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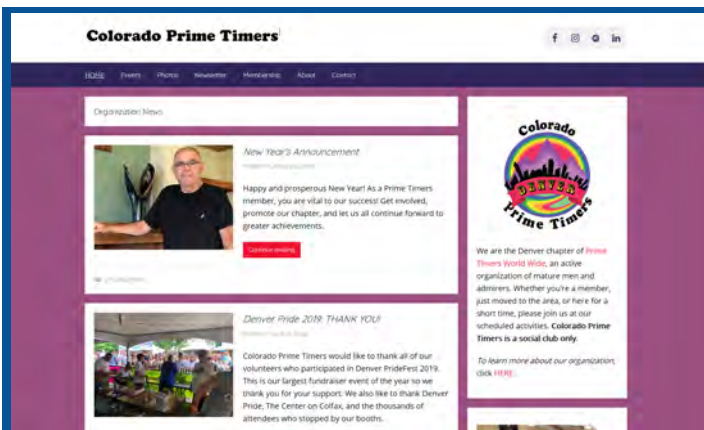
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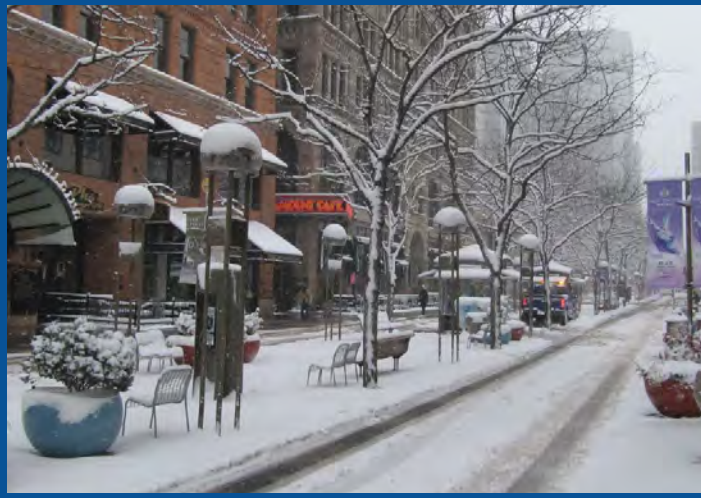
A listing of our regular and special events. Volunteers and coordinators are always needed and appreciated, as well as ideas for future events.



CONNECT WITH US

Keep up with our chapter's latest news and events by visiting our website. Also, you will find links to our social networks on Facebook, Instagram, Meetup and LinkedIn:

ColoradoPrimeTimers.org



CPT Event Cancellations

Cancellations due to weather and other instances will be posted on the EVENTS page on our website or as an announcement on Facebook. If you're connected with us through Meetup, then you will be informed of any event changes there. Of course, you can always email us:

CoPrimeTimers@gmail.com



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATORS

Pop Culture Classroom is a Denver-based education nonprofit whose mission is to inspire a love of learning, increase literacy, celebrate diversity and build community through the tools of popular culture and self-expression. Each year, the organization hosts **Denver Pop Culture Con**, an incredible event that welcomes top celebrities, authors, and creators — along with roughly 100,000 pop culture fans — to Denver to celebrate the power of pop culture to engage, educate, and inspire. This year the event will be July 3-5 at the Colorado Convention Center.

You'll get FREE access to the convention on the day you volunteer, an exclusive t-shirt, and a limited-edition poster. The event also offers FREE admission for educators during their July 3 Educators Day. Both require an application process available on their website.

Also, they announced that starting this year, kids 12 and under will have FREE admission.

Guests announced include Michael Nesmith and Micky Dolenz who are known as members of the 60's pop group, The Monkees.

www.DenverPopCultureCon.com



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As we start a new era for the Colorado chapter of Prime Timers, I want to thank Mr. Dick Moore for his commitment to the organization. During his 17-year tenure as President, he has influenced and led this chapter through many advances.

Dick's effort, along with our supportive Board, has brought this club much success and stability. He ended this term effective December 31, 2019, and we thank him for a job well done!

I assumed the position and responsibilities as President of the Colorado Prime Timers on January 1, 2020 and looking forward to fulfilling the remaining ten months of Dick Moore's term.

In this short term, we will be seeking additional talent for our Board of Directors, looking for volunteers to participate at Denver PrideFest, and continuing our annual organizational events. Also, we are planning for improved communication with our members and increased community outreach by establishing partnerships with organizations that share our mission and vision. Expect to see more news soon!

As a Prime Timers member, you are vital to our success! Get involved, promote our chapter, and let us all continue forward to greater achievements.

Sincerely yours,

Rafael De Jesus
President, Colorado Prime Timers



BOARD DIRECTORS

President – Rafael DeJesus
Vice President – Tone Ellis de Jesus
Secretary – Toby Davis
Treasurer – Larry Nelson
Memberships – Larry Jeffries
Events/Activites – Chef Charles McDonald
Special Projects/Programs - Larry Gallegos

COORDINATORS

Activities Coordinator - Joe Saman
Tour Guides (Volunteers Needed)
Theater - Rick Knoll
Over-Easy Breakfast - Darrel Freeland
Game Night (Volunteers Needed)
Hand, Knee, Foot Cards - Ken Krout
Night On The Town - Charles McDonald
Sip N' Sup - Various
Reporter-At-Large - Jim Mickel

NEWSLETTER

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Reporter-At-Large - Jim Mickel
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ABOUT

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CORONAVIRUS—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Colorado Prime Timers will publish health and well-being articles for the benefit of our members! The coronavirus was officially declared a world-wide pandemic on January 29th by the World Health Organization.

A *coronavirus* is a kind of common virus that causes an infection in your nose, sinuses, or upper throat. Most coronaviruses are not dangerous. However, the latest outbreak that originated in China, is from a new coronavirus that is similar in severity with MERS and SARS.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that this virus is not fatal to normal healthy adults, but since it can potentially spread to the lower respiratory tract, it can be dangerous for children and people with heart disease and immune system deficiencies.

Here's what you need to know to stay healthy:

The incubation period is approximately 14 days and someone with the virus *may be contagious prior to showing symptoms*. Recent travel history to Wuhan, China, is a risk factor. The CDC recommends that travelers avoid non-essential travel to Hubei Province, China, including Wuhan.

Health officials are seeing infection happen frequently in places where people are close together and in health care environments.

To mitigate risk, take the same persuasions as you would with the common cold:

- Keep your hands and fingers away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- If possible, always keep hand sanitizer handy, like in the glove compartment of your vehicle.
- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or tissue. Throw the tissue away immediately and wash your hands.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever and cough.
- Seek medical care right away for a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. Tell a health care professional about any travel.

The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk, or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.

There is no vaccine and no specific treatment for the virus. Patients are generally given supportive care for their symptoms, and hospitalized patients may need support with breathing.

More information is available from the CDC and the World Health Organization's website.

WWW.CDC.GOV (OR) WWW.WHO.INT

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES REPORTS



Colorado Prime Timers Christmas Party, December 14, 2019

Reporter-at-Large: Jim Mickel

Night on the Town November 5, 2019

Seven Prime Timers enjoyed dinner at The Golden Shanghai Restaurant on South Parker Road.

Seven Prime Timers sat at a round table that facilitated great conversation and camaraderie which is typical of the Night on the Town activity. Also, the restaurant didn't have any background noise of any kind, that helped greatly enhanced the over all experience. We could actually visit with each other, what a concept! Another plus, it was light enough in the restaurant that we could actually read the menu!

Everyone enjoyed the entree that they ordered and the food came out quickly. We really did enjoy this restaurant, certainly had more pluses than minuses.

Chef Charles our Activities Director does a great job at seeking out great restaurants in each area of metro Denver. Thank You once again Chef Charles for a job well done. Looking forward to our next Night On The Town event.

Over-Easy Breakfast November 9, 2019

Eleven Prime Timers got up and out early to meet at The Coburn Hotel. We had breakfast at Charlie Brown's Restaurant, a very nice place to enjoy food and friends.

We all arrived early, which is unusual which resulted in a wait outside until opened the doors. The wait staff was right on top of things, with our coffee cups filled constantly. After we gave the server our orders

the wait time was very brief!

It was a most pleasant time for all who attended the event. We visited for quite awhile after we had eaten, no one was in a hurry to leave!

Thank You again Darrell for another great Over Easy Breakfast event.

Another winner, for good food, quiet surroundings, conversation, and close to downtown. Great location! Can't hardly beat that one!

Hand, Knee, Foot, Canasta Card Club December 9, 2019

Ten Prime Timers gathered at Larry Lombard's interesting house. His home is a museum to railroad memorabilia. Anywhere you look there is something from a train. He also has a wonderful miniature train display in his basement.

We all had a great time starting out with pizza, that really 'hit the spot' ...and as usual lots of munchies. We started these card games an hour earlier than usual to help with the congested traffic returning home.

We will meet at Jim Mickel's on January 13th.

2019 Christmas Party December 14, 2019

Sixty Prime Timers attended the annual Christmas Party this year. We met at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant Pavilions in downtown Denver. This was the 6th year that we have gone there for our Christmas Party. It is easy to get to and parking is great! The open bar worked very well and the drink I had was very good. The food was delicious as always! Serving family style does have its challenges but the outcome is always a great success.

Dick Moore announced his retirement as President of Colorado Prime Timers after 17 years of service

and leadership to the chapter. He leaves a great legacy. He was presented with gifts and a card from the general membership. Thank you Dick for a job well done!

Chef Charles won the annual White Buffalo Award for 2019. A most deserving member for all that he does for the chapter.

Thank You Dave Hetzel & Joseph Saman for all that you do for the Colorado Prime Timers. Because of your effort each year this event is now considered the Premiere Event for the chapter.

Night on the Town January 7, 2020

Chef Charles chose a Mexican Restaurant on north Wadsworth, between 66th & 68th Avenues. The venue was charming, colorful, small, delightful and quiet enough to visit! Great ambiance.

Six Prime Timers were there. It was just a nice restaurant to enjoy some excellent Mexican cuisine. A lot of conversation went on, with our gathering of good friends. All in all, everyone enjoyed the January Night On The Town outing. A great way to start the New Year.

See what Chef Charles comes up with for our March Night On The Town?

Over-Easy Breakfast January 11, 2020

Again on the west side of the city, ten Prime Timers gathered for a nice breakfast at Good Friends Restaurant, at 1st Avenue & Sheridan Blvd.. They were very accommodating and the food was very good.

We had our 'usual breakfast group' which is great. All great friends and it is nice to enjoy each other's company.

It was a bitter cold morning in Denver, 14 degrees, but the sun shone through and a nice Mile-High City day our way.

It was great to see Bob Ciao, who hasn't been able to enjoy any outings for a while. He is doing great now and was happy to be with us.

Everyone seemed to enjoy their meals, didn't hear any grumbling from any direction!

Again, a Thank You to Darrel for his choice of a restaurant, it was very good. See everyone next month! The club can always count on Darrel for a great outing! Now we all wait for his annual Summer Backyard Picnic. Remember to sign up for this much anticipated event as soon as the sign up sheets are posted!

**Hand, Knee, Foot, Canasta Card Club
January 13, 2020**

Jim Mickel hosted the January group of card players. Seven Prime Timers participated at playing cards. One of the smallest group that we have had in attendance. Apparently, the holidays were very busy for everyone! Takes a while to get back into the groove of normalcy!

Having set up just one table of six players, made things much easier for the host. Jim Mickel did make a different dish for all to enjoy. It was a Chile Relleno Pie! Everyone really enjoyed it.

Rick Knoll brought some wonderful doughnuts that we all enjoyed as well. We eat as soon as everyone has arrived, then play cards for the remainder of the afternoon. People can munch on leftovers as they wish. Seems to work out very well! Join us for the next scheduled Hand, Knee, Foot Canasta Card Club game activity!

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MARCH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL

No sign-up sheet; no reservations. Tell the cashier that you are with the Colorado Prime Timers to receive the discounted \$9.57 lunch price. Price does not include gratuity. Social hour and lunch are 11 AM to 1 PM at 3677 S. Santa Fe Drive, Sheridan CO 80110.

BOARD MEETING

Every first Wednesday of every month at Golden Corral. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The first Wednesday of the month, members are asked to bring in a food bank donation. Phil Wade with MCC of the Rockies Food Pantry will be present to collect non-perishable food items, as well as hygiene/bath, deodorants, oral care products, and infant/child supplies.

COFFEE TIME

When: Every Monday, 8 - 10 AM
Where: Panera's, 640 S. Colorado Blvd
When: Every Tuesday, 10 AM till noon
Where: The LGBT Center, 1301 East Colfax

NIGHT ON THE TOWN

When: Tue, Mar 03 2020 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Where: Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 2390 S Havana St, Aurora, CO 80014
Call or email: Charles McDonald, 720.309.3696 or chefcharlesd@gmail.com or use the sign up sheet at Wednesday lunch.

HAND, KNEE, FOOT, CANASTA CARD CLUB

Mon, Mar 09 2020 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1691 S Emporia Way, Denver, CO 80247

This is a canasta-like card game, please RSVP if planning to attend. Call Ron G at 303-369-0165 to RSVP or use the sign-up sheet at Wednesday lunch.

ST. PATRICKS'S DAY POTLUCK



Sat, Mar 14 2020 | 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Bishop Hall Bldg. B, 6360 W 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge

Join the gang for this enjoyable potluck. Members please bring a side dish or dessert, the club will furnish the main entree of corned beef and cabbage w/ Irish stew and red potatoes.

FUTURE EVENTS

Beer Bust / Colorado Prime Timers

Sat, April 11, 2020 | 3:00 - 7:00 PM

Come and enjoy music, friends, and drinks on the extended patio. \$10 gets you a bottomless cup of Bud Light and \$14 gets you a bottomless cup of ANY premium draft. 21+w/ID. No Cover

MEDIA AND PUBLICATION GUIDELINES



The following will be our guidelines for the gathering and publishing of club information using our website, social media and newsletter.

Our **website** will be used more frequently in promoting Colorado Prime Timers mission, culture, and events to the public. The events posted on the website calendar will be used to inform our event and activities listing in our newsletter. Any events and activities to be placed on the

website calendar should be emailed to our **Activities Coordinator, Joe Saman:** josephsaman22@yahoo.com

In regards to the **newsletter**, we're going to adopt many of the guidelines established by Prime Timers World Wide (PTWW) including the publication being kept between 8-12 pages. Also, promotional flyers and ads will be charged an advertising fee but will exclude regional events and public service announcements (PSAs).

The deadline for all articles and activities for next month's newsletter must be emailed to **Ron Hurd** by the second Wednesday of the month: CoPrimeTimers@gmail.com. The digital and printed newsletter for the next month will be delivered the following week.

Our members are welcome to submit articles about our events, recipes, or other happenings:

- Articles should be no more than 500 words, please send at least one related photo
- For longer articles, an abbreviated version will be used for the newsletter with the full version posted on our website
- For photographs, mention who owns those pictures for proper acknowledgement
- Articles that we consider as self-promotional are prohibited
- Promotions of other agencies are prohibited, unless they are collaborating with us
- We do not allow articles of a political or religious nature
- We will send out a reminder a month ahead soliciting articles, promotional content, and PSAs.

Articles posted on our website and printed in our newsletter will be shared on our social media:

Instagram: [instagram.com/coprimetimers](https://www.instagram.com/coprimetimers)

Facebook: [facebook.com/COPrimeTimers](https://www.facebook.com/COPrimeTimers)

LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/colorado-prime-timers](https://www.linkedin.com/company/colorado-prime-timers)

Also, you can also connect with us on Meetup: [meetup.com/Colorado-Prime-Timers](https://www.meetup.com/Colorado-Prime-Timers)

We have a YouTube account and will be implementing its use in the future.

For any questions or inquiries, please email:

COPrimeTimers@gmail.com

BOARD REPORT

The **Colorado Prime Timers Denver Chapter Board** met on February 5, 2020 with five Directors present, two directors not present. The Quorum to proceed was attained. It was exciting to see 10 members from the club. It has always been encouraged for active members to participate in the process to see first-hand the deliberations and thinking process of the board on behalf of the club.

Tone Ellis de Jesus has taken charge of the Colorado Prime Times media and is proceeding with the much needed improvements, editorial content upgrades, and concerted effort to vastly improve our on-line presence across the entire medium of the various social platforms.

Larry Gallegos was voted onto the board by a unanimous vote of the board. He assumes the position of Director-at-Large (advocate to the club members before the board) and Director for Special Projects/Programs. Within the purview of his position, he will report directly to the Chapter President and also serve as the lead Ambassador of Colorado Prime Timers to the LGBTQ community, Business Community at Large and other targets of opportunity that will generate growth for the chapter. Larry presented four new initiatives/programs that he will start to immediately develop and implement.

- * Partnership program
- * Volunteer Program
- * Ambassador Program
- * Education Program for LGBTQ Youth

The board decided to continue with Beer Bust support to the Trade and Denver Sweet to continue to augment our treasury. At the same time, it was recognized and accepted by the board that the chapter will reimplement donating the proceeds of the various beer busts' activities to local LGBTQ organizations.

Chef Charles briefed the board on upcoming events focusing on 2020 Pride. He is already in contact with The Center on Colfax and is now running full-steam ahead preparing for our meetings with the center. We anticipate another great Pride Weekend - **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Director Larry Gallegos is finalizing the details of the Volunteer Program – incentives are being dramatically enhanced to benefit all! More to follow.

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 ensure diverse, 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

Prime Timers Worldwide Aims for Chattanooga, Tennessee In 2021



Join us for Southern hospitality, Civil War history, and continuing our social enrichment heritage.

Save the dates!

- Flag **11-17 OCT 2021** on your calendars. It's the week following both US Columbus Day and Canadian Thanksgiving.
- Read our **May 2020 Prime Times** newsletter for exact dates, events, activities, personal info workshops, sightseeing tours, and more!
- See the **November 2020 Prime Times** for "how-to" register online for convention registration and hotel reservations one year in advance.

Free CARTA electric shuttle buses around downtown.



Sightseeing options: River Boats, Aquarium, Museums, Battlegrounds

Optional day trips include:

- A. See a space shuttle at Huntsville AL US Space and Rocket Center
- B. Lookout Mountain, Incline Railroad, Ruby Falls Cavern, Rock City, and "After Glow" Rocktoberfest



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2020 DATES ADDED

April 11

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Join us as we host Beerbust at Trade. From 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, come and enjoy music, friends, and drinks on the extended patio. \$10 gets you a bottomless cup of Bud Light and \$14 gets you a bottomless cup of ANY premium draft.

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