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LAS VEGAS PRIME TIMERS



NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST 2015



Editor's Highlights of July's Events

What can I say? It's Summer Time and things here in Las Vegas slows way down due to the high temps. Because of the higher temps, it seems like attendance at our weekly functions has declined, as has been the case ever since I've been a Prime Timer member. That being said, we did start out July with our monthly Planning Committee meeting and Board Meeting on July 8th, after we had dinner at Dessy B's Restaurant. Then on the 15th, we did our first Bar Nite Out of the month, at The Garage Bar. On Saturday, July 18 we had a monthly General Meeting & Potluck. Our theme was Summer dishes and boy were there some really good dishes brought! Wednesday evening, the 22nd, we tried another new restaurant called Nacho Daddy's in the Downtown area. Very good food and reasonable prices! We had our monthly Breakfast at Joker's Wild on July 25. As usual we had a good turn out. Tuesday night, July 28 our Bar Night Out was at GoodTimes Bar and we had a great turnout. 19 members and 2 previous members who indicated that they want to return as members. Then to end the month, we had a nice dine out at The Bagel Café on Wednesday evening July 29, 2015. Everyone was in awe over the huge portions they served and how good it was, plus the price was right. Just about everyone had to get a take out box, for the left overs!

Dessy B's Dinner - July 8, 2015



Cocktail Night Out - The Garage Bar - July 15, 2015



General Meeting & Potluck - LGBT Center - July 18, 2015



President's Column

Gay and Gray

Since becoming President of the Las Vegas Prime Timers, I have thought more about what it is like to be Gay and Gray. Most surprising to me, is the fact so many older gays remain in the Closet. I know how it was when we were younger and starting our careers, we had no choice but to be in the Closet, if we wanted to work and be accepted in society. Being Gay was considered a Mental Illness. With the help of many activists in the '60's, we started to see a change in our society about how they felt about Gays. It was still considered a Mental Illness, so many of us stayed in our Closets. Much has changed since those days. Gay people have come out of that Closet. We have open Gays in every area of society. We have Gay Politicians, Sports Figures, News Commentators and many Actors that are out and proud. With this being the case, why are so many of our older generation still in the Closet? Many have suffered and worked hard to get us to this place and yet we still try to be invisible. Think about coming out and stand proud of who you are! Staying in the Closet seems as if you still feel you have a Mental Illness and are ashamed of who you are! Do not be ashamed of who you are. Come join us and march in our Las Vegas Gay Pride Parade and stand up and be proud. I am a Happy Gay and Gray man and have never lost a friend or family member since coming out. Think about it and enjoy the rest of your days being yourself.

Your Proud Gay & Gray President

Gary Payne - Las Vegas Prime Timers



Wednesday - August 5, 2015

Gay Pride Bingo - 6:00 PM - Alexis Park Hotel - 375 E. Harmon

Thursday - August 6, 2015

Late Lunch/Early Dinner - 4:00 PM - Dessy B's - Tropicana and Eastern
 Planning Committee Meeting - 6:00 PM - Board Room LGBT Center - 401 Maryland Pkwy
 Board Meeting - 7:00 PM - Board Room LGBT Center - 401 Maryland Pkwy

Wednesday - August 12, 2015

Bar Night Out - 6:00 PM to ??? - Quad Z Bar - 4640 Paradise Rd.

Saturday - August 15, 2015

General Meeting and Luncheon - 12:00 Noon - LGBT Center - 401 Maryland Pkwy

Tuesday - August 18, 2015

Luncheon - 12:00 Noon - Fat Choy Restaurant - Inside Eureka Casino - 595 E. Sahara
 This is a **RSVP Event**.... Please contact Ric at **646-469-6765** or Email to **Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com**

Saturday - August 22, 2015

Breakfast at Joker's Wild Casino - 10:00 AM - Boulder Highway & Warm Springs Rd. - Henderson, NV
 This is a **RSVP Event**.... Please Contact Ric at **646-469-6765** or Email to **Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com**

Wednesday - August 26, 2015

Bar Night Out - 6:00 PM to ??? - Charlie's Bar - 5012 Arville St.

Friday - August 28, 2015

BBQ Dine Out - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM - "Grilling at the Pool-deck" - The Grand Hotel/Casino - 206 N. 3rd St.
 This is a **RSVP Event**.... Please Contact Ric at **646-469-6765** or Email to **Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com**

Monday - August 31, 2015

Dine Out - 6:30 PM - Hash House A Go-Go - 555 N. Stephanie St. - Henderson, NV
 This is a **RSVP Event**.... Please Contact Ric at **646-469-6765** or Email to **Events@lasvegasprimetimers.com**

Editor's Note on Events.... It's very important that when you're asked to RSVP to an event, that you do so, if you plan on attending. Reason for this is so, these establishments can arrange to have extra help to better serve us, if needed. Also, they can set up an area for us, so we can all sit together. If we walk in at the last minute without warning the restaurant, they won't be able to give us good service and we'll more than likely not be able to sit together, especially if the place is busy! This also makes it a lot easier on the person or persons who set up these events. Thank You, Art Deerheim — Editor

Ben Glidewell - Webmaster

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This month's article is geared to people who use Google and its host of services and what information they may have on you. If you have a Gmail account, an android mobile phone, or use google drive or documents than you have had to create an account with google.

With this account there is a control panel that you can sign into and set up preferences, personal and privacy information and account security setup. To access this control panel go to: <https://myaccount.google.com> and sign in.

In the personal info and privacy section click on the account overview and there will be a listing of the information they track. This information depending on the services you use may include web searches & browsing history, places you have been, You Tube activity, and a dashboard that lists the services you use.

Depending on your level of paranoia, this can be a little creepy or very interesting. For example, I have a Samsung Galaxy 4 phone, and I use Google for a lot of different things, which include Gmail, Google Drive, Google+, Google Music, and Google Photo's.

I leave the GPS locator in my phone on, since it will tag any pictures I take, and give me the location of where the photo was taken. However it also tracks my movements and can give me reports on where I have gone, or at least where my phone has gone over time. I have no problem with this and find it useful to be able to go back in time and see the when and where of my life. By clicking on manage activity in places you go section, I can see the list of places I have been, including businesses, addresses and the daily routes I have taken. The information is accurate but can be somewhat misleading. It will show places that I have passed by driving. I seem to spend a great deal of time at McCarren International Airport. That is because I work just south of the airport on Sunset Rd.

For those of you who don't want Google tracking information it is easy to turn off all tracking activities by turning the blue control knob to the left and suspend that activity. I don't blame anyone for felling uncomfortable about being tracked, but at least you have a place to go and control what information is being kept. Especially if you have a mobile phone, you are tracked anyway by your cell phone provider.

There is a lot of useful information in my account and you should definitely see what is there. It is also the place to go to control how and what devices you use have access to the services you are getting from Google

If you have any computer or website questions, please email me and I will try to get back as soon as possible.

Ben Glidewell



We have over 486 Registrations as of July 29, 2015. We are in the final stretch of Registration for the Worldwide Convention. The Registration fee is now \$220.00 until Sept. 9. No Registrations will be done after that time except we will sell Registrations at the door of the event for \$240.00. We still have space, so Register as soon as you can. Locals with a NV License may still register for the \$185.00 amount. We have a great agenda for the Convention. We will be busy every day and have much to do and see. Elections for the Worldwide Board will take place during this Convention. We are supporting Michael Stone to be our new President of Worldwide. You will have a chance to meet the current Worldwide Board and the New Board as all will be attending this Convention. So Register soon and make sure you make your Hotel Reservations. All the information about the Convention is on our web site - www.lasvegasprimetimers.com

Hope to see you there!

Gary Payne, President
Las Vegas Prime Timers



DO NOT MESS WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

A Senior Citizen received a message from their bank that they had a check bounce. Confused because this senior had an agreement with the bank, that an automatic transfer was to be made every month from a savings account to their checking account. So this letter was written to the bank manager from this "very upset" Senior Citizen!!!

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his depositing the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly transfer of funds from my savings account, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only 31 years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has recently become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh and blood person. My mortgage & loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally & confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact Status form which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him/her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his/her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealing with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits, but I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

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BIRTHDAY LIST



- August 3 - Bob Lemmons
- August 3 - Bill Anthony
- August 12 - Mac McAndrews
- August 20 - Scott Wilson
- August 21 - Delon Gobeli
- August 21 - Grant Haertter
- August 22 - Neal Zirkle
- August 23 - Chuck Vecchi
- August 23 - Jack Benjamin
- August 23 - Jay Johnson
- August 23 - Richard Nykeil
- August 30 - Richard Tobiason
- August 31 - Bob Robertson

If you wish to submit an article, ad or photos for the next newsletter, please email it to:

Newsletter@lasvegasprimetimers.com.

Before August 25, 2015

MEMBER'S KORNER

BIRTHDAY LIST

If you would like your Birthday listed in the Newsletter, please send the information (your name, month and day ONLY) to: Birthday LVPT, PO Box 42424 Las Vegas, NV 89116-2424 or e-mail it to:

newsletter@lasvegasprimetimers.com

REMINDER TO MEMBERS

If you do not want your photo taken at events, please inform the Photographer



NEW MEMBERS

Michael Cohen

Fred Wilebski

Ron Meduna

Bob Ratke

George Weiss

"Condensed Version"

Saturday, July 18, 2015

Location: LGBT Center

General Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Gary Payne, Ray Plummer, Curt Woller, Ric Breland, Ben Gildewell, Art Deerheim, Bob Williams and Haywood Mollette

1. There were no questions about the last minutes.
2. There were no questions about the last Treasurer's Report.
3. Gary report on the recent bank problem. Our Convention Account was hacked the bank's Fraud Dept. closed that account and opened a new Convention Account. Gary and Curt met with the bank about opening a Merchant's Account, which would allow us to accept Credit Cards , instead of Pay Pal. The majority of the members present approved this change.
4. Richard E. reported on the Christmas Party. It will be Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 at Joker's Wild. Cocktails will be at 5 & dinner buffet at 6 PM. Members will pay \$15 (\$10 will be used for Gifts and \$5 towards the meal). Guests will be charged \$30. LVPT will cover the remaining cost of the meal. Richard will need Volunteers to help with this party. Once again, everyone will be asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toy Drive.
5. Gary reported on the 2016 Regional Gathering. It will be held at The Stratosphere, May 1 - 5, 2016. Room cost will be \$40 with a reduced resort fee of \$14.99 which includes a day pass to the top of the tower. We will use meeting rooms in the tower, which have floor to ceiling windows with a great view of Las Vegas. We will have a private Pizza Party at the Private Pool on the 24th floor. Gary is also checking on a 2 for 1 coupon for the show that features music from the 50's, 60's & 70's. We have given them a \$1000 deposit and the Planning Committee will be working on the agenda. Registration will begin on October 11, 2015 at the World Wide Convention.
6. Gary reported on the World Wide Convention. We now have the hotel listing of the 197 rooms that have been booked. We have 472 registrations. 155 have signed up for the bar crawl and 180 for the Fremont Experience. The four bars for the bar crawl are "The Garage", "Quad Z", "Good Times" and "Charlies". We have rented a Cargo Van for \$400, for the Convention Week. This Van will be used to transport supplies and equipment for the Convention. Either Curt or Gary will accompany the van on each of the 2 runs per day to be able to use our debit cards for purchases.
7. Rules and Regulations group will meet to finish the project so that it can be presented to the board at the Aug. 6 meeting. They will be adding a statement that we have the right to refuse anyone for Just Cause.
8. Events Report. August events are done.
9. Ray Plummer was introduced as the new Vice President.
10. Senior Prom. LVPT will help sponsor this event on Sept. 12 at the Center. A King and Queen will be crowned and will be riding in a Pink Cadillac in the Pride Parade. The Prom will cost each person \$10 and the proceeds to go to ACT III.
11. Pride Parade. Gary has registered us in the Pride Parade and has rented a convertible to be in it. There is room for 2 more cars to be in the parade. We're in the Parade as a "Senior Group" along with ACT III, a Lesbian Group and a Transgender group..

Meeting Adjourned: 1:55 PM

Submitted by: Ray Plummer - Secretary

(Full Version of the Minutes are available on our Web Site)

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**Do Not Mess With Senior Citizens**

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Please allow me to level the playing field even further. When you call me, you will now have a menu of options on my new voice mail system to choose from.

Please press the buttons as follows:

- 1. To make an appointment to see me*
- 2. To query a missing payment*
- 3. To transfer the call to my living room*
- 4. To transfer the call to my bedroom*
- 5. To transfer the call to my toilet, in case I'm attending to nature*
- 6. To transfer the call to my cell phone, in case I'm not home*
- 7. To leave a message on my computer, a password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact.*
- 8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7*
- 9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.*

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy and establishment fee of \$50.00 to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. Please credit my account after each occasion.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

Sincerely,

Your Humble Client

**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS
LABOR DAY GET-A-WAY 2015
SEPTEMBER 3 - 7, 2015**



For More Information on this event, in Oklahoma City, contact StevenDubois@cox.net

Las Vegas Western Regional Gathering

May 1 - 5, 2016

Las Vegas, Nevada

After receiving many emails and calls from Prime Timers all around the Country, requesting we do our Annual Western Regional Gathering in 2016, we have decided to do one. Many were upset as we did not do one this year, but it would have been too difficult to do that with the Worldwide Convention being held here in October. So, with the blessing of the Worldwide Board, we are having our 2016 Gathering at the **Stratosphere Hotel**. This will be a big change for us. Usually, our Gathering areas are in big windowless rooms with movable walls, etc. At the **Stratosphere**, all our meeting rooms and events will take place in areas on the 104th floor and up, in the tower, with wall to wall windows overlooking all of Las Vegas. The **Stratosphere** has two pool areas. The main pool area is open to all ages. The other pool is very private, on the 24th floor of the Hotel and is 'only' for Adults and for Private Parties. We will be having a Private Pool Party there. We are working on the full Agenda and Registration Forms and will inform everyone of all the details, as soon as we have them. You will be able to see all the information, however, we will Not start Registering anyone until October 11, 2015. From Oct. 11 - 14, there will be very special discounts given to attendees at the Worldwide Convention and to anyone registering from our website during those days. Only registrations postmarked on or before October 14, 2015 will be able to receive these very special discounts. Room rates will be only \$40.00 a night with a resort fee of \$14.99 (which includes, free pass up to the top of the Stratosphere Tower, special discounted rates on all the rides on top of the tower, plus several other good deals) which brings the room price to \$54.99 a night + taxes (of course). That's a great rate for hotels on the Strip. We are excited about having this Gathering at the **Stratosphere**.

Keep Checking your emails for updates on this Gathering!

Gary Payne, President - Las Vegas Prime Timers



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Dine Out - Nacho Daddy's - July 22, 2015



Joker's Wild Breakfast - July 25, 2015



Bar Night Out - Goodtimes Bar - July 28, 2015



Dine Out - Bagel Café - July 29, 2015

