# The SAGE

The New/letter of SAGE of South Florida

January 2026



It's a New Year! A new beginning full of possibilities and great things to come the whole year through. A time to expand your horizons, explore new experiences, and make new friends. Make 2026 the year when you take advantage of all the opportunities our SAGE offers you to enrich your life and connect with other members.

2026 is also the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of SAGE of South Florida. We will celebrate over three decades of service to our community.

And it's January, and SAGE members know what that means: It's time for our annual SAGE of South Florida Milestone Birthday Party! This year the celebration will be held at a new location:

SAGE MILESTONE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Saturday, January 24, 2026
1:00PM
The Court at Palm Aire
2701 North Course Drive
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

The Milestone Honorees for 2026 – members who attained the age of 75, 80, 85, 90, or greater in 2025 – are:

David Cohen – Theodore Filteau – Betty Gambino – John Hasandras Jerry Heaton – Gloria Key – Don Mitchell – Gary Peters – Phil Prentice Clayton Rainey – Joel Rubin – Michael Vita – Ethel Weinberger John Andersen Wurster – Jerome Zygmunt

The celebration will be highlighted by a special classical piano performance by ROGER RUNDLE.

PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THE RESERVATION FORM.

RESERVATIONS CLOSE AT 1:00PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026.

#### 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
JOSEPH ED JOHN KEN BILL PAUL DOUG BOB MICHAEL DAVID TONY ALAN JEAN-LUC	PADIAL MACDONALD ACTMAN CRUSH BOGUSKI KAISER KENT SMITH WOLMETZ RUTTER PALAZOLO SUTHERLAND JOURDAN	JAN-01 JAN-02 JAN-03 JAN-05 JAN-06 JAN-11 JAN-11 JAN-11 JAN-14 JAN-15 JAN-15 JAN-17	LISA JEFY ANTHONY CHRISTOPHER WILSON RICHARD BILL JOHN ANDERSEN JUDY TONY BARRY KURT	PETERS GAINES CIANCE BATES SABA SCHWARZ WOODWARD WURSTER KAPLAN TSAGRIS ROSENBLUM WILHELM	JAN-17 JAN-18 JAN-20 JAN-21 JAN-25 JAN-26 JAN-27 JAN-30 JAN-30 JAN-30 JAN-31

#### 10 Year Anniversaries

LARRY BARTELSEN, BILL HEVERT

President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

**Vice President:** 

**President Emeritus:** 

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.

**OFFICERS** 

Lisa Peters

Jefy Gaines

Shawn White

Patrick S Vida

Allen Churchman

#### New Members

DOUG BACKLOW, RICHARD BROWNSCOMBE, DOUG COFFMAN, BUTCH CULBERTSON, GARY GARY, RICHARD GRUENDER, SUSAN HOUSTON, WALTER JACKSON, JUDY KAPLAN, GREG MACHNIK, ADRIANE REESEY, JACK SANDERS

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o Ed Slough

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**SAGE MISSION STATEMENT:** SAGE of South Florida (**S**enior **A**ction in a **G**ay **E**nvironment) ) is a non-profit organization which seeks to enrich the lives of the GLBTQ+ senior community through membership inclusive of age, gender, race, nationality, religion sexual orientation, and gender identity.

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 of South Florida 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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#### **SAGE NIGHT OUT**

Ed Slough

Join us **Wednesday, January 28th**, 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: <a href="wildhamble">wildhy-brid@aol.com</a>. Thanks!

Join your SAGE and Prime Gentlemen friends for the monthly *Early Bird Dinner*. The event for January will be at **Caldela Spanish Restaurant, 2909 NE 6th Avenue, Wilton Manors, 3334, on Wednesday, January 14th, at 5:30pm.** They specialize in Spanish paellas with seven different varieties as well as a large tapas selection. There are also many other authentic Spanish menu choices. Candela Restaurant is offering 20% off the entire menu for our dinner.

We go to different restaurants that offer thrifty early bird specials or other low-cost selections or specials. The idea is to enjoy a night out with friends without spending a whole lot. This event is targeting members of SAGE, Prime Gentlemen, and their friends — which means you do not need to be a member of either group to join us. Everyone is welcome! Please let me know if you will be attending: wildhybrid.aol. com.

#### SAGE ON THE BORDER/ ALTERNATIVES (SOBA)

Jean Arthurton & Frank Piasecki

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. At SOBA meetings, participants are asked their
responses to questions or topics posed by the group
leaders. Crosstalk and discussion follows. Watch your
email for the weekly eblast announcement. Everyone
is welcome. No reservations are required.

#### SAGE CO-ED DROP-IN

Michael Gagne & Kathy Macchio

#### **EVERY THURSDAY at 3:00PM on Zoom!**



Looking for good company and connections?
Join Kathy and Michael every Thursday for the SAGE Co-Ed Drop-In. It's casual, it's friendly, and it's all about **you**. Bring your stories, your questions, your thoughts — whatever is on your mind.

Catch up with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy the mix of socializing, witty banter, and conversation. All are welcome!

#### See you Thursday!

Meeting ID: 275 139 4844 Passcode: 076609

### **NOTES FROM THE MEN'S DROP-IN**Jefy Gaines

'Let's intermix in 26' ##"...because I knew you, I have been changed for good" ##



A Happy, Healthy New Year to all!

January is mostly in a Capricorn Sun, which means new beginnings, with integrity, honesty, and scruples. We will be more organized and achieving some ambitious goals, making changes, and everything might run better. Look for a nice experience of loyalty.

Capricorn is the tenth sign of the Zodiac and is associated with the constellation Capricornus, the body of a goat with a fish tail, reflecting the ability to navigate both the material and emotional realms. Ruled by Saturn, the planet of boundaries, restrictions, and responsibilities. There will not be sugarcoating things. We will be selective about who will be let into our lives. The end of the month cusps into an Aquarius Sun, and we'll lighten up, be creative, hang loose, and have some fun, so count me in.

SAGE of South Florida and Prime Gentlemen offer many, many activities and events for our community. Join us every Wednesday at the Drop-In, 12:30 PM East Coast time. People trickle in and we schmooze and cross-talk until 1PM, then we have announcements of upcoming events, and then some sharing about what's going on in our lives: Movies, dinners, family, feelings.... We close with a little kibitzing and jokes. Sometimes comical, sometimes not so much, moaning is permitted, and always good, spirited fun. All are always welcome.

Zoom Meeting ID: 275 139 4844 Passcode: 076609

PS. There is great potential for outreach to our Community through Zoom and in-person and hybrid meetings. We are looking for Volunteers interested in learning the hybrid set up, with Zoom.



## SAGE at CAN World AIDS Awareness Event

## SAGE Luncheon Meet-Up at Peter Pan Diner



## **SAGE/Prime Gentlemen Monthly Movie**



## SAGE/Prime Gentlemen Book Discussion Group Holiday Party at Rosie's Bar & Grill









## Early Bird Dinner at The Ambry German Restaurant





For up-to-date information on SAGE, follow us on Facebook: SAGE of South Florida, Inc. View more photos by visiting the Photo Gallery on our Website: www.sagewebsite.org

#### **ACCESS THE SAGE of South Florida WEBSITE**

Scan the QR Code to visit our website for up-to-date information on upcoming events. [Aim your cell phone camera at the QR Code using your QR App to go directly to the SAGE website.]



#### **SOCIAL SQUAD**

Michael Gagne

#### SAGE of South Florida - 2025 Year in Review

2025 was a year filled with good food, great company, and countless shared moments across South Florida. Our Social Committee brought members

together month after month, exploring an incredible mix of restaurants, parks, and special venues. Here's a look back at everywhere we gathered this year.

We began January with a delicious Italian lunch at **GG's of New York**, always a favorite thanks to its warm atmosphere and homemade classics. February brought two standout meals - the lively Rosie's diner lunch and our Peking Duck Valentine's event, which quickly became one of the most talked-about culinary experiences of the year.

In March, we enjoyed bold Indian flavors at **5th Element**, followed by our Annual Meeting at **Tropical Acres**, a beloved tradition known for its steakhouse charm and welcoming staff. April kept the momentum going with a nostalgic lunch at **Moonlite Diner**, a sunny picnic at **Royal Palm Park**, and a heartfelt **Latin Bohemia Volunteer** Lunch honoring those volunteers who give back to SAGE.

May delivered variety with a Chinese buffet at **Chow Time** and a return to **GG's of New York** for dinner. June's lunch at **Black Rock** brought sizzling American favorites, and we wrapped the month with the vibrant **Pride Gala at Hagen Park**, one of our most meaningful gatherings.

Summer kicked off with BBQ comfort at **Spanx the Hog** in July, followed by an enjoyable dinner at **Wan's**, a staple for Chinese cuisine. In August, we met at **Chili's** for a casual American lunch, then headed to **Casa Monarca** for a Spanish-themed dinner filled with rich flavors and great conversation.

September featured another meet-up at **Black Rock**, while October introduced two memorable stops: Mediterranean lunch at **Ferdo's** and a hearty German dinner at **Checkers Old Munchen**, known for its authentic German dishes and cozy ambiance.

November brought us Cuban cuisine at Las Vegas Cuban and a satisfying five-course Italian dinner at Sicilian Oven, known for its wood-fired specialties. Finally, December wrapped up the year with a friendly lunch at Peter Pan Diner and our festive Tower Club Holiday Party, complete with luxury, panoramic views, and a warm celebration of our SAGE community.

As we look back, 2025 gave us more than great meals - it strengthened connections, sparked new friendships, and reminded us why these gatherings matter. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We look forward to another year of shared experiences in 2026.

SAGE of South Florida is committed to keeping our programs accessible, and we use membership dues, donations, and community grants to help make that possible. These funds allow us to partially or fully subsidize almost every event we offer - from weekly gatherings like SAGE on the Border in Baco's Volen Center, Men's Drop-In, Co-Ed Drop-In, and the SAGE/Prime Gentlemen FREE Movie, to monthly activities such as SAGE Lunch Meet-Ups, SAGE Night Out, Lunch and Learn, and our Book Discussion Group. By covering room rentals, refreshments, technology for hybrid meetings, and other program costs, we ensure that our members can stay social, connected, and engaged without financial barriers. There truly is something for everyone, and your support helps make it all happen.

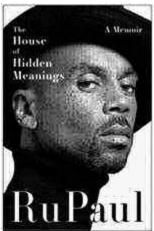
## SAGE/PRIME GENTLEMEN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Paul McNamara



<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Effective January 24, 2026, meetings will be held on the <u>fourth</u> Saturday of each month.

JANUARY SELECTION: The House of Hidden Meanings: A Memoir by RuPaul



With *The House of Hidden Meanings*, international drag superstar and pop culture icon RuPaul delivers his most revealing and personal work to date--a deeply intimate memoir of discovery, found family, and self-acceptance. It is a self-portrait of the legendary icon on the road to global fame and changing the way the world thinks about drag. Central to RuPaul's success has been his chamele-onic adaptability. From drag

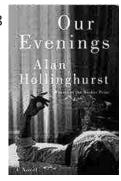
icon to powerhouse producer of one of the world's largest television franchises, RuPaul's ever-shifting nature has always been part of his brand as both supermodel and super mogul. Yet that adaptability has made him enigmatic to the public.

In this memoir, his most intimate and detailed book yet, RuPaul makes himself truly known. Here in RuPaul's singular and extraordinary story is a manual for living—a personal philosophy that testifies to the value of chosen family, the importance of harnessing what makes you different, and the transformational power of facing yourself fearlessly.

The House of Hidden Meanings will be discussed at the next meeting of the Book Discussion Group, to be held on Saturday, January 24 from 11:00 AM to Noon at the Stonewall Library, 1300 East Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale and simultaneously on Zoom. Meeting ID: 275 139 4844 and Passcode: 076609

The selection for the February 28 discussion is:

Our Evenings by Alan Hollinghurst



#### 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

In Palm Beach County – 561.684.5885

Website: adaptotorg

Website: aaaptotorg

#### 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 <u>Anne@sunshinecathederal.net</u>

#### 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 has established 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 Yvonne Rohrbacher, Program Coordi-

nator, at (786) 885-0101, yrohrbacher@sageusa.org, or Sofia Restrepo, srestrepo@sageusa.org.

#### **SAGE Health Tips**

Richard Calvin, BSN, CRRN (retired)



#### **Strategies for a Healthier New Year**

"Jane Goodall, age 91 when she died, followed several principles that geriatricians recommend for a long and healthy life. Dr. Goodall stayed active, working until the day she died, had a clear sense of purpose for her life, and was an enduring optimist." (New York Times, D.G Smith and N. Agrawal). Research shows that people who retire in their early sixties have a greater risk of death in the following years than those who stop working later. People who retire early also tend to experience accelerated cognitive decline, as well as higher rates of depression. Dr. Goodall spent time in nature, traveled, engaged in socially and cognitively stimulating activities, was conversant with others, had a keen sense of meaning or purpose, and maintained a positive outlook on life. Like Jane Goodall, you can figure out your next great adventure. Plan, engage, and enjoy the future. There is no reason to give up or give in to the symptoms of aging.

**Prioritize your health and be as healthy as you can be.** There is power in small, intentional steps. Start by auditing your habits: What supports your health? What undermines it? As awareness grows, so does the power to change. Identify the health issues you need to and want to address this year. <u>Close the intention/action gap.</u>

Create your vision. What do you want your life to look and feel like as you age? Take actions that balance your physical, emotional, financial, and social well-being. Research in 2018 found that people who practiced five specific lifestyle habits dramatically reduce their risk of heart disease and cancer: 1) ate a healthy diet, i.e., Mediterranean style; 2) did not smoke; 3) got three-and-a-half hours of moderate physical activity each week; 4) drink only moderate amounts of alcohol; 5) maintain a healthy body mass index (BMI) in the range of 18.5 to24.9. Consider starting these healthy self-care habits. Mind and body are inextricably linked.

**Identify your starting point.** Make an appointment with your healthcare provider to address your health problems. Get professional help to address emotional issues like anxiety, stress, and depression. Talk to a financial planner. Seek community – attend that group social activity event you have been putting off. Cultivate strong social connections.

**Plan for regular follow-up and involvement.** You have made the call, started the activity, block it into your daily calendar, i.e., 9AM-stretching exercises; 11AM- Doctors appointment; 2PM-keep sharp activity like trivia. Create reminders with your smart phone or by laying out clothes and preparing healthy snacks in advance.

**Course-correct without guilt.** Life happens. The goal is not <u>perfection</u>. It is progress. Make small shifts to stay on track.

The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (PLOS One, September 24) shows that adults aged sixty and older, with the right support and lifestyle choices, can regain an elevated level of well-being even after experiencing sub-optimal well-being.

No matter what your age, your journey toward health and happiness can start with just one step today. It is never too late to make changes.

**References and resources:** *Google*: "Health Tips: The Power of Small Steps;" *Harvard Health Beat:* "The Power of Self-Compassion;" "The Pillars of Self-Care;" "Positive Psychology."

SAGE cares because YOU care about your health.

Please always seek advice from your physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant.

### SAGE of South Florida

## **Lunch & Learn**

January 3, 2026, 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

Reservations MUST be made by 12:30pm on THURSDAY, January 1, 2026, BY SENDING AN EMAIL To: sagesofl@gmail.com OR BY CALLING: 954.634.7219



There will be a presentation on "TOPS" – the Broward County Transportation Options Program.

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

#### Menu

Caesar Salad

Cornbread

Glazed Ham

**Grilled Chicken** 

Green Beans Almondine

Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce or Vodka Sauce

Mixed Fruit

Dark Chocolate Cake

Catered by:

## A special Classical Piano Performance

He was musical director of Bel Canto Opera in New York City (1970–72). Known for his exceptional technique and skill he debuted at Carnegie Recital Hall

in 1977 and regularly performed at major venues like Lincoln Center's Tully Hall. His touring show The Marriage of Music and Drama highlighted his talents as performer, chamber musician, and composer. Rundle has toured throughout the U.S. and Canada with Community Concerts.

#### **SAGE of South Florida**

Milestone Birthdays and Concert

<u>Saturday, January 24, 2026</u> <u>1:00pm</u>

#### The Court at Palm Aire

2701 N Course Dr Pompano Beach, FL 33069

#### At This Time Our 2025 Honorees include:

David Cohen-94, Theodore Filteau-85, Betty Gambino-80, John Hasandras-85, Jerry Heaton-93, Gloria Key-94, Don Mitchell-85, Gary Peters-75, Phil Prentice-95, Clayton Raney-98, Joel Rubin-85, Michael Vita-85, Ethel Weinberger-85, John Andersen Wurster 80, Jerome Zygmunt-92.

If YOU are Member who turned 75, 80, 85 or 90 (and above) in 2025, please contact the SAGE of South Florida Office, ASAP so we can add you to our list of Honorees

Buffet: Salad, Roast Beef and Gravy and Turkey and Gravy, Roasted Potatoes, Grilled Vegetables, Birthday Cake and Fruit.



#### PRICING: \$24 @ Members & \$30 @ Non-members

(A portion of Member Cost subsidized by SAGE of South Florida) Reservations Close 3pm Wednesday, January 21, 2026

No Reservations Will Be Accepted after this Date & Time

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#### Birthday Celebration and Concert, Saturday, January 24, 2026

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To reserve by <u>Credit Card</u>, Call the **SAGE Message Line at <u>954-634-7219</u>** (Please leave your <u>name</u> and <u>phone number</u>)

This is a SAGE of South Florida Sponsored Event

Mail with Payment to: SAGE at P O BOX 70516 OAKLAND PARK, FL 33307 and call or email with your Name & Entrée to record your reservation. To make a reservation by credit card call the SOSF message line at (954) 634-7219



#### LUNCHEON MEETUP

**Everyone is Welcome!!** 

<u>Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 12:30pm</u> **DATE CHANGE!!** 



5440 N State Rd 7/441, North Lauderdale, FL 33319 (954) 484-0400

GG's has been serving classic New York-style pizza, pastas, and other Italian "red-sauce" favorites for generations. They offer dine-in, take-out, and catering services, with a menu that includes kid-friendly options, large portions, signature dishes like Chicken Parmigiana, garlic rolls, lasagna, tiramisu, plus a variety of pizzas including Sicilian style.

#### Thereafter every first Tuesday of the month

When you arrive just tell the Hostess that you are with SAGE

No advance reservations necessary

Just show up and pay for what you order



**Save The Date:** February 3, 2026 @ **12:30pm** 



2449 Wilton Dr. Wilton Manors, FL 33305

### THE SAGE/PRIME GENTLEMEN MOVIE



#### **WICKED: FOR GOOD**

Taking one last lap down the yellow brick road, Wicked: For Good's darker tone and unhurried pacing sometimes get in the way, but this epic conclusion ultimately brings Elphaba and Glinda's story home in rousing fashion. Now demonized as the Wicked Witch of the West,

Elphaba lives in exile in the Ozian forest while Glinda resides at the palace in Emerald City, reveling in the perks of fame and popularity. As an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, she'll need to reunite with Glinda to transform herself and all of Oz, for good. This is primarily Elphaba's story, but also the evolution of Glinda. The *Wicked* musical movies are meant to celebrate diversity and preach radical acceptance in the face of rising fascism. The with Elphaba is consistently misjudged for her bright green skin.

How Glinda and Elphaba strive to salvage their friendship while also being pulled apart by society's expectations provides the film's tension and spine. Elphaba figures if everyone assumes she's wicked, she may as well lean into that. In *For Good,* we know from the start that we're in more serious territory as Ozian workers build the Yellow Brick Road. This second film focuses on introducing beloved characters and familiar images from the original *Wizard of Oz* as the cowardly lion, the tin man, and the scarecrow make an appearance. Even Dorothy makes a brief appearance. So, if you're into the lore of the original *Wizard of Oz*, there are goodies in store for you.

Wicked: For Good is just as spellbinding as its predecessor, from the enchanted sets and costumes to the wonderful musical numbers and the entertaining supporting cast. Cynthia Erivo is mesmerizing, while Ariana Grande takes the lead with a performance that elevates her character to new heights.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 1:30PM *at the* PRIDE CENTER FREE POPCORN and SODA



#### LUNCHEON MEETUP

#### **Everyone is Welcome!!**

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 @ 12:30pm



## 2449 Wilton Dr., Wilton Manors, FL 33305 (954) 563-0123

Rosie's Bar and Grill has been a tropical oasis in the middle of the Island City, Wilton Manors, since 2006, offering amazing food and refreshing drinks and sassy fun. Whether you come for lunch or dinner, for Sunday Funday Brunch or for just a few drinks... whether you are LBGTQ+ or an ally...whether you are local or visiting... whether you come with a group or venture out solo... you will have a memorable experience with the most talented crew in South Florida.

#### Thereafter every first Tuesday of the month

When you arrive just tell the Hostess that you are with SAGE

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Save The Date: March 3, 2026 @ 12:30pm



2621 N Federal Hwy, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306





## Show, Brunch,

Unlimited Champaign, Mimosa's, Bloody Mary's

To RSVP look for this event at:

www.fortlauderdaleprimegentlemeninc.wildapricot.org

or Contact SAGE of South Florida

at **SAGEsofl@gmail.com** 

Cut of date for RSVP's and/or Refunds is Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 3pm