

A Chapter of PrimeTimers® Worldwide



MAY Newsletter 2024

President's Note

Happy May!

April ended with our anniversary dinner. It was a really nice afternoon. In addition to enjoying one another's company we could look back – Central Oklahoma Prime Timers - 30 years strong. And it was good to share the celebration with some of our Wichita folk and Mark Hatten and Brian from WorldWide. The Board met with them afterwards for some helpful suggestions regarding August's Rainbow Round-up 25. We'll have more information about that soon.

It's interesting to consider changes over three decades – on a cultural level, our legal rights were acknowledged as well as recent threats to those rights. I've made many personal changes during the last 30 years. Both health issues that appear with age as well as personal and emotional growth. I know my choices regarding friends and relationships have evolved in 30 years' time. In April, I had a good friend from Virginia visiting. Brad knew me in 1994, and there was much reminiscing during his visit. It reminded me how a big part of history is our oral traditions. (No, that's NOT what I meant!) Nonetheless, our anniversary is a time we might recall some positive relationships we've had over the last 30 years. Share a story of your favorite time with the Prime Timers over lunch. Honor people we've known who have passed. I recall Zach M was one of the first individuals I met in Prime Timers and who inspired me to become part of this group.

It's also a great time to consider what we hope for the future, both our personal goals and hopes for our Chapter. I know one of my hopes is for more people to be aware of our existence. There are men in our area feeling isolated because of their orientation. And they have no idea there is a group like us, where they can be themselves without shame or judgement. Consider if any of your friends might enjoy expanding their social circle. Invite them to a meal or to one of our Sunday Socials. You could know someone who is a possible ally – a doctor, dentist, lawyer that you can tell about our group. They might point someone in our direction. Even Renee has mentioned us to some patrons at Woodbridge when she thinks we might be a resource.

As we move deeper into this season of new growth, I hope you find expanded ways of living fully and encouraging others to also be their best self.

Steve K

All of us have to learn how to invent our lives, make them up, imagine them. We need to be taught these skills; we need guides to show us how. If we don't, our lives get made up for us by other people.

- *Ursula LeGuin*

**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA PRIME TIMERS
MINUTES
APRIL MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 21, 2024**

The April 2024 Monthly Meeting of Central Oklahoma Prime Timers Board of Directors was held on April 21, 2024, at Evolve Church, 3208 NW May Avenue, Oklahoma City. It was called to Order at 1:00 P.M. by President Steve K. with Vice President David H., Secretary Kobe C., Treasurer, Chad C., At Large Board Members Richard W., Alex J., Kelly P. and John L. present.

Minutes of the March 2024 Meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was filed and has been incorporated into these Minutes.

Upcoming Field Trips include to the Osteology Museum set for Wednesday, May 15th at 10:30 a.m.; and the Georgia O'Keefe Exhibit at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art set for Wednesday, June 12th at 10:30. We are looking into the Prix de West for 2024.

The next Sunday Social at Kent's will be May 12th. Kobe announced that this date is his 85th birthday and he will be performing music at the piano to celebrate.

The computers to be used for the Rainbow Roundup Weekend have been purchased and synchronized.

The Getaway weekend this year is called Oklahoma Rainbow Roundup between August 20th and 26th at the District Hotel. Considerable time was spent analyzing the invitational letter to go out to World Wide Members. Discussion about renting a van for that week left the subject open for more.

The next Rainbow Roundup planning meetings have been scheduled for May 5 and 19 and June 2 and 16.

The Central Oklahoma Prime Timers 30th Anniversary Dinner to be held on April 28th has almost 30 reservations to date. We discussed a Memorial Tree to honor members who have left us over these years and that will be set up at the Dinner.

World Wide Treasurer Mark H. and World Wide Webmaster Brian M. will be attending the Anniversary Dinner. Also, some of our Wichita Brothers will be attending the Dinner as well.

Steve briefed the Board on the World Wide Regional ZOOM meeting he attended recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kobe C., Secretary

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Phil B.

10 Steve K.

12 Kobe C.

13 Don D.

30 Ron S. 31 Buzz P.

COPT **MAY** 2024

			1	2 Meet & Eat, <i>11 am</i>	3	4 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
5 Rainbow Roundup Planning Meeting at Evolve at 1pm	6	7 Lunch at Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	8	9 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	10	11 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
12 Kent's Sunday Social at 1pm	13	14 Lunch at Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	15	16 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	17	18 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
19 Monthly Meeting – Evolve Church, 3208 N. May, 1 pm	20	21 Lunch at Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	22	23 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	24	25 Breakfast Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa
26	27 Memorial Day	28 Lunch at Woodbridge NW 39th & Tulsa	29	30 Meet & Eat, 4:30 pm	31	

Save the date!

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th** - Trip to Museum of Osteology, 10:30 am
- **OKC PRIDE on 39th 2024** - May 31st thru June 2nd on 39th St.
- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH** - Trip to OKC Museum of Art, Georgia O'Keefe Paintings
- **Oklahoma Pridefest 2024** - June 28th thru June 30th at Scissortail Park
- **COPT Labor Day Event, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st thru SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th**

Meet & Eat Locations for MAY (all locations are in OKC unless otherwise stated)

May 2; **SHERRI'S DINER**, a **LUNCHEON MEET & EAT, 11:00 A.M.**, 704 SW 59th St.; 405-634-4796; <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063647457227>

May 9; **TED'S CAFÉ ESCONDIDO**, 300 Outlet Shoppes Drive; 405-607-8337; <https://tedscafe.com/>

May 16; **HIBACHI SUPREME BUFFET**, 1012 W I-240 Service Road; 405-632-5888; <https://www.hibachisupremebuffetok.com/>

May 23; **MAMA ROJA MEXICAN KITCHEN**; 9219 S. Lake Hefner Dr.; 405-302-6262; <https://mamaroja.com/>

May 30; **TGI FRIDAYS**, 4239 Northwest Expy.; 405-842-2111; <https://locations.tgifridays.com/ok/oklahoma-city/4239-nw-expy.html>

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If any COPT member is aware of a former member who is interested in rejoining the Prime Timers, please let us know.

Newsletter Editor Notes

Also, we'll occasionally add afternoon lunches to our Meet & Eats. Watch the newsletters for details.

If anyone has suggestions, comments, or corrections, please send them to me, by text or a voice message to the phone number above. Also, send pictures or announcements and I will try to publish them.