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Cecil Bethea Celebrates His 90th Birthday!

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June 22nd, Cecil Bethea, a long time Prime Timer and always a congenial friend to everyone, celebrated his 90th birthday.

Cecil had a small group of old friends with a few Prime Timers there. It was a nice party with plenty of tables and chairs for everyone present. One table had soft drinks and another table had finger food. Just help yourself and enjoy, and we certainly did.

Cecil was in an electric wheel chair (*see above picture*) he really didn't look like he had aged a bit. His quick wit & sense of humor are still in tact. He mentioned that he didn't really have any sage advice for his longevity except *'I always looked both ways before crossing the street'*! More of his great humor which we all have enjoyed for many years.

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Carl was also there, he looks good. He has gained some weight which he needed. He doesn't live in the same facility as Cecil because of his dementia. They have been partners for 48 years it was mentioned.

There was also two special birthday cakes to chose from. Ending with a champagne toast to Cecil wishing him a Happy Birthday and many more. What a milestone for Cecil to reach. A nice ending for everyone to close the birthday celebration in style.

And last but not least, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CECIL**, from all of the members of the Colorado Prime Timers.



Cecil and Carl lead the 2018 Gay Pride parade on Sunday, June 17th. (Photo taken by Geof Jones)

The Colorado Prime Timers
is proud to give a BIG



to our new members
We now have 180 members

LUNCH ATTENDANCE
June 27, 54 July 4, 43
July 48, July 18, Next Month

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT
Savings Account \$9,383.82
Checking Account \$1,815.89
Total \$ 11,199.71

THE PURPOSE OF THE COLORADO PRIME TIMERS

As a local Chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide we provide mature gay and bisexual men (and their admirers) opportunities to gather in a supportive atmosphere, and enjoy social, educational, and recreational activities.

We create a diverse amount of events. We insure affordable events so that every member can find interesting activities with which to be able to actively participate and enjoy the camaraderie with other older gay and bi men.

The organization is not a religious or political organization. However, it is concerned with the impact that social, economic and political changes have on us as aging gay and bisexual men.

Prime Timers Worldwide is an organization with more than 8000 members in 78 Chapters in cities throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, Israel. Your membership in the Colorado Prime Timers Chapter entitles you to privileges in any of the Chapters of the Prime Timers Worldwide organization. The contact information for each Chapter is available to download. The Prime Timers Worldwide web site: www.primetimersww.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION NEWSLETTER AD RATES

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Yearly membership dues are \$20.00 per member and \$25.00 for couples living at the same address. Dues are due payable when you join and yearly dues are paid on your anniversary date and no later than 30 days after that date. You can send your payment

to Colorado Prime Timers, P.O. Box 300274. Denver, Colorado 80203 or you can pay the Membership Coordinator, Larry Jeffries at any Wednesday Luncheon.

LUNCHEON AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL

Don't forget the Wednesday Nooners Luncheon for a delightful lunch and munch brunch experience that meets every Wednesday. **No sign up, no reservations.** Just come and enjoy the food and conversation with your fellow Prime Timers.

The Golden Corral is an American family-style restaurant chain serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, and featuring a large all-you-can-eat buffet and grill offering numerous hot and cold dishes, a carving station and their Brass Bell Bakery.

Tell the cashier that you are with the Colorado Prime Timers to receive the \$9.23 lunch price.

Price does not include gratuity!!!

**Social Hour & Lunch from
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
3677 South Santa Fe Drive
Sheridan, Colorado 80110**



Chuck Sherrod, 1st **Andy Farr, 2nd**
David Hetzel, 4th **Gary Bales, 8th**
Sam Gallegos, 13th
Richard White, 15th
Byron Rider, 22nd **Gary Housley, 24th**
Claudio Vigil, 26th **Tim Failor, 29th**
and two others

***Free lunch card if you attend lunch that day!**



**We are now on facebook. The link is:
fb.me/coprimerimers**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **Sept.** Newsletter deadline for all articles and activities for the Newsletter **must** be turned into Dick Moore, Newsletter editor by Wednesday, **Sept. 22nd** to be included in the **Sept.** edition for delivery on Wednesday, **Sept. 29th.**

Opinions expressed in various columns with Prime Times are the sole opinions of the writer and are not necessarily of the Colorado Prime Timer organization, it's Board or Editor. All articles, dates and times are subject to change.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

For detail information about each activity or event please refer to the information in this Newsletter or use the sign up sheet at the Wednesday Luncheon. Be courteous and RSVP the event's host no later than the reservation deadline. Those who sign up or RSVP the event's host will be guaranteed a spot with the group, others will be accommodated as possible. If you RSVP and can't make the event, contact the host.

The following are articles, announcements, and of scheduled events for the present month. These events can also be found on the monthly calendar (**see page 11**). If a phone number or e-mail is given, please respond as soon as possible for reservations.

If you need a ride, it may be best to contact other members on the sign up sheet personally. The event coordinator should not be expected to arrange transportation!

ACTIVITY PLANNING

Joe Saman: Activities Coordinator
For any Prime Timer's activity, you **MUST** check with me first. We will look at the "Master Calendar" together. Just a reminder, if you are planning an activity, make sure the date is open for your activity. Then the sign up sheet can be created either by me or by you for the activity. *Any member can coordinate an activity at any time!!!!*

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PRIME TIMERS OUT N' ABOUT!

COFFEE TIME

When: Every Monday.
Time: 8-10 am.
Where: Paneras, 640 S. Colorado Blvd.
When: Every Tuesday.
Time: 10 till noon.
Where: The LGBT Center.

BOARD MEETING

President: Dick Moore
When: Wednesday, August 1st.
Time: Right after lunch.
Where: Golden Corral, 3677 S. Santa Fe Drive.
Agenda: Reports on the Treasury, Membership, and anything else we want to talk about. **All members are welcome to participate!**

GENERAL MEETING

Host: Dick Moore
When: Wednesday, August 8th.
Time: 12:15 pm.
Where: The Golden Corral, 3677 S. Santa Fe Drive.
Agenda: Dick reports on the August Board Meeting, Treasurer's report, Membership report, and anything else we want to talk about.

DARREL'S GARDEN PARTY

When: Saturday, August 11th.
Time: 4:00 pm to ?
Where: 2963 South Cherokee Street, Englewood, 80110.
Call or e-mail: Darrel at 303.789.3897 or dffreeland@q.com to RSVP or use sign up sheet at lunch. Sign up no later than Wednesday, August 8th.

INFO: The organization will furnish the entrees and breads (hot dogs, hamburgers) **attendees will sign up for salads, veggies, desserts, and the drink of their choice.**

SUNDAY BURLY BRUNCH

When: Sunday, August 12th.
Time: 11:00 am.
Host: Colorado Prime Timers.
Where: The Trade, 475 Santa Fe Drive.
Cost: **\$13.00. An all you can eat brunch.** Also \$10.00 bottomless Mimosas or other soft drinks. **(With every bottomless mimosa sold, the organization receives \$3.00 back).** Along with all of that, a full-length movie, "**Adam and Steve**" very funny, while you enjoy brunch. The bar drinks are great and not expensive. **Use sign up sheet at lunch no later than Wednesday, August 8th.**

Movies coming up:
Sept. 9th: You Should Meet My Son
Oct. 14th: Another Gay Movie

HAND-KNEE-FOOT CARDS

Coordinator: Ken Krout
When: Monday, August 13th.
Time: 12 pm - 4 pm.
Host: James Mickel
Where: 3995 Balsam St., Wheat Ridge, 80033.
Call: Jim 303.424.2921 to RSVP or use sign up sheet at lunch. **Limit 12. Make reservations no later than Wednesday, August 8th.**

OVER-EASY BREAKFAST

Coordinator, Darrel Freeland
Due to Darrel's Garden Party, there will not be an Over-Easy Breakfast this month.

Colorado Prime Times Newsletter is available on the club web site and can be downloaded by members who do not attend the Wednesday Luncheons. Printed copies are still available at the Wednesday Luncheon and to any member who does not have online access.

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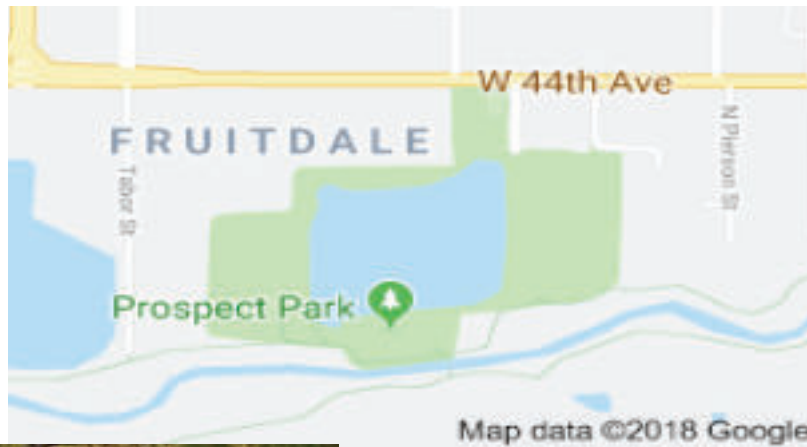
ANNUAL MOUNTAIN PICNIC

Coordinator: Dick Moore

Saturday, August 4th, (weather permitting). Once again it will be a potluck with the chapter paying for drink, and entree.

Location is at the Prospect Park, 44th and Robb Street, Wheat Ridge. We have the area all day so come and enjoy being with your Prime Timer buddies for food, games, R&R, walk the trails. If you have games you can bring such as UNO, Trivial Pursuit, Bean Bag Horseshoes etc. Dogs are allowed in the park but they must be on a six foot leash. Plenty of parking and it's all on very level ground. Restrooms are right next door.

A sign up sheet is available. Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, August 1st.



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On June 14th, Bradford Clingan, who was our waiter at Nooners luncheons at Charlie's for a very long time, flew into Denver from Michigan. I'm sure a lot of you will remember him.

Sheila picked up Bradford, Tim Failor and then me. We had lunch at Dave's Diner out on West 26th & Kipling. What great time we had revisiting times at Charlie's. Lots of laughing and just enjoying the company.

Bradford usually arrives in Denver just in time for PrideFest every year. We are always happy to see him as he does miss his Colorado friends (Prime Timer friends, too).

E-MAIL NOTICE

Your Colorado Prime Timer webmeister periodically sends a message to all members, primarily to inform everyone when the next newsletter is available on our web site. If you are not receiving these messages it is because we either don't have your e-mail address or we have an incorrect address. E-mail addresses can be sent to **Ron Hurd** at **ron@ronh.org**. Also, don't forget to let our **Membership Chairman, Larry Jeffries**, know of any changes in your profile, Send to **lejeff40@gmail.com**. **Rosters available in July at Wednesday Lunch ONLY!!**



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING, JULY 4TH

SPECIAL NOTICE

Starting with this issue, the Minutes of the Board Meeting will be found on the Colorado Prime Timer web site. Hard copies will be available at Wednesday luncheon.

FROM THE KITCHEN OF . . .

Julia Child and Dick Moore

MAPLE-BOURBON PECAN PIE

Maple syrup and bourbon infuses the pie with distinctive sweetness. For a decadent treat, top warm pie with vanilla ice cream.

Makes 10 servings

1 large frozen deep dish pie crust
 3/4 c. pecan halves
 1/4 c. finely chopped pecans
 1/2 c. maple syrup
 1/2 c. dark corn syrup
 3 T. brown sugar
 2 T. butter, melted
 2 T. bourbon
 1 t. vanilla extract
 1/4 t. kosher salt
 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
 2 large egg whites, lightly beaten

Combine pecans and other ingredients in a bowl, stirring well to combine. Pour filling into pie crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 38 minutes or until center of pie is almost set (shield edges of crust with foil if crust gets too brown). Cool on wire rack.

Well Wishes for

Anthony Guzman
 and a quick recovery.
 Anthony broke his hip and is now at
 The Center
 8550 E. Lowry Blvd.
 303.676.4000
 Room 223
 Call or give him a visit.

Wednesday, June 27th Luncheon at the Golden Corral 54 in attendance



BROTHERS FROM THE PAST

(I am resurrecting this vert interest series written by Cecil Bethea. This one was written in April, 2006).

On December 9 , 1975, The Washington Post has a headline that read, "HOMOSEXUALS IN SPORTS/WHY GAY ATHLETES HAVE EVERYTHING TO LOOSE." David Kopay could not believe what he read. As a player for the Redskins, he was particularly interested. As a closeted Gay man, he was really interested.

One man had been interviewed under conditions of anonymity: no name, no team, no position. However Kopay realized that he and that man had had sex, the first time he had bedded an NFL player. After years of mental turmoil, he decided to come clean and tell all. Kopay called the reporter and set up an interview. After his story was published and he was identified, most of the daily papers in the nation retold the news. The reaction was as might be expected. Many thought he was trying to ruin the noble sport of football while others wrote letters of appreciation. Kopay was not so much a pioneer in disclosing his orientation as a leader because he was the very first NFL player to admit being Gay. He had no immediate followers; he was way out front all by himself.

Kopay was born in Chicago in 1942, the second son of three boys plus one girl, but in 1952 they moved to the Los Angeles area. His father was a first generation Croatian, a Catholic and a blue collar worker always in need of cash. As in most Gay autobiographies, the family was at least semi-dysfunctional. The family was so strongly Catholic that one of the novelties of going to the University of Washington for Kopay was meeting and knowing Protestants.

Kopay during his teen age years admired other boys but dated girls. At college he dated and bedded girls but still hankered after men. After getting drunk one night, he and a fraternity brother ended up in each other's arms. Without taking off their clothes, Kopay managed to achieve an orgasm. All through such activities for several years, he was fantazing about more pleasurable doings.

Have played with the Chargers and the Lions, he was traded to the Redskins during Lombardi's reign. Washington seemed to be the place where Kopay could flower. With team mates, he visited mixed bars and even went up to a Gay bar in Baltimore. He finally found satisfaction with a man who did not care about

his being a football player, but it was just a casual thing. Just as casual was a session with another football player.

Although he had been having an affair with a stewardess, he found he very nice but not what he wanted. They had a brief and unsuccessful marriage. He considered himself a bisexual but finally concluded that he wanted to go all the way with men. One off-season, Kopay was the "aide" to the president of a large corporation, this too was not what he wanted.

After he had come out, he was on numerous television talk shows and interviewed by the newspapers. More important to him was speaking to Gays and any other group interested in Gay rights. The American Bar Association was one such host. Thinking he would find a partner, he spoke about their rights. He never did find a real partner. Even the University of Washington had him give a commencement address.

Since retiring, Kopak evidently has enough money to support a pleasant life style. His retirement income comes from Social Security, the National Football League, and Linoleum City. The latter, owned by an uncle, was his employer after his football career ended. Workouts and swimming in a lap pool are part of his daily routine.

Kopak abandoned the Catholic Church because of its strong anti-Gay positions. Softening his stand somewhat, he attended an Episcopal Church. His family, for the most part, has accommodated to if not accepted his being Gay. The older brother Tony feels that Kopay's announcement prevented his being hired as head coach at the University of Oregon. One excuse is as good as another. Kopay also tried to get a coaching job but with no success.

His body has paid a price for playing football. During a twenty month period, Kopay underwent replacement operations for shoulder, a hip, and a knee. His bionic parts always set off the alarms at airport security.

Did his coming out affect the world? No doubt the national Football League is fortified up to fend off the mobs of Gay would be football players. Only two other players have come out. Esera Tuaolo of the Vikings and Ray Simmons of the Giants and Redskins [publicly exited the closet. All three did so after retiring. Dwight Simmons was the only college player to announce his being Gay and consequently was forced off the Stanford football team. In the individual sports of football, basketball, and baseball still try to remain sullied. Perhaps

unsullied is too strong a word;,, probably "hidden from the public" is a better phrase.

Both Billy Beane, the baseball player, and Kopak thought they could not possibly be Gay because they were jocks. Hopefully young jocks will now realize they can combine both qualities. No matter they will not find easy acceptance by their teammates unless they are very, very good players.



Dick Moore, President

Let Me Finish

“AWESOME? ABSOLUTELY!”

As long as there has been such a thing as human language, there has been the problem of people opening their mouths before they gave much thought to what they were going to say. **(Sound familiar?)**

I may spend an extra second before I throw myself into gear, thinking about what I am about to express. I have gotten into the habit of at least giving a moment's consideration, but I know I am in a minority. I hear so many people making chin music without a glimmer of introspection before they launch their verbal ship.

Here in Colorado we have Spanglish. In eastern Canada, they speak Fenglish. In either case, a speaker weaves arbitrarily in and out of languages. In Canada, I found people speaking, for example, a sentence of 10 words, five of them in French and the other five in English. My few words (and they are few) of French came in handy, such *merci, bon jour*. I would have been lost otherwise.

Regardless of what language or improvised language is spoken, however, the issue of thoughtless speech remains a problem. People spend fortunes to get degrees in communication, and spend long hours of study coming up with theses and dissertations, and what do they wind up

doing with their knowledge?

Probably writing advertising. Now, there is a form of expression that calls for some forethought, all because of the intention of separating the communiqué from his or her hard-earned dough. But I will bet that ad copywriters are just as sloppy as anyone else when they are not designing clever slogans. Awesome? Absolutely!

The crux of the issue, I believe, has to do with the amount of consciousness with which we live our lives. We do a lot of things without considering the consequences or the meaning of our acts. Speech is no different. We have got to be an intelligent species; otherwise we wouldn't have made it this far. But I don't know how much farther we can go if we don't wake up to the necessity to actually think about what we do and say.

I don't really watch much TV, but have seen enough that I can say that what is broadcast is unreal.

Take a show like *Law and Order*, for instance. Everything that is exchanged in conversation there is spoken once, understood perfectly and responded to accordingly. Or worse, respond to something they thought they heard but was not actually spoken.

I realize that this rant sounds a lot like an old curmudgeon, someone like Dan Rather writing about the sins of contemporary language. I can't say that I'm above wanting to fit in or that I don't cringe when I hear Valley-Speak from somebody behind me on the train on their cell phone making half of a completely wasted conversation. If we are to make our wishes known to others, we have to use language in some kind of recognizable form.

I don't think we serve language. Language serves us, but if we are to carry on in anything less than violent chaos, we have to do something besides vibing each other out. We have to speak! Just pause for a moment and put your brain in something less than neutral before you put your mouth into high gear. That would be cool, radical cool.

See you next month and have a safe and fun Labor Day weekend.

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2019 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Some people run for office because they want to do something, and some people run for office because they want to be somebody. Like all generalizations, this contains some truth and some over simplification. Our motivations tend to be complex, not singular.

The Colorado Chapter of Prime Timers annual election for the Executive Officers is coming up. The election will be held thru the month of October and up until the General Meeting, Wednesday, November 14th. Those of you who receive your Newsletter off our web site may obtain a ballot from the web site or from Dick Moore at any of the October Wednesday luncheons up to the 14th of November. You can either mail your ballot to Dick at 3630 Vance St., #107, Wheat Ridge, CO. 80033 or hand it in to Dick at Nooners. The counting of the ballots will take place on the 14th of November and the results announced on Wednesday, November 28th and will be published in the December issue of the Newsletter.

The following positions are available for any member in good standing. **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and a new board member, Director of Special Events.** Also on the ballot will be nominees for the 2018 White Buffalo Award.

If you intend to run for an office, please send a letter of Intent to the Newsletter Editor, Dick Moore no later than Wednesday, September 19th. No long drawn out information just a couple of paragraphs stating why you would make a good Board member.

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5	6	7	8 Lunch General meeting Birthday Gary Bales	9	10	11 Darrel's Garden Party
12 Sunday Burley Brunch at The Trade	13 Hand, Knee, Foot Birthday Sam Gallegos	14 Birthday Richard White	15 Lunch Birthday Julia Child	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Lunch Newsletter Deadline Birthday Byron Rider	23	24 Birthday Gary Housley	25
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