

# PRIME TIMERS World Wide

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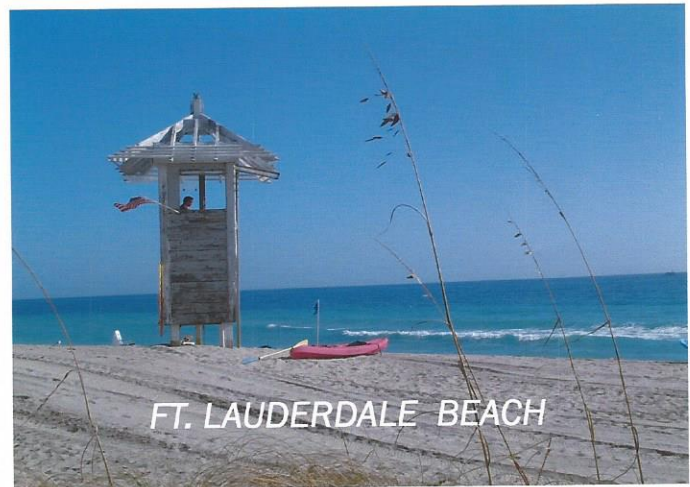
June 1, 2003

## PRIME TIMERS COMING TO FT. LAUDERDALE

*The purpose of Prime Timers is to provide mature gay and bisexual men, and their admirers, with opportunities to come together in a supportive atmosphere to enjoy social, educational, and recreational activities.*

*Prime Timers are older gay or bisexual men (and younger men who admire mature men). Our members are men who choose to have their social lives enriched by the diverse activities in which our members engage. No single definition can describe Prime Timers, as they come from all walks of life.*

*Prime Timers involve themselves in their community with volunteerism, politics, gay issues, arts, entertainment, and every other facet of healthy living. Prime Timers are fathers and care givers. They are businessmen and entrepreneurs. They are workers and they are retired. Some are always on the go, and some enjoy the quiet company of others at home.*



*But one thing is true of all Prime Timers: they enjoy the opportunities and friendships that develop with other Prime Timers throughout the world.*

*Travel opportunities for members are vast. Individual chapters welcome the chance to meet visitors from other chapters. Chapters enjoy showing off their communities and having visitors come away with a feeling of kinship and brotherhood with their new-found friends.*

## **FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD** **JUNE 22, 2003 From 3:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Meeting to be held at the GAY and LESBIAN Community Center at 1717 North Andrews Ave.  
Tel. (954) 463-9005**

**Conducted by Woody Baldwin, founder and chairman of the board of Prime Timers World Wide  
and his partner Sean O'Neill**





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**Prime Timers**



**Ft Lauderdale**



## MEETINGS:

The Next two monthly meetings will be held at the ArtServe Bldg. 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, FL

Sun., July 20, 3-5pm

Sun., August 24, 3-5pm

## Stork To 'Deliver'



We are pleased to announce that 'Jim' Stork (above), Mayor of Wilton Manors, and Owner of Stork's Bakery, has agreed to 'deliver' the opening remarks at the first meeting of our newly born Prime Timers of Ft Lauderdale!

Among the many accomplishments in Jim's young life are: President, Oakland Park- Wilton Manors Chamber of Commerce; Founder, Wilton Manors 'Neigh-bors for Neigh-bors'; and former VP and Chief Operating Officer at Campbell Laboratories, Inc.

Born 11/3/66 in Gainesville, Florida (Yes a native Floridian!), Jim grew up in Greenville, NC and received a B.S. in Business Administration at UNC, Chapel Hill.

Among his many Awards are:  
Dolphin Democrat Business Person of the Yr.

Dignity Man of Yr. 2000

And now, (pay attention!):  
GLCC Male Role Model of the Year!

When does this man get time to bake all those 'goodies'?

## First Edition



Editor: Al Wakefield

## Wise words from the 'Woodster':

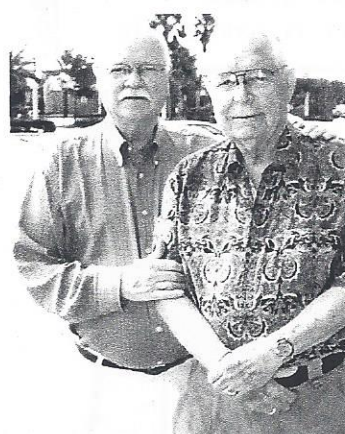
Welcome to Prime Timers. It is possible that you may find your membership to be one of the most important decisions you have ever made. Many fine men have told me that Prime Timers turned their lives around. Some were lonely and depressed, thinking that because of their age, there could be no more gay life for them. Some were bored with their social life and were looking for new friends and more variety. Some had discovered late in life they were gay and did not know how to meet other men except through bars and baths, and that did not appeal. There may be as many stories out there as there are members.

Whatever your reason for joining, let me remind you of the old but true cliché, you will get as much out of Prime timers as you are willing to put into it. Just paying your dues for a year won't cut it unless you attend meeting and socials and use your roster to satisfy your desires and needs. Enter into your membership with an open mind and a positive attitude, and you'll have a great experience. Feel free at any time to contact your board members.

Our mission is so simple that people sometimes try to make something complicated out of it and miss our reason for existing. We are here solely to see that older gay and bisexual men have happy and exciting older years. So, while you're enjoying Prime Timers, remember that we need to be generous and spread the word to anyone you know who can benefit from our organization. Sometimes those who need us the most are the hardest to reach because they don't go to gay venues and have no way of knowing that we exist. So, do these guys a real service and "spread the word" to them to let them know we're here.

Sean and I appreciate your hospitality toward us and wish you every success. Think positive and you can't go wrong. It works.

Woody Baldwin, Founder



Partners Sean O'Neill (left) & Woodrow 'Woody' Baldwin (right)

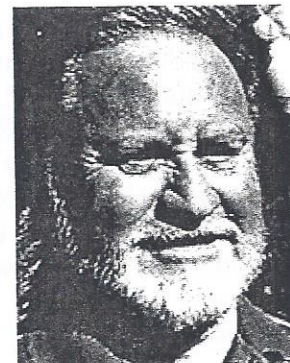
(photo by Mike Stamoulis)



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## Noted Author To speak



John J. McNeill

John J. McNeill, an ordained priest and practicing psychotherapist, was expelled from the Society of Jesus in 1987 for refusing to cease his ministry to gay men and lesbians. He received a doctorate in philosophy from Louvain University in Belgium and has taught philosophy and theology at Fordham University, Union Theological Seminary, and other institutions. McNeill is the author of *The Church and the Homosexual* and *Freedom, Glorious Freedom* ... published by Beacon Press. (From the cover jacket of McNeill's latest book *Taking A Chance on God*.)

In this cover jacket, John Linscheid (*The Other Side*) describes *Taking a Chance on God* as a book which speaks '... most directly to lesbian and gay Christians... But ... transcends the boundaries of its target audience.' ... *Equal Times* finds it '... hard to put down ... because the author draws upon his ... insights of the gay and lesbian liberation movement, his counseling experience ... and a variety of faith traditions...'

Whatever brings this magnetism to his writing, we hope will be present as Dr. McNeill addresses us at our July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting!  
Al W.



We are proud to bring you this First Edition of 'the Surfer', which will keep you informed of all current and newly scheduled activities of this most recent addition to the **PRIME TIMER** Family. Many of us have had past associations with other Chapters, which should be helpful in our efforts to establish in the Fort Lauderdale area a vital and outstanding resource for the needs of older gay men with or without partners.

The fact that we had two to three hundred handsome (Be still my heart!) men turn out for our June 22<sup>nd</sup> 'GLCC' opening event was encouraging! Significant too, was the fact that it was on the day of our 'Stonewall' Pride Parade! (A total coincidence!) When do we get to feel proud **twice** on the same day? And, as a bonus, we had close to a hundred people sign up (and pay dues) for membership!

As far as this 'Instrument' (thank you Lili Tomlin!) is concerned, we will fill you up with as much data as we can about functions, and dates, and notices. Then, with the power and magic of the written word, we will do a little surfing before we tuck you in! (AL W)

John Avery is having a  
'WELCOME MEMBERS'  
'Get Acquainted' PARTY  
With Poolside cookout at his  
'Grande Grotto'  
2230 NE 62<sup>nd</sup> Ct, Ft. Lauderdale



## O' Say Can You See?

By Al Wakefield

In the Church of my 'Fathers' where the testimony from my heart of finding salvation in the blood of the Lamb was enthusiastically received - In that Church of 'I Am That I Am', when I confessed, also from my heart, that I was what I was - a homosexual - why was my credibility suddenly found wanting?

In the home of my childhood, where I was told to always tell the truth - why was the pattern of 'heterosexual' assumed by my parents, more acceptable than the true identity of 'homosexual', revealed to me through my experience?

In the 'land of the free', where the 'star-spangled banner yet waves' - how did those over whom it waves decide that freedom is more certainly defended by those who have had a free ride from church, and home, and country - than those of us who have lived through 'the rocket's red glare', challenged homophobia, and defended with honor and pride, the truth that We Are What We Are?

O' SAY CAN YOU SEE  
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME?



Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
Members Only! BYOB

Attendance limited, so sign up soon!

for info. & RSVP Call

(954) 489-7489

\$5.00 fee includes food & soft drinks



The deadline for submitting time-sensitive material to 'the Surfer' will be the First Day of each month!



# Chapter Business

## Interim Officers To Serve You

The founders of the Ft Lauderdale chapter consist of 15 local volunteers. We have had four organizational meetings so far. The first two interim board meetings were held to organize the first general meeting on June 22 at the GLCC. At the third meeting held on June 23 with Woody Baldwin and a dozen local founders in attendance, interim officers were selected. These officers have volunteered to serve in these positions until elections can be held within a few months.

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Volunteers	Jim Cunningham	(954) 630-1619	

## Message Link Phone Line - Info & Reservations

We now have a phone line you may call to get updated information about upcoming meetings and events. You should also use this service to leave messages for any member of the board. Please use this phone message system to make your reservations for a party or event. This will help our volunteer officers and committee chairmen immensely. Jim Schill and Marshall Belmaine have volunteered to retrieve the messages and event reservations.

The number is **(954) 489-7489** available 24 hours a day.

## Birthday List for July & August

James Herb 7/02	Jim Schill 7/22	Peter Cowan 8/14
Charles Kennedy 7/02	Bill Leavel 7/28	Bob Aden 8/15
Bill Riley 7/07	Marshall Belmaine 7/29	Jim Wysongs 8/22
Charles McIntosh 7/09	Bill Nelson 7/31	Joel Glass 8/24
Jack Harvey 7/12	Charles Scarcella 8/04	Dan Doty 8/25
Charles Wege 7/12	Dennis Foley 8/04	Charles McDermid 8/26
Lloyd Lauer 7/18	John Avery 8/05	David Seligman 8/26
Michael Booth 7/19	George Abramson 8/08	Jack Harrington 8/30
Simon Offit 7/20	Mike Nisonoff 8/14	

## Contact Info & Interest Codes Sheet

A separate sheet is included for members with this newsletter. Please review this sheet and verify that the contact info we have for you is correct. The interest code section is very important. Please check the boxes of things that interest you and send this sheet back to our P.O. Box as soon as possible. One of the main purposes of Prime Timers is to enhance your social life. Filling out the interest code sheet lets other members know what your interests and hobbies are, so like minded members may get to know each other better. The interests codes for each member will be in the roster of members. Every member will get a roster of the membership. This has proven to be one of the most important features of Prime Timers chapters. You may elect for your contact info and interests not to be listed in the roster, see the release form.

## President's Note:

Congratulations, we set an all time Prime Timers record for the number of new members to join at the first meeting. Over 200 people attended the first general meeting at GLCC and over 90 people paid their annual dues and became members. At last count, we have over 120 members. What a way to start the new Fort Lauderdale Chapter. We have officially become the 56th Chapter of Prime Timers World Wide.

John Avery, Interim President

## Financial Report- July 2003

### Income

Donations	\$ 565
Member Dues	\$ 2140
Newsletter Ads	\$ 100

Total Income \$ 2805

### Expenses

Publicity	\$ 100
June meeting room	\$ 150
June refreshments	\$ 100
Printing supplies	\$ 169
Art Serve dues	\$ 120
July meeting room	\$ 95
Checking setup fee	\$ 60
Message Link Phone setup	\$ 19
Message Link monthly fee	\$ 31
PT Worldwide annual dues	\$ 90

Total Expenses \$ 934

Beginning Balance	\$ 0
Ending Balance	\$ 1871



call  
**John Avery**  
(954)  
**493-6393**



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**JOHN AVERY WELCOMES AND SPREADS THE WORD TO THE  
PRIME TIMERS OF FORT LAUDERDALE**









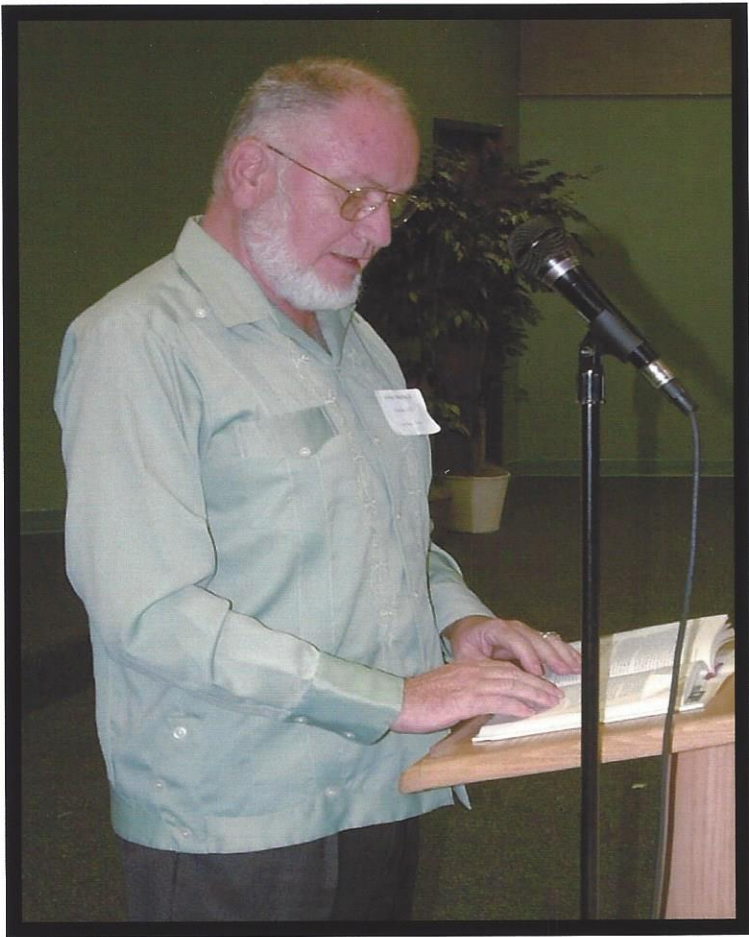
**JIM STORK**

**MAYOR  
OF  
WILTON MANORS**

**MAKING  
OPENING  
REMARKS**







**NOTED AUTHOR  
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Also Spoke at First  
Meeting, July 20.**

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WE ARE PROUD OF OUR EDITOR, AL WAKEFIELD FOR THE  
WORK HE DID IN PRODUCING OUR FIRST EDITION OF  
*'the SURFER'*



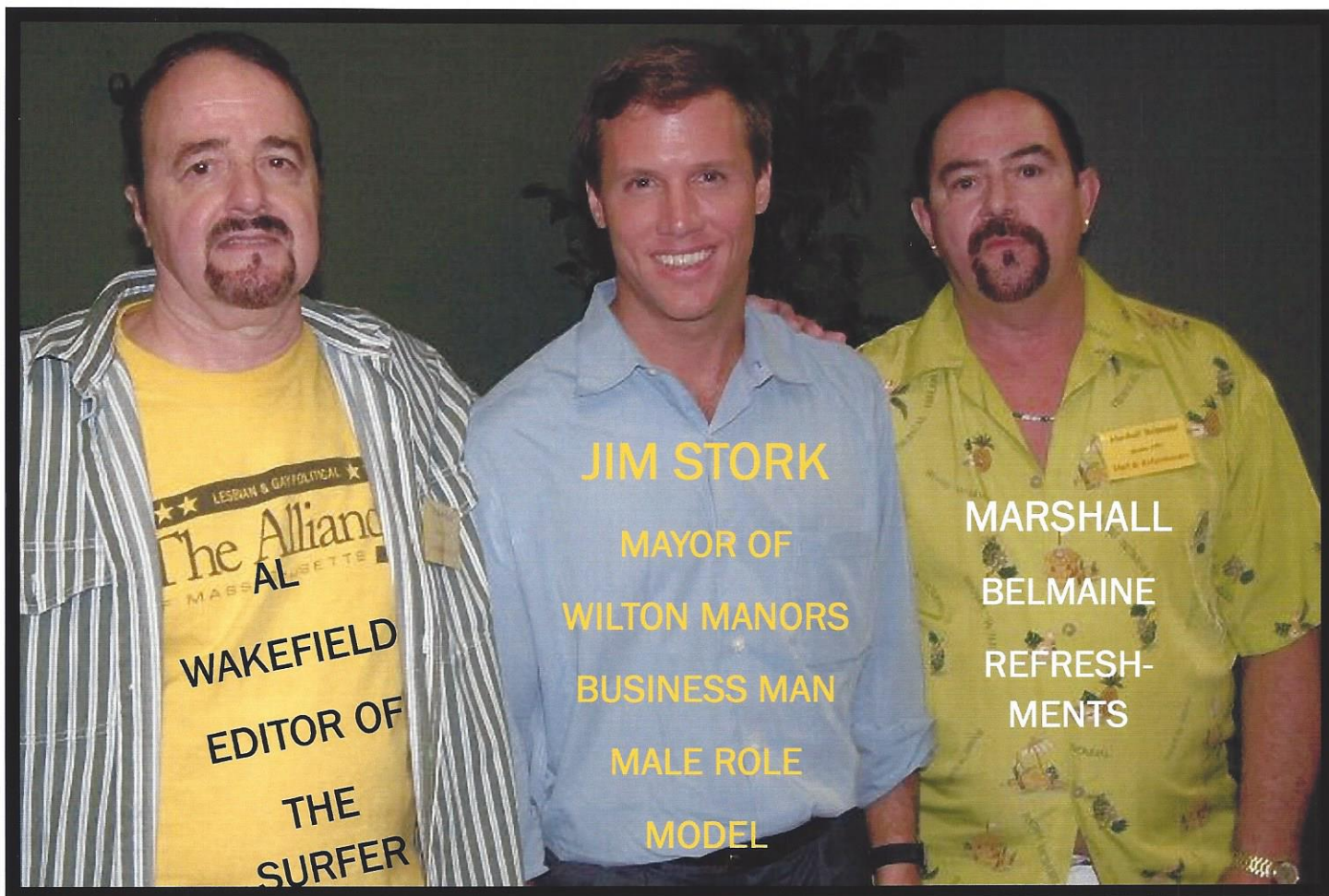
A Partial Group of our Officers







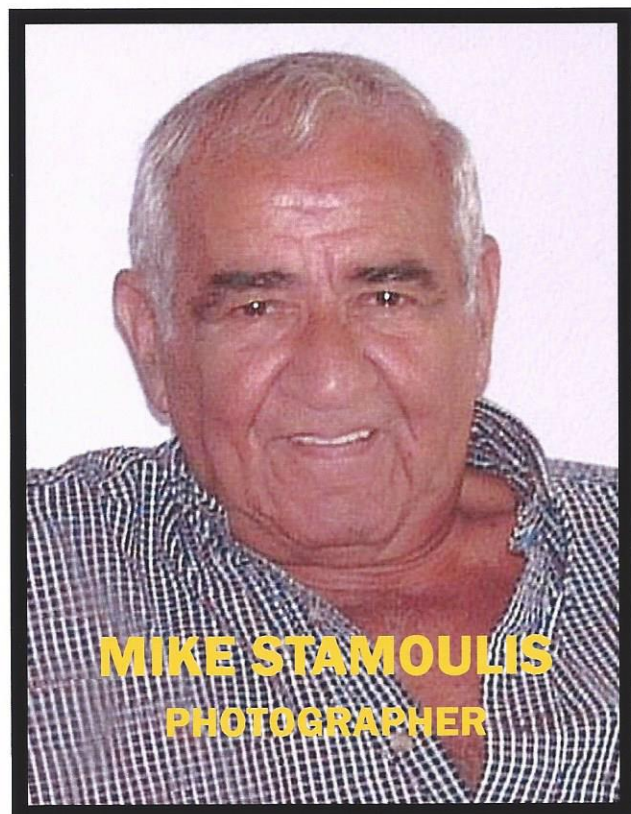




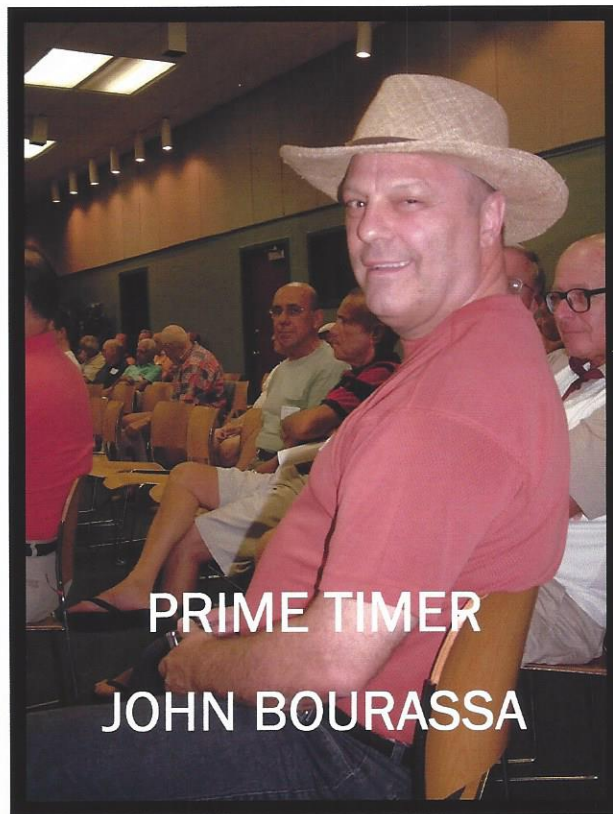
**JIM STORK**

**MAYOR OF  
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BUSINESS MAN  
MALE ROLE  
MODEL**

**MARSHALL  
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**MIKE STAMOULIS  
PHOTOGRAPHER**



**PRIME TIMER  
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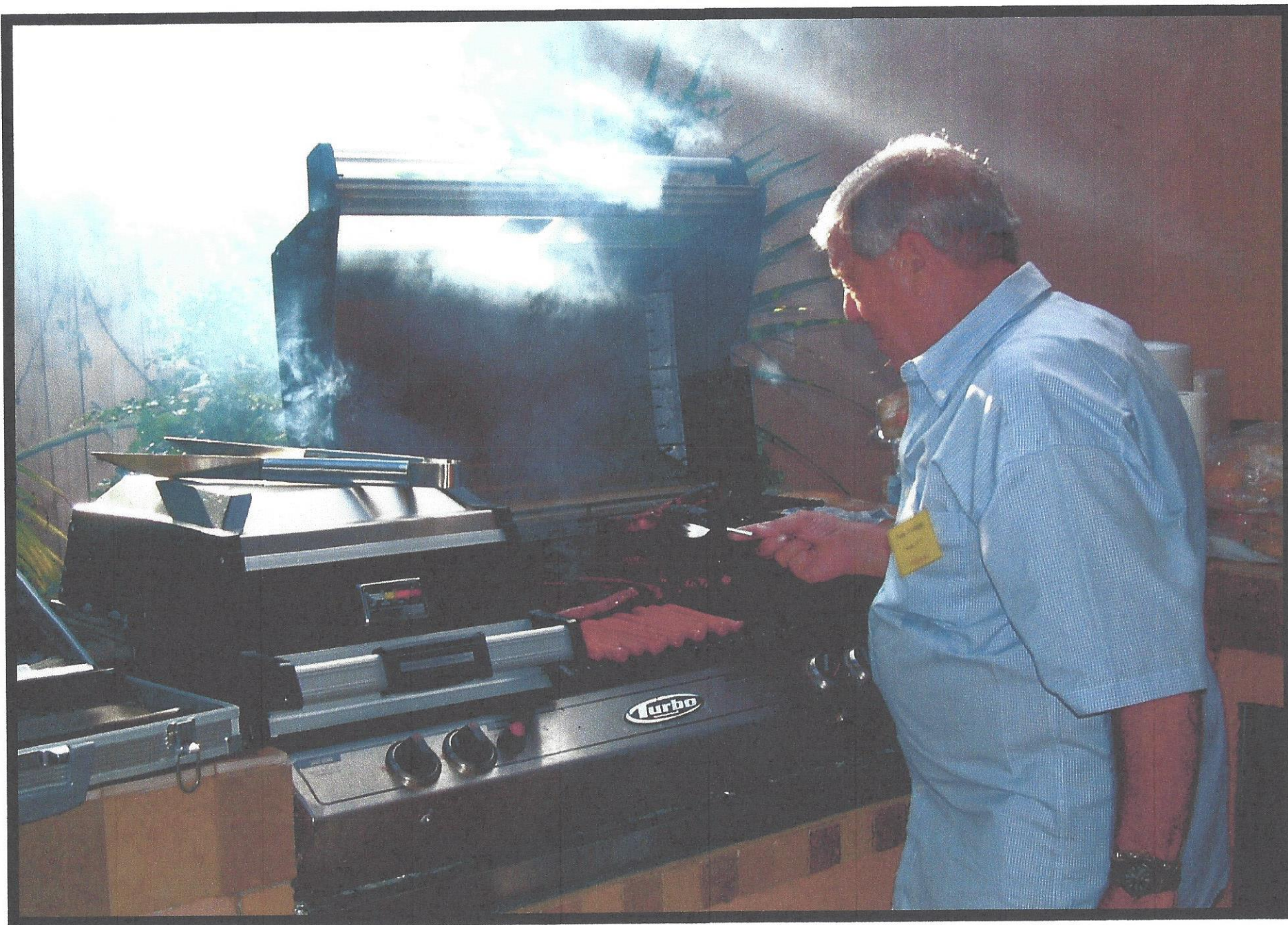


John Avery's Poolside Cookout

**WAS A SUCCESS**

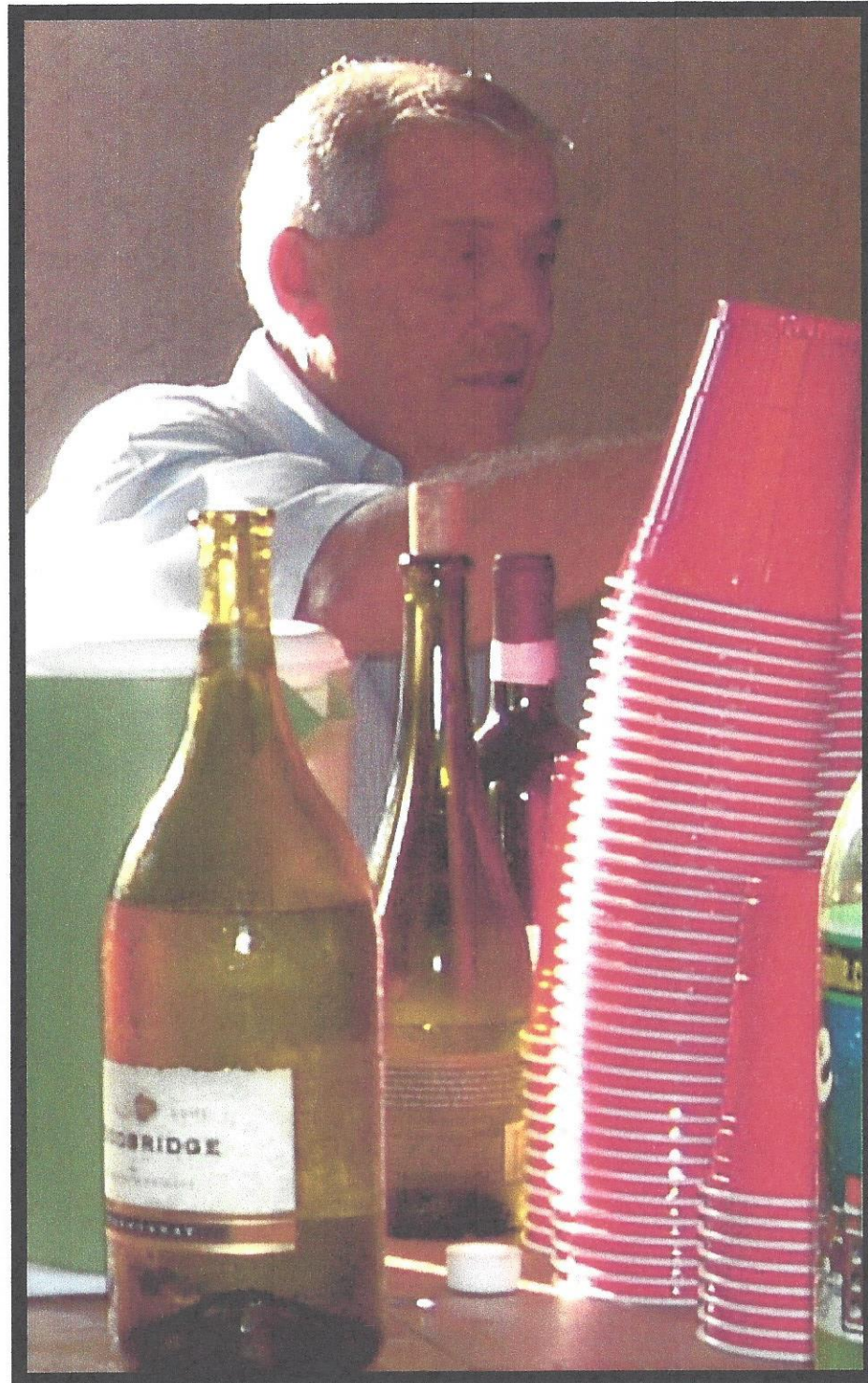
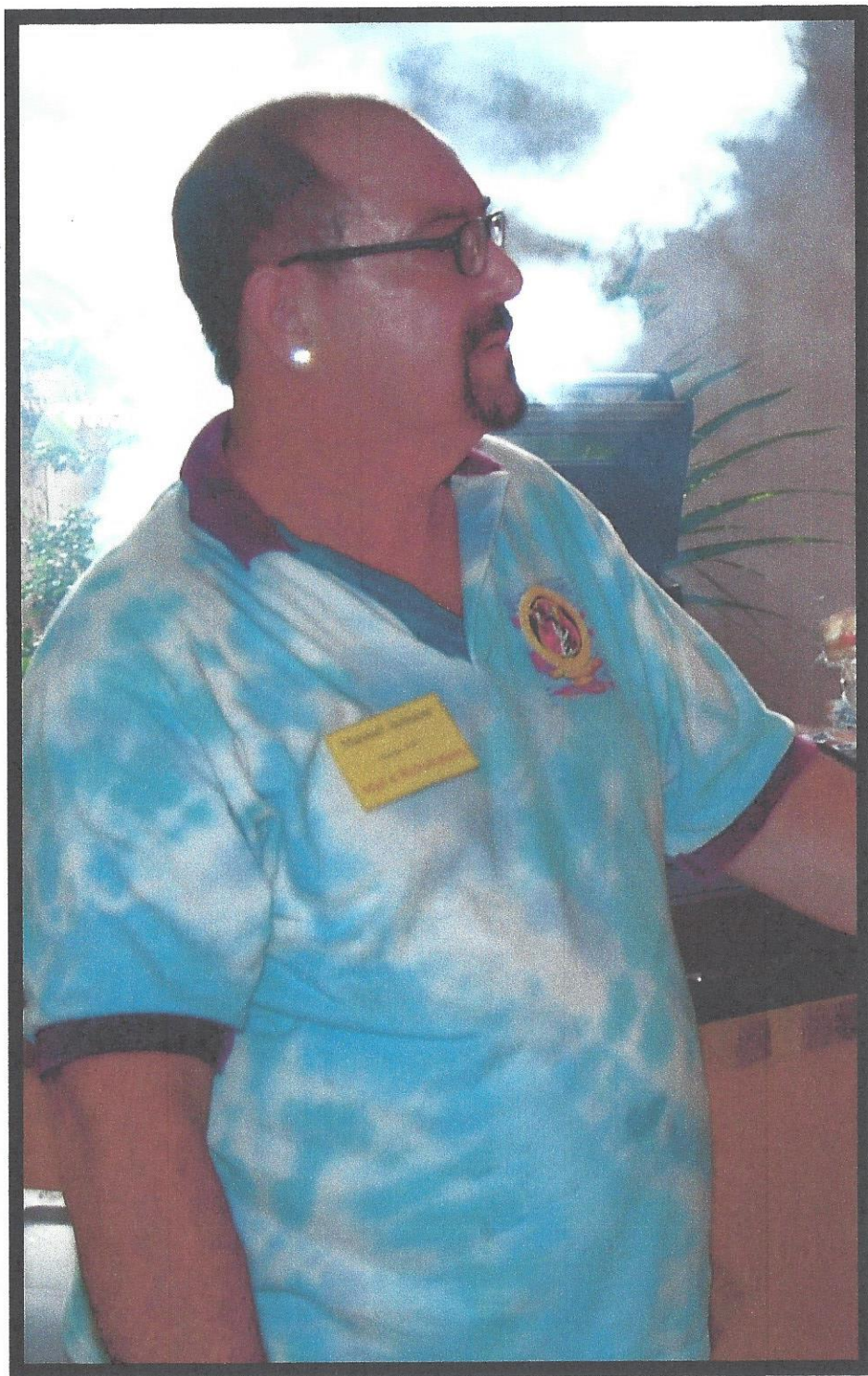
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Here's the beef and cooked to order by chef Tony Avalone.

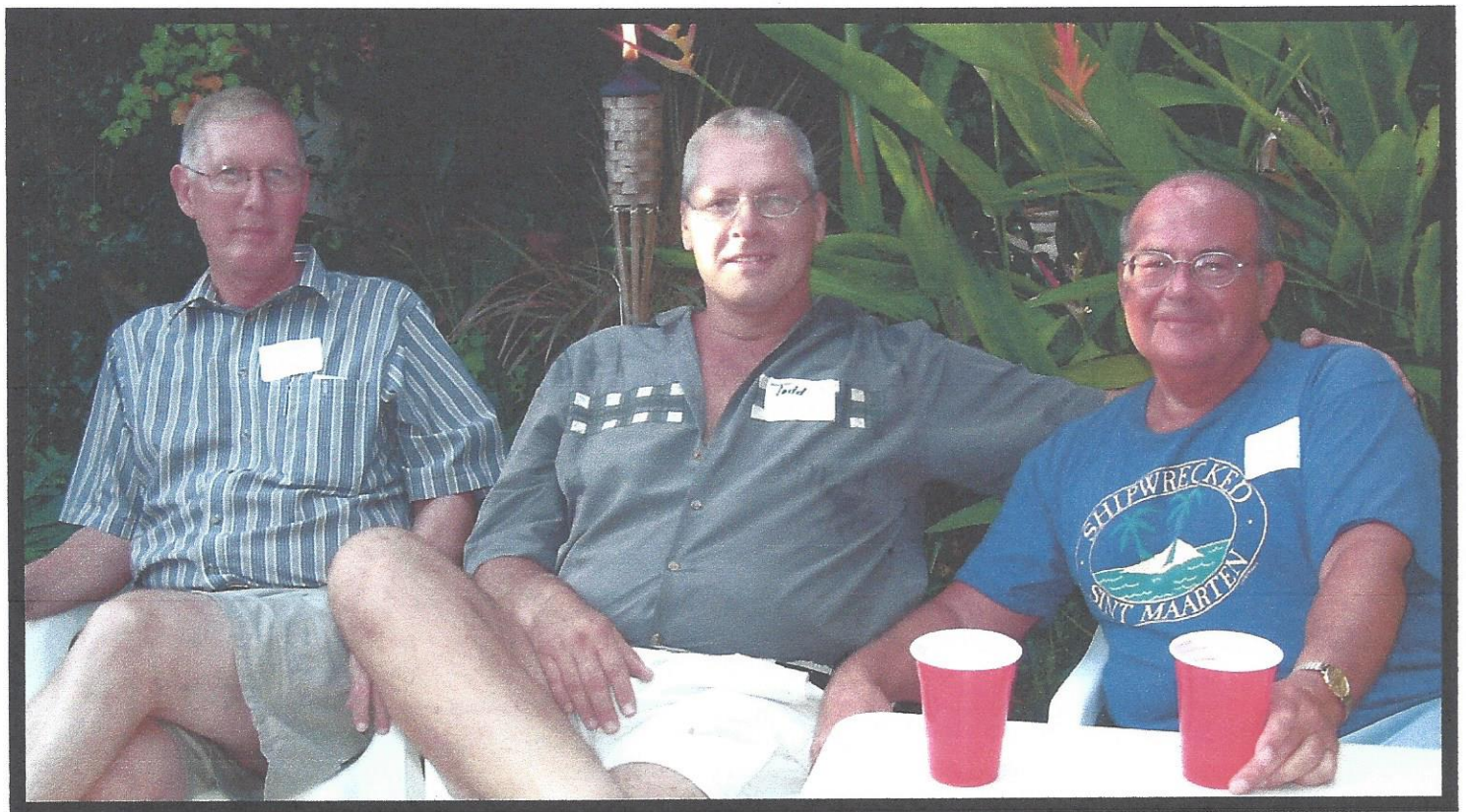




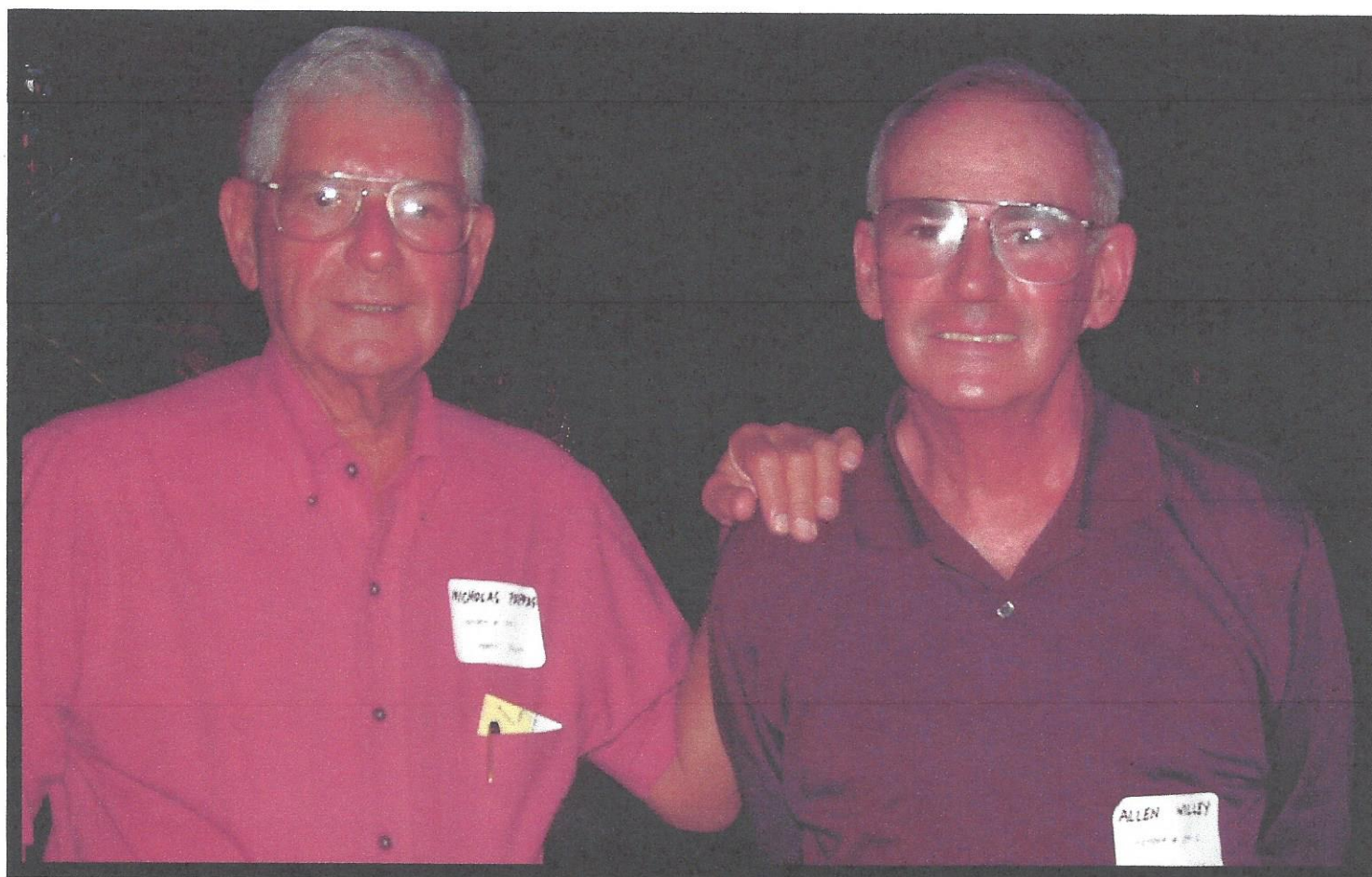




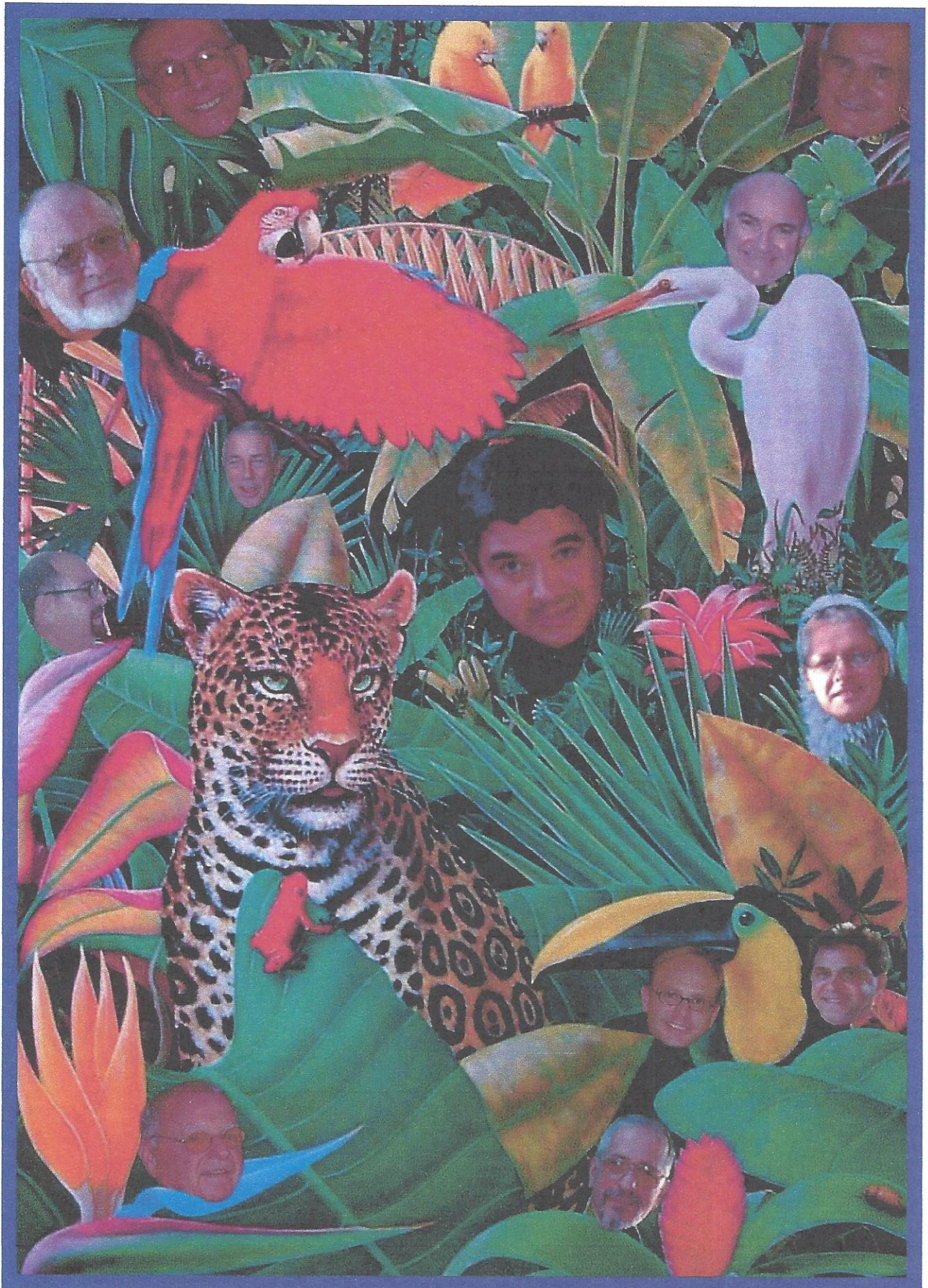












*How many Prime Timers are hiding in the Jungle?*