

# The SAGE

The Newsletter of SAGE of South Florida

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H.L. Mencken -journalist, satirist, cultural critic- observed nearly a century ago that “the whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.” We see how “practical politics” continues today, as the pseudo-conservative leaders of a certain political party pander to religious fundamentalists across the American ‘bible belt’ (a term coined by Mr. Mencken) and pass legislation to “save the children” from the hobgoblins of drag queens, transgender awareness, the “gay agenda,” and “wokeness.”

This year we commemorate the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. We fought back then and must still fight on. It is vitally important this year that we celebrate ourselves and our community. Now, more than ever, show your pride.

## THE STORY OF THE SAGE-PRIME GENTLEMEN ROUND TABLE

Paul McNamara

In the fall of 2016, fellow SAGE and Prime Timers members John Siegfried and Deric Bownds posed a question to themselves: “Could it be possible for a group of gay men to exchange ideas without the conversation devolving into a discussion on penis size?” This inquiry eventually led to the formation of the Prime Gentlemen/SAGE Round Table group.

A proposal was put forth to establish a semimonthly contemporary topics or ideas group, with discussions spanning a wide range of areas such as science, politics, education, psychology, and technology. It was decided that each session would have a discussion leader who would provide a brief introduction to the chosen topic and to also act as a facilitator to guide the conversation. The idea of inviting outside speakers was also suggested. The proposal was submitted to the (then) Prime Timers and SAGE Boards, seeking their sponsorship. Upon receiving approval from the Boards, members from both groups were recruited. Within a short period, nearly two dozen individuals had agreed to participate. The inaugural meeting took place at the Pride Center on December 5, 2016.

The group experienced immediate success, with a small core of members providing collective leadership and delivering most of the presentations. Presenters from outside the group added to this mix. Over time, presentations based on personal experiences were included, which further contributed to the popularity of the group in the spring of 2020, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the group could no longer convene in person so it transitioned to online meetings using the Zoom platform. The online format offered the added advantage of enabling participants and presenters from around the world to join. In April 2022, as pandemic restrictions eased, the group introduced Zoom hybrid meetings, allowing members to gather either in person at the Pride Center or join via Zoom. Current meetings are held using this format.

***PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 3 FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUND TABLE.***

## 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
LAURENCE "TURK"	TURK	June-04	VICKY	ROBBINS	June-18
RON	VIDAKOVICH	June-04	JOHN	SMITH	June-18
ETHEL	WEINBERGER	June-05	KEITH	GORE	June-19
RICHARD	CARRAZZA	June-06	CHUCK	BELL	June-21
BOB	NOONAN	June-09	GLORIA	KEY	June-21
DON	SQUIRE	June-09	LARRY	LEARY	June-21
FRANK	SWEET	June-09	JERRY	HEATON	June-23
DAN	DRISCOLL	June-10	GARY	BEASLEY	June-25
BEVERLY	JORDAN	June-13	TONY	CAMMARATA	June-27
PAUL "SONNY"	MILLER	June-14	MARIO	ONESSIMO	June-27
SAL	ORLANDO	June-16	DAVID	COHEN	June-30
A. PATRICK	VALCHANT	June-16	DAVID	MURPHY	June-30

### 5 Year Anniversaries

STEVE SHAW

### 15 Year Anniversaries

ANTONIO BARDELLI

### New Members

LAURA HOHNECKER, PAUL OLSON, RICK ROTHBERG, CAROL WARTENBURG

*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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## THE ROUND TABLE

Paul McNamara

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ROUND TABLE MEETINGS DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST. MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.

This CoEd group, sponsored jointly with The Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, is **meeting live in Room 206 of the Pride Center and simultaneously online using the Zoom platform** to discuss contemporary topics and ideas from **2:30-3:30pm** on the **second and fourth Monday of each month**. Sessions have a moderator who presents a brief background on the discussion topic chosen for the session.

Although the group has been a success since its first meeting in 2016, post-COVID participation levels have not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels. This decline mirrors the attendance decreases observed at other SAGE and Prime Gentlemen groups and events. The reasons behind these declines are not easily explained. The group would benefit greatly from more members being willing to assume leadership roles or deliver presentations.

If you are interested in contributing in these capacities, please contact me via email at [polmac@aol.com](mailto:polmac@aol.com).



## SAGE ON THE BORDER/ALTERNATIVES (SOBA)

Frank Piasecki & Jean Arthurton



This Co-Ed discussion group meets **LIVE and IN PERSON** every Monday at 11:00am at the Volen Center, 1515 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, subject to COVID safety precautions and requirements.

Watch your email for the weekly eblast announcement. Everyone is welcome. No reservations are required.

## SAGE CO-ED DROP-IN

Michael Gagne & Kathy Macchio



Ladies of SAGE, may we have your ATTENTION PLEASE! Come to the Co-Ed Drop-In. Kathy and Michael are your hosts, every **Thursday at 3:00pm**. **Join the fun on Zoom!** It's all user-generated content – Participants bring topics, stories, and concerns to share or discuss. Check us out. Schmooze, kibitz, see some of your old friends and make some new ones. Check your emails from SAGE for the weekly announcement and link to the meeting. All (including men) are welcome!

## NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP-IN

Jefy Gaines



June, moon, swoon, and Summer is almost here. The month is mostly a Gemini Sun, which means juggling a variety of passions, hobbies, careers, and groups of friends. A time for social butterflies and the quick-witted that can talk to anyone about anything, buzzing between happy hours, dinner parties, and dance floors. Yeah, so let's have some fun. SAGE/Prime Gentlemen Men's Hybrid Drop-In meets every **Wednesday, 1:00pm to 2:00pm**: In person at the Pride Center, Room 204, and via Zoom. Doors open at 12:45pm for a little extra "schmoozing." All are welcome. We officially start at 1:00pm, first with announcements and then we share whatever is on our minds – activities, family stories, theatre, movies, restaurants, vacations, and current events. It's all in good fun and sometimes it does get serious. We are here to support each other. We close with sharing some jokes. Sometimes the jokes are not that funny and audience moaning is acceptable, but since it's always good-hearted fun, we give our jokesters an "A" for effort. So, come join us in person or on Zoom! Any questions can be emailed to Jefy at [jefgain@aol.com](mailto:jefgain@aol.com), write "SAGE of South Florida" in the subject line.

## SAGE NIGHT OUT

Ed Slough



Join us on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th**, when SAGE is having an informal dinner at **Tropics Grille**, 2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Drinks and cocktails will be from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, with "Happy Hour" prices at the bar, and dinner at 6:30pm. . Tropics has offered SAGE all dinners at half-price on Wednesday for **SAGE and our guests only** to make the evening less crowded and to provide better service than is possible on their normal half-price Mondays. You need not be a SAGE member to attend. All are welcome, including our friends from Prime Gentlemen. You can check out their menu at: <https://tropicsgrillefl.com/menu/>.

This is an event for friends to get together and celebrate the ability to socialize in person once again. It should be a good time for all. Please email me to let me know if you plan to attend so I can give Tropics a heads-up. My email is: [wildhybrid@aol.com](mailto:wildhybrid@aol.com). Thanks!





# SAGE Luncheon *at Anthony's Clam House*



# SAGE Night Out *at Tropics Grille*



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View more photos by visiting the Photo Gallery at our Website: [www.sagesofl.org](http://www.sagesofl.org)



# SAGE Lunch & Learn *at the Skolnick Center*



## 15-Year Membership Pins Awarded



**DON MITCHELL**



**MICHAEL VITA**

## SOCIAL LITES

Sal Orlando

I can't believe it's June already. Half the year is gone. The summer steamy heat is upon us. The way I handle it is to think ahead that around four months from now we will start enjoying South Florida's gorgeous fall and winter weather once again.



This past month we all enjoyed going to **Christina Wan's** on the 25th once again after quite a few years. I'm happy we did. We enjoyed great Chinese food, a nice atmosphere, and excellent service. A definite repeat for the future.

This month SAGE, on **Thursday, June 22nd**, goes back to the ever-so-popular Bona Italian Restaurant on The Drive, in Wilton Manors, where we will partake in cocktails and conversation from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM followed by a delicious three-course Italian dinner. Don't miss this event. It was a smash last year.

**Save The Date: Tuesday, July 18th**, for the first time, a Meet-Up at the fabulous **Black Rock** on North Federal Highway.

As you all know, member pricing for our events is partially subsidized by **SAGE**, and will continue to be so. Due to the current out-of-control inflation, venues are forced to raise their prices considerably, some as much as one-third more. Fortunately, **SAGE** recently and most graciously received a very generous donation to be used to subsidize **SAGE's** monthly events. Therefore, member pricing subsidies, beginning May 2023, will be more substantial to partially offset the inflationary spikes occurring at this time. As always, it's not fair to our members that nonmembers should be partially subsidized as well. Therefore, nonmember pricing will reflect the total cost paid to the venue by SAGE, plus entertainment and other expenses, if any, for each event.

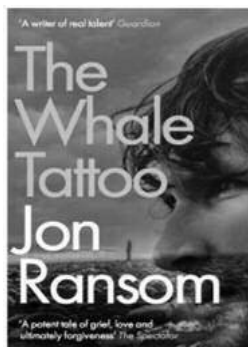
**Please Note:** There is a reason for **SAGE** to have a reservation cutoff date and time for each event. Therefore, no reservations will be accepted after such time.

Also, those of you who would like to sit together at one of our events, please arrive early and at the same time, or wait for one another before checking in, so your party will be able to sit at the same table.

As always, for ongoing activities, consult your **SAGE** Calendar for meeting times and places.

**Ciao for now!**

## SAGE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Jon Ransom's debut novel, *The Whale Tattoo*, is a gritty and haunting story that takes readers on a journey through the complicated life of Joe Gunner. Set in a small fishing village, the story begins when a sperm whale washes up on the local beach and whispers unsettling predictions into Joe's ear. He returns to his hometown, where he confronts his past and the consequences of his actions.

Through Joe's eyes, readers witness a world of anger and frustration, as he struggles with his own sexuality, his troubled relationship with his father, and the complicated dynamics between his ex-lover Tim Fysh, Tim's pregnant wife Dora, and Tim's violent brother Doug. Meanwhile, the whale continues to haunt him, a constant reminder of his past and his uncertain future.

Ransom's prose is both blunt and poetic, seamlessly blending events and memories to create an atmosphere of uncertainty and unease. Joe's emotions get the best of him, and he frequently gets lost in the past when the present becomes overwhelming. But despite his flaws and impulsive behavior, there is a core of nobility in him that makes him a sympathetic and relatable protagonist.

One of the great strengths of *The Whale Tattoo* is Ransom's pacing, which skillfully balances the forward momentum of the story with the slow, methodical exploration of Joe's character. The result is a gripping and emotionally coherent read that places readers firmly inside Joe's mind and the turmoil therein.

Despite its dark subject matter, *The Whale Tattoo* is not a book of "misery porn." Instead, Ransom offers a powerful exploration of the potential for growth and self-acceptance in the face of adversity. It's a tough act, but one that he pulls off with skill and sensitivity.

Please consider joining the SAGE Book Group in a discussion of the book on **Saturday, June 10, 2023**, at the **Stonewall Library, 1300 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale** from **11AM to 12 Noon** – no reservation is required for this event.



## IN MEMORIAM

SAGE member **Richard Frazer** passed away on March 25, 2023, after a brief illness. Richard had been a member of SAGE since July, 2014. He moved from Illinois to Fort Lauderdale several times, beginning in 1984, returning to Illinois to be with his family. He volunteered many years at the Gateway Terrace Senior Community store and library in Fort Lauderdale. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, and science fiction movies. Richard is survived by his children Romona Burton, Richard Frazer, and Bethanne Cox, by two grandchildren, and by other relatives, and friends. He will be missed by his SAGE family



## 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 is sick, in the hospital, or would appreciate a friendly call or a note of cheer, please contact:

**Michael Vita** – 786.586.4286

## SAGE MEMBERS IN NEED

If you are a Senior, or a Care Giver, who needs information or referral services regarding assistance with Activities of Daily Living, please contact the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center), part of the Area Agency on Aging:

**In Broward County** – 954.745.9779

**Website:** [adrcbroward.org](http://adrcbroward.org)

**In Palm Beach County** – 561.684.5885

**Website:** [aaapbtc.org](http://aaapbtc.org)

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

After the funeral, grieving gets intense and lonely. Free LGBT Bereavement Group helps to manage the waves and tsunamis of grief. For days, time, and location contact:

**Rev. Dr. Anne Atwell** – 954.462.2004x208

[Anne@sunshinecathedral.net](mailto:Anne@sunshinecathedral.net)

## SAGE EMERGENCY FUND

The SAGE Emergency Fund was established to assist LGBTQ Seniors (55 years or older) who have experienced unexpected financial hardship. Households with incomes below the federal poverty level are eligible to apply for a one-time grant (up to \$1,000.00) of financial assistance for medical needs, rent/mortgage payment, utility charges, or transportation costs. The Fund is administered by the SunServe Senior Services Department. For more information, contact **SunServe at 954.764.5150**.

## Friendly Visitor Program



SAGE USA is collaborating with Sunshine Cathedral to establish a Friendly visitor program for LGBTQ+ older adults. The program links a volunteer with an LGBTQ+ older adult who would benefit from additional meaningful connections in their lives. The volunteer visits the participant weekly for 1-2

hours and speaks to the participant by phone between visits. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, participating, or seeking more information, contact **Mitchell Zahn, Program Coordinator**, at **646.568.9354** or by email at [mzahn@sageusa.org](mailto:mzahn@sageusa.org).

## SAGE LUNCH & LEARN

Lunch and Learn is held the **first Saturday of the month, 12:30pm**, at the Herb Skolnick Community Center. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.



## SAGE Health Tips

Gene Majka, APRN

Welcome. If you have a topic, comment or questions, please send an email to [sagesofl@gmail.com](mailto:sagesofl@gmail.com).

### Phantom

No, this month's column is not about the closing of that Broadway Show after 35 years. We all heard about the phenomenon, that when someone loses a limb, they still have pain in the missing limb. The same occurs when we lose someone close, such as a spouse with whom we shared a long-term relationship. When my husband died, I thought I saw him walking out of the bedroom many times. Sometimes I would hear a voice, sense a smell, a warmth, or a feeling. Sensing their strong presence is a common occurrence and the medical professionals call this grief hallucinations. It is a common feature of the bereavement process. I was terrified that his presence would wane over time. Unfortunately, it did and a new problem occurred: loneliness. Almost 30% of seniors live alone. Loneliness is the sensation or feeling of being alone, regardless of the amount of social contact.



Many losses occur as we age. Friends and relatives are irreplaceable because the relationships have been nurtured over time and have become a part of us. Events can cause loneliness: retirement, change of living environment, physical decline (which may affect our mobility), hearing loss, lack of transportation, fear of being a burden on family and friends, and financial difficulties.

Research has linked social isolation/loneliness to a variety of physical and mental conditions such as: alcoholism, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, weakened immune system, anxiety, depression, cognitive decline, Alzheimer's disease, and even death.

### Change

I often heard warnings that Florida lacks opportunities to make local friends. My husband was in a 12-step program and our local Florida friends came from those in the program. When he died, so did those friendships. I found SAGE and made acquaintances but very few friends with whom I share my life events. Social networks have kept some of my old Chicago friends still active. I can still keep trying and work on more acquaintances.

### Helpful Hints



SAGE is a wonderful organization to meet friends but you cannot rely on just our outings. You have to get more involved in the community and meet others. Become involved in the community and meet more people. I have chosen volunteering: I loved the theater and I always wanted to know more about the creative process and operations of the theater. I can't act, sing, or dance but I can schlep. I volunteered at two theaters and it was a great learning experience. I met some great people who shared my interests.

What used to pique your interest so that you wanted to know more? Check out volunteer opportunities with your chamber of commerce (online) in your interested field. Take an adult learning course at a local college, if you are homebound see if they have online courses. Locate senior services that assist homebound seniors with a daily phone call or email. Expand your computer knowledge by learning new programs. If you like children there are many organizations that need volunteers, mentors, or just a friend to talk to children. Libraries offer programs for adults to read to children. Look, look, look for opportunities online.

Don't let that Phantom loneliness chandelier come crashing down.

Keep yourself active and it will dissipate the loneliness.

### References and Resources:

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Sensing a Presence After a Loss: Hallucination or Vision of Grief? ? <https://psychcentral.com/health/grief-hallucinations-vision-loss>

Sensing the dead is perfectly normal – and often helpful <https://theconversation.com/sensing-the-dead-is-perfectly-normal-and-often-helpful-81048>

Loneliness in older people <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/feelings-symptoms-behaviours/feelings-and-symptoms/loneliness-in-older-people/>

Social isolation, loneliness in older people pose health risks <https://www.nia.nih.gov/news/social-isolation-loneliness-older-people-pose-health-risks>

Navigating Social Isolation and Loneliness as an Older Adult <https://www.ncoa.org/article/navigating-social-isolation-and-loneliness-as-an-older-adult>

Reducing social isolation and loneliness among older people <https://www.who.int/activities/reducing-social-isolation-and-loneliness-among-older-people>

The 'Loneliness Epidemic' Among The Elderly May Not Be What It Seems <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ebauer/2021/07/15/the-loneliness-epidemic-among-the-elderly-may-not-be-what-it-seems/?sh=661465a1b549>

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**SAGE cares because YOU care about your health.**

**Please always seek advice from your physician/nurse practitioner (HP's).**

**Thank you to my Editor, Larry Dishman of Allen, TX.**



SAGE of South Florida

## ***Lunch & Learn***

June 3rd, 2023, at 12:30pm

**HERB SKOLNICK COMMUNITY CENTER  
800 SW 36<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, POMPANO BEACH, FL**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**MEMBERS - \$17.00    GUESTS - \$22.00**

**EVERYONE PAYS AT THE DOOR**

**DOORS OPEN AT 12:15PM**

***Reservations MUST be made by 12:30PM on THURSDAY, June 1st, 2023,  
BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO: [sagesofl@gmail.com](mailto:sagesofl@gmail.com) OR BY CALLING: 954.634.7219***

**A presentation will be made by Hillary Josephs, Community Relations Director of Artis Senior Living of Davie.**

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

### **June Menu**

Garlic Rolls

Tossed Salad

Penne Primavera

Chicken Parmigiana

Fruit

Cannoli

***Catered by:***



# SAGE AT BONA ITALIAN RESTAURANT



Join SAGE for Dinner at Bona Italian Restaurant  
2468 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 954-565-7222

Thursday June 22, 2023 at 5:00pm for Cocktails at Happy Hour Pricing - 6:00pm for Dinner

## Menu for the Evening:

**Starter – Garden Salad - Choice of Dressing & our Signature Garlic Knots**

## Choose from one Entrée:

**Three Cheese Ravioli with Ricotta, Pecorino & Parmesan, House Sauce & Garlic**

**Chicken Parmigiana topped with Tomato Sauce & Mozzarella**

**Snapper Francese sauteed in Lemon Butter over Spaghetti**

**Veal Saltimbocca in White Wine, Prosciutto, Marinara Topped with Mozzarella**

**Dessert - Mini Cannoli or Sugar Free Vanilla Ice Cream**

**Dinner includes American Coffee, Iced Tea or Fountain Soda (At Table Only)**

**Pricing: \$25 Members - \$32 Non-Members  
(A Portion of Member Cost Subsidized by SAGE)**

**Reservations Close 1:00pm Saturday June 17, 2023**

**No Reservations Will Be accepted after this Date & Time**

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**Bona Italian Restaurant Thursday June 22, 2023**

**#\_\_ Member @ \$25 #\_\_ Non-Member @ \$32 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_

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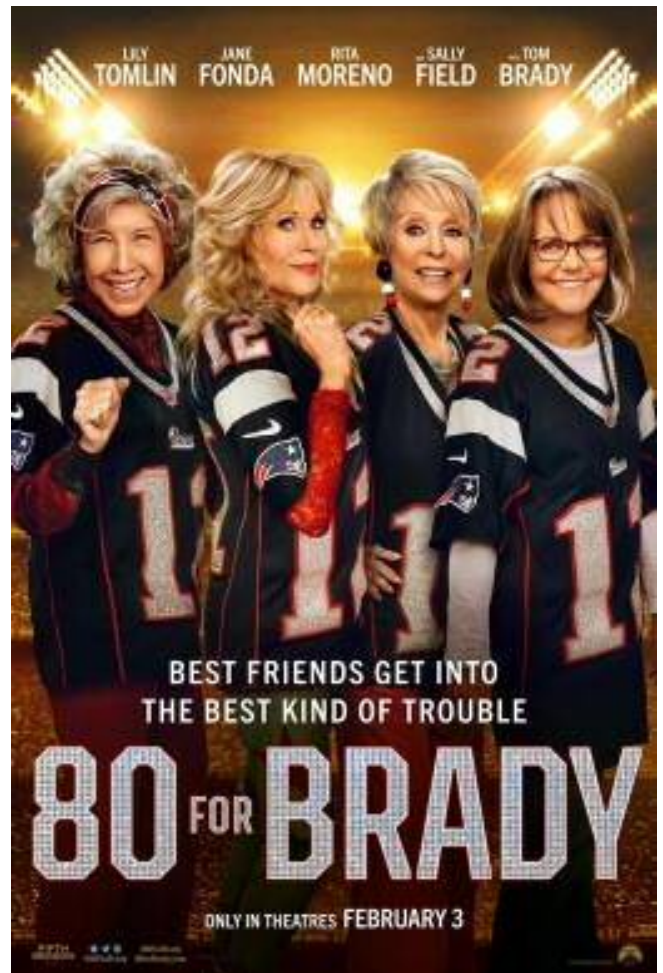
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# THE SAGE / PRIME GENTLEMEN

## MONTHLY MOVIE

The high-powered leads are uniformly terrific, with spiky Tomlin sailing through the emotional material and Fonda having fun with her character's second career as a saucy fan-fiction author. **80 for Brady** is a laugh-out-loud movie with something for everyone, and who better to star in this film than four award-winning stars, Lily, Jane, Rita, and Sally? This is a movie for the fans: for admirers of its many stars, for people who love a good real-life and feel-good narrative, and even those who really love Guy Fieri. Tom Brady has produced a movie about four ladies around 80 who are fans of his, and their trip to watch him in Super Bowl. We get to see a whole lot of that gorgeous NFL Films footage [which] makes up much of the film's most exciting moments, with an impeccably charming cast of all dressed up and raring to go brilliant actors. It positively depicts women over 70 as adventurous, gutsy, attractive, and necessary, which is all too rare in mainstream Hollywood cinema.



Lily Tomlin's 1000-watt smile lights up the big screen as the award-winning actresses make their on-screen antics look effortless. It's truly encouraging to see that the team comes off looking just a tad superhuman, like Brady himself. "80 For Brady" is a sweetly engaging comedy of the kind that we don't see much of lately. A surprisingly sweet and sentimental real-life story led by Lily Tomlin, who's never been more radiant. It succeeds as entertainment because of the prodigious talents of Tomlin, Fonda, Moreno, and Field. They take the story and run with it. It's not aiming for greatness, just entertainment and showcasing its glorious stars. In this, it succeeds. **80 for Brady** is a decent, well-crafted comedy film.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**1:30PM at the PRIDE CENTER**  
**FREE POPCORN AND SODA**