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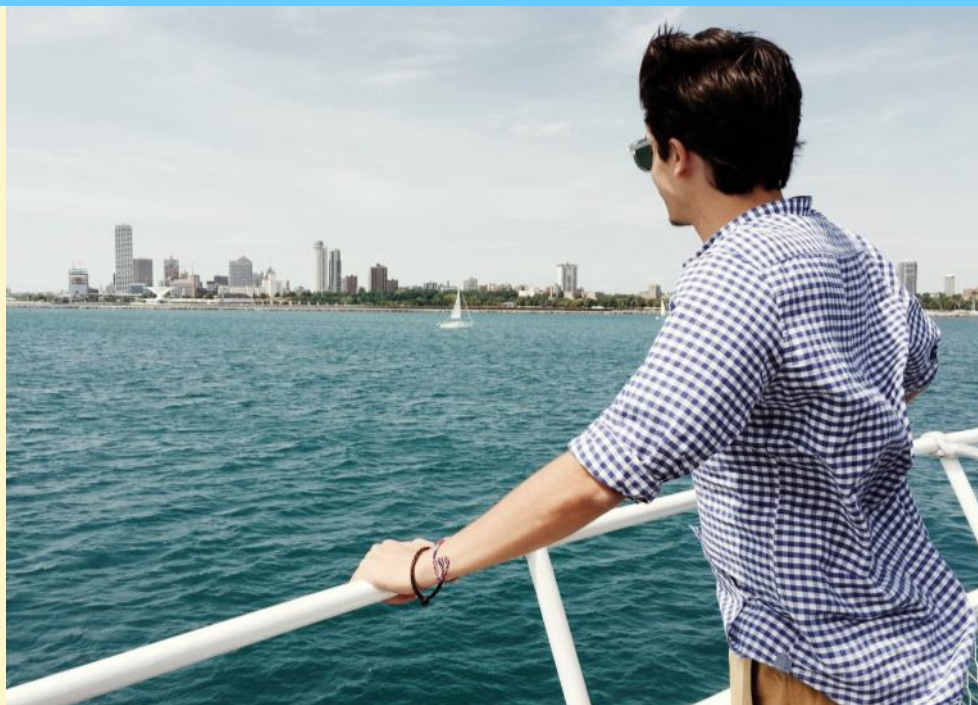
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## anticipation a new cycle begins



### By Jack Nimmo, President

I remember the night before I married my wife of twenty years the mixture of emotions that seemed to overwhelm me as I was at the eve of a significant change in my life. She was and is a beautiful woman. What man would have doubt about whether this was the right step and the right man to be her husband in 1981? Have you ever been on the precipice of a new event, job, choice, or move and questioned your decision at the last minute?

As the end of the Prime Timers Worldwide Board's 2015-2017 approaches, the current Board made choices on whether to offer continued service in the same or another ca-

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## BOOK REVIEW

### The Imperfection of Swans

By Brandon Witt

### Review by Steve Therrien

This was a wonderful gay romance that ventured beyond the stereotypical story where two hunky guys meet and fall in love, where everything is usually too perfect and not like real life.

Kevin, our main character, although he is handsome and seems to be perfect on the outside, has some serious issues he is dealing with.

He is the product of an unusual family, having two moms who are lesbians and gay uncle Tony.

Kevin has just gone through a divorce having been married to Scott, who looks like he just stepped off the cover

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Would you like to contribute to *Outs and Ins*? Anything that would be of interest and value to fellow members would be most helpful. Here are some ideas:

- Chapter activities
- Living life as a mature gay man
- Advice for other chapters
- Helping the community
- Medical or retirement advice
- Achievements and recognition
- Chapter newsletter articles
- How PTWW helps you as a gay man
- Personal thoughts
- Puzzles or jokes that others would enjoy
- How your chapter uses the Internet
- Biography of yourself or other board members
- Other gay organizations or conferences that benefit members
- Review of good books that you've read
- Poems that you have written

Please send an electronic version of your article to [webmaster@primetimersww.com](mailto:webmaster@primetimersww.com). Thanks for your consideration! Help make an impact and be a voice of encouragement and advice to help us all grow as Prime Timers.

## San Antonio 25th Anniversary Party

By Gary Payne, Vice President

I was honored to be invited to the San Antonio Prime Timers' 25th anniversary celebration. The party was held on October 7th at a local hall with over 100 people attending. It was a wonderful evening with plenty of food.

Michael Stone presented the chapter with their official Charter. We met some of the original Prime Timers that helped start the chapter years ago. They have over 200 members of all ages. Everyone welcomed us and I do believe we met everyone who attended. I was impressed with how many volunteered to put this event together. This is a well organized chapter.

The next day, Michael Stone and I were invited to the Monthly General Meeting held at a Luby's Restaurant. Again, the meeting was well organized. We had time to answer questions about what Worldwide is doing and planning for the future. Jack Nimmo who was the Membership Chairman at San Antonio will be the new President of the Worldwide Board.

Again, I want to thank San Antonio for inviting me. I had a wonderful time and plan on visiting again.



Photo courtesy Gary Payne

## Tidewater Celebrates 20th Anniversary

By Gary Copeland, Tidewater Prime Timers

The Tidewater chapter chose to celebrate its 20th anniversary on September 16th at M.J.'s Tavern in Norfolk, VA. The place was jam packed with over 50 members having a great meal together. That was made possible by the recent gift to each of our active chapters from the will of founder Woody Baldwin. After some opening remarks by President Jimmy Luttrell, Gary Copeland, former Director-at-Large of Prime Timers Worldwide and a founder of the Tidewater chapter presented the chapter charter. After lunch, our speaker, Dr. Loren Olson, spoke to us on how sex gets better with age. It was an outstanding talk with lots of remarks that brought laughter and some sad memories to each of our members. This was followed by traditional cake that is used to celebrate the birthdays of our members.



Photo courtesy Gary Copeland

# anticipation a new cycle begins

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capacity in Prime Timers. Throughout the organization, other Board members have made or are making similar decisions on local Boards. In many chapters, term limits require retirement or movement to other positions – a shuffle of chairs. In some chapters, positions remain vacant as no one steps up to carry the load of keeping a chapter running. That's sad. Board work can be rewarding.

This year, I had to make a decision on whether to continue in my present position as a Membership Chairman in my local chapter or continue on the Worldwide Board with more responsibility. I love my chapter and enjoy doing the work of bringing in new members.

But, the effort at the local level limited my performance on the present Worldwide Board and I knew it. So, my decision to run for president

of Worldwide would require I step away from the job I enjoyed so much in San Antonio.

They say that you can make yourself happy or miserable wherever you are. It is up to you. If you look at the growth an opportunity can bring and find the good things in the community where you are, you will find happiness. Looking back is not helpful. There are new friends, interesting tasks, challenges to keep the mind active, and a possibility to leave a place better than you found it if you take that next step and leave your comfort zone. That is figurative since PTWW Board members do not have to move.

A new Board will assume responsibility in Chicago. Michael Stone will drift-off into

semi-retirement, but be there when called upon after serving a combined six years as President and four years as Vice President of Independents. Terry Kyweriga will retire with almost six years as our Treasurer. A.J. Ratliff will head back to Texas, Michigan, or Florida where he makes his home after four years as a Director-at-Large. David Luby and Gary Copeland will also leave the Board after one term as Director-at-Large. Those departing members carry history and a body of work back to their home chapters and leave the new Board with empty shoes to fill. Their service is greatly appreciated and they will be missed.

Just two weeks from now, a new cycle begins with new leadership and the continuity of three

Board members who remain. In the next issue of our newsletter, it will be me writing the

President's article where I'll be telling you about the very talented men who will make up the Board for 2017-2019. It will be a team effort that includes you as we find relevance for the next thirty years in Prime Timers.

I've glanced back with a bit of doubt. But, I know there is a talented Membership Chairman that will be taking my place in San Antonio and there is much to anticipate in the next term. With the view from my current vantage point at age 73 and combination of life experiences, it invokes less apprehension for this new work assignment than did looking up that aisle as my bride approached. I look forward to working with and for you. And, yes, I'm gay!

— Jack



Roy Balter, Jack Nimmo, and Richard Kenney

Photo courtesy Murray Betts

## The Imperfection of Swans

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of a men's fashion magazine. Living in Boston's ritzy Beacon Hill, Kevin has lived a life of privilege with all of its trappings. His dream is to open a wedding dress boutique and get out of working for an insurance company spending his days in a cubicle.

He is on the verge of making his dream come true when he runs short of some money to get his new business up and running. Enter Casper, a baker who would like to open a wedding cake business but who is not quite as handsome and altogether as Kevin, but he's got the funding that would help Kevin to get his business off the ground.

Although there is a spark of interest between these two they decide to "keep it professional" with the purchase of a brownstone in a fashionable section of Boston, the intention of turning it into their wedding dress/cake boutique.

Kevin is very serious about his appearance and when he starts to lose weight. Casper becomes concerned that there is something seriously wrong with Kevin.

The book deals with the very serious issues of anxiety and eating disorders. Kevin is bulimic and must deal with this issue if his business and relationship with Casper is ever going to amount to anything.

Casper is very supportive of Kevin and finds himself falling in love with him. While Kevin is very self-critical, the reader sees him through the eyes of Casper who thinks that Kevin is perfect.

The difficult nature of treating an eating disorder such as bulimia is made real through

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## Prime Timers of Central Florida Spreads the Wealth

By Ron Bush, Prime Timers of Central Florida

When Prime Timers of Central Florida received \$4,000 and \$2,100 bequests from the estate of Woodrow “Woody” Baldwin earlier this year, members had to decide how they wanted to use the money. While most of the money will be used for the members, part of it was earmarked for doing good.

After months of deliberation, the decision was made by the chapter’s Board of Directors to donate \$1,000 to metropolitan Orlando agencies that serve the LGBT community. The Victim Service Center of Central Florida which provides services to victims of physical violence or crime received \$100. Two agencies which serve LGBT youth, Orlando Youth Alliance and Zebra Coalition, received \$300 each. Also receiving \$300 was The Center, Orlando’s LGBT community center. Prime Timers requested \$200 be used for the OWL (Older Wiser Learning) seniors program at The Center.



Photo courtesy Ken Barnard

Zebra Coalition’s Jason Doll (left) accepts a check for \$300

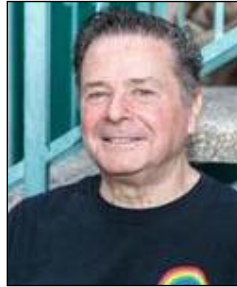


Photo courtesy Ron Bush

President of Orlando Youth Alliance (middle) accepts check for \$300

## Welcome to Prime Timers of Knoxville, Tennessee

By Gary Payne, Vice President



Worldwide Prime Timers welcomes our newest chapter, Prime Timers of Knoxville, to our organization. Check-out their new website at [www.primetimersww.com/knoxville](http://www.primetimersww.com/knoxville). If you wish to contact them, the chapter’s email address is [primetimersknoxville@yahoo.com](mailto:primetimersknoxville@yahoo.com). Postal mail can be sent to Prime Timers of Knoxville, P.O. Box 20903, Knoxville TN 37940.

We want to thank Tim C. and his group for starting this chapter. We wish them all the best. The official Charter will be presented to the chapter in the near future.



Photo courtesy Tim C.

## Prime Timers Tech Tip

By Jim Mark, Prime Timers Houston

As I can’t remember anything nowadays, when I get the Houston Prime Timers newsletter or an email blast about a Dine-a-Rama or Roving Day Timers event I want to go to, I enter it on my iPhone calendar. The trick is under “Location” to enter the restaurant name and if you have typed it correctly, you are presented with the name & location or a list of possible matches. Touch the correct one and it becomes part of your calendar entry.

On the day of the event, you open your calendar and touch the address. Your iPhone opens Maps to show you exactly where you’re going. Then touch “Directions” and you’ll get step-by-step voice and visual directions to drive to the event. You can also touch any address in your “Contacts” with the same result.

Do you know all the things you don’t have to carry around any more? How about a camera, camcorder, radio, cassette tape player, eBook reader, calculator, voice recorder, GPS device, flash light, compass, portable gaming device, portable video player, alarm clock, wrist watch, timer, books, newspapers, magazines, photo album, contact list/phone book, day planner, pocket foreign language dictionaries, grocery lists, road maps, and more. Your smart phone can do all of this for you.

# The Last Flight Out

By Zach Mullaney, Central Oklahoma Prime Timers

**W**hat an enjoyable trip! We went to Mexico City for the Independence Day festivities. Most Gringos think of Cinco de Mayo as Mexican Independence, but it is not. May 5th celebrates the Mexican army defeating the French attempts to take over the country back in the 1800's. Independence Day is September 16th when Mexico declared its independence from mother-country Spain back in 1810.

The rate of money exchange is 17 pesos to the U.S. dollar. It blows one's mind to see the price of something as 300 pesos – until dividing by 17 – then the price becomes more sane.

The Mexican colors of green, white, and red are everywhere in very bold displays. Street vendors set-up small portable booths called “ambulantes” along the sidewalks, selling everything imaginable – cheaply. Check ‘em out.

At home, so many people with “homeless” signs are standing at signal corners where cars have to stop and on the bottom of freeway off-ramps. There are many in Mexico, too. But the difference is that they are not just standing there. They are doing something. They may be an organ grinder playing music with the old machine (no monkey), a magician doing tricks, a gymnast doing flips, someone playing a saxophone, one guy had a microphone singing arias from the opera “Carmen”. There are street musicians everywhere. A guy may get on a subway car playing a violin. A little girl walks the aisle getting coins and they get off the next stop. Here at home, those in need just stand with a sign.

Mexican shoeshine men (boleros) that have the little stand on the corner give you the best shoeshine in the world...for only two bucks.

Many open-air cafés are such a pleasure. Try the La Cervceria bar on the sidewalk across from Parque Alameda. Be sure you get a seat at one of the big windows overlooking the sidewalk. Excellent margaritas and try the quesadillas loaded with shrimp. Wow!

The city permits same sex marriage, so it is not unusual to see two men walking, holding hands. We saw this in the many areas of the city that we visited, not just the tourist areas of the Zona Rosa. When we first saw it, we would point it out to each other, but after a while it was no big deal. We noticed several quite pretty male to female transsexuals every now and then in the Zona Rosa, walking the streets right along with all of the crowds going and coming from the huge Insurgentes metro subway station.

Our plans were to fly home on Tuesday, September 19th using Delta via Atlanta. Returning to the hotel Monday evening, inserted under all the hotel room doors was an announcement that at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (next day), a city-wide earthquake drill would take place with a need to vacate the building. There would be no electricity nor elevator. This drill would commemorate the anniversary of the 8.5 earthquake that caused so much destruction on September 19, 1985, thirty-two years ago. The next morning, we needed to get to the airport for our mid-morning flight. In flight, sitting in our seats, watching the little TV in the back of the seat in front of us, we saw “Breaking news! A 7.1 quake had struck Mexico City. The airport and runways are closed. In-air flights have been diverted.” We sat there stunned. The exact date, 32 years later! By now, on TV we've seen the destruction in some areas of the city. Such a good place to visit. Here's hopes that “normal” returns as soon as it can.



Photo courtesy Zach Mullaney

## The Imperfection of Swans

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the eyes of Casper who has trouble understanding why Kevin feels like he is fat and unattractive.

The book deals with this topic very effectively while at the same time developing a serious love story between the two main characters. The secondary characters are also well written and important to the overall story.

The Audible version of this book is narrated by Kirt Graves who does an excellent job with all of the characters. Kirt has the gift of making the narration seamless with the rest of the book to the point where the reader forgets it is being narrated. The different voices he uses go well with each character, even the females.

Overall, I rated this book five out of five stars for both the story and the narration. I highly recommend it to those who are interested in M/M romance books.

## Honoring Our Own

We would like to remember and honor those who have influenced their chapters and fellow Prime Timers. To include a memorial in our issues, please provide a written memorial and photo to [webmaster@primetimersww.com](mailto:webmaster@primetimersww.com). We welcome loved ones, board members, and those who helped Prime Timers grow into what it is today.



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