

The SAGE

The Newsletter of SAGE of South Florida

November 2023

Happy Thanksgiving



Henry David Thoreau wrote: *I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual.* This Thanksgiving, while contemplating your gratitude for who you are and what you have, why not take a moment to consider how SAGE adds to your quality of life. The mission of SAGE of South Florida is to enrich the lives of the LGBTQ+ elder community by providing opportunities for social interaction and connections and, yes, to encourage the creation of friendships. Research by the Mayo Clinic finds that friendship plays a crucial role in promoting good health. A study by Michigan State University reports that supportive friendships in old age were a stronger predictor of well-being than having strong family connections. So, take advantage of all the activities SAGE has to offer to stay connected. Make time to meet with your old friends and to make some new ones.

Make your Thanksgiving perpetual. Do not celebrate Thanksgiving only on the fourth Thursday of November. Celebrate it every day of the year.



JANUARY 2024 MILESTONE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Attention all SAGE members who have turned (or will turn) 75, 80, 85, 90 (or more) years of age in 2023: Please contact the SAGE office by phone - 954.634.7219 or email – sagesofl@gmail.com – so that we may include your name among the honorees for our annual Milestone Birthday Celebration planned for the afternoon of Sunday, January 21, 2024.

CRUISE THE CARRIBEAN THIS DECEMBER!

SAGE members are invited to join the Prime Gentlemen, along with their friends, for 7 fun-filled days on the Royal Caribbean Odyssey of the Seas, from **December 3rd through December 9th**. Departing from Fort Lauderdale, the Ports of Call will be Coco Cay, Bahamas, Labadee, Haiti, and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

Special pricing for the Prime Gentlemen and SAGE includes: Nightly LGBT function in one of the bars; \$50 stateroom credit; Dinner together each night as a group; and one specialty dinner at Chops Grill.

Call **Auggie: 954-944-1366** for full details and reservations, and join us for a fun-filled week.

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
Robert	Tauber	Nov-01	Carol	Clark	Nov-23
John	Foxx	Nov-04	Leonard	Saginario	Nov-23
David	Morgan	Nov-12	David	Stamps	Nov-24
Nan	Keegan	Nov-13	John	Bolton	Nov-29
Bill	Mayo	Nov-14	Carlos	Castro	Nov-30
Elan	Garonzik	Nov-16	Blanca	Puerta	Nov-30
Stew	Pepper	Nov-20			

New Members

EDGAR CANCEL, KEN GAULT, RODNEY HARRISON, JIM O'CONNOR, STEVE PIZZUTO, JULIO RODRIGUEZ

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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SAGE MISSION STATEMENT: SAGE of South Florida (Senior Action in a Gay Environment)) is a non-profit organization which seeks 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, by providing personal interaction, by offering educational opportunities to deal with the special needs of aging, and by promoting contact with the isolated and home-bound persons of our 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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THE ROUND TABLE

Paul McNamara

This Co-Ed group, sponsored jointly with The Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen, typically meets at the Pride Center and simultaneously online using the Zoom platform to discuss contemporary topics and ideas. Sessions have a moderator who presents a brief background on the discussion topic chosen for the session.

The session scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2023, is **Square Dancing in the United States**, presented by **Doug Kent**: *Square dancing has been, and continues to be, popular in many parts of our country. As a square dance enthusiast, Doug will present a brief history of this pastime and describe the various styles of square dancing. He will discuss the benefits of square dancing and his presentation will include videos. Ultimately, he hopes to convince others to become future square-dancing participants!*

SAGE NIGHT OUT

Ed Slough

Please Note: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, SAGE Night Out will meet on the 5th Wednesday of the month for November ONLY.



Join us on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th**, when SAGE is having an informal dinner at **Tropics Grille**, 2000 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Drinks and cocktails will be from **5:00pm to 5:30pm**, with "Happy Hour" prices at the bar, and dinner at **5:30pm**. 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. Thanks!

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.

NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP-IN

Jefy Gaines



November in South Florida and I still keep my air conditioning on 73-74 degrees and yes, I really do appreciate air conditioning. It has finally cooled down markedly, thank goodness. The month is mostly in a Scorpio Sun, which means it will be an enigmatic month – seductive, beguiling, with spiritual illumination and emotional intimacy. The month will be about art and intellectualism. Relationships are paramount this month, as are harmonious partnerships and new initiatives. It is a month of viewing everything with multiple perspectives. And, it's Thanksgiving, a holiday of celebration and gratitude to enjoy with our family and friends. Make sure you let them know that you love them.

Be sure to check out our SAGE/Prime Gentlemen Men's Hybrid Drop-In which 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 some sharing about what's going on in our lives: movies, dinners, family, and feelings. We close with a little kibitzing and sharing some jokes. Sometimes comical, sometimes not so much. Moaning is permitted, but it's always good-spirited fun. So, come join us in person or on Zoom! Any questions can be emailed to Jefy at jefgain@aol.com. Write "SAGE of South Florida" in the subject line.

SAGE ON THE BORDER/ALTERNATIVES (SOBA)

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!

SAGE Meet-Up at *Ferdo's Grill*



SAGE Lunch & Learn at the *Skolnick Center*



SAGE at the Active Aging Expo



SAGE/Prime Gentlemen Monthly Movie



SAGE Anniversary Dinner at Anthony's Clam House



SAGE Night Out at Tropics Grille



For up-to-date news and information about SAGE, follow us on Facebook: [SAGE of South Florida, Inc.](#)

View more photos by visiting the Photo Gallery at our Website: www.sagesofi.org

SOCIAL LITES

Sal Orlando

My favorite time of year is upon us, when the weather starts to cool, and we look forward to the holidays. This is why we live in South Florida, 8 months of paradise. Except we don't get to see the beautiful fall foliage as they do up north.



Last month we had a terrific **Oktoberfest at The Am-bry, on October 24th**. What a quaint and cozy venue with great service and a delicious meal. The staff couldn't have been nicer. All this made for a terrific Autumn event.

This month we return to an old-time favorite, **Zuckerello's** on Thursday, **November 16th at 5PM** for cocktails and mingling at BOGO pricing, followed by a scrumptious Italian dinner. Their signature dish, Chicken Zugerello never disappoints. Bring your appetite. Remember, reservations close on **Wednesday, November 15th at 1 PM**. Don't miss this event.

Save The Date: Sunday, December 17th, our favorite Holiday venue, **The Embassy Suites** on 17th Street Causeway, for our Annual Holiday Party.

As you all know, member pricing for our events is partially subsidized by **SAGE**, and will continue to do so. But, in lieu of 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 which began May 2023 subsidies will be more substantial allowing us 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 also. 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 cut-off date and time for each event. Therefore, no reservations will be accepted after such time.

Also, USPS has been slow in delivering mail lately, therefore, please send your event reservations together with payment as soon as possible to avoid not getting them to the **SAGE** office in time.

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

A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret.



Lambda Literary Award-winning author **TJ Klune's** best-selling, contemporary fantasy – **The House in the Cerulean Sea** – is an enchanting love story, masterfully told, about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place—and realizing that family is yours.

Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. At forty, he lives in a tiny house with a devious cat and his old records. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages.

Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether the children are likely to bring about the end of days.

But the children are not the only secret the island keeps. Their caretaker is the charming and enigmatic Arthur Parnassus, who will do anything to keep his wards safe. As Arthur and Linus grow closer, long-held secrets are exposed and Linus must make a choice: destroy a home or watch the world burn.

TJ Klune has a knack for creating endearing characters and readers will grow to love Arthur and the orphans alongside Linus. Linus himself is a lovable protagonist despite his recklessness and the author aptly handles his evolving feelings and morals. We invite you to join the **SAGE** Book Group in a discussion about this New York Times bestseller on Saturday, **November 11, 2023**, at the **Stonewall Library**, located at **1300 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale**. The event is free, and no reservations are required. The discussion will take place from **11 AM to 12 noon**.

Friendly Visitor Program

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Advocacy &
Services for
LGBTQ+ Elders

We refuse to be invisible®

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**.

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

In Palm Beach County – 561.684.5885

Website: 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

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**.

IN MEMORIAM

ELIOT COHEN

SAGE member Eliot Cohen died October 2023, at the age of 93. He was born April 3, 1930, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and owned an upscale sofa and mattress business in Quincy, Massachusetts. Eliot is survived by his daughter and by other relatives and friends.



DAN FONTAINE

Dan Fontaine died October 5, 2023. He became a member of SAGE on October 20, 2013. We extend our condolences to Dan's family and friends.

CAROLINE LETO

Caroline Leto, a SAGE member since 1996 and co-founder of SOBA (SAGE on the Border/ Alternatives), which has met every Monday at the Volen Center in Boca Raton since 2009, died unexpectedly October 7, 2023. She recently had hip replacement surgery due to a fall and hip fracture but was otherwise healthy and raring to go. She was engaged in life and loved to entertain friends at her home in Delray Beach with her longtime partner Ann Smith. She is survived by her beloved daughter Jodi and wonderful son Dean. She will be greatly missed.



PAUL WENEGRAT

Paul Wenegrat died peacefully at home on October 10, 2023, surrounded by his beloved Tibetan Spaniel dogs Maude, Lilly, and Willowby. Paul was born March 28, 1933, in Passaic, New Jersey, and after graduating from Harvard University, moved to New York where he worked for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He was an active volunteer with SageUSA in New York where he ran the Senior Arts Walking Tours and participated in the Friendly Visitor Program. He moved to Fort Lauderdale with his partner of 41 years, Peter Thyne, and became members of SAGE of South Florida in 2017.





SAGE Health Tips

Gene Majka, APRN

Welcome. If you have a topic, comment or questions, please send an email to sagesofl@gmail.com.

No Parking

Recently a very good friend of over 60 years informed me that she had contracted Parkinson's Disease (PD). She was in the process of moving from her home to a senior center for future assistance. It was heartbreaking to hear. Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disease second to Alzheimer's affecting over two million seniors over 60. The cause of PD is unknown but a combination of genetic, environmental factors and toxic exposure is a possibility. Research has shown that most cases cluster in the Midwest and Northeastern states. It occurs in men more than women. A Medicare study has shown that Asian and African Americans have almost half the risk than Whites. Also, an increased incidence of PD is in women from the effects of estrogen with early menopause.

Cause

PD is caused by a lack of dopamine in the brain. The special type of neuron brain cell that produces dopamine starts to die. Early symptoms are subtle but these brain cells slowly die and the symptoms increase.

Signs and Symptoms

The following are the most common signs and symptoms of PD. Some of these symptoms are very common with other problems. PD symptoms start slowly and can take months or years before a definite diagnosis can be made.

- **Tremor.** Shaking of hand, arm, foot, or leg usually at rest and gets better with movement. Starts on one side of the body and progresses to both sides.
- **Small handwriting.** Letters get smaller and words appear closer together.
- **Stiffness and difficulty walking.** Individuals may swing their arms less when walking. They develop a shuffling gait which is a problem of lifting foot off the ground and taking a full step.
- **Trouble sleeping.** There may be jerking movements while in deep sleep. Pain or restlessness in legs which goes away when getting up and moving around. Frequent bathroom visits and unplanned day sleeping. Difficulty rising or rolling over in bed.
- **Voice changes.** A slower or softer speaking voice. Also muttering, stuttering or trouble articulating words.
- **Constipation.** Difficulty or straining during bowel movements.
- **Bladder problems.** Overactive bladder and unexpected urgency.
- **Loss of smell.** May start years before movement symptoms.
- **Inability to make facial expressions.** Difficult time expressing joy or a laughing facial expression. They may look mad upset or serious when in a good mood.
- **Hunching over.** Stooping slouching or leaning when standing. Also, trouble balancing and maintaining posture.
- **Rigidity or slow movements.** May take longer to button a shirt or tie shoes.

Diagnosis

A diagnosis is made if the patient has two of the four cardinal signs of PD: 1. Tremors; 2. Muscle rigidity; 3. Slow movement; and 4. Inability to maintain balance, standing or moving.

Treatment

There is no cure for PD but there are treatments. Medications such as Levodopa (which replaces the lost dopamine) is the most effective treatment. Medications can be used that mimic the effects of dopamine. Additional treatment such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, deep brain stimulation, exercise (THAT word again) supportive therapies, assistive devices, and lifestyle modifications.

If you experience some of the early symptoms of PD, contact your Health Practitioner early. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. 😊

References and Resources:

11 Symptoms That Could Be Early Signs of Parkinson's Disease:

https://www.goodrx.com/conditions/parkinsons-disease/11-early-signs-symptoms-of-parkinsons-disease?&utm_source=sfmc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2359&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.goodrx.com%2fconditions%2fparkinsons-disease%2f11-early-signs-symptoms-of-parkinsons-disease&utm_id=3429&sfmc_id=3069337&utm_content=weekly&utm_param2=08-28-23

Parkinson Disease in the Elderly Adult

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6179875/>

Cheaper, Simpler and Better: Tips for Treating Seniors with Parkinson Disease

[https://www.mayoclinicproceedings.org/article/S0025-6196\(11\)65259-2/fulltext](https://www.mayoclinicproceedings.org/article/S0025-6196(11)65259-2/fulltext)

Parkinson Disease with Old-Age Onset

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaneurology/fullarticle/784012>

The Michael J. Fox Foundation: Provides comprehensive information, research updates, and support for Parkinson's patients and caregivers. (Website: www.michaeljfox.org)

The Parkinson's Foundation: Offers educational resources, support groups, and information about the latest research.

(Website: www.parkinson.org)

Parkinson's Disease Foundation: Provides information on living with Parkinson's, research updates, and support programs. (Website: www.pdf.org)

**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

November 4th, 2023, at 12:30pm

**HERB SKOLNICK COMMUNITY CENTER
800 SW 36TH 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, November 2, 2023,
BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO: sagesofl@gmail.com OR BY CALLING: 954.634.7219***

**Our speaker will be Victor Vega who will discuss
Concierge Health Care and beyond.**

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

November Menu

Garlic Rolls

Tossed Salad

Penne Primavera

Meatball Parmigiana

Mixed Fruit

Cannoli

Catered by:





3017 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308 (954) 776-4282

Thursday - November 16, 2023

**Cocktails & Conversation 5pm-6pm(cash bar) with BOGO pricing
Dinner Seating - 6pm**

**Starter: Soup (Choice of Pasta Fagiola or Minestrone) or House Salad
served with fresh-baked Crusty Italian bread with Garlic Dipping Sauce or Butter**

Entrée -choice of one:

Chicken Zuckerello's- Chicken breast stuffed with mushrooms, prosciutto, roasted peppers, & rosemary in a Marsala mushroom sauce. Creamy mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables.

Chicken Francese- Chicken breasts egg battered and pan seared in white wine lemon sauce over linguini

Sunday Gravy- Meatball, Italian Sausage, Beef Braciolo & Pomodoro sauce with herbs & spices topped with Ricotta cheese and served over Rigattoni pasta

Salmon Lionello- Prepared with a white wine lemon caper sauce, cherry tomatoes with garlic mashed potatoes

Dessert: Cannoli or Tiramisu (Sugar-Free Dessert - upon request)

Beverages: Coffee, Hot/Iced Tea, Soft Drinks

**Pricing: \$23.00 @ Members or \$32.00 @ Non-Members
(A Portion of Member Cost is Subsidized by SAGE)**

RESERVATIONS LIMITED TO 50 PERSONS

Reservations Close at 1:00PM - Saturday, November 11, 2023

ZUCKERELLO'S Welcomes SAGE Thursday November 16, 2023

_____ MEMBERS @ \$23.00 & # _____ NON-MEMBERS @ \$32.00 My Phone Number: _____

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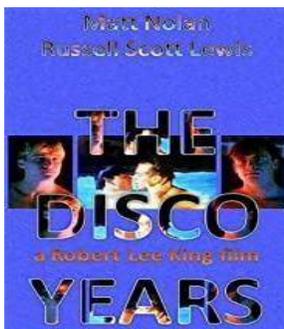
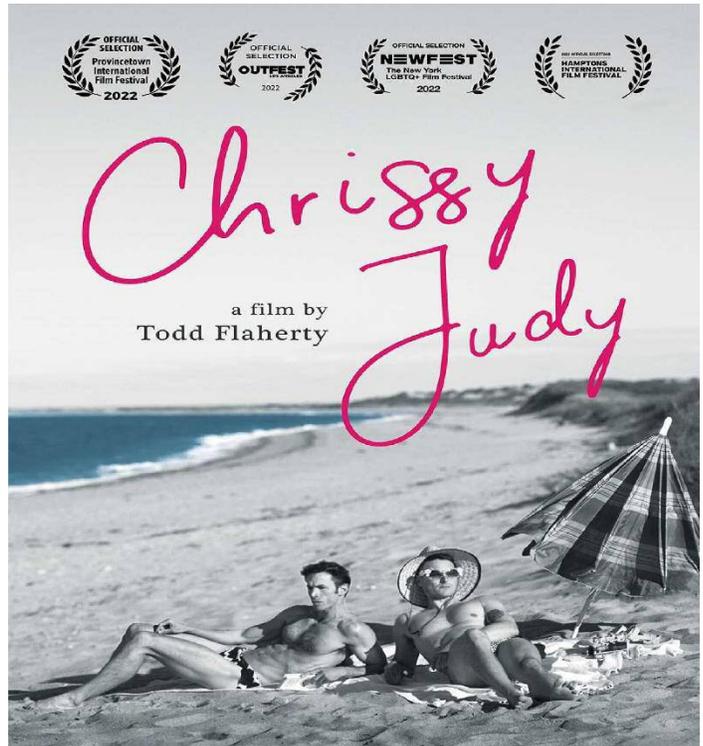
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Reservations with Credit Card Call the SAGE office at (954) 634-7219 - A SAGE-Sponsored Activity

THE SAGE/PRIME GENTLEMEN MOVIE

Judy's been described as many things: a free spirit, a day dreamer, a boy-crazy hot mess. But this is going to be the summer it all comes together for this ambitious, 30-something drag queen/cater-waiter and his best friend, Chrissy. That is, until Chrissy's priorities suddenly shift, forcing a disillusioned Judy to examine his life and priorities as a queer artist, and rediscover himself in the process. In this dark comedy, **Chrissy Judy** explores the universal pain of breaking up with your best friends and questions, "What do you do when your chosen family no longer chooses you?"

At the heart of *Chrissy Judy* is the concept of queer friendships and partnerships, coexisting within a world full of people that judge practically everything about them. This is a film about reckoning and embracing reality. A reality that's not as loud as music in clubs, or as steamy as a casual encounter. Reality sometimes is finding the truth when speaking to your friend and being able to see them for what they truly are."



SHORT FILM: *THE DISCO YEARS*

This gay "coming-out" film is really about homophobia. The young soon-to-be-out gay boy in this film, Tom suffers the stings of the homophobic reactions of his fellow students, and even from his doting mother. But the real victim in this film is the English school teacher, Mr. Reese. At first, Tom joins in heaping scorn on the teacher, then he must decide if it isn't time to open the closet door. A crisis ensues with his mom, and disco proves to be his safety.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2023

1:30PM at the PRIDE CENTER

FREE POPCORN and SODA