

# The SAGE

The Newsletter of SAGE of South Florida

December 2023



Yes, Andy Williams, it is the most wonderful time of the year. Here in South Florida, we can only dream of a white Christmas, just like the ones many of us used to know. And, no, we will not be hearing any sleigh bells in the snow while we walk along the beach. But, still, our days can be merry and bright if we spend some part of them celebrating the season with our friends.

On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm, we once again return to the elegant Embassy Suites Hotel for the SAGE Holiday Party. There will be a cocktail hour from 1:00pm to 2:00pm during which you can socialize with your friends on the inviting terrace. Then, share a wonderful gourmet meal in a sophisticated setting with your SAGE family. You will not want to miss this festive event.! Reservations close at 1:00pm on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. See the enclosed flyer for more information and the reservation form.

**SAGE WISHES YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY, SAFE, DELIGHTFUL, LOVING, HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## 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](mailto: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.*

### ***The End of the Round Table Group?***

*In the fall of 2016, several SAGE and Prime Timers members put together a proposal to establish a semimonthly contemporary topics or ideas discussion group. This inquiry eventually led to the formation of the Prime Gentlemen/ SAGE Roundtable 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 as well as be a facilitator to guide the conversation. Since its inception, the group proved to be a very popular activity.*

*However, as the Greek philosopher Heraclitus of Ephesus said, "There is nothing permanent except change." Effective this month, the Round Table Group will be on hiatus until new leadership is found. If you are interested in contributing in this capacity, please contact Paul McNamara via email at [polmac@aol.com](mailto:polmac@aol.com).*

## 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
Tom	Nichols	Dec-02	Ed	Schell	Dec-16
David	Durham	Dec-03	Jerry	Ward	Dec-18
Allen	Sandler	Dec-03	Benjamin	Conklin	Dec-19
Carol	Wartenberg	Dec-04	Michael	Martin	Dec-20
Tom	Perry	Dec-08	Henry	Penas	Dec-20
Barbara	Varga	Dec-08	Peter	Thyne	Dec-22
Robert	Gutttag	Dec-11	John	Hasandras	Dec-24
Gary	Resnick	Dec-11	Jerry	Murphy	Dec-24
Natalie	Lawrence	Dec-13	Patrick S	Vida	Dec-26
Jerry	Ganz	Dec-14	Auggie	Azzarello	Dec-28
Don	Button	Dec-16	Hugh	Rance	Dec-30

### 5 Year Anniversaries

JOEL ANASTASI, CHUCK BELL, MARILYN LAMKAY, ED SCHELL, NORM SCHRIER, TONY TSAGRIS

### 10 Year Anniversaries

DONALD CURIALE

### 20 Year Anniversaries

ALLEN SANDLER

*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.*

### New Members

HENRY BERNSTEIN, MICHAEL BURWICK, MICHAEL LOSCALZO, JAMES PAYNE, C J PINELLI, TOM RICE

## SAGE OF SOUTH FLORIDA

### OFFICERS

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Tony Tsagris  
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JOEL TENDLER – HOWARD TERRY – STEVE THAYER – TONY TSAGRIS – RAQUEL C WHITE – NORMA WINGO – JOSEPH YATES

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## THE ROUND TABLE

Paul McNamara

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Initially, a small core of members provided collective leadership and delivered most of the presentations. Eventually, invited presenters from outside the group were added to the 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. Like other groups, post-pandemic participation has declined, relative to pre-pandemic levels. If The Round Table is to resume and succeed in the future, a commitment to a new "collective leadership" is required. Anyone interested in contributing in this capacity is encouraged to contact me at [polmac@aol.com](mailto:polmac@aol.com)

## 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!



## NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP-IN

Jefy Gaines



It's December. Last month our clocks "fell back." This month is mostly a Sagittarius Sun which means there will be compassion, boundless optimism, magnanimity, spontaneity, and fun. The Holidays are a time for family and friends. SAGE South Florida and the Prime Gentlemen offer many activities and events for us during this season, so seek them out!

And always 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 [jefgaines@aol.com](mailto:jefgaines@aol.com). Write "SAGE of South Florida" in the subject line.

## SAGE NIGHT OUT

Ed Slough



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

Join us on **WEDNESDAY, December 30th**, 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.

Join your SAGE and Prime Gentlemen friends for the monthly *Early Bird Dinner*. The event for December is scheduled for 5PM, Wednesday, at the Black Rock Bar & Grill, 6200 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale. Contact me to get on the mailing list and make reservations. My email is: [wildhybrid@aol.com](mailto:wildhybrid@aol.com). Thanks!





# **SAGE Celebrates Oktoberfest** *at the* **Ambry Restaurant**



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



## SAGE Night Out at Tropics Restaurant



## SAGE Lunch & Learn at the Skolnick Center



## SOCIAL LITES

Sal Orlando

Jingle, Jingle, and Ho Ho Ho. I trust everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday. Except for the hustle and the bustle, and the horrendous traffic, especially with all the snowbirds down for the season, we now look forward to Christmas, Hanukkah, and then the New Year.



This past month we went to Zuckerello's on the 16th. What a wonderful event. My husband and I both had their signature dish, Chicken Zuckerello, which was absolutely delicious, after enjoying cocktails and conversation at the bar. The management and staff couldn't have been any nicer. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

Now we get ready for **SAGE's Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 17th**, when we go back to one of our favorite venues, **The Embassy Suites** on 17th Street Causeway, where we will have cocktails and conversation starting at 1PM at the cash bar, followed by a terrific meal. What a beautiful venue. Very festive. This year we have a pleasant surprise for all of you which promises to be a lot of fun, so don't miss out. Reservations close **Monday, December 11, at 1PM**.

**Save the dates: Sunday, January 21st, SAGE's Annual Milestone Birthday Party.**

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 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.

Seasons Greetings to one and all!!

**Ciao for now!**

## SAGE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



*Tho' the holidays in Florida  
Are never white with snow  
Our Christmas trees are merry  
With all their lights aglow ~*

*The SAGE Book Group  
wishes one and all  
peace and joy  
this Holiday Season!*

### 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.



### 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

**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](mailto:mzahn@sageusa.org).

### IN MEMORIAM

#### JUDITH BOWLING

Judith passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on October 27, 2023. She was born October 12, 1940 in Gosport, Indiana, and was a graduate of Withrow High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. Judy retired from General Motors in 1992, and remained active volunteering and pursuing her passion for many sports, especially volleyball. She is survived by her daughter, Jennfier Smith, son-in-law, Eric Smith, grandson, Brody Smith, sister Sandra Sandi Van Buskirk, dearest friend Beverly Jordan and family and Barbara Geyer and family, and her many friends and acquaintances through SAGE.



#### JOHN SIEGFRIED

John passed away at home on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at age 93. John was born January 18, 1930 and was a pediatrician for 22 years and then worked for the Science and Regulatory Affairs Division of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. He published a book, *Gray and Gay: A Journey of Self-Acceptance* in 2011. John was a regular at the SAGE Book Group meetings, where his keen observations and insights will be greatly missed.



## 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).

### Bye, Bye Dry

We have all had the problem of dry eye at least once in our lives. Dry eyes affect over 30% of adults over 50. The lubrication of our eyes is from our tear film which is made from fatty oils mucus and water. Problems with any of these substances will cause dry eyes or dry eye syndrome (DES).

#### Risk Factors

- Being over 50.
- Women. Sorry ladies but 61% at the onset of and during menopause are affected. If you take hormonal replacement therapy (38% do) this is closely related to DES.
- Eating a diet that is low in vitamin A. Good food sources which include liver, carrots, broccoli, fish, walnuts, vegetable oils, or food low in omega-3 fatty acids.
- Wearing contact lenses or surgery to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, or presbyopia.

#### Cause

There are many reasons for tear film dysfunction as hormonal changes, autoimmune disease, inflamed eyelid glands, or allergic eye disease. There are two classifications of dry eye.

1. **Decreased tear production** caused by aging (isn't it always). Medications such as antihistamines, decongestants, hormone replacement therapy, or antidepressants. Medications for high blood pressure, acne, birth control, and Parkinson's disease. Medical conditions such as allergic eye disease, rheumatoid arthritis, auto-immune diseases, thyroid disorders, scleroderma (hardening/contraction of the skin), or vitamin A deficiency.
2. **Increased tear evaporation** is caused by glands that secrete oil become clogged usually from skin disorders. Common causes of evaporation are eyelid allergies, preservatives in eye drops, wind, smoke, dry air, and vitamin A deficiency.

#### Symptoms of DES

The most common symptoms are red, burning, or itchy eyes, excessive tearing (reflex response to dryness), blurry vision, sensitive sore eyes, eyelid inflammation, gritty or sandy feeling, or foreign body sensations.

#### Complications

Dry eyes can cause eye infections and damage the surface of your eyes. DES can make it difficult to perform everyday activities such as reading.

#### Diagnosis

A comprehensive eye exam is completed by an eye care specialist. They may conduct a test to measure the volume and quality of your tears.

#### Treatment

Your healthcare practitioner can recommend an OTC medication. Special prescriptive medication or nasal sprays can increase tear production. Procedures can include:

- closing the tear ducts to reduce tear loss.
- special contact lenses to hold moisture.
- unblocking oil glands.
- punctal plugs which are tiny silicone or gel plugs can be inserted into the tear ducts to block tear drainage, conserving natural tears.
- light therapy or eyelid massage.

#### Prevention

The following are DES preventions: Keep hydrated, blink regularly, avoid hot air (hair dryers) or cold air as car a/c blowing in your eyes, add moisture to indoor air especially if you are up north in winter, consider wraparound sunglasses or other protective eyewear, take frequent breaks during long tasks as reading especially with computers, beware of your environment as in airplanes or travel to dry or mountainous areas, position your computer screen below eye level, stop smoking and avoid smokers, annual eye exams and keep your eyes well lubricated even when they do not feel dry. Say bye-bye to dry eyes.



#### References and Resources:

Effects of Aging in Dry Eye: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5347479/>

Dry Eyes and Aging: <https://www.optometrists.org/general-practice-optometry/guide-to-eye-conditions/dry-eye/what-is-dry-eye-syndrome/dry-eyes-and-aging/>

Dry eyes: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/dry-eyes/symptoms-causes/syc-20371863>

NIH National Eye Institute: <https://www.nei.nih.gov/>

American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO): <https://www.aao.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***

December 2, 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, November 30, 2023,  
BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO: [sagesofl@gmail.com](mailto:sagesofl@gmail.com) OR BY CALLING: 954.634.7219***



**There will be no speaker. Come join your friends and celebrate the upcoming holidays. Sing some holiday songs!**

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

***SAGE of South Florida will be collecting Gift Cards in any denomination from any local stores, including: Target, WalMart, and Amazon, until December 17<sup>th</sup> to benefit the SunServe Emergency Landing Space for Homeless LGBTQ+ Youth.***

### **December Menu**

Garlic Knots

Salad

Roast Beef in Gravy

Marinated Pork Roast

Mashed Potatoes

Mixed Grilled Vegetables

Fruit

Holiday Cookies

***Catered by:***



# **SAGE HOLIDAY PARTY**

**SUNDAY, December 17, 2023**

**1:00pm – 4:00pm**



**EMBASSY  
SUITES**

by HILTON™

**1100 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Causeway Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 954-527-2700**

**Front Cash Bar available from 1:00pm-2:00pm for Drinks on the Terrace**

## **DINNER MENU 2:15pm – 4:00pm**

### **First Course:**

**Mixed Baby Greens, tomatoes, beet root & carrot ribbons with ranch dressing**

### **Entrée -Choice of one:**

**Macadamia Crusted Chicken Breast** - Champagne Sauce, Fingerling Potatoes and Vegetable Medley

**Eggplant Parmesan** – Layered with Mozzarella Cheese in a Pomodoro Garlic Tomato Sauce

**Mojo Marinated Flank Steak** - Au Jus, Roasted Shallots, Fingerling Potatoes and Vegetable Medley

**Dessert: Caramel Flan or Sugar-Free Dessert - (Select Below)**

**Beverages: Iced Tea, Coffee and Decaf on request (At Table Only)**

**Pricing: \$29.00 @ Members & \$45.00 @ Non-Members**

**(A Portion of Members Cost is Subsidized by SAGE)**

**Reservations Close at 1:00pm Monday, December 11, 2023**

**Note: SAGE Parking - Self-Parking - \$3.00 - Valet Parking \$15.00**

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**SAGE Holiday Party at Embassy Suites - Sunday December 17, 2023**

\_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS @ \$29.00 & \_\_\_\_\_ NON-MEMBERS @ \$45.00 My Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail with Payment to: SAGE - PO BOX 70516, Oakland Park, FL 33307**

**Reservations with Credit Card Call SAGE Message Line at (954) 634-7219 - A SAGE Sponsored Event**





**GIFT  
CARD**

# Holiday Gift Card Drive

Benefitting the SunServe  
Emergency Landing Space for  
Homeless LGBTQ+ Youth



**SAGE of South Florida  
will be collecting Gift Cards in any  
denomination from any local stores, including:  
Target, Wal-Mart, and Amazon  
until December 17th**

**Please contact:**

**Lisa Peters**

**[lpeters@sunserve.org](mailto:lpeters@sunserve.org) | 954.686.7519**



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# THE SAGE/PRIME GENTLEMEN MOVIE



Two young men make a connection neither of them expects or knows how to navigate. Casey, a young man from the countryside running from a small-town scandal, finds himself down and out in the big smoke of Sydney. When he meets Tib, a young city lad, struggling with his own scars of isolation, there's chemistry, not only sexually but also emotionally as both men find something they have been missing. Can they overcome their own insecurities and let the other in, or are the walls they have built too strong to knock down?

*Lonesome* demonstrates a mature use of sex in cinema, a treatment that communicates narrative purpose without diminishing sex's animalistic, physical side. Sex isn't just a means of survival for Casey; it's a silent language expressing his desire to be loved. Dark, dirty,

and proudly sexy, there is a breathless sensuality too, hidden beneath the cold composition of rampant sex. A movie that revels in filth, but is at its most uncomfortable when it simply lets its lead characters exist. This is a character study about Casey, a young cowboy whose social performance depends solely on how much he can give.

***Louder Than Words***, is a short film that follows a young musician named Ansel and his unexpected encounter with Niall, an endearing, deaf dancer. The film explores the sheer struggle that gay people often face in a culture that is yet to fully foster accepting spaces for courtship and love. At its core, the story portrays how difficult it can be to communicate romantic interest as a gay person, and in this case, an added impediment of being hearing impaired.



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**1:30PM *at the* PRIDE CENTER**

**FREE POPCORN and SODA**