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PRIME TIMERS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Prime Timers' mission is to promote a welcoming social climate that affirms and supports mature gay and bisexual men and their friends. We offer social, cultural, educational and recreational activities that ensure we are caring and aging with dignity.

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President's Message

Hello, Prime Timers,

I hope everyone has voted by now, either by mail or early voting. If not, get you're a.. in motion and please vote even if you wait until Election Day on November 3. It is your duty as a citizen of the United States of America.

We are starting month number 9 of this "lovely" COVID-19 virus. I know a few members who have had the virus, but to my knowledge we have not had anyone who has been hospitalized or who has died. Thank God for that! Keep being as safe as possible.

The raffle fundraiser is postponed until next year. If you have any questions about this, come and see me or give me a call.

Please remember to sign up and pay your \$10 reservation fee for our annual Christmas Dinner that is scheduled for December 5. The Azalea Lodge is a very large open room. We have set a limit of 5 members per table. Also, we will follow all the necessary current safety measures. We hope to make the dinner as safe as we can for our members.

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Remember our final Good Deeds projects for 2020: Seniors First and the toy drive for the Sanford Children’s Home. Because of the virus this year, Seniors First/Meals on Wheels has requested donations of \$10 grocery gift cards (Publix, Walmart, Target, etc.) Please bring them to any Prime Timers event through our November General meeting on the 28th. You can also mail the cards to our Post Office box – PO Box 547003, Orlando, FL 32854-7003 – if you wish. I will deliver the cards on November 30.

Our second Good Deeds project is the toy drive for the Sanford Children’s Home in conjunction with Nick’s Family Diner. Again, you may bring toys to any Prime Timers event between now and the November General meeting. We will deliver the toys to Nick’s at our lunch on December 2.

Please pitch in and help these seniors and children this year. They – in fact, all of us – could use a little Christmas joy this year.

Everyone, as always, please be safe and take care of yourself, family and friends during this most serious of times that we are experiencing.

Ken Barnard, President

**Dinner, Theater Outing
Coming Up Dec. 12**

Prime Timers will head to Winter Garden on Saturday, December 12, to have dinner at 6 p.m. – restaurant not yet selected – and then go to the Garden Theatre at 7:30 p.m. to see “Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical.” Tickets can be purchased online at gardentheatre.org or by calling 407-877-4736. Seniors get a discount on their tickets.

PRIME TIMES

Prime Times, the newsletter of Prime Timers Worldwide, is available at www.theprimetimersww.com.

**PRIME TIMERS
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
TREASURER’S REPORT**

Period: September 26 to October 30, 2020

Beginning Balance ----- **6,372.58**

Receipts:

9/26/20	Gate Receipts	90.00
	50/50 Raffle	26.00
	Membership Dues	175.00
	Christmas Dinner	40.00
	Reservations	
10/17/20	Membership Dues	100.00
10/22/20	Membership Dues	50.00
	Christmas Dinner	80.00
	Reservations	

Total Receipts 561.00

Total Available 6,933.58

Disbursements:

9/26/20	#2266 Marquee Printing	30.50
	Postage	2.40
	#2267 General Meeting	36.00
10/13/20	#2268 Orlando Union	50.00
	Rescue Mission	

Total Disbursements 118.90

Ending Balance **6,814.68**

GENERAL MEETING FEE

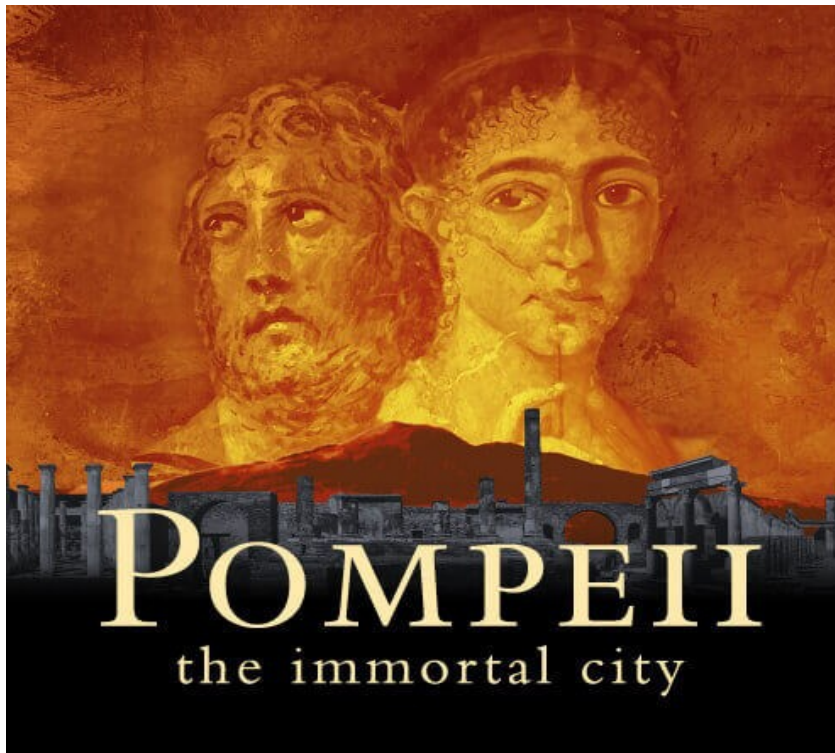
Everyone attending the monthly General meeting pays \$5. Three dollars of that fee go to the club; the other \$2 go to the Parliament House.

And the Winner is . . .

September 50/50 Raffle	– George Sepso \$27.00
Rainbow Cafe Certificates	– Bob Frew Bill Thomas

Country Store Wisdom

- Every year is a good year; some years are just better than others..
- The grass may be greener on the other side of the fence, but don't break your neck climbing over.



Courtesy of Orlando Science Center

OSC Offers Look at Pompeii

Prime Timers have the opportunity on January 6, 2021 to tour the excavated ruins of Pompeii and experience its destruction in AD 79 by visiting the Orlando Science Center to see “Pompeii: The Immortal City.” Senior admission is \$23. OSC is admitting visitors to the exhibit on a timed basis. When purchasing their tickets, Prime Timers should select the 11 a.m. time for Wednesday, January 6. Tickets are available at www.osc.org.

2020 Winter Raffle Postponed

Because of a lack of interest from members present at the September General meeting, the Board members decided at their October meeting to postpone the Winter Raffle until sometime in 2021. They hope that by then the COVID-19 pandemic will have eased and there will be more interest in having a fundraiser which was to offset the loss of meeting fees because of canceled meetings and low meeting attendance and reduced 50/50 cash raffle proceeds.

Reservations for Christmas Dinner Fete Due Nov. 28

Members of Prime Timers of Central Florida have until the General meeting on November 28 to make their reservation for the annual Christmas Dinner which will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the club.

The joint dinner will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at the Azalea Lodge at Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, 32789. It will be catered by Dubsdread Catering.

Members will pay \$10 to attend. Once a member pays the \$10 his reservation is confirmed. The reservation fee is non-refundable.

The club usually celebrates its anniversary in August but the COVID-19 pandemic forced club leaders to consider an alternative as venue choices were limited at that time. During the dinner, we will take a moment to remember members who passed away this year and we will also honor a couple of members.

We will have a 50/50 cash raffle, a raffle of gift cards and several other items.

Ham, roasted turkey with dressing and gravy, sauteed mixed vegetables and roasted potatoes are on the menu. There will be a cash bar.

– Ron Bush, Editor

**Prime Timers of Central Florida
Board of Directors Meeting
October 13, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

President Ken Barnard called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. at his home. All Board members were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-President David Barnes moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Board of Directors meeting as read by Secretary Ron Bush (2nd – Director/Events Chairman Jerry Roberts; no vote).

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Jerry Danese presented the financial report for the period September 1-30, 2020. The starting balance was \$6,347.58. The chapter had receipts of \$356 and disbursements of \$68.90. The ending balance was \$6,634.68. The largest receipt was \$200 in membership dues. Jerry said nothing had been received and no disbursements made since the first of October.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice-President David Barnes said he had nothing new to report, adding there is no light at the end of the (pandemic) tunnel yet.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

Director/Membership Chairman George Sepso reported our current membership is 80 as of today, October 13. Nine members are up for renewal in October.

EVENTS CHAIRMAN REPORT

Director/Events Chairman Jerry Roberts announced the events planned for November. The First Monday Social will be at Peach Valley Café on November 2. The walking and bowling groups will meet on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Lunches will be on November 4, 11, 18 and 25. The Board meeting will be on the 10th and the Evening at Stonewall on the 13th is canceled. The General meeting will be on November 28.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN REPORT

Director/Publicity Chairman Claude Aube announced the members having birthdays in November. They include Ron Bush on the 6th; Glenn Haugh, 11th; Larry Glinzman, 23rd; Rodney Griffith, 24th; Len Graham, 28th; and Henry Pyssler, 30th.

SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Ron Bush said he had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT REPORT

President Ken Barnard:

- Said because of lack of interest from the members present at the September General meeting he is recommending we postpone the 2020 Winter Raffle until things improve in 2021. The rest of the Board agreed to the postponement.

- Recommended we donate \$50 to the Orlando Union Rescue Mission to provide Thanksgiving dinner to people in need. The Board agreed to the donation.

- Reported eight members had signed up to have dinner at Thai Blossom in Winter Garden on October 17. After dinner, four members will go to see the performance of "Ugly Lies the Bone" at the Garden Theatre.

- Said member Rob Curry has donated two \$10 gift cards for the Seniors First/Meals on Wheels holiday project to provide needy elderly with a gift during the holiday season. Members have been asked to donate \$10 gift cards from Publix, Walmart, Target, etc. for the project. If they wish, members may donate money for the purchase of gift cards. All donations are due by the November General meeting on the 28th.

- Reminded Board members toys for the Nick's Family Diner toy drive will be delivered to Nick's the first week of December. Like last year, the toys will be given to the children's home in Sanford. Ken added that Ollie's currently has a good sale on toys.

- Said we will begin taking reservations for the annual Christmas Dinner at this month's General meeting on the 31st. The dinner will be from 4 to 6 p.m. December 5 at the Azalea Lodge in Mead Botanical Garden in Winter Park. Members must pay a \$10 reservation fee. In addition to the 50/50 cash raffle, we will also raffle several gift cards and other prizes. The Board also decided the menu: salad, roasted turkey with stuffing and gravy, Chambord-glazed ham, sautéed mixed vegetables, roasted baby red potatoes and a selection of holiday desserts. We will also have a cash bar.

- Reported the next outing to the Garden Theatre will be on December 12 to see "Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical." The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. but we will meet for dinner at 6 o'clock (the restau-



PTCF Salutes All Veterans

Prime Timers of Central Florida joins the rest of the United States on November 11 in thanking its members and the other citizens of this nation who have served this country as a member of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

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rant has not been decided).

- Confirmed our first outing of 2021 will be on January 6 to see “Pompeii: The Immortal City” at the Orlando Science Center. Senior admission is \$23. Lunch will be at the Olive Garden on Orlando Avenue/US 17/92 in Winter Park.

- Said we will have a potluck lunch on Saturday, March 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the lakefront pavilion at Lakeshore Landing. The club will provide the meat and beverages; members will bring side dishes or desserts to share.

- Noted our membership is down probably because of the pandemic. Ken said we need to encourage our members to help recruit new members for our club.

- Reminded Board members there will be no General meeting in December because of the holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Ken adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Bush, Secretary

Out and About

... Broadway Pizza



Photo Courtesy of Ken Barnard (9/23/2020)



Photo by Edwin Barnes (9/23/2020)



Prime Timers on southbound Sun-Rail train to Kissimmee to have lunch at Broadway Pizza and to do a walkabout of old downtown.

Photo by Edwin Barnes (9/23/2020)

**Prime Timers of Central Florida
General Meeting
September 26, 2020**

WELCOME

President Ken Barnard welcomed 18 members at 1:05 p.m. in the Footlight Theatre at Parliament House. All members of the Board of Directors were present, except for Director/Publicity Chairman Claude Aube who was absent and Secretary Ron Bush and Treasurer Jerry Danese who were both sick.

PROGRAM

There was no guest speaker for the meeting because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

SOCIAL TIME

There was no break for a social time as there was no lunch buffet because of COVID-19.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Edwin Barnes moved to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2020 General meeting as published in the October 2020 issue of *The Marquee*, the monthly newsletter of Prime Timers of Central Florida (2nd – Gary Snyder; no vote).

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Treasurer Jerry Danese, Ken presented the financial report for the period August 29 to September 25, 2020. The club started with a balance of \$6,225.46. The club had receipts of \$212 and disbursements of \$64.88. The club ended the period with a balance of \$6,372.58. The largest receipt was \$100 in membership dues.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice-President David Barnes said he really had nothing to report because guest speakers are reluctant to commit because of the continuing virus pandemic.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Director/Membership Chairman George Sepso reported we have 81 members as of today, September 26.

EVENTS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Director/Events Chairman Jerry Roberts announced the events planned for October. They include the First Monday Social on October 5 at Peach Valley Café. The Prime Time Walkers and Bowlers will meet on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Lunches will be

on October 7, 14, 21 and 28. The Evening at Stonewall on the 9th is canceled because of COVID-19. The Board meeting is on October 13. An outing to Winter Garden is scheduled for the 17th to have dinner at Thai Blossom and to see "Ugly Lies the Bone" at the Garden Theatre. The General meeting will be on October 31 (Halloween costumes optional).

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the absence of Director/Publicity Chairman Claude Aube, Ken announced the birthdays for October. They include Jerry Danese, 14th; Tom Broomall, 18th; and Claude Aube, 24th.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report as Secretary Ron Bush was absent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ken Barnard:

- Said he was glad to see a few of the members present today and hoped everyone was okay.
- Reported he had placed flyers on the table about the Seniors First/Meals on Wheels holiday project. Instead of collecting the previously announced towel sets, Seniors First requests donation of \$10 gift cards (Walmart, Publix, etc.) to distribute to its needy elderly clients during the holiday season. The cards must be delivered to Seniors First by December 1 so please get them to Ken by the November General meeting at the latest.
- Reminded members of the outing on Saturday, October 17, to see "Ugly Lies the Bone" at the Garden Theatre in Winter Garden. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 o'clock at Thai Blossom. Members are asked to let Ken know if they plan to attend the dinner so that he can make the proper reservation for the group.
- Announced our Winter 2020 Raffle kicks off today. Members were invited to take one of the 12 prepared packages. The list of prizes is in the October *Marquee*. Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 12 for \$10; 18 for \$15; 25 for \$20. Because all of the items were donated, all the money will go to the club. The winning tickets will be drawn at the annual Christmas dinner on December 5.
- Asked members to remember that our other Good Deeds project for this time of year is the toy drive at Nick's Family Diner which is collecting toys for the

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children’s home in Sanford. The toys are needed by the day of our second November lunch at Nick’s.

- Reported we will begin taking reservations for the annual Christmas dinner at the October General meeting. The cost to members is \$10. The dinner will also celebrate our club’s 25th anniversary. In addition to selecting the winners in the Winter 2020 Raffle, we will have our usual 50/50 cash raffle and a raffle of \$300 worth of gift cards and several wrapped gifts.

- Said we will have another outing to the Garden Theatre on December 12 to see “Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical.” The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. We will have dinner at 6 at a place not yet selected. Member Norm B. has donated his ticket for the show to anyone who would like to use it.

- Advised members to make note of two upcoming outings. The first will be on January 6, 2021 to see “Pompeii: The Immortal City” at the Orlando Science Center. Senior tickets are \$23. The other outing will be on March 6 for a potluck lunch at the lakeside pavilion at Lakeshore Landings. The club will provide the meat and beverages; members are asked to bring side dishes or desserts.

- Encouraged members to invite their friends and acquaintances to join Prime Timers even though this is a challenging time to get anyone to join a club.

50/50 RAFFLE

The pot for the 50/50 raffle coordinated by Vice-President David Barnes was \$53. Member George Sepso won \$27; the club’s share was \$26. Members Bob Frew and Bill Thomas won the \$5 Rainbow Café certificates which are good for one year.

ADJOURNMENT

Ken adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jerry Roberts,
 Director/Events Chairman

Out and About

... at Lam's Garden



Photo Courtesy of Ken Barnard (9/30/2020)

... at S. Orange Avenue Peach Valley Cafe



Photo by Ken Barnard (10/05/2020)

... at E. Michigan Street Zoes Kitchen



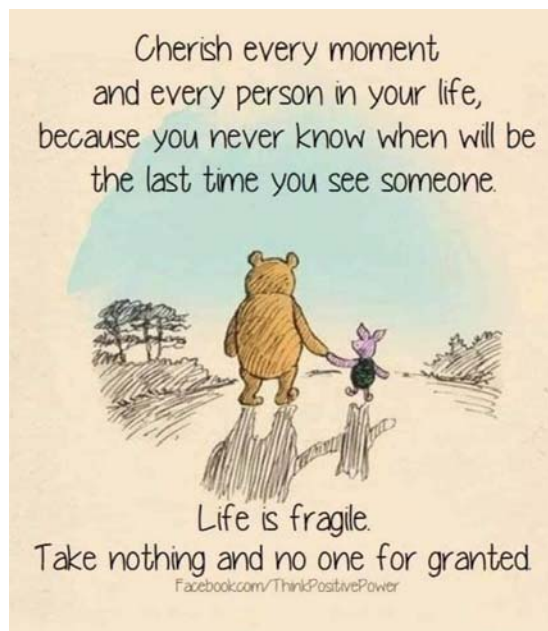
Photo by Ron Bush (10/14/2020)

Out and About . . . at Nick's Family Diner

Photos Courtesy of Ken Barnard
(10/07/2020 top; 10/21/2020 above)

Vote

Early voting in Central Florida ends on Sunday, November 1. Deliver your mail-in ballot to your elections office rather than mailing it. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Older Gay Men
Share Life Lessons**

- Remember your friends while you are dating.
- Own your sexuality, i.e. don't be ashamed of your sexual desires.
- Be vigilant about having safe sex.
- Prioritize the right people, i.e. be with people who don't treat you as an option.
- Support others and they will support you.
- Actions speak louder than words.
- Strive to be kind.
- Don't ignore warning signs.
- Swap contact details if you want to see someone again.
- The right partner goes beyond the physical.
- Don't fall for myths. For example, "the old saying that 'No one loves a guy over 40 is a big, fat lie.'"
- Things will change and that is okay.
- Cherish all generations.
- Choose the relationship that is right for you.
- Life is too short to not be yourself.

**Scam-Proof Your Life
Amid COVID-19**

- Be extremely careful when shopping online.
- Be wary of strange texts, calls and emails.
- Be sure your computer's antivirus and anti-malware software is up to date.
- Be aware: imposters wear many hats.
- Be sure to turn down pitches for quack COVID-19 cures and treatments.
- Be careful if you hear from a contact tracer, especially one asking to be paid.
- Be firm about not giving to a charity that seeks a contribution in cash, a wire transfer or via gift cards.
- Be vigilant about protecting your credit.

AARP, October 7, 2020



11/06 Ron Bush	11/24 Rodney Griffith
11/11 Glenn Haugh	11/28 Len Graham
11/23 Larry Glinzman	11/30 Henry Pyssler



11/27 Ron Bush and Jerry Danese

If you would like to see your birthday or anniversary published in this spot, please give us permission to print your special date in *The Marquee*.

MEMBERSHIP

81 members as of October 24, 2020
Members are encouraged to invite their friends and acquaintances age 21 and older to join.

Karaoke on Sunday afternoons at Stonewall is still canceled although the state has allowed bars and nightclubs to reopen.

Senior Activities at The Center

The LGBT+ Center Orlando has suspended indefinitely all in-person senior activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In place of the weekly **Senior Social** offered through its OWL (Older Wiser Learning) seniors program for Orlando's LGBT community at 946 N. Mills Ave., Orlando 32803, the Center hosts a Zoom chat on Thursdays at noon. Contact Michelle K. at michelle@thecenterorlando.org.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Check your email for updates on all Prime Timers activities.

11/02 – Monday, 10:30 AM – First Monday Social at Peach Valley Cafe, 2849 S. Orange Ave. Suite 310, Orlando, 32806. Phone: 407-896-4400.

11/04 – Wednesday, 1:15 PM – Lunch at Nick's Family Diner, 5439 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, 32810. Phone: 407-704-8861.

11/10 – Tuesday, 4 PM – Board meeting at Ken Barnard's home.

11/11 – Wednesday, 1:30 PM – Lunch at Zoes Kitchen, 236 E. Michigan St. Suite B105, Orlando, 32806. Phone: 407-985-1315.

11/13 – Friday, 5:45 PM – Evening at Stonewall, 741 W. Church St., Orlando, 32805. **CANCELED**

11/18 – Wednesday, 1:15 PM – Lunch at Nick's Family Diner, 5439 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, 32810. Phone: 407-704-8861.

11/25 – Wednesday, 1:30 PM – Lunch at Flipper's Pizzeria (SODO), 80 W. Grant St., Orlando, 32806. Phone: 407-425-5995.

11/28 – Saturday, 1 PM – General meeting in PH Footlight Theatre, 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, 32805.

Prime Time Bowlers meet at 12 noon on Tuesdays beginning **11/03** at Three Point Bowling, 7470 Hoffner Ave., Orlando, 32822.

Prime Time Walkers meet at 8:30 AM on Tuesdays at Lake Baldwin, **11/03 & 24**; Lake Davis, **11/10**; and Lake Eola, **11/17**.

Do you have a favorite restaurant that we haven't visited in some time or have never been to? If so, let Events Chairman Jerry Roberts know so that we can schedule a lunch or dinner there.

PRIME TIMERS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1 <u>Karaoke</u> Stonewall, 3-7 PM Canceled</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p>	<p>2 1st Monday Social Peach Valley Cafe, Orlando, 10:30 AM</p>	<p>3 <u>Walkers</u> Lake Baldwin, 8:30 AM <u>Bowlers</u> 12 noon Election Day</p>	<p>4 <u>Lunch</u> Nick's Family Diner, Orlando, 1:15 PM</p>	<p>5 OWL Senior Social The Center, Orlando, Canceled</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <u>Karaoke</u> Stonewall, 3-7 PM Canceled</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 <u>Walkers</u> Lake Davis, 8:30 AM <u>Bowlers</u> 12 noon Board Meeting 4 PM</p>	<p>11 <u>Lunch</u> Zoes Kitchen, Orlando, 1:30 PM Veterans Day</p>	<p>12 OWL Senior Social The Center, Orlando, Canceled</p>	<p>13 Evening at Stonewall 5:45 PM Canceled</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 <u>Karaoke</u> Stonewall, 3-7 PM Canceled</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <u>Walkers</u> Lake Eola, 8:30 AM <u>Bowlers</u> Three Point Bowling, 12 noon</p>	<p>18 <u>Lunch</u> Nick's Family Diner, Orlando, 1:15 PM</p>	<p>19 OWL Senior Social The Center, Orlando, Canceled</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <u>Karaoke</u> Stonewall, 3-7 PM Canceled</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <u>Walkers</u> Lake Baldwin, 8:30 AM <u>Bowlers</u> Three Point Bowling, 12 noon</p>	<p>25 <u>Lunch</u> Flippers Pizzeria, Orlando, 1:30 PM</p>	<p>26 OWL Senior Social The Center, Orlando, Canceled</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 General Meeting PH Footlight Theatre, 1 PM</p>
<p>29 <u>Karaoke</u> Stonewall, 3-7 PM Canceled</p>	<p>30</p>				<p>Check email inbox for updates on activities.</p>	