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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 14, 2019

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**MAGGIANO'S
RESTAURANT**

500 Sixth Street (at The Pavilions)

FAMILY STYLE DINING

CASH BAR

Special Door Prizes 2020 Calendars
Entertainment

Get your reservations in early
No later than Wednesday, December 11th

(more information on page 5)



Time To Say Goodbye!!!

Dick Moore. President

I would like to take this time, since it will be my last time as president, to thank all of the many board members, coordinators, volunteers, and the many members who have supported the chapter over the last 17 years and made it what it is today.

To all of you I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year.

**The Colorado Prime Timers
is proud to give a BIG**



**to our new members
We now have 164 members**

Happy Birthday

Jack Bellomo, 15th
Ted Carnes, 27th
Larry Jeffries, 29th
Eric Jorgensen, 13th
Norman Leonhardt, 19th
Frend John Miner, 8th
Jim Parks, 20th
Carl Patterson, 14th
Eddy Smith, 23rd
Reed Taylor, 27th
Don Todden, 9th
Joe Velez, 22nd
and two others



**Free lunch card to be used at a later date
if you attend lunch that Wednesday of
your birthday!!**

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 guarantee a spot with the group, others will be accommodated as possible. If you RSVP and can't make the event, **contact the host as soon as possible.**

The following are articles, announcements, and of scheduled events for the month of **December on page 4.** These events can also be found on the monthly calendar. 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 is not expected to arrange transportation.

PRIME TIMERS

OUT N' ABOUT

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

When: Wednesday, November 27th.

Time: 11:00 to 1:00

Where: Golden Corral

INFO: No Christmas Day dinner. The organization will be hosting a free celebration Thanksgiving dinner This offer is for Prime Timer members only. Guests will have to pay the regular cost of \$9.23.

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 sheet, no reservations.**

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

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE GRATUITY!

Social hour and lunch are
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

at South Santa Fe Drive & Hampden

COFFEE TIME

When: Every Monday. Time: 8-10 am.

Where: Paneras, 640 S. Colorado Blvd.

When: Every Tuesday.
Time: 10 am till noon. Where: The LGBT Center, 1301 East Colfax.

BOARD MEETING

When: Wednesday, December 4th.
Golden Corral.

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

OVER-EASY BREAKFAST

Darrell Freeland: Coordinator

Due to the Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th, there will not be an Over-Easy Breakfast.
See all of you in January.

HAND, KNEE, FOOT CARDS

Ken Krout: Coordinator

When: Monday, December 9th.
Time: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
Where: 3291 South Emerson St. Englewood
Host: Larry Lombard.
Call: Larry at 303.789.1360 to RSVP or use sign-up sheet at lunch.
Limit 12. Make reservations no later than Wednesday, December 4th.

TRADE BEER BUST

Charles McDonald: Coordinator

On Saturday, October 19th, Dick Moore, Mark Haury, John Tyson, Michael Brascia, Larry Gallegos, and Claude Holland worked the beer bust and raised \$250.00 for their efforts. Thanks much, guys.

The last Beer Bust for the year at the Trade will be on Saturday, December 28th, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

A reminder to all members - the first Wednesday of the month, members are asked to bring in a food bank donation if they are able. Phil Wade with MCC of the Rockies Food Pantry will be with us on that Wednesday to collect donations. The Food Pantry can use perishable and non-perishable food items plus hygiene/bath items, deodorants, oral care items . . . toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash and infant/child supplies (diapers, wipes, etc.)

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



We are now on facebook, The link is: fb.me/coprimetimers

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Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4 LUNCH Food Bank Board Meeting	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
8 Birthday Frend John Miner	9 Hand, Knee, Foot Cards Birthday Don Todden	10	11 LUNCH	12 Happy Birthday to one other	13 Birthday Eric Jorgensen	14 Colorado Prime Timer's Annual Christmas Party
15 Birthdays Jack Bellomo and one other	16	17	18 LUNCH 	19 Birthday Norman Leonhardt	20 Birthday Jim Parks	21
22 Birthday Joe Velez 	23 Birthdays Eddy Smith Don Campbell	24 	25 	26	27 Birthdays Ted Carnes Reed Taylor	28 Beer Bust
29 Birthday Larry Jeffries	30	31 	Happy New Year			

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APPETIZERS

Crispy Pepperoni Risotto Bites Crispy Zucchini Fritte

SALAD

Chopped Apple and Walnut Salad

ENTREE

Braised Beef with Pasta

Chicken Marsala

Braised Beef Contadina

DESSERT

Cream Puff with Candy Cane Ice Cream

Apple Constatada

Cash Bar

Wine: \$8.00; Well: \$7.00; Beer: \$4.50 Imported Beer: \$5.50

Door Prizes

FOR THOSE WHO BRING A DOOR PRIZE

2020 Calendars Entertainment

NO WALK-INS, YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION
NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 11, 2019

DECEMBER, 2019

A LEGEND PASSES AWAY



1928 - 2019

Cecil Bethea passed away on the evening of November 1, 2019 at his retirement home in Denver at the ripe old age of 91. Cecil and life partner Carl Shepherd were together for 50 years. They met in 1969, 2 months before Stonewall. They were active members since 1996 with the Colorado Prime Timers. Anyone who knew Cecil cherished him. Cecil could always be counted on for fun, friendly and enlightening conversation. Music, art, history and more.

On one occasion, Cecil and Carl were celebrating their 20th anniversary at a local gay restaurant. Cecil never talked about how long they had been together, but Carl did. When the waiter heard, he became very excited and wanted to know what they did to last so long. Cecil replied, "Got old."

Both Cecil and Carl served in the Air Force in the 1950s. They also worked together at the May D&F Department store downtown.

Cecil was a docent for the Prime Timers and contributed stories to the Newsletter entitled "Brothers of the Past" for many years.

DNC Convention, August 28, 2008

Here's the story about Cecil being arrested for being a terrorist.

Silver-haired Cecil, in a red plaid jacket

and tie, didn't look much like an anarchist police described during the trials of the DNC protesters. He was 80 years old at the time on August 25, 2008 during the Democratic National Convention as he walked from the Denver library to his bus stop.

He became trapped in a tide of protesters near Civic Center Park and was then detained by police.

Briefcase in hand, he stood and smoked a cigarette with a slight frown, as police fired pepper spray into the chaos of young anarchists surrounding him. Suddenly there was a police barricade on all four sides. He stood there and didn't know what to do. He didn't carry a sign and wasn't shouting, he just stood there and said nothing.

Two police officers drew him from the crowd with his hands tied behind his back and searched him extensively because they were concerned with the contents of the briefcase.

The way they handled him, you would have thought he was a mass murderer or something. Several of the protesters yelled at the police for their handling of him.

He said that they were a little tough with him, especially because he did not represent any danger to them. I don't think anybody would say I look dangerous or scary.

As a resident of Denver for more than 50 years, he said he was on his way home from the library. Police released him after he showed them a library receipt.

They had us all corralled there and somebody said "sit down." He said he just sat there waiting on the curb until one police officer asked him if he was a little old to be protesting, and Cecil told him he wasn't a protester. "Thank God for the receipt with the date on it, because evidently it reads off that I just checked two books out." The police escorted him out through a nearby hotel.

He went and bought a cup of coffee because his throat was dry. He had planned to be an observer, not a participant.

The next morning he read the paper and found out they were anarchists, in his native Alabama voice.

It was a very disappointing riot, Cecil said later. He thought of the riots in Chicago in 1968 and the Detroit riots, and it was really nothing like that. There wasn't a sign, no chanting, singing or anything. We were just sitting there.

There were 60 people tried or were scheduled to be tried on DNC-protest-related charges.

After he testified, from his understanding, they only convicted one out of many trials. He said that's not a very good batting average.

He of course will be greatly missed. I understand there will be a celebration-of-life to be scheduled at a later date.

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 mature gay and bi-men.

The organization is not a religious or political nor sexually oriented 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 and 37 states out of the 50. Your membership in the Colorado Prime Timer's 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

Ad rates are for 3X2-inch (business card size) black and white or color are \$10.00 per month; \$35.00 for 4 months; \$50.00 for 6 months; and \$100.00 for 12 months. Ads are required to be paid for at the beginning of the year (January 1.) Noncommercial ads are free to CPT members. Members may also share

personal items such as wedding, anniversary, illness, and deaths free of charge. To advertise contact the Newsletter Editor. Any attachments or art work must be sent to the Newsletter Editor.

Membership Dues

Yearly membership dues are \$20.00 per member. 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, PO Box 300274, Denver, Colorado 80203 or you can pay the Membership Director, at any Wednesday Luncheon.

As of July 1, 2019 all membership dues are \$20.00 per member. Couples living at the same address will no longer be able to pay \$25.00 for 2.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **January, 2020** Newsletter deadline for all articles and activities for the Newsletter must be turned into the Newsletter staff by Wednesday, **December, 11th** to be included in the **January, 2020** edition for **delivery on the 18th of December**.

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Claude Holland and mark Haury at the Worldwide Convention costume party in San Antonio, Texas, October 31st, 2019. Claude won second place.

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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

