIV and AIDS Strategy; increase research funding for the National Institutes of Health; cap pharmaceutical expenses for people living with HIV and AIDS; reform HIV criminalization laws; and expand access for harm reduction programs and HIV prevention medications, particularly for the populations most at risk of infection. Abroad, we will continue our commitment to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and increase global funding for HIV and AIDS prevention and treatment.

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SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES



with Carl M. Galli, Marc Flanagan & Michael Vita

Our September movie selection is **Flawless**, a 1999 crime comedy-drama film that stars **Robert De Niro and Philip Seymour Hoffman**. It was directed by out-gay filmmaker Joel Schumacher, who also wrote the screenplay. (Running time is 112 minutes.)

Walter Koontz (Robert De Niro) is a highly decorated “local hero” officer of the New York police department who lives in a downtown apartment complex. Despite his locale and the rampant run of drag queens in his building, he tends to keep to himself and still lives a life involved with lovely women, dancing and dining. One night, he hears gunshots upstairs, and while ascending to help suffers a stroke. He awakens with the right side of his body paralyzed resulting in poor speech and posture, and giving him an unrecoverable limp that requires him to use a cane to get around.

He suffers a massive blow to his ego, and Walter becomes ashamed to be seen in public in such a fashion. Rusty (Philip Seymour Hoffman) is one of Walter’s drag queen neighbors, and the two are at odds constantly due to their differing lifestyles.

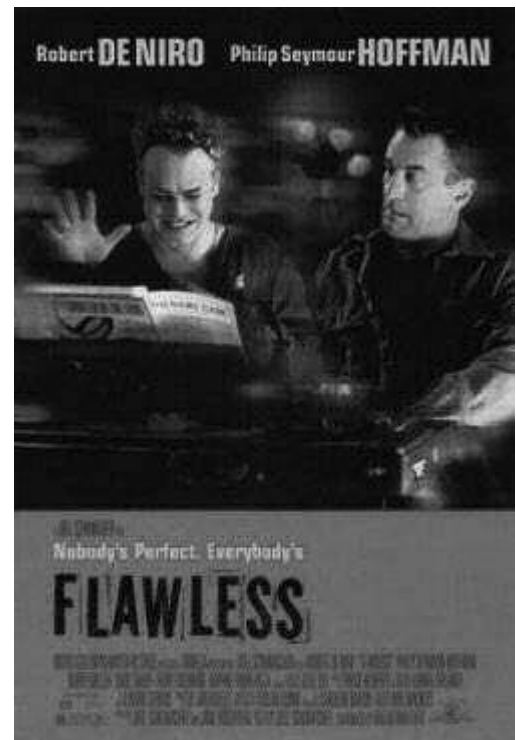
Rusty has a desire to undergo a transsexual operation, but lacks the money to do so. When Walter comes to Rusty to use his musical talents for voice lessons to overcome his impediment, the pair, while at first argumentative and uncomfortable with each other, begin to become friends. Walter begins to gain confidence and make strides to return to normal life.

However, their newfound friendship is marred when Rusty shows Walter a stash of money, hidden in the body of his dress making mannequin, which is enough to pay for his operation. When Walter inquires how Rusty got the money, Rusty says he stole it from a drug pusher, who was also responsible for the attack the night Walter had his stroke. Outraged by this, Walter and Rusty part ways angrily.

One night, after returning from a drag beauty contest called “Flawless”, Rusty is accosted by the criminals who had crept into his apartment to find the stolen money. Walter hears the commotion and runs up to save Rusty’s life.

What happens next is surprising!

SAGE of South Florida will screen *Flawless* on Monday, September 19th, at 4pm, in Room 204 of The Pride Center. Optional dinner will follow.



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Democrats will always protect those living with HIV and AIDS from stigma and discrimination.

(from pgs. 18, 19, 48 - 2016 Democratic Platform) Read the Entire Platform here: www.demconvention.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Democratic-Party-Platform

Republican Platform

Defending Marriage Against an Activist Judiciary

Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values. We condemn the Supreme Court's ruling in *United States v. Windsor*, which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law. We also condemn the Supreme Court's lawless ruling in

Obergefell v. Hodges, which in the words of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, was a "judicial Putsch"...

Marriage, Family, and Society

Foremost among those institutions is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman....

We honor the courageous efforts of those who bear the burdens of parenting alone and embrace the principle that all Americans should be treated with dignity and respect. But respect is not enough. Our laws and our government's regulations should recognize marriage as the union of one man and one woman and actively promote married family life as the basis of a stable and prosperous society. For that reason, as explained elsewhere in this platform, we do not accept the Supreme Court's redefinition of marriage and we urge its reversal, whether through judicial reconsideration or a constitutional amendment returning control over marriage to the states. We oppose government discrimination against businesses or entities which decline to sell items or services to individuals for activities that go against their religious views about such activities.

Title IX

We emphatically support the original, authentic meaning of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. It affirmed that "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." That language opened up for girls and women a world of opportunities that had too often been denied to them. That same provision of law is now being used by bureaucrats — and by the current President of the United States — to impose a social and cultural revolution upon the American people by wrongly redefining sex discrimination to include sexual orientation or other categories.... Their edict to the states concerning restrooms, locker rooms, and other facilities is at once illegal, dangerous, and ignores privacy issues. We salute the several states which have filed suit against it.

Restoring Patient Control and Preserving Quality in Healthcare

Any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act of 2010: Obamacare. It weighs like the dead hand of the past upon American medicine.... It must be removed and replaced with an approach based on genuine competition, patient choice, excellent care, wellness, and timely access to treatment. To that end, a Republican president, on the first day in office, will use legitimate waiver authority under the law to halt its advance and then, with the unanimous support of Congressional Republicans, will sign its repeal....

Protecting Individual Conscience in Healthcare

America's healthcare professionals should not be forced to choose between following their faith and practicing their profession. We respect the rights of conscience of healthcare professionals, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and organizations, especially the faith-based groups which provide a major portion of care for the nation and the needy. We support the ability of all organizations to provide, purchase, or enroll in healthcare coverage consistent with their religious, moral, or ethical convictions without discrimination or penalty. We support the right of parents to determine the proper medical treatment and therapy for their minor children....

Supporting Our Troops: Standing by Our Heroes

We support the rights of conscience of military chaplains of all faiths to practice their faith free from political interference. We reject attempts by the Obama Administration to censure and silence them, particularly Christians and Christian chaplains. We support an increase in the size of the Chaplain Corps. A Republican commander-in-chief will protect the religious freedom of all military members, especially chaplains, and will not tolerate attempts to ban Bibles or religious symbols from military facilities. A Republican commander-in-chief will also encourage education regarding the religious liberties of military personnel under both the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the current National Defense Authorization Act.

(from pgs. 11, 31-32, 35-37, 43 – 2016 Republican Platform) Read the Entire Platform here:

www.gop.com/the-2016-republican-party-platform

Disclaimer: I have listed candidates and platforms alphabetically. I have copied Platform language verbatim from the Platforms themselves. No endorsement should be inferred. The title quote is from Former NYC Mayor Bloomberg (I).



SAGE EVENT CALENDAR

September 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 9:30 am SAGE Board Meeting 12:30 pm SAGE Monthly Luncheon |
| 4 | 5 LABOR DAY | 6 | 7 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club | 8 12:00 pm SAGE Women's Luncheon | 9 | 10 11:00 am SAGE Book Club |
| 11 | 12 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives | 13 | 14 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club | 15 10:45 am Co-Ed SAGES of SAGE Discussion Group | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives 4:00 pm SAGE Movie Presents Flawless at The Pride Center Room 204 | 20 | 21 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club | 22 4:30 pm SAGE Meet Up at Lester's Diner | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 11:00 am SAGE on the Border Co-Ed/Alternatives 5:30 pm Men's Night Out | 27 | 28 1:00 pm Men's Drop-In @ Pride Center at Equality Park 4:00 pm Computer Club | 29 | 30 | |

UPCOMING SAGE EVENTS

Thursday, September 22, 2016 (4:30 – 5:30 pm Mix & Mingle; 5:30 – 7:30 pm dinner): SAGE 22nd Anniversary Meet-Up at Lester's Diner, 4701 Coconut Creek Parkway, Margate, FL 33063. No reservations required.

SAGE Celebrates Oktoberfest on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 (5:30 pm Mix & Mingle): The Ambry German Restaurant at 3016 E. Commercial Blvd. See flyer for details.

Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm: Florida Grand Opera concert at The Pride Center's Main Hall. Open to the Community.

November: Veteran's Day Celebration at Zuckerello's. Details to follow.

Sunday, December 11, 2016: SAGE Holiday Party at Galuppi's Restaurant. More details to follow.

Sunday, December 18, 2016: Michael Vita in Concert at The Pride Center's Main Hall. Open to the Community.

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 in Wilton Manors).

SAGE 22nd ANNIVERSARY MEET-UP

at



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4701 COCONUT CREEK PARKWAY, MARGATE, FL. 33063

(954) 979-4722

Thursday

September 22, 2016

4:30pm – 7:30pm

No reservations required

Tell the Hostess that you're with SAGE

Eat! Drink! Be MERRY!

**Come *Relax* and *Renew* Old Friendships
on this First Day of Autumn**

4:30 – 5:30

Mix & Mingle in the *Atrium* Where Beer & Wine *Cash Bar is Available*

5:30 – 7:30

Bountiful Menu Available in the *Front Room*



JOIN SAGE FOR AN *OKTOBERFEST* DINNER AT THE AMBRY



3016 E Commercial Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

954-771-7342

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 5:30 - 7:30pm Drinks at Cash Bar* 5 – 5:30pm

Select from one of the following entrée choices:

Roast Pork - served with Red Cabbage

Bayrische Bauernplatter - Bratwurst and smoked Pork Loin over Sauerkraut

Trout with Lemon Butter

Prime Rib Au Jus

*All Entrées include SOUP (Soup of the Day or French Onion) AND SALAD BAR, plus
Choice of Potato or Spaetzle, plus Dessert (of the Day), plus Coffee or Iced Tea (at table)*

We will have our own dining room. Other rooms available for Overflow seating, if needed.

Enjoy gemütlichkeit with your SAGE friends!

Pricing: \$21 @ Members & \$23 @ Non-Members

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

Reservations close no later than Friday, October 14th, at 1pm – NO REFUNDS

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SAGE goes to THE AMBRY German-American Restaurant for Oktoberfest DINNER

_____ MEMBERS @ \$21 & _____ NON-MEMBERS @ \$23 My Phone Number: _____

NAME: _____ Write-in Entrée Choice: _____

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