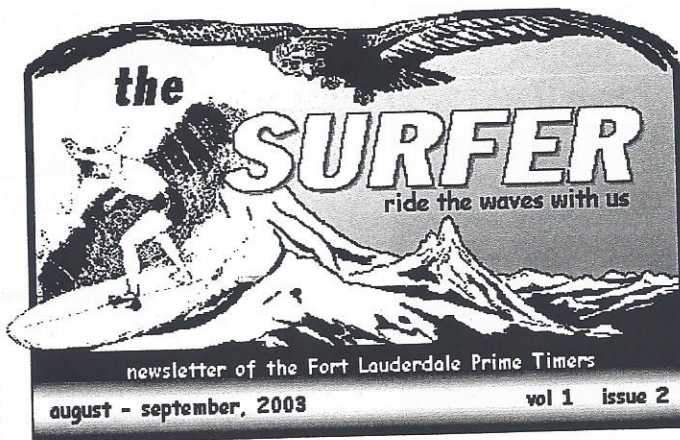


MEETINGS:

The Next two monthly meetings will be held at the **ArtServe Bldg.**
1350 E. Sunrise Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Sun., Aug. 24, 3-5pm
Sun., Sep. 21, 3-5pm

A \$2.00 Contribution to cover **Room Rental** will be collected from all members at Meetings!



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Editor: Al Wakefield

We were unable to secure John Graves as a speaker for our Aug. 24th meeting. We hope to have him at some future date. Meanwhile we will pursue other avenues.

From the editor:

Tale of two 'Jims' - Two Reasons to Hope!

While signing up new members at our July 20th meeting, I caught a few comments by 'Jim' Stork as he delivered his welcoming remarks. Later that evening my mind kept going back to his statement about feeling comfortable in the company of older men and valuing them for their knowledge and experience.

As one who has all too frequently lamented that "...had I only known then what I know now, I would have done things differently!" I became more and more impressed by Jim's openness. I truly do believe that one of our missions is to be mentors to younger gay men, so
(cont.)-from the editor P.2

Our First Party is a 'Winner!'



'Now, ain't we got fun?'

(photo-Mike Stamoulis)

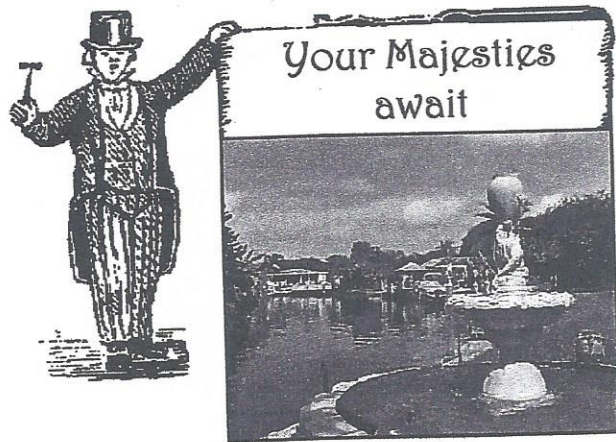
The July 26th Party at **John Avery's**, I'm sure, is just what the Doctor ordered! Now that we have our own Fort Lauderdale Chapter there will be lots of opportunities to get out and mingle! Al and I met lots of interesting people, and had some great conversation and laughter. I, for one, am looking forward to more 'getting-to-know-you' gatherings with food, fun and festivities!

Marshall Belmaine

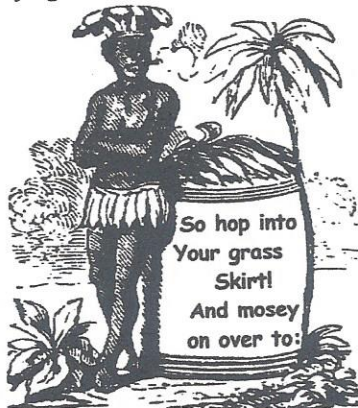


Poem by **Chuck Kennedy**

Prime Timers are the group to see.
Very few are much older than me.
I'd not be surprised if others like our ways,
And all joined in for happier days.
For instance Robert Louis Stevenson
and Robert Wood
Call themselves Rhyme Timers,
and think they should.
Would Crime Timers be for ensic,
solving things past by a medical dick?
Does a Brime Timer sail the seas-
With hairy chest and wobbly knees?
Do Lime Timers make pies best,
and specialize in the old Key West?
Thyme timers are spicey....give a looky,
At Emeril and other nice cookies.
Wine Timers trim stems
in Spring and Wintner-
as any good and knowing vintner?
Vine Timers trim the bushes with wrath,
So we can walk the Primrose Path.
Does a Climb Timer make Evererst quoteable?
And is a Hymn Timer, Baptist organist note-
able?
Are Whine Timers child temperment people?
Are Chime Timers-bell ringers in a steeple?
We know a Mime Timer is Marcel Marceau.
And a Pine Timer watches Christmas trees
grow.
So here we are Prime Timers-me and you.
We do these things and a lot more too!



The Pleasure of your Company!



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1920 NW 36th St.

Oakland Park

(Directions)

From 95 to Oakland Pk. Blvd.

West to W21st. Ave.,

North to NW35th St.

(Before Bridgel)

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We are on Rt. Side at Mergel

Parking is 'tight!'



**Al Wakefield &
Marshall Belmaine**
Celebrate 31 Yrs. Together
August 11, 2003

If you want to announce your
Special Anniversary
Or any important event in your life:
(Ten-yr. Birthday, death of Partner,
etc.) Please let us know!
Note: e-mail to alwakefield@aol.com
Please enter 'Surfer' as Subject!



Tale of two 'Jims' (cont. from p.1)

that they can face their futures with a confidence that we could only have dreamed of. Thank you Jim, for hanging in there, and helping to give hope to other young gay men!

As luck would have it, we were treated to a second helping of 'hope' by our second speaker at the meeting, 'Jim' McNeill. Although I am certainly not a 'Creationist', I found it refreshing to hear him expound on the pleasurable aspects of sex as one of its legitimate reasons for being. We must doggedly defend our right to engage in mutually pleasurable sex acts.

In a Quandary over the 'Q' word!

I don't see Black people embracing the 'N' word, or Jewish people promoting the 'K' word- to feel proud about themselves. But why do some gays and lesbians whom I should be proud to look upon as my brothers and sisters purport to speak for all of us 'in the Movement' when they tell the world that we are fine with the word 'Queer'?

I was not fine when my father said to my mother, "After all we've done for him, he turns out to be a 'fairy'!" And I'm not fine with words like 'queer' and 'fag'. These are the words that scumbags like 'Reverend' Phelps and my sergeant in Basic Training (who vowed, "Wakefield, if it's last thing I do, I'm gonna put yore ass in jail!") used! **Describing myself as a 'Queer', is a very 'kweer' way to make me feel proud!**

The fact that TV Producers are clamoring to pin the 'queer' tail onto every gay donkey that lumbers into their studios is a sure sign that something is amiss! But then, when has TV ever been the model for conscience, or even good taste?
A.W. (AlWakefield@aol.com)

Dish of the Month

Microwave-able Lasagna

1 Lb. Lean ground beef
1 jar (32 oz.) Ragu spaghetti sauce

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup water
1 carton (12 oz.) cottage cheese

2 eggs
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. Black Pepper
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. Cayenne pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Salt
9 lasagna noodles, raw
2 cups grated Mozzarella ch.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Parmesan cheese

Micro gr.beef 7min High-drain fat
Add Ragu & water & micro High 5 min
Mix cottge ch.,eggs,pepp.& salt in bowl

In 7x11 casserole, layer 1-1/2 cups tom. Sauce, 3 las. Noodles, 1/3 egg mixture & 3/4 cup Mozzarella cheese. Repeat two more times (Reserve a little tom. Sauce to top last layer of noodles.) Top w/parm.cheese. Cover w/double layer of plastic wrap. Micro High 8 min, Then on 50% Power 30 min. or until noodles are tender. Let stand 10-15 min.

Submitted by Bill Nelson and Stan Grant (Thank you!)

VICO'S RISTORANTE



Buffet Style - cash at door!

OUR FIRST PRIME TIMER MEMBERS DINNER!

Monday, September 8th, from 6:30 on!
at VICO'S RISTORANTE
 (Normally not opened Mon., but special prov. made for us!)
Corner of NE 1st St. and 7 N. Andrews Ave
 One block north of Broward Blvd.
 (SOUTH TRUST BANK BUILDING)
Free Pkng. 6pm on! - Garage across Street
 Appetizer: sausage & pepper in red sauce
 Choices: Chkn. Marsala, Chkn. Picata, Pasta w/meat sauce
 Salad, Rolls and Desert (Tiramisu), --- and Coffee

Open Bar - Beer & Wine
Reservations (or cancellations)
By Sept. 2
 Call Phone Link- (954) 489-7489
 If not cancelled by then,
 You **MUST PAY** PrimeTimers!



Our first TV "Movie Night" will be at the home of John Avery on Saturday Sept 13th

We will start with pizza or whatever and sodas at 7pm. Then the movie starts at 7:30pm with a 15 minute intermission break at 8:20 with movie style popcorn and sodas. The movie is 1 hour 51 minutes so it will end by 9:30. The movie is **"Sordid Lives."** It has several gay characters - Is absolutely hilarious - and has a wonderful surprise ending.

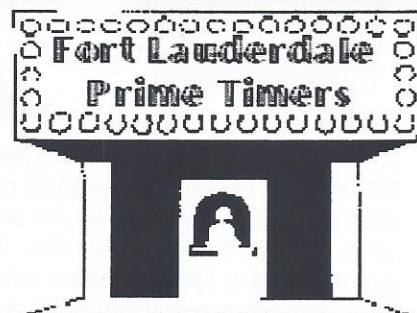
"Get ready for laughs the size of Texas when Olivia Newton-John, Beau Bridges, Bonnie Bedelia and Delta Burke lead an all-star cast in the twisted, white-trash tale that puts the fun in dysfunctional." the Chicago Tribune"

Enjoy the movie on **DVD 60" widescreen** Hi-Definition home theater with surround sound.
 Sordid Lives played at the Gateway Theater just a couple of months ago. Make reservations on the message link phone line 954-489-7489. The party is limited to 30 people so call soon. **\$5 per person** to cover the food costs. **If you must cancel, please do so by Sept 11.**

John's home is at 2230 NE 62nd St. in Ft Lauderdale near the Outback on US-1.

Our First Movie Matinee and Lunch!

Wednesday Sept 3rd



Our first movie matinee group will meet on **Wednesday Sept 3rd.** We meet for lunch at **Flaming Pit at 1150 North Federal Hwy. in Pompano at 11:30** and then go to the **MovieCo multi-plex after lunch.** There will be a lot of movies to choose from so you can split up into groups and attend the movie of your choice. Let us know if you want to attend by **calling the message link line (at 954-489-7489)** so we can get an idea how many will be there. If we have 20 or more, we can get a private dining room and know far enough in advance. We may do this on a regular basis, like every Wednesday or every other Wednesday. We hope you will join us and have fun. **Tom Woelffer is heading up the event.**



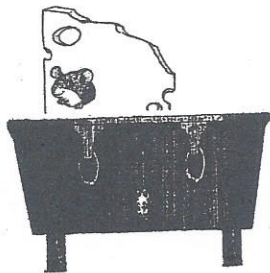
GAY T.V. (wow, in my lifetime!!!!!!) "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy", Ok, so it doesn't meet everyone's approval for what gay men are like, and maybe a couple of the guys are a little over the top. So we're all not into

fashion, cooking, decoration and culture. But the big news is that we are being shown off as intelligent, compassionate, humorous and not sex addicts who are trying to convert and seduce every man & boy in the ways of homosexuality. Also, that we are very caring and we can set style trends for all the world to see. In any case, when I came out in 1968 hearing "Strangers in the Night" sung by Frank Sinatra (it played constantly in all the gay bars). I never thought that in my lifetime there would be any type of gay shows on t.v. Now they even have a dating show "Boy meet Boy". The only exceptions I have with all the gay themed shows is that they never show older gay men, 50's and up. We seem to be the lost generation, when in truth we are the pioneers, witness "Stonewall". The other thing I have an objection to is that all the gay men shown are slim and attractive, but as with any segment of the population, there are many different types of gay men. I just wish they would throw some of us older guys in the mix to show that we come from all walks of life. In conclusion, I feel that we should support anything in the media that shows us in a good light.

Kurt Klar

Say Cheese!

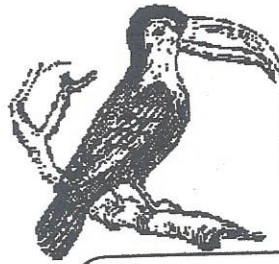
Sez 'Rob' Koderisch



A new column entitled **Prime Timer Of The Month** will premier in the next issue of The Surfer. The column is designed to make **ALL** members more visible. Participants (couples as well as singles) will be asked to complete a simple questionnaire, dealing with your favorite activities (music, theater, cooking, ETC) and also some of your pet peeves. And a special section where you will be able to say a few words about yourself you want other members to know about you. A photo of yourself will accompany your profile. **BEE SEEN & GET NOTICED!** This is a "for fun" column, so fill out the questionnaire and have some laughs with it. If this may be something that peaks your interest **give me (Rob) a call at 954-854-0436 or better yet e mail me at rjk2708@bellsouth.net** and I will arrange to get a questionnaire to you and also arrange a photo shoot. Remember this is a great opportunity to be noticed by the entire membership of the Prime Timers of Fort Lauderdale. Who knows, you may meet the man of your dreams, or at the very least make a few friends through it. **GO FOR IT!**

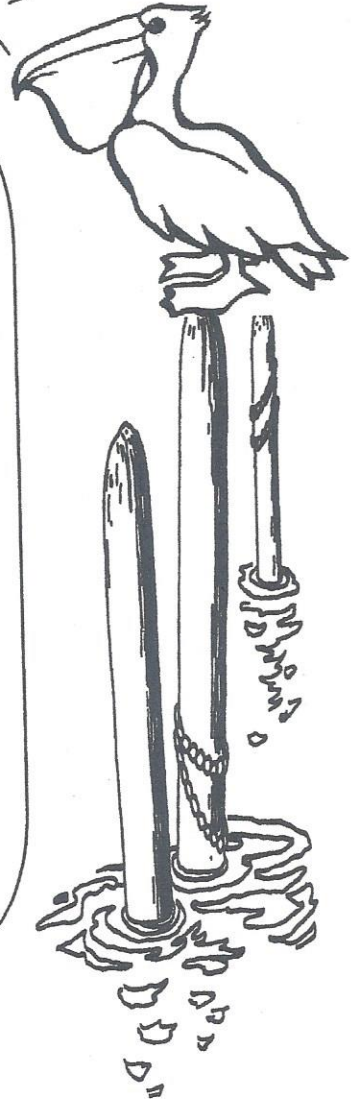
R.K.

The 'brief' Pelican !



Yes!

Is it true that Editor 'AL' is ready for the Loony Bin because he has been spending so much time on the 冢冢冢冢 computer trying to fill up the pages of 'the Surfer' with provocative, and informational, and interesting stuff so that the FLPT members can get half a clue about what's going on; and that he desperately needs help from them with ideas, and articles, and things like recipes and them telling him what they are doing and thinking, and what they would like to do, and what they would never think of doing; so that his Lover will not throw the computer into the canal, and tell him to get a life, and make him miserable for not paying more attention to him, and send him into a deep state of depression?



If you need professional help and would like to consult with our world renowned expert, Doctor Pelican, please send a long, hopefully humorous question (which requires either a 'yes' or a 'no' answer) to:
 'The Editor's Couch',
 FLPT, Box 100666,
 Ft.Lauderdale, FL, 33310.
 You must include your Name. You will be selected according to your level of desperation, and other things!

Chapter Business

by John Avery

Officers - Board of Directors Elections

At an organizational meeting held on June 23 with Woody Baldwin (founder of Prime Timers Worldwide) and a dozen local founders in attendance, interim officers were selected. These following officers have volunteered to serve in these positions until elections are held. We have several new interim officers so please make note.

Elections will be held within a couple of months. The general membership will elect 7 or 9 people to serve as board members for a term of one year. The board members select among themselves who will serve as what officers & committee chairmen. If you are interested in serving as a board member please contact one of the interim officers below.

| Interim Offices | Name | Phone # | Email |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| President | John Avery | (954) 493-6393 | FLprimetimers@aol.com |
| Editor | Al Wakefield | (954) 714-0758 | alwakefield@aol.com |
| Membership | Jim Shill & Bill Bjorstad | (954) 917-7995 | |
| Treasurer | Bob Guida | (954) 917-7276 | bobguida@bellsouth.net |
| Archivist & Photographer | Mike Stamoulis | (954) 984-4035 | boss1500@aol.com |
| Roster/Interest Codes | Mike Trask | (954) 771-0436 | mikefl1945@juno.com |
| Mail | Ed Bower | (954) 565-2685 | alberto796@aol.com |
| Website | Kevin Vinson | | kmvwpb@hotmail.com |
| Refreshments | Marshall Belmaine | (954) 714-0758 | marshallbelmaine@aol.com |
| Events | Bob Aden | (954) 545-4760 | rladen@msn.com |
| Events - Dining Out - Restaurants | Al Gentile | (954) 565-2685 | alberto796@aol.com |
| Events - Movie Matinee & Lunch | Tom Woelffer | (954) 968-3113 | |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Jim Cunningham | (954) 630-1619 | |

Phone HotLine for Event 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.

Contact Info & Interest Codes Sheet

The interest code sheet is very important. If you do not have an interest code form, pick one up at the meeting or call the hotline and request one. Check the boxes of things that interest you and mail back to our P.O. Box. One of the main purposes of Prime Timers is to enhance your social life. If you are a couple you may use one form or two. Filling out the interest codes 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.

Minutes - Interim Board Mtg on 8/6/03

Several members volunteered for positions: Bob Guida for interim treasurer, Mike Stamoulis for official photographer & archivist, Ed Bower for mail, Al Gentile for events (dining out in restaurants), Mike Trask for roster data base, Tom Woelffer for events (movie afternoon matinee & lunch), Kevin Vinson for website development.

Several new events were discussed: dinner at Vico's (later at Buca De Peppo & Wine Cellar), party at Al & Marshall's, movie night at John Avery's, Wednesday movie matinee & lunch. Potential speakers for general meetings were discussed. It was suggested that at pot luck dinners- the club would provide desserts and that we have water at the refreshment table at general meetings.

The interim board voted to have a mandatory fee of \$2 for members for each general meeting attended, to be collected at the sign-in table. Most chapters have this fee. The cost is estimated at \$200 to \$250 per general meeting for the room & refreshments.

Minutes - General Meeting on 7/20/03

Our second general meeting had over 150 members and guests in attendance. The interim president, John Avery covered some business items and introduced the interim officers. Al Wakefield, our editor, spoke about the newsletter. Jim Stork, mayor of Wilton Manors, was our first speaker. He was well received with many questions from the audience. After the refreshment break, our main speaker, John McNeill spoke on the spiritual importance of play and having fun.

Chapter Business

by John Avery

Financial Statement - August 2003

| Item | Income | Expenses |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Membership Dues | 960 | |
| Returned dues check from member | | 20 |
| Bank fee for returned check | | 5 |
| July 20 gen. mtg. refreshments | | 85 |
| Donations for July 20 refreshments | 50 | |
| Office supplies | | 447 |
| Donations at July 20 gen. mtg. | 72 | |
| Message link phone (monthly fee) | | 31 |
| Newsletter Advertising | 50 | |
| Beginning Balance | 1821 | |
| Total Income | 1132 | |
| Total Expenses | | 588 |
| Ending Balance | 2365 | |
| Estimated Aug 24 meeting room | | (128) |
| Estimated Aug 24 refreshments | | (100) |
| Estimated August Newsletter | | (250) |

Member's Birthdays for September

| | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| John McNeill 9/2 | Artie Prosser 9/4 |
| Santiago Bownes 9/6 | Stan Grant 9/8 |
| Walter Krueger 9/11 | Charles Goldberg 9/12 |
| Wayne Morris 9/15 | Michael Goettmann 9/15 |
| James Burkleo 9/18 | David Parker 9/19 |
| Kevin Vinson 9/19 | Allen Zack 9/20 |
| Charles Solof 9/23 | Tom Moore 9/25 |
| Herb Bellovin 9/28 | Frank Bilancia 9/30 |

Advertising Rates

We welcome business owners to place ads in the newsletter. Announcements from members of anniversaries, deaths etc. and articles are placed at no charge.

| Size of Ad | Actual Size | Price per issue |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1/8 page | 2 1/4" x 3 3/4" | \$30 |
| 1/4 page | 4 5/8" x 3 3/4" | \$50 |
| 1/2 page | 4 5/8" x 7 3/4" | \$90 |

Membership Report

We had over 150 people at our second general meeting on July 20 at ArtServe. Over 50 new members joined since the July 20 meeting. As of 8/12/03 we have 176 members (104 singles & 36 couples). We have had 68 guests sign in (attending one or both of the general meetings) that have not yet joined.

This newsletter is the last one to be sent to non-members. We included the guests that signed in the first two meetings for the mailing of the first two newsletters. From now on, the newsletter will be sent to members only. The newsletter is confidential and not to be given to non-members after this issue.

Suggestions from Members

A few members asked that we have better refreshments at the general meetings. The interim board agreed and decided to have more refreshments. Hopefully, with the \$2 fee per member attending the meeting, we can cover the additional cost of better refreshments.

Members also asked if they could bring something for the refreshments table. Yes you may. If you would like to bring something to the general meeting, please call Marshall Belmaine. Keep in mind that the first two meetings had around 200 people, so it should be something simple that could be spread out among a larger number of people.

The interim board welcomes your suggestions and comments. This is your club and we want to serve your interests. Thank you for your help.



John Avery
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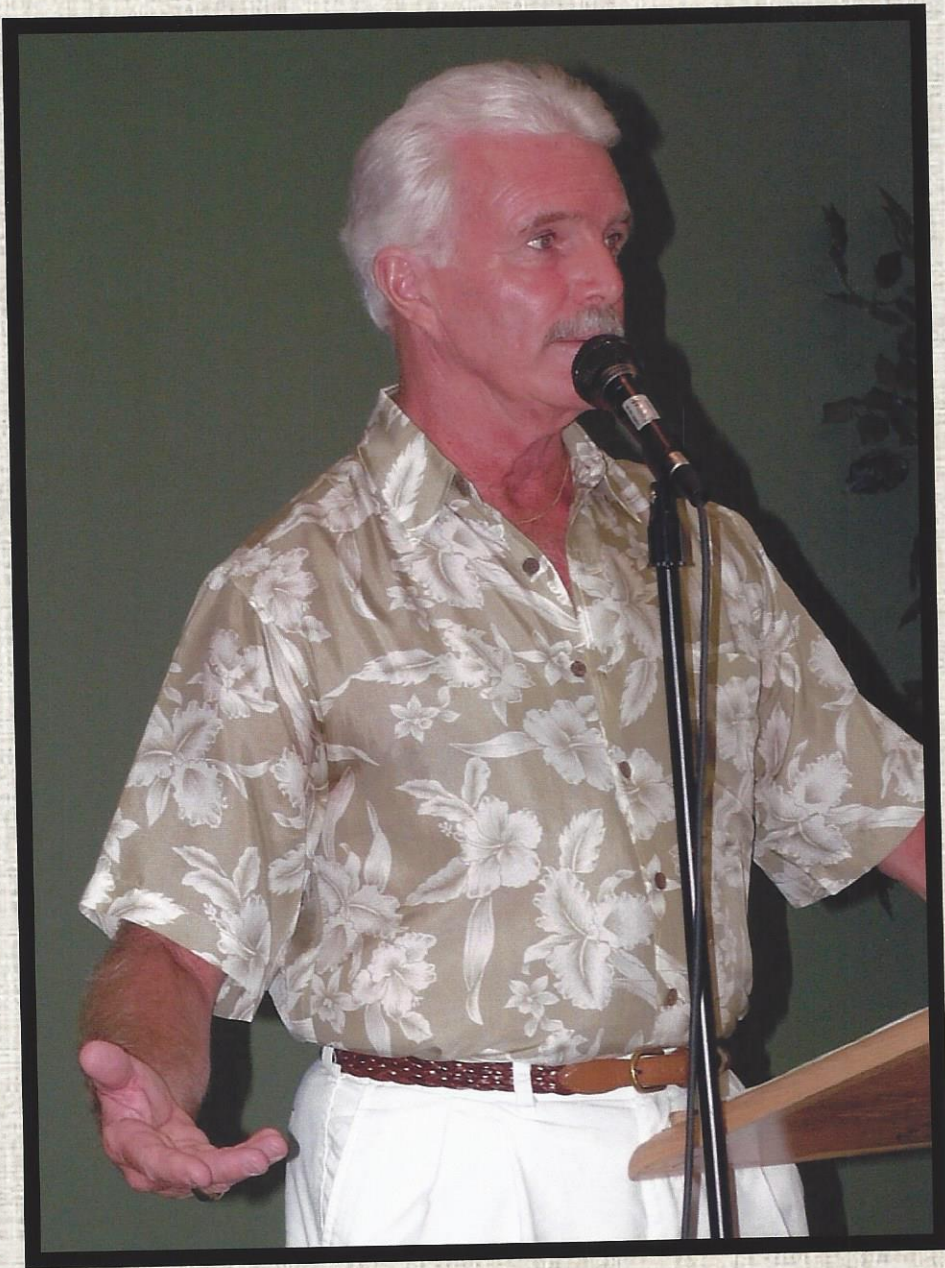
Floorplans & pictures of the following at www.johnfavery.com

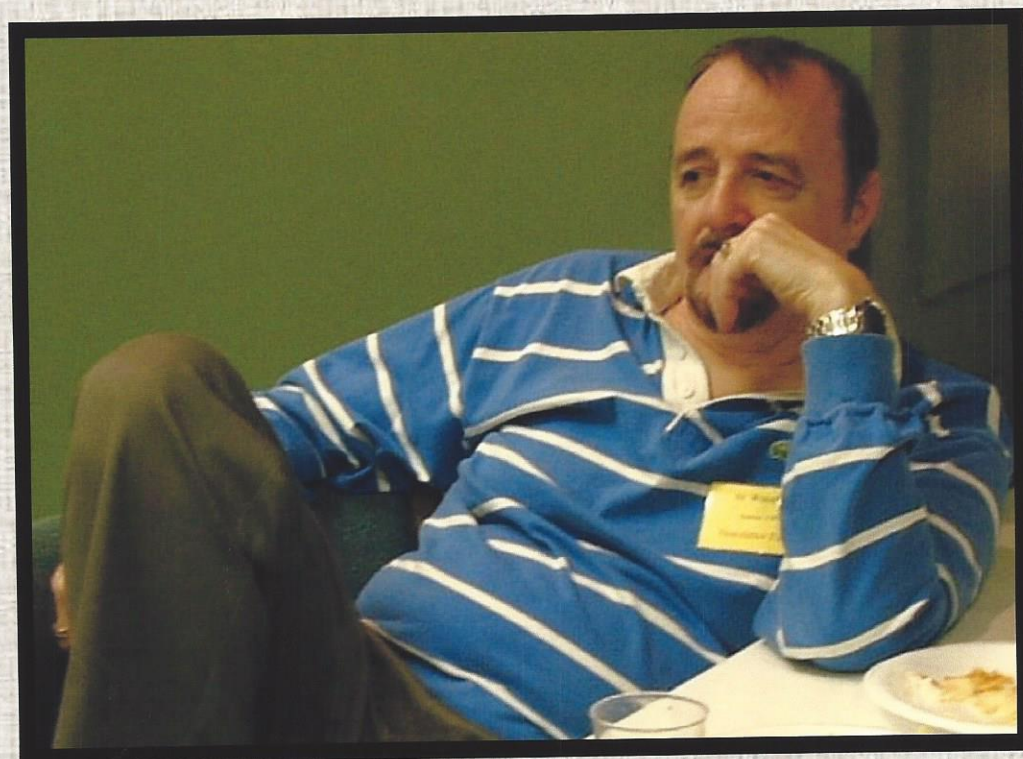
Palm Aire 1/1.5 1100 sqft \$89,000
Beautiful, many upgrades, new A/C & appliances, great view
Palm Aire 2/2 1400 sqft \$125,000
Many upgraded, golf & lake view, W/D in unit. Lrg scrnd balcony.
Palm Aire 3/2.5 1841 sqft \$169,900
Beautiful condo, many upgrades, great floorplan. Split bedrm. W/D

Beach Condo 2/2 1400 sqft \$205,000
Lowest \$ on beach. Ocean & city view. Pool, tennis, fitness ctr., garage parking. New A/C & W/H. New appliances & carpet.

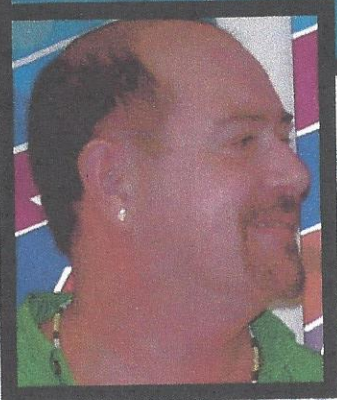
Beach Condo 2/2 1505 sqft \$349,000
Totally remodeled, high floor, fantastic direct ocean & city views. 2 person spa in master. Across street from beach. Garage parking.

Imperial Point 3/3 2500 sqft \$425,000
Totally remodeled home, highly sought after neighborhood. Huge master suite & bath. Private backyard with domed, heated pool.





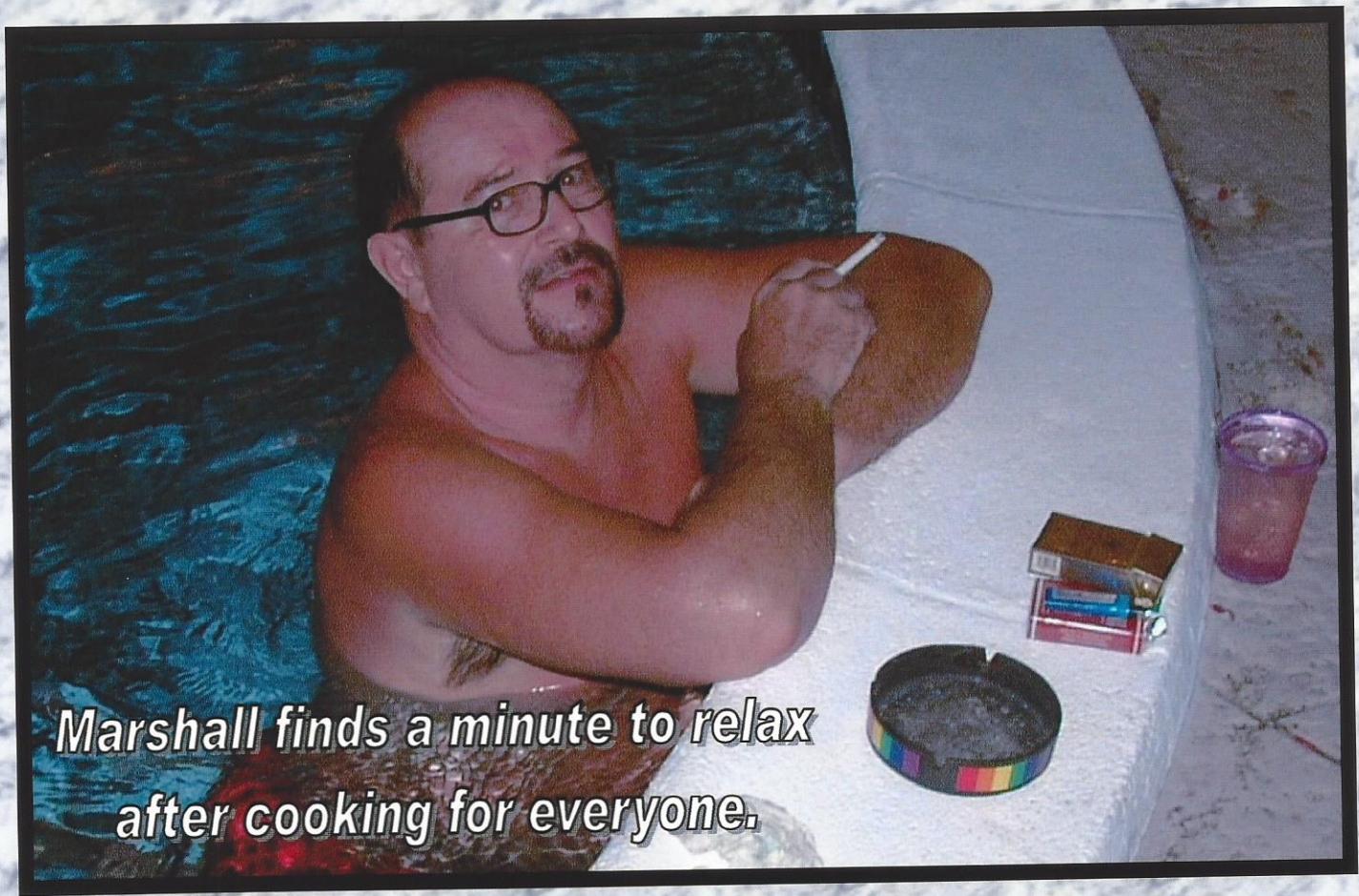




Marshall Belmaine & Al Wakefield
HOSTED A PARTY AT THEIR HOME AUG. 30
Everyone enjoyed the scenery, the food, quality
deserts and the opportunity to meet and make new
friends. **GOOD WORK GUYS! THANK YOU!**

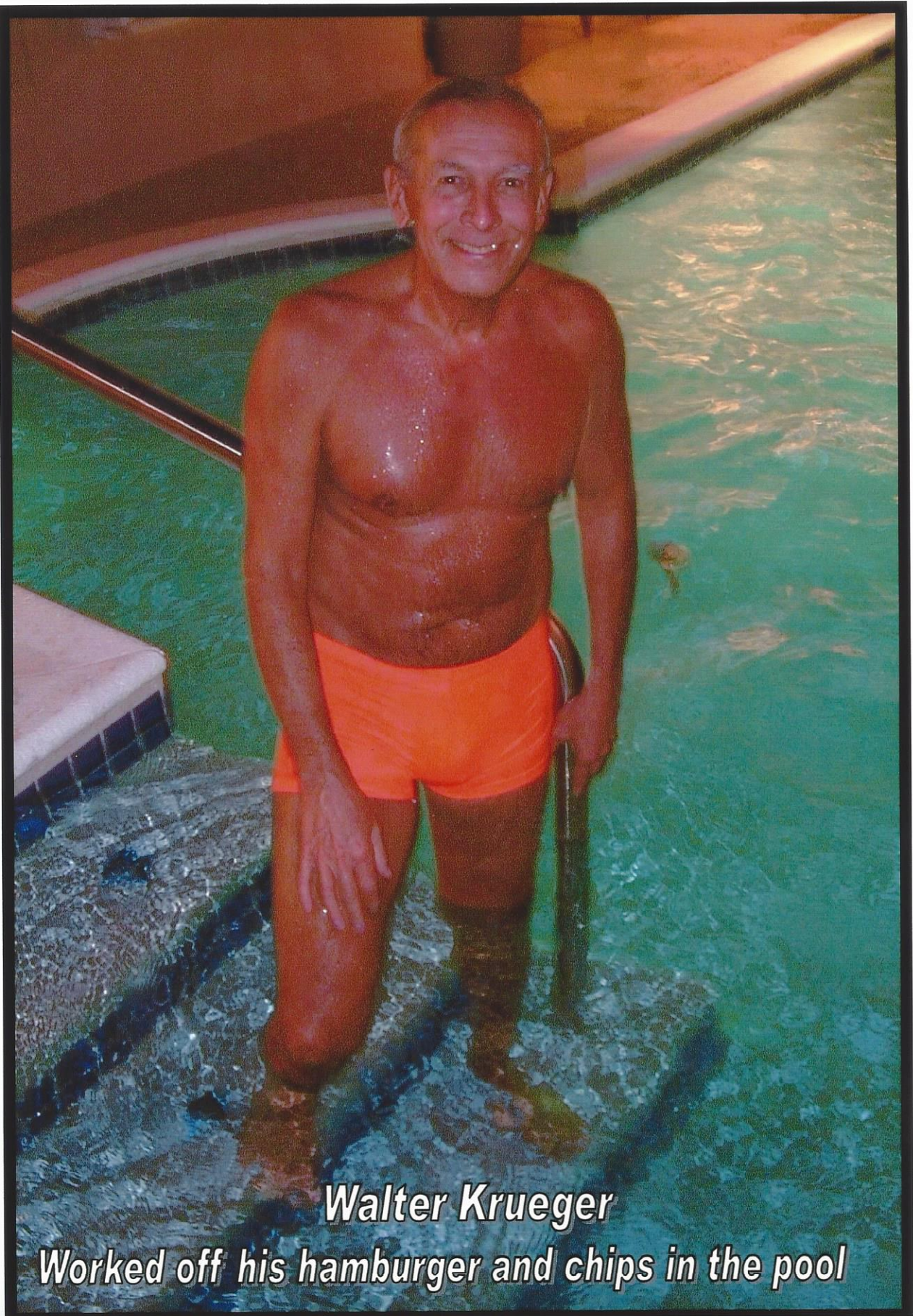






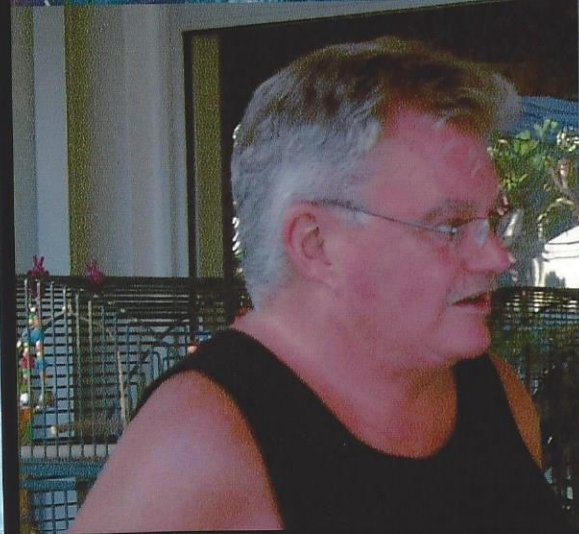
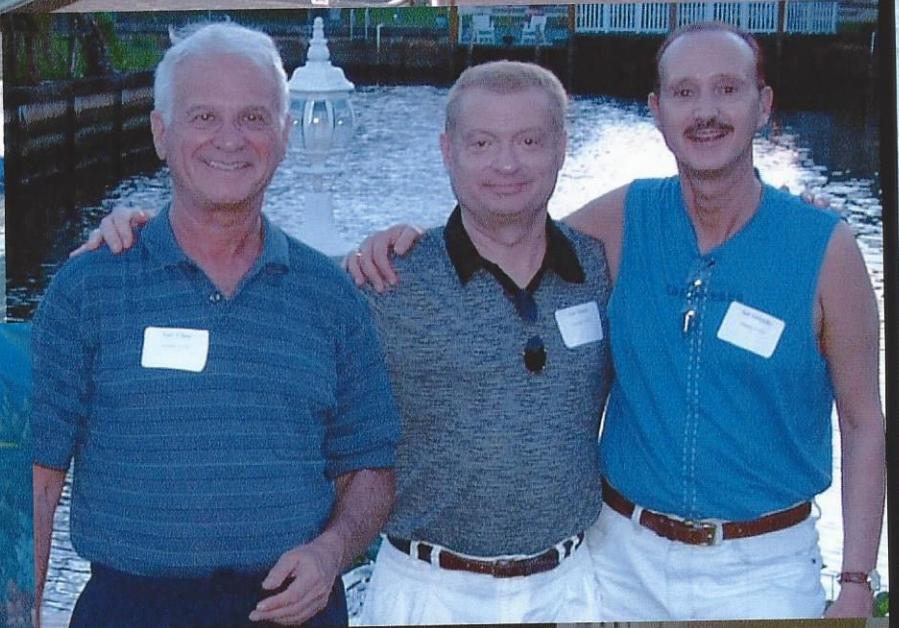
*Marshall finds a minute to relax
after cooking for everyone.*

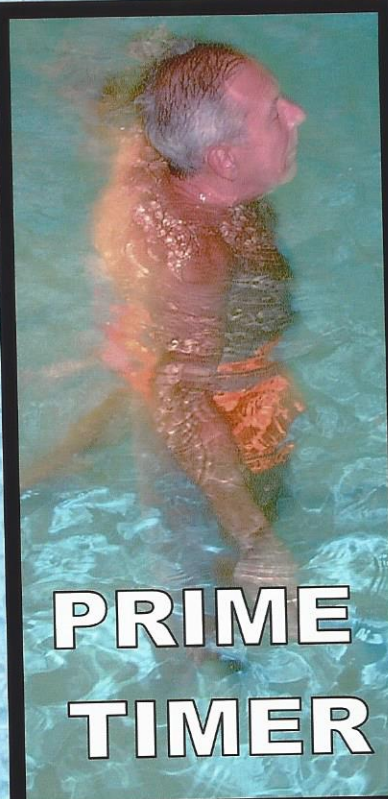




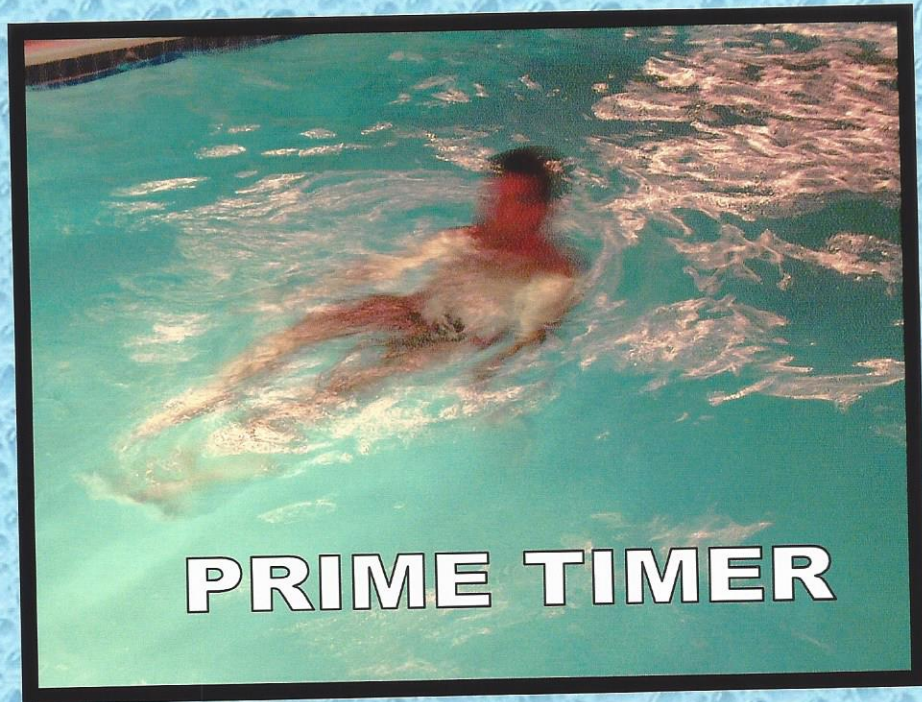
Walter Krueger

Worked off his hamburger and chips in the pool





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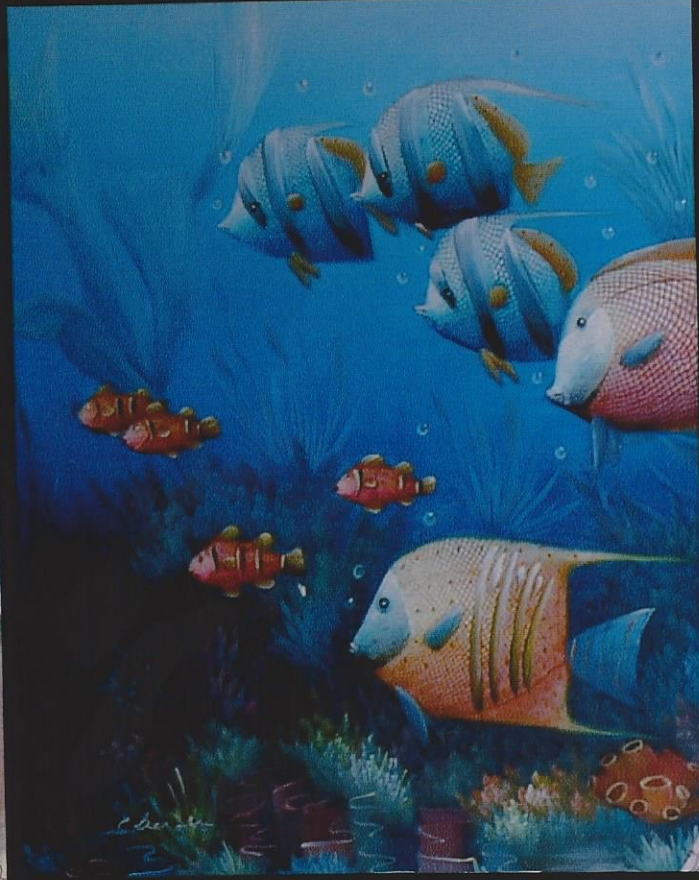
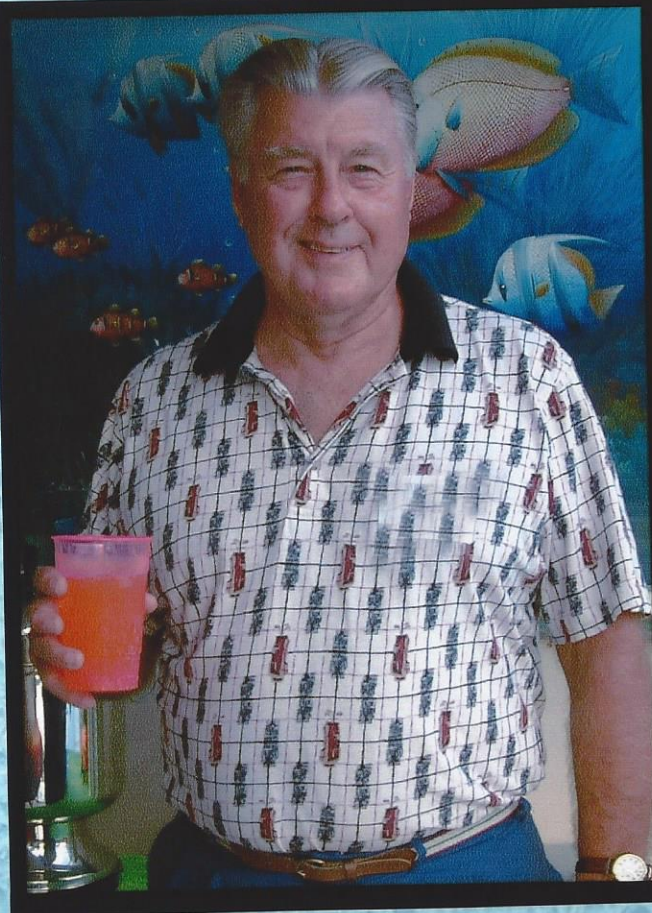
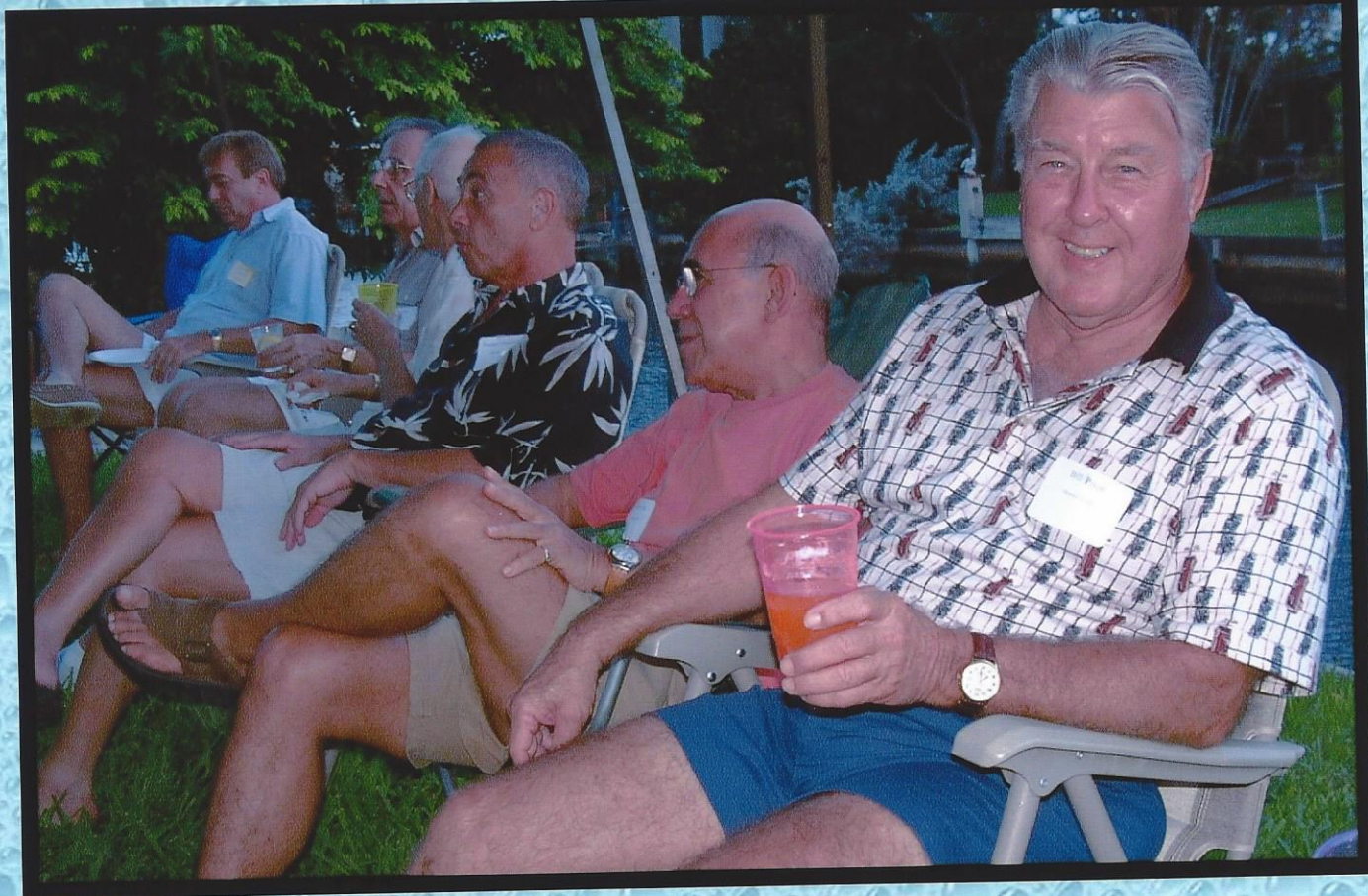


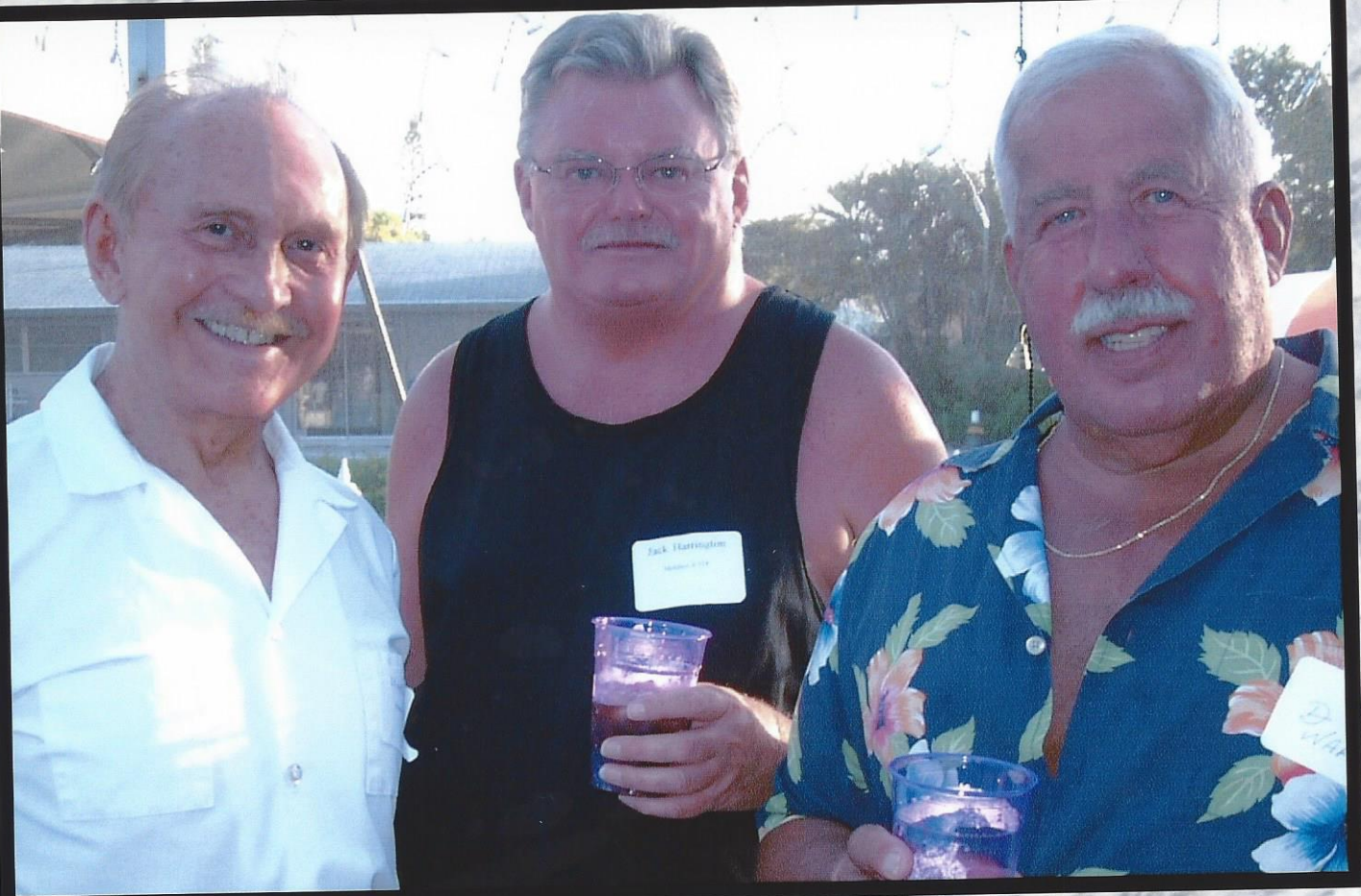
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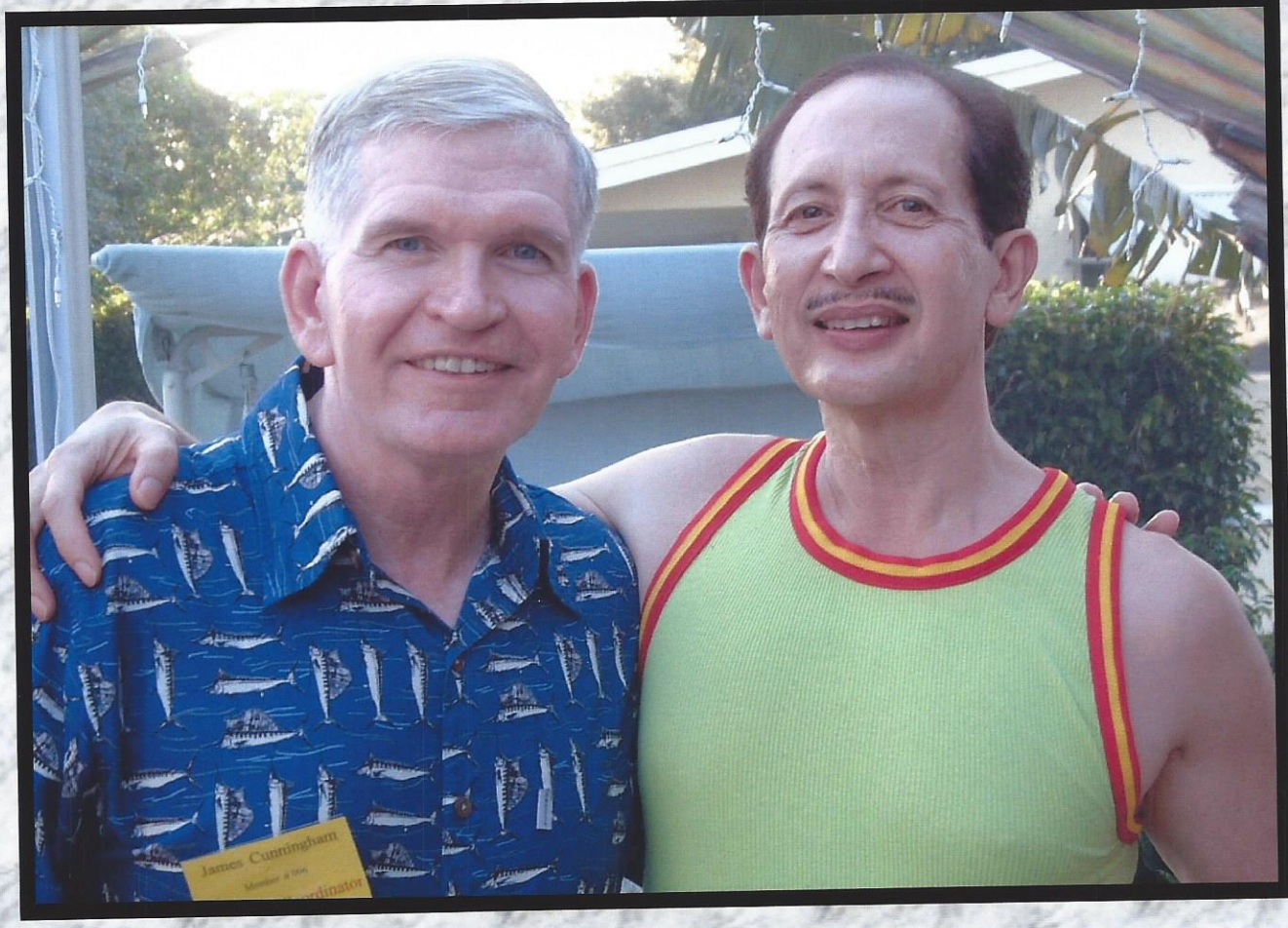
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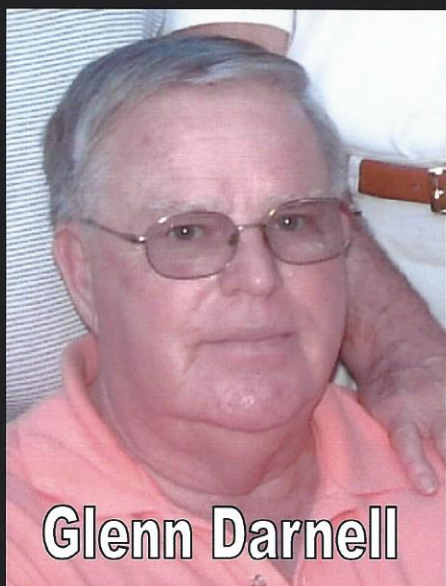
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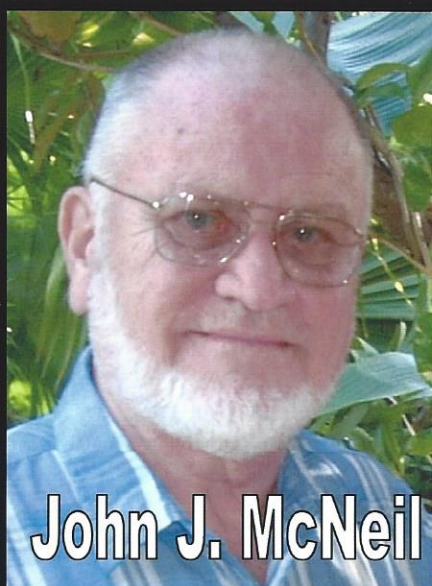
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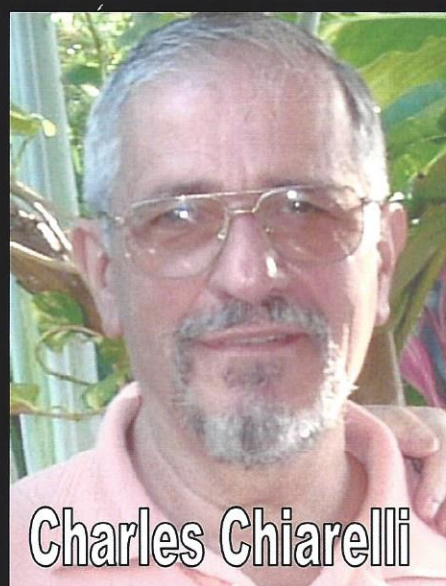
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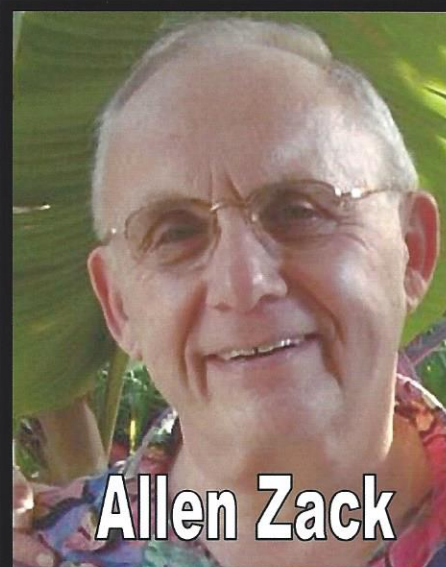
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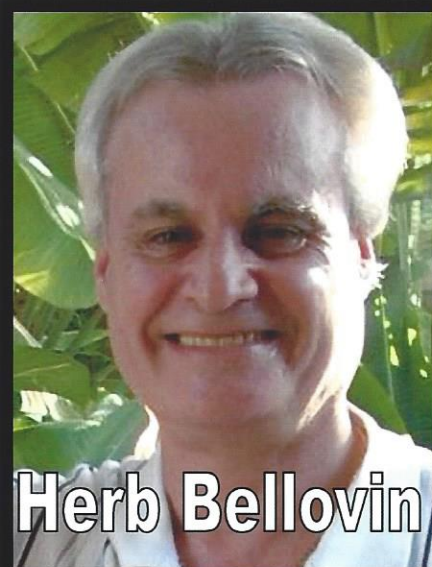
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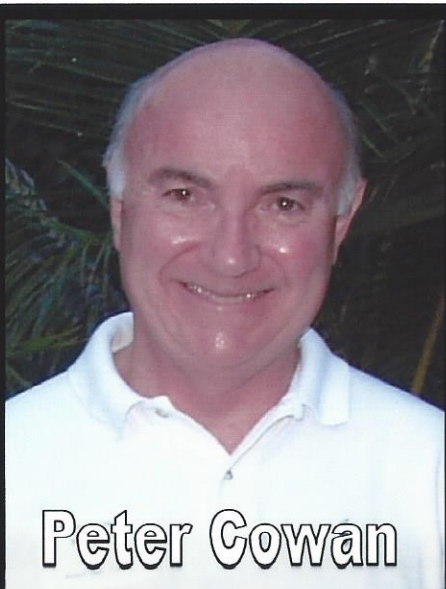
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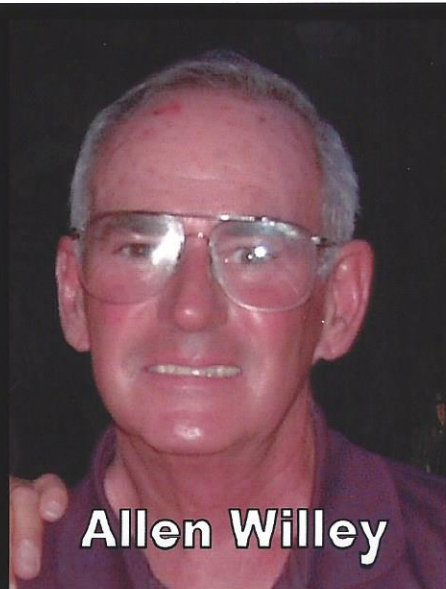
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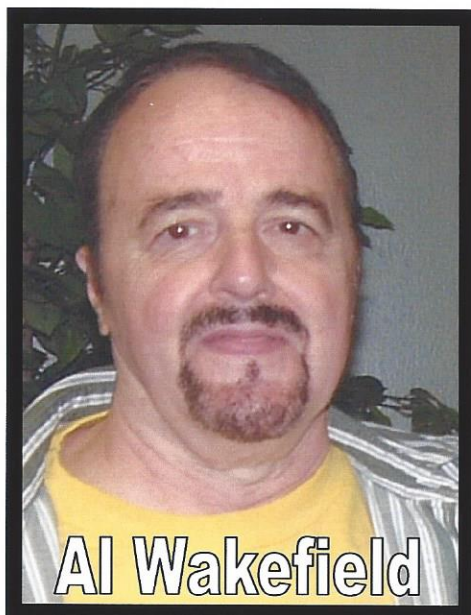
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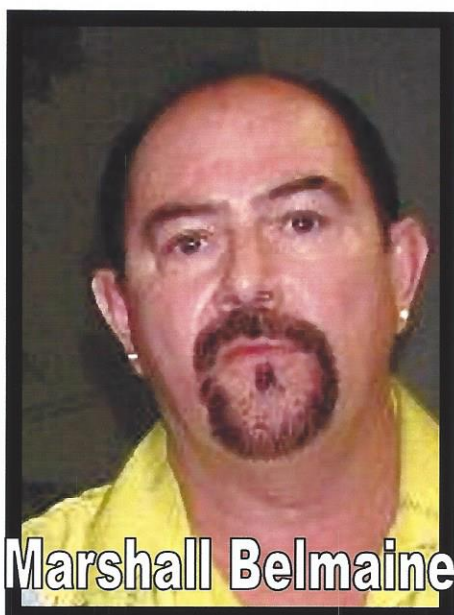
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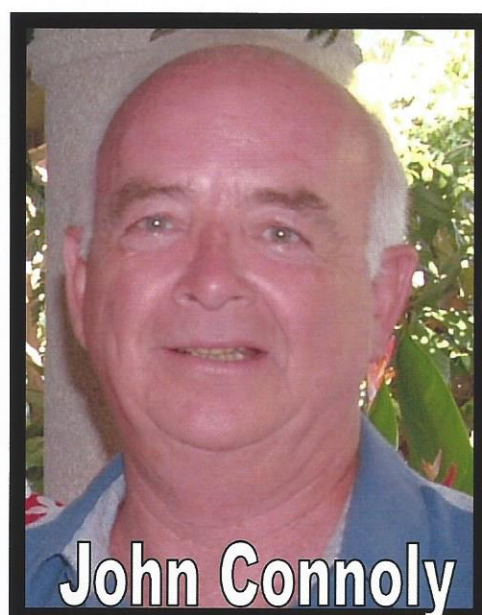
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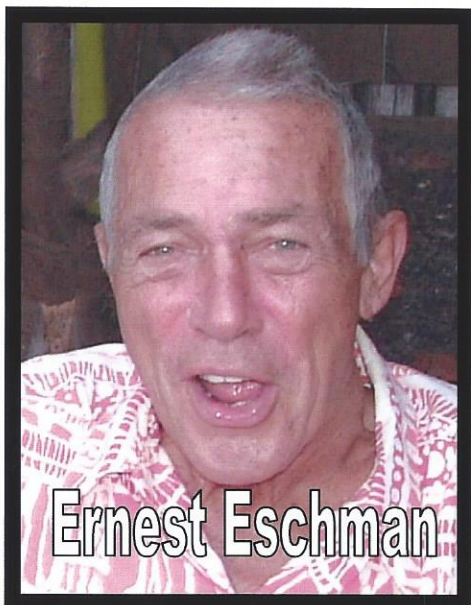
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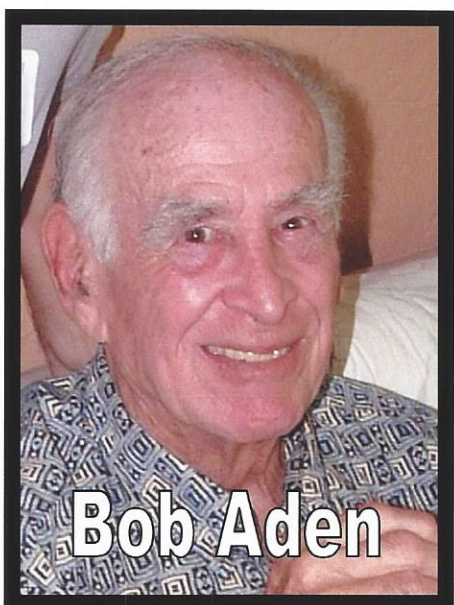
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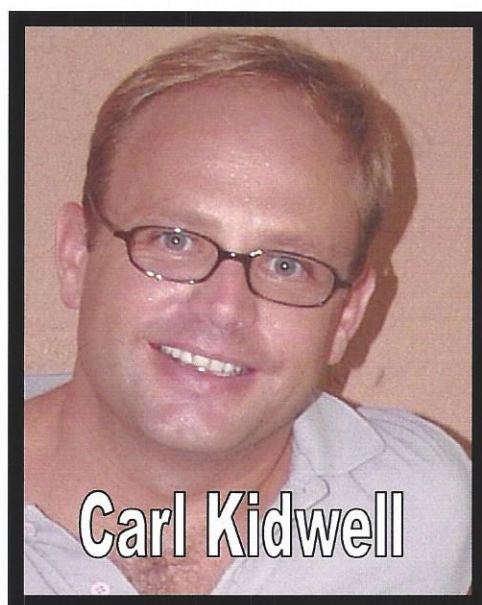
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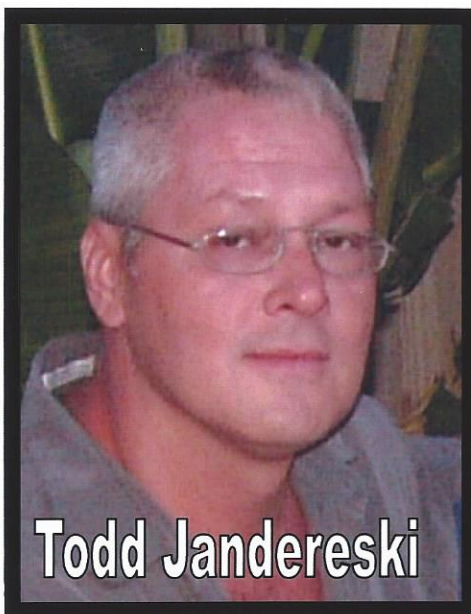
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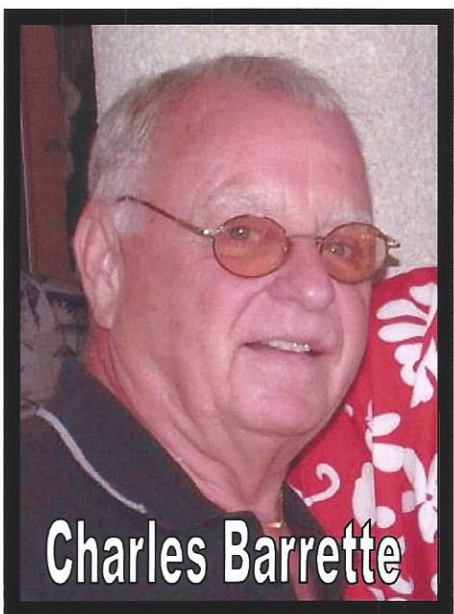
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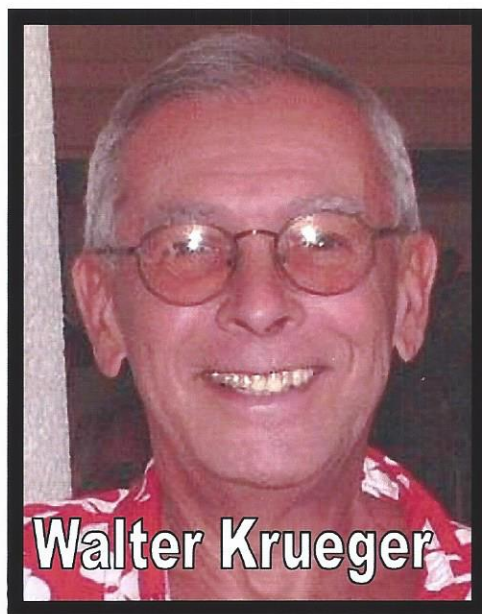
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