

PRIME TIMERS NANAIMO

- For Mature Gay and Bisexual Men, and Their Male Admirers -

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MAY 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:30 AM McCafe coffee	3	4 7:30 PM Verdi's Requiem	5 12:00 PM Cosi Fan Tutti 12:00 PM Cinco de Mayo
6	7 5:00 PM Jingle Pot Pub	8	9 9:30 AM McCafe coffee	10	11 7:00 PM Film Night	12 9:00 AM Garage Sale 12:30 PM Julius Caesar
13 1:30 PM Loren Olsen in Vancouver	14 5:00 PM Jingle Pot Pub	15	16 9:30 AM McCafe coffee	17 1:00 PM Board Meeting	18	19 12:00 PM Verdi's Luisa Miller
20	21 NO PUB NIGHT	22	23 9:30 AM McCafe coffee	24	25	26
27	28 5:00 PM Jingle Pot Pub	29	30 9:30 AM McCafe coffee	31		

REGULAR EVENTS



COFFEE TIME – EVERY WEDNESDAY

We meet at McDonald's on Rutherford Road at 9:30 AM every Wednesday morning. Always a good time being together. See you there!



PUB NIGHT – is for all members and friends. We see some of you sometimes and we miss others! Mondays at 5:00 PM at Jingle Pot Pub, 2011 Jingle Pot Road, off the Nanaimo Parkway.

Come and join us for cold beer, good food and great conversation!.

CINEMA & THEATRE EVENTS

May 4 (Fri) at 7:00 PM
Verdi's "Requiem" at St. Peter's R.C. Church (cor. Fitzwilliam & MacLeary Sts.). Adult Tickets \$25 from Port Theatre Box Office, and at the Door.

May 5 (Sat.) at 12:00 PM
Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutti" at Galaxy Cinema (Encore)

May 12 (Sat.) at 12:30 PM
Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" at Galaxy Cinema (Live)

May 19 (Sat.) at 12:00 PM.
Verdi's "Luisa Miller" at Galaxy Cinema (Encore)

SPECIAL EVENTS

* Loren Olsen - (see below for details of Loren Olsen's talk).
* Garage Sale - Are you collecting stuff for the garage sale? We've got a driveway (near Country Club Mall). Email us back with your interest in participating. We're thinking of organizing it on **Sat May 12th**. There will be a modest table fee. Email me at douglasmacintyre@hotmail.com

DEADLINES

* Board Meeting – May 17th
* Submissions – May 27th
* Publishing date – May 29th
Email your ideas, suggestions and submissions to Doug at douglasmacintyre@hotmail.com

CINCO DE MAYO

... is an annual celebration held on May 5th to commemorate the victory of the Mexican Army over the French Empire, May 5, 1862.

We would like to celebrate the day with a potluck to be held on Saturday, May 05 at 12:00 noon, at a Member's Clubhouse near Longwood Station. There is a maximum limit of 25 guests (not a problem with our active group!). Car pooling is recommended. Please call Bob or George at 250-751-1936 if you plan to attend.

The "Potluck" has a Mexican theme, so we would suggest that you plan on bringing appropriate dishes...Salsa, Nacho chips, guacamole, shredded cheese, hard taco shells – and your own beverages. Let Bob or George know what you're bringing. They are supplying, tortillas, cooked ground beef, chicken, re-fried beans, some salsa, salsa con queso, sour cream, shredded lettuce, ice and dessert. Yummy!!!

PRIDE



Here's the very latest – we're gonna have both a float in the parade and a booth at the Park. That's good news. You can either walk in the parade

if you are able or help at the booth. Either way Prime Timers Nanaimo will be represented. Mark June 9th on your calendars. Email Wiley with an "OK, we'll be there!" at wiley.vanisle@gmail.com.

GAMES



Look! Bob and George are at it again. They would like to start playing games. Wanna join in? How about Euchre, Poker, Bridge, Mah

Jong or anything else? They are also willing to teach us Mexican Train, which is a fun form of dominoes. Email douglasmacintyre@hotmail.com and we'll get you started. Bob wrote and said, "Yes, a group of six or even eight can be a hoot!".

UPCOMING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Loren A. Olson, MD, is a well-respected, Iowa-based, board-certified psychiatrist, came out as a gay man at age 40 and is the author of "*Finally Out: Letting Go of Living Straight*". Loren is scheduled to be speaking to the Vancouver Prime Timers on May 13th at 1:30 PM (West End Community Centre). Topics are "Current issues facing the LGBTQ community" and "Why many

men who have sex with men reject defining themselves as gay". Additional information is at primetimersvancouvercanada@gmail.com. Loren will also be coming to Victoria on September 23rd. More on this later.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Have you joined - or renewed your membership? The cost is reasonable - \$20 for singles and \$40 for couples. If you have been unable to renew in person; please send us a cheque to:

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FILM SCREENINGS

[To be held at Don & Wiley's house in May.]
May 11th at 7:00pm – A DOUBLE FEATURE:-



Some Like It Hot. A story about two musicians who witness a mass murder and have to hide – as women in a women's band! Truly a funny movie. It stars Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, George Raft, Pat O'Brien. Written and Directed by Billy Wilder. Running Time: 120 Minutes.



The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. An Australian comedy about a transexual and two drag queens who travel in a pink bus named Priscilla to a remote desert location to put on a lip-synch performance. It stars Hugo Weaving, Guy Pearce, Terence Stamp, Rebel Penfold-Russell, John Casey. Written and Directed by Stephan Elliott. Running Time: 104 minutes.

June 1 (Fri) at 7:00pm – A DOUBLE FEATURE:-



Before Stonewall (1985). This is a documentary about the evolution of gay culture in the U.S. from the early 1920s to the Stonewall Riot of 1969. Running Time: 87 minutes.



The Boys in the Band is an American drama, set in 1968 New York, one year before the Stonewall Riots. It is one of the first major American motion pictures to feature gay characters and is often cited as a milestone in the history of Queer Cinema. Running Time: 118 minutes.

You're not fat, you're just... easier to see. 1/2

FUN AT OUR GET TOGETHERS

* Our Dine-Out lunch at the Fox & Hounds March 22nd was a terrific success. Our Ladysmith ambassador & host couple almost didn't make it. I believe the excuse was that "I was taking a nap!" There were 16 very talkative men that came to try out the venue for the first time - we had the backroom all to ourselves. By most accounts the food was good but some found it a little pricey for lunch and a beer. We'll definitely try this again.

* On April 8th, nineteen of us took over the sunroom at DeeZ Bar & Grill in Qualicum Beach. We certainly laughed and chatted loudly. Our waiter, David and possible new acquaintance, was an excellent host. The meals were plenteous in portions and everyone was treated to English Trifle for dessert. For those of you that did not come, you missed an absolutely fabulous meal. Thanks to Mike for recommending this wonderful establishment to us. We had a great time and we'll certainly be back.

LIVE THEATRE AROUND THE AREA

* NANAIMO THEATRE GROUP

2373 Rosstown Rd, Nanaimo.

"Good People" by David Lingsday-Abair – Set in Southie, a Boston neighborhood, the story is of people we recognize. Adult theme/language may be offensive! Apr 18 – May 5 at 8:00 PM

Matinees – Apr 22, 29 at 2:00 PM.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

301 Machleary Street, Nanaimo

Malaspina Choir & The Cowichan Consort present VERDI's REQUIEM with soloists Betty Allison, Anne Relyea, Benjamin Butterfield, and Gary Relyea. Verdi's celebrated Requiem has been described as a monumental, imaginative and powerfully theatrical work. May 4th (Fri) at 7:30pm

* PORT THEATRE

125 Front St, Nanaimo.

Johnny Showtime presents QUEEN: IT'S A KINDA MAGIC. The world's premier Queen tribute show will complete a 20-stop national tour across Canada - taking fans back to the glory days of Freddie Mercury and his iconic British band Queen. May 16th (Wed) at 7:00pm



I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

Picnic – it has been suggested that we initiate a potluck picnic to be held during the summer on the last Friday of every month. We planning the first one for the last Friday of May. Details will be given in our weekly emails.

Hiking/Walks – likewise plans are being made to start a regular walking activity.

Regular coffee get togethers in Ladysmith – again this is in the discussion stage. Perhaps twice a month to start with, location is likely to be the 49th Parallel Grocery Store Coffee Shop. This is an experiment for our southern members and may extend north of Nanaimo, too.

Bridge Club – It would be nice if we had someone to start a bridge club of our own. In the interim, there is an existing mixed gender bridge club at the Oliver Woods Recreation Centre every Friday night at 6:30pm. It is LGBT friendly. Come for the first time, with a partner, to see if it meets your expectations, no charge for the first time. If you like it, registration can be made at the Harbour City Seniors at the Bowen Centre (staffed by the City). There is a reasonable fee of \$2.00 per person for regular attendance.

REVIEWS

"Once Upon A Mattress" – Ladysmith Little Theatre

This is a musical loosely based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale of the Princess and the Pea. The first half of the show was slow moving and almost boring. The second half was much more enjoyable. Some of the songs were sung well, others were not. There was one dance number where most of the cast was on stage at the same time which looked in total disarray and due to the limited stage floor-space the actors were running into one another; it was just plain awful. The other dance sequences weren't much better. The costuming was beautiful and for the most part the actors put in a good effort to make the show work.

"Paul, Apostle of Christ" – Galaxy

A few of us went to see this very moving movie about the last days of St. Paul, a prisoner in a Roman jail. His time was spent with St. Luke who documented Paul's life in what we have come to call the Acts of the Apostles. The movie was very well done and depicted life as it might have been in the first century, A.D.

FREE PERSONAL ADS FOR RENT

One-bedroom furnished cottage in Qualicum Beach, right on the ocean with beach access. \$800 pm, utilities extra (approx. \$67 pm). Parking included and pet friendly. Info from budandbuddy@hotmail.com.

WANNA DANCE

.....whenever there is a 5th Friday!



The next dance will be on June 29th. The usual time is 7:45 – 10:30 PM. The location is The Legion (256) at 1630 E. Wellington Rd., Nanaimo. The cost is \$10 per person. An example of the kind of music is West Coast Swing, Argentine Tango, 2-Step, Blues and a little bit of everything else. The dance is LGBT friendly.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Status of Websites

PTN's primary website and its three aliases are up and running. The primary website has a relatively large amount of new content.

Elements have been added to the website to support indexing by search engines, so that anyone, not just members and friends, can find the site. The site has been submitted and indexing has started.

Also new is a sitemap, which shows all the pages of the website (the menu only shows the top level of pages). The sitemap is at the bottom of the menu.

Also new is an online application form. Once filled out by a visitor to the website, the website will send an email to the PTN email. A record is kept for each submission. We will be adding additional forms later for renewals and resignations.

Work in Progress

Special sections of the website are being set up for committees as they are formed. For each type, one example will be built. Members and Friends can check the activities of these examples under the Organization menu item. The new sections are:

- * Operation Committee: Website Management
- * Special Interest Committee: Film Screening
- * Project Committee: Pride Participation 2018

Next Steps for Website

The next steps for the website are:

* Add more pictures! Members and friends can help by taking pictures at events and sending them to the Webmaster, me.

* Sign a Web Services Agreement to secure legal ownership of the website.

* Add Interac eTransfer payments for dues and donations.

Pride Participation Project 2018

There was no response for two scheduled meetings or by email.

The parade participation will proceed with a float comprised of a vehicle and trailer. There also will be a booth at the festival site.

The project will begin using our website to report progress.

Organization

A committee was struck to develop a constitution and bylaws and will be headed by Bob H.

Documents for all committees will be made available on the website beneath the Organization menu item.

Wiley

YOUR BOARD - 2018

President - Wiley Fargen

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I don't think I get enough credit for the fact that I do all of this unmedicated.

Minutes of the PT Nanaimo Board Meeting

Date: April 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM

Venue: Residence of Wiley F. & Don G., Nanaimo BC

Attendance: Wiley F., Don G., Bert M., Douglas M., Bob H. & George L.

Regrets: Doug P.

Guests: none

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 1:25 PM by Wiley

2. Agenda

- a. No changes
- b. Moved by Bert/George to adopt the Agenda – carried

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- a. No changes, errors, omissions or deletions
- b. Moved by Bob/Doug to approve the minutes of March 15, 2018 board meeting

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Results of the Open Motion on Membership Dues
- b. Moved by Don/Bert to increase the couples membership dues by \$5.00 to \$40.00
- c. Email vote was: 5 – Yes, 1 – No, and 1 – abstention therefore the motion carried

5. Correspondence

- a. Don read a reply email from PT Vancouver, regarding their May 13th meeting when Loren Olsen would be their guest speaker. The email message was an acknowledgement of our previous Thank You reply.
- b. Wiley summarized an invitation that we received from PT Victoria for their upcoming meeting on Sep 23rd where Loren Olsen will be their guest speaker.

6. Officer's Reports

a. President:

- * Wiley presented a two page written report spelling out different aspects of the website that he created for Prime Timers Nanaimo. He spent quite a lot of time explaining each section of his report, also including what is in progress and what the next steps should be. It was a thorough presentation and greatly appreciated.
- * Wiley said that there is a need to create Bylaws and a Constitution.
- * Moved by Bert/Bob to set up a committee to work on creating our own Bylaws and Constitution - carried. The committee chair will be Bob H.
- * Wiley recommended that we only participate in the Pride Festival in the park because so far only one person was interested in participating in the parade.
- * Moved by Bob/George that we proceed to participate in the Pride Parade with car and trailer – carried. Doug asked if there was an additional cost to add a trailer to the car. Bob will be responsible for the kiosk in the park Pride Festival.

b. Treasurer:

- * Our current financial standing is \$90.00 (cash – on-hand) and \$514.55 (bank balance) equaling a total of \$604.55.
- * Moved by Bert/George to accept the treasurer's report as presented – carried.

c. Secretary:

- * Since our last meeting on Mar 15th, we have received 9 memberships of which 4 were new members and 5 were renewals.
- * So we currently reach 49 members/friends using 41 contacts of which 34 are paid-up members.
- * Don also presented a chart of participants at our events over the last month.

d. Newsletter & Events:

- * Doug presented a draft copy of the May newsletter and we spent quite a bit of time going through the contents. The contents included: May 5th Cinco de Mayo potluck, May 12th Garage Sale, and May 13th Loren Olsen's talk at Prime Timers Vancouver.
- * Items that were omitted from the discussion that were on the Agenda are: the upcoming Film Nights, Activities for Working Members and Personal Ads.

7. Old Business

- a. Director's Workloads were not addressed.
- b. Nanaimo Pride Preparations were dealt with during the Presidents Report

8. New Business

- a. Ladysmith Coffee Hour: Don mentioned that he had a discussion with Bruce M. about several venues in Ladysmith where we might meet for coffee. Bruce suggested that the 49th Parallel Grocery Store Coffee Shop would be preferable for our group. Don suggested that we should try meeting a couple of times during a trial month, preferably on a Friday, to see if this will take off. The board has asked Doug to follow up with Bruce and pick a couple of trial Fridays.
- b. Website Service Agreement: Wiley had previously sent each of the board members a copy of this agreement to read for discussion at the meeting. Due to time constraints there was little time for discussion.
 - * Moved by Doug/Bob to accept the Website Service Agreement as presented – carried.
 - * Signatures will take place at a later time.

9. Next Board Meeting

- a. Set for May 17th at the residence of George & Bob and the time TBA

10. Adjournment

- a. Moved by Bert/Doug to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 PM (duration: 95 minutes).