

# THE SAGE

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"SENIOR ACTION in a GAY ENVIRONMENT"

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## LOOKING BACK ... LOOKING FORWARD ...

~ by Carl M. Galli ~

It's customary at this time of year to look back on accomplishments, to create the "best of..." lists, to play-up what has been done right - and to make resolutions to change what has been done wrong. But this is not just any year: This has been an "historic year" - a "year of quiet revolution" (as one Congressman termed it), **a year when the President-Elect stood before the world with a heartfelt message of hopeful inclusion - promising to make good on his promise of change for all citizens "straight and gay."**

Your SAGE has been no less an active participant in change. We have gone into the GLBT community (and the community at large) like never before. Investing our time and energy and, yes, your money to make the community at large positively aware of our presence, and our message. We took a booth inside **War Memorial Auditorium at Holiday Park for PrideFest 2008** - away from the hustle and bustle of the whirlwind outside, so that we could actually sit down with members and prospective members to explain our mission to them. Some of our visitors of course, were "youngsters" who think as all young people do that they are way too young for SAGE - but who thanked us for being there. Some were older people who had heard of SAGE but had no idea who we were. Some sat and talked and listened - and eventually joined - adding to our ranks.

And on PrideFest night, SAGE took a great leap of faith and courage, and gave the community the absolutely fabulous **"Variety Show 2008"** chaired by **Sal Orlando** and directed by **Dale Parkinson**, in a Sunshine Cathedral that was then under construction, with a hundred volunteers (some of whom were not SAGE members) helping them and sharing their optimism, this proved to be one of SAGE's biggest and most successful fundraisers ever. But beyond this, we were **once again a part of the community at large**. Many came due to our advertisements in a local

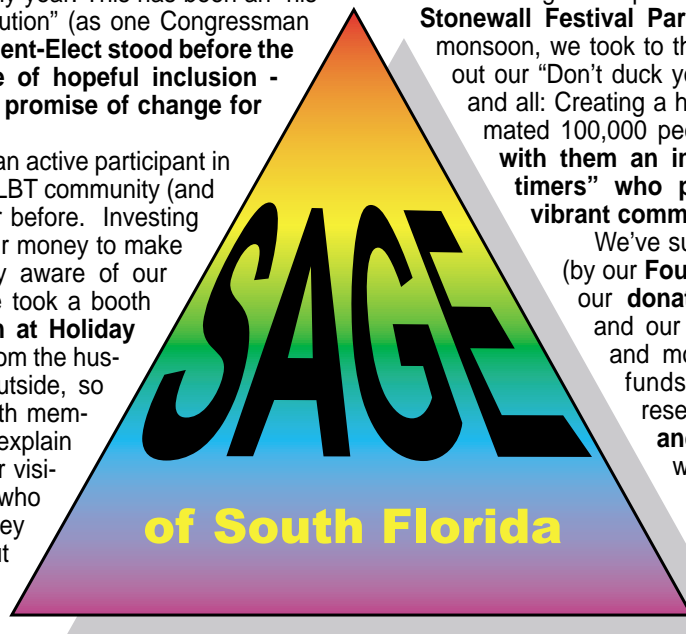
newspaper and those placed in venues around the county - and were astounded by the professional quality of the show. And some even joined our ranks.

Another giant leap was our entry of the **"Duck Bus" in the Stonewall Festival Parade**. Braving heavy winds and a monsoon, we took to the streets of Wilton Manors, tossing out our "Don't duck your Age...Join SAGE" ducks to one and all: Creating a hugely popular presence for the estimated 100,000 people who lined the route. **Sharing with them an image of SAGE as not just "old-timers" who perhaps sit and read, but as a vibrant community organization.**

We've supported other organizations directly (by our **Founders' Donation to the GLCC**; and our **donation to Breast Cancer research**; and our volunteers' donations of their time and money to **SmartRide 2008** - raising funds for HIV/AIDS awareness and research - thank you **Ken Goodman and John Harris**). And, of course, we've contributed indirectly, by purchasing tickets to performances by community groups both established (the **Fort Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus**) and fledgling (**in-HARMONY**).

This year, too, **Ron Catena** and I went to Milwaukee, representing SAGE of South Florida at the first meeting of **SAGE Net** affiliates. And your SAGE became a member of this national (and soon maybe international) group of SAGE's under the auspices of SAGE (USA - formerly New York).

This event was followed just a few weeks later by this writer's participation in the **National SAGE Conference on GLBT Aging held in New York** - and **co-sponsored, for the first time, by AARP**. With over 600 attendees, this was a very sobering chance to meet and network with SAGE leaders and other community leaders from as far away as Australia! But just because AARP co-sponsored, doesn't mean that they were "left off the hook" -they



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were taken to task by some of their own California chapter heads for not giving proper exposure to GLBT issues and photos in their AARP magazine. And yours truly questioned their commitment to diversity in Florida when I had not seen even one ad sponsored by AARP admonishing its members to "VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 2". Of course this stirred up quite a hornet's nest among the AARP directors in attendance. But isn't that what advocacy and action are all about?

Another hot button topic this year has been your SAGE's commitment to its own mission statement. *Oh, we know how to party!* Several Board Members think that this is the general perception of SAGE of South Florida: That we are like a fraternity of mostly-retired, mostly-well-heeled gay men and women, who get together to have a good time. And in all honesty, this is part of the picture. And what's so wrong with that? After all, SAGE is a group of GLBT men-and-women who actually work and play together. While other organizations may be exclusive, SAGE is totally inclusive. And what's so wrong with that?

This year alone we have thrown some of the most glamorous and successful luncheons and dinners in our history: Valentines Night and Hot Summer Night at the Zagat-rated "Primavera Restaurant"; our Annual Meeting at the Palm Aire Country Club - featuring Miss Florida, Victoria Michaels; our 14th Anniversary Gala at the Marriott North - featuring "Electra" as Cher; our upcoming Holiday Party at Palm Aire, featuring "Tony & Gloria". Not a gay venue among them. But plenty of us GLBT members showing our true colors and winning over the straight community by our very exuberance. (Not to mention the smaller GLBT-owned venues we frequent - both as a group and as individuals.)

And what about the recently-completed SAGE Cruise to Panama, Costa Rica and Belize? Where we proudly wore our SAGE shirts, and answered questions about SAGE for all who asked, from every possible corner of the U.S.

Part of our mission statement charges us to "sponsor social alternatives to provide personal interaction". This is further enhanced by the Men's Drop-In Group and their occasional dinners, and the SAGE Women's Monthly lunches at the Ark. (And in this, SAGE is fulfilling an important function, as any psychologist will tell you.) So I repeat, what's so wrong with that?

But all this is glitzy and well-publicized - and perhaps steals the spotlight from other good deeds we perform in "promoting contact with the isolated and homebound", both for our members and for others who are referred to us: Get Well Cards and Sympathy Cards are sent out by Leo Glickstein and Caroline Leto. When we are made aware of others needs, our members become angels, and volunteer to help: They have driven members (and non-members -referred by the GLCC) to hospital appointments and on important errands. (Thanks, again, to Leo and Hank Brooks.) They have helped shop for the homebound - and sometimes "stayed for tea" - because maybe the real need was more companionship than a loaf of bread. (Thank you, Ron.) They have helped a dying man through his final months of tribulation by taking on his normal day-to-day affairs and seeing to it that he did not die alone. (Special thanks must go to Ed Kelley and Joe Leonard). They have helped infirm members by visiting them in their hospitals and nursing homes, helping them coordinate daily affairs - and getting them on the road to recovery. (Thanks to Nancy Drennen; and Inez Pasher and Sharron Demarest; Sonny Miller and Larry Elwyn; John Gearrity; and Richard Schwarz - and all the others who have helped out of the goodness of their hearts and out of the bonds of friendship which their membership in SAGE has forged.)

This year, and in the future, we have made, and will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of others. So here's to you SAGE Members. Be proud of your organization.

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## MEN'S WEDNESDAY DROP-IN ~ by Ron Catena ~

The Men's Drop In continues to attract a large and diverse group of guys who are interested in meeting new people, seeing old friends, and engaging in two hours of fun, and informative and animated conversation.

Dr. Norm Peters, our group facilitator, keeps the conversation flowing with his special people skills and his probing and timely questions. The recent election season provided everyone with lots of opportunity to voice their opinions on a multitude of political topics.

The SAGE cruise was well represented by drop in regulars enjoying a fun time. Among them were John Chandler, Richard Langhorne, Joe Leonard, Rex Coston, Ken Merrifield and the writer. A very special thanks to our President, Carl Galli, for all of the countless hours of work he put in planning this wonderful cruise, working with the cruise line, and trying to accommodate everyone's requests. I have nominated Carl for sainthood. I will keep you posted as to the status of the nomination.

As our dear snowbirds continue to arrive from up north, everyone is eager to hear about their summer travels, social activities or new love interest.

Come join us every Wednesday from 1 to 3 PM at the GLCC on Andrews Avenue. After the meeting many of the members go over to Stork's for coffee and more conversation.

As the holiday season approaches and the New Year is upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I enjoy being a Drop In regular. I have gotten to know so

many of you personally and socially and never tire of seeing you each week. I wish all of you a very happy holiday season.

We have a lot to be thankful for this coming year. We have a terrific SAGE family, a new President that brings a fresh new perspective to the White House. He is a man who said to a world wide audience on election night that his administration will include everyone, "black, white, gays, straights, etc." So we now have a friend in the White House. We have certainly come a long way.

Stay active, stay informed. Support SAGE so that we can continue to bring you the programs you enjoy. **This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■

## SAGE MEMBERS HELPING SAGE MEMBERS

Did you know that every month SAGE Members perform acts of kindness to other SAGE members? These acts are selfless and therefore go unrecorded and always unrewarded.

It is not unusual for a SAGE member to take another to his or her doctor's appointments, medical procedures, such as a colonoscopy, or just for simple food shopping.

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### ~ MENU ~

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Broccoli

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Holiday Roll

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~ PANAMA & COSTA RICA ~



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Let's help fill those shelves so everyone can have a wonderful Holiday.  
Any questions call: Jean Johnson (954) 921-6898.

# FROM THE EDITOR

*Disclaimer: The opinions expressed below are solely those of the editor and do not reflect the opinions of the SAGE Board of Directors nor the SAGE membership at large.*

## REFLECTIONS ON THE ELECTION:

Although politics as usual was dealt a mighty blow, equal rights for the GLBT Community was beaten to a pulp. The fight goes on.

Whether President-elect Obama does a good job or a bad job, the historical significance of his election cannot be fully appreciated at this time. Only once before has a non WASP been elected to the nation's highest office. John F Kennedy was our first and only Catholic President to date. Can we now look forward to a Native-American, an Asian-American, a woman, a Jew, a Muslim and dare I say it, a gay, being elected to the job? Only time will tell.

GWB led our country into a free fall of troubles. We are suffering a disastrous economy; we are engaged in two wars which are bankrupting the country; and we are disrespected throughout the global community. We are rapidly achieving third world status. A home of one's own used to be the basic American dream. That's now gone with the winds of recession and war.

The future 44th President of the United States has a tough row to hoe. Can he stop our fall into dis-grace? I think not. The best we can hope for is that he can slow the tide, so that there will be a glimmer of hope that the fall can be reversed before the end of his first term. He has told us that we will have to sacrifice to achieve the turn around. So much of the nation is suffering already, he is not asking for anything new.

There is one thing of which I am certain. Whether you voted for him or not, if you want the changes he promised us, then you must rally behind him now, and support his plans to make the changes we all want. If we act in concert, and let our congressmen know that we want a reversal of the old politics, we can truly say "YES WE CAN!" ■

## SAGE MEN'S SINGLES GROUP ~ by John Chandler ~

The mission of the monthly gathering is to introduce men who are not in a long term relationship to other men who are in the same situation. The purpose of the monthly meetings is to meet new people, promote and develop a network of friendships for support and socializing, and to provide support to those who have lost their partners because of death or the end of a relationship.

The next meeting is on Monday, December 22, 2008. Join us for cocktails at the bar at 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6:30 PM at Tropics. Please contact John Chandler at (954) 427-5355 or E-Mail at: stonyman4u@aol.com to make your reservation, and don't forget to wear your "RED SHIRT." ***This is a SAGE sponsored activity.*** ■

***ALERT! ALERT! A joint meeting of the singles group with any couples interested in joining us, is scheduled for January 26, 2009. Be sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on this ever popular event.***

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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ALLEN SANDLER

## THANKS FOR JOINING SAGE

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The SAGE Board would like to acknowledge the following members whose birthdays are in DECEMBER, as well as all the other members whose birthdays are this month that we don't have:

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If, when you renewed your membership or became a new member you did not give us your birthday, you may call the office and leave the information at: (954) 720-0833 or e-mail us at: sageoffice@bellsouth.net

## SAGE THURSDAY CO-ED DROP IN

We meet each Thursday at GLCC from 1-3 PM for a discussion of any topic that "pops" into your head; covering local and world events and exchanging information on solar/wind power, cheaper gasoline prices, mpg on new cars, discussing new movies, great and not so great restaurants, etc. If you are new in town, or just bored with same day routines, and want to meet a great bunch of folks, come join us. You'll feel welcome and a part of the group immediately. You'll wonder what took you so long getting here. ***This is a SAGE sponsored activity.*** ■

# SOCIAL NOTES & SAVE THE DATES

~ by Carl M. Galli ~

**Let's welcome back to dry land the members (and their friends) who went on our 8-day sea adventure aboard the Carnival Miracle:**

DON BRUNELLE & JOHN CHANDLER, RON CATENA, REX COSTON & "SHANE", NANCY DRENNEN & SANDY DARRELL, KEN GOODMAN, JOHN G. HARRIS & LES OLDENBUSCH (3 in a cabin - oh my!), MARLYS HECTOR & ELE MOONEY (lovely ladies), GERALD JARRY, HARRY KAHRS, RICHARD LANGHORNE, JOE LEONARD & DUC, JANICE LIGON & PEARL, ALFRED MARCHETTI & LINO RUSSO, UGO MARINI & FREDDY, KEN MERRIFIELD & FRED BERGER, KEN MEYTROTT & BOB JONES, BOB MIKRUT & JOHN, JACK MYERS & AL, JAMES O'BRIEN & RON HOWARD (a lovely couple, new to SAGE), SAL ORLANDO & JOE SUPLIT (who celebrated their 25th Anniversary on board), INEZ PASHER & SHARRON DEMAREST, VICTOR RIVERA, ANN SMITH & CAROLINE LETO, BOB TOMASULO & MIKE DIPAOLO, (moved to North Carolina - but remaining loyal supporters of our SAGE), and DICK WHITE & BILL FARRINGTON.

Everyone came back with wonderful stories to tell about the ship; and their exotic excursions to the Panama Canal; the coffee plantations and rain forests and horseback-riding in Costa Rica; and the Mayan ruins in Belize.

Not to mention the marvelous food - which never stopped! But more importantly, it gave us all (guys and gals) time to mix and mingle, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship that SAGE strives to create.

Let us know your feelings, and any suggestions for next year's cruise (ship, departure ports, destinations, reasonable fares, dates, etc.) by e-mailing us at: [SAGECRUISE@CS.COM](mailto:SAGECRUISE@CS.COM). (If you have any specifics, please attach them to your e-mail.)

**Welcome Back also to all of our "snow birds". You fill out our SAGE family. And make us complete!**

You'll notice we have a lot of activities and events planned for the next three months, and we look forward to seeing you at most of them. We are even venturing into the Palm Beach and North Broward areas. So those of you who live there can more fully participate. (Future scheduling will depend on how well these go over.)

**Our next Main Event is, of course, the Holiday Party, at Palm Aire Country Club on Sunday, December 14th.**

Tony and Gloria (of Tropics and Posh fame) will once again be entertaining us with their lush musical arrangements, and perhaps a sing-along or two. Plus you know there will be gifts -and maybe a Mrs. Claus?. So if you have not already done so, please fill-out your reservation slips now. You don't want to miss this one. (And if you need to reserve a table, remember to include everyone on one slip. Separate checks are acceptable.) Then, on **Friday, December 19th, SAGE experiences the Ft. Lauderdale Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Show**, this year, at the beautiful Sunshine

Cathedral/MCC. **This is SOLD-OUT**. SAGE pre-purchased 21 preferred center seats, and they are already gone. **This should be a reminder that if there is anything in the flyers which interests you, you must make your reservations as soon as you can.** (This includes Board Members.) We will try to have more events on Sundays so that those who have to work during the week can participate. You will also notice that several events are scheduled for Matinees. (As this goes to press, **DAME EDNA is almost SOLD OUT**. And the **ORIGINAL FLORIDA FOLLIES is about 50% SOLD.**)

Finally, we want to wish everyone the **happiest Christmas, Hanukah, and Kwanza**. However you celebrate, and for whatever reason, have a great Holiday Season. And come back to us well and rested for next year's activities.

ENJOY!

## **SAVE the DATES:**

- Sunday, January 4th 2009 - AVENUE Q at the Broward Center - 7:30PM
- Sunday, January 18th, 2009 - WHITEHALL MANSION (the FLAGLER MUSEUM) in PALM BEACH - for a Docent-Escorted Tour and HIGH TEA - 1PM
- Sunday, February 8th, 2009 - the ORIGINAL FLORIDA FOLLIES at Parker Playhouse - 1:45PM

## **OTHER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS:**

- The Gallery at Art and Beyond Studios (Commercial Blvd.) presents Razza's "Gearila Works Exhibition" through December 3rd. (954) 938-4590
- Sol Theatre Project: Continues its Women's and Guys' Meet-and-Greets on December 9th and 10th, respectively. On Tuesday, December 9th, they are featuring the important film "Fire" - the first film to confront lesbianism in a culture adamantly denying such a love could ever exist. Preceded by Ani DiFranco's music videos. For the guys, on Wednesday, December 10th, they're showing Kenny Chesney videos, followed by the movie "The Trip", about a young, gay couple's exploits as they travel.
- On-Stage at 8:00 PM (Doors open 7:30 PM) "For Reasons That Remain Unclear" by Martersation Crowley. Preview performances Nov 21 & 28 Fridays, and Nov 22 & 29 Saturdays Beginning Dec 5 - Regular run performances every Friday & Saturday. (954) 801-9207. [www.SolTheatre.com](http://www.SolTheatre.com)
- Rising Action Theatre: presents "The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told" by Paul Rudnick. December 10th 2008 through January 18th 2009. It's a retelling of the Biblical story of the Creation... If God had made Adam and Steve, and Jane and Mabel. As the tagline says: "Believe me, procreation is a bitch!!" (800) 595-4849. [www.risingactiontheatre.com](http://www.risingactiontheatre.com)



**with Carl M. Galli  
and Ken Goodman**

Our December 15th movie is "THE HISTORY BOYS". This wonderful opening-up of the Tony Award-winning play was directed by Nicholas Hytner and written for the screen by Alan Bennett (from his play). It is a brilliant play magically transformed into a brilliant film: From IMDB.com

"Anyone who can watch the rolling credits at the end, without tearful eyes simply hasn't been paying attention to this intelligent, richly comic, philosophical and tender tale of eight boys ostensibly preparing for exams, but also preparing for life..."

Very briefly, THE HISTORY BOYS are eight brilliant but 'crass' young men in Cutler's Grammar School, each coming from backgrounds not considered 'quality' by the British class standards. These boys are rowdy but committed to gaining admission to Oxford... A new teacher Irwin (Stephen Campbell Moore) is hired to buff the boys into a classy group who will be able to pass their essays and oral examinations. The existing teachers are the testy, frank, Mrs. Lintott (a fine Frances de la Tour) and the massively obese Hector (Richard Griffiths in a stunning performance) who teaches 'general studies', a time when he lovingly coaxes the boys to embrace poetry, music, sentimentality, drama, art, and in general everything that allows them to take the moment and live it fully. The boys are torn between Irwin's pragmatic 'teach them how to take exams' approach and Hector's teach them how to embrace intelligence and life.

Hector is known among the boys for fondling and the knowledge is accepted by the lads until Hector is seen fondling one of the boys on his motorbike and is reported. This opens all manner of introspection: One of the boys confides to Irwin that he is homosexual. Another of the lads declares that Irwin is gay, and attempts a physical liaison with him. And the permutations move on down the line until the exams come... and the ending is as touching as any on film.

The entire cast is the original group that starred in the play and in addition to the fine performances by the adults, the boys are extraordinarily fine: Dominic Cooper (Dakin), Jamie Parker (Scripps), Samuel Barnett (Posner), among them. There is an honest camaraderie among the actors that obviously grew from their long association with their roles. But the most impressive performance is that of veteran actor Richard Griffiths (currently on Broadway in "Equus") who has created a role that will long remain in everyone's heart long after the movie has passed.

THE HISTORY BOYS was the winner of the 2007 Glitter Awards (International Gay and Lesbian Independent Film Awards) for Best Picture, and was nominated for 13 other international and U.S. film awards (including the BAFTA and the GLAAD Media Awards). Running 109 minutes, it is a superb, but R-rated dramedy. (Check out the all-male retelling of "Now Voyager".)

It screens on Monday, December 15th, at 4PM, in the GLCC. To be followed by dinner. **This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■



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**SAGE WOMEN  
~ by Nancy Drennan ~**

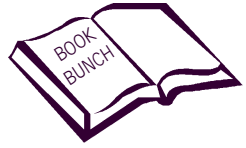
The Sage Women will have our monthly luncheon at the Ark. Everyone enjoys the buffet lunch at the Ark and the variety of foods, desserts, and the price is right. The restaurant is located at 6255 Stirling Road in Davie, 954-584-3075. If you need directions, call the restaurant directly. The December meeting will be a holiday celebration. All women who attend are asked to bring a gift, valued at approximately \$10, for a holiday grab bag.

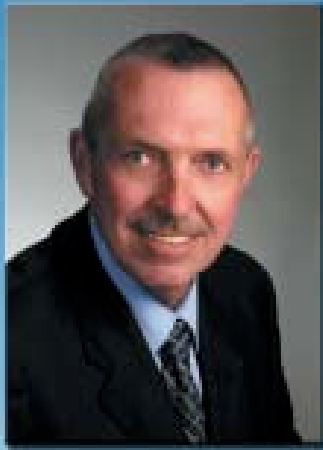
The Sage Women look forward to our monthly luncheons and getting together with other members and friends to laugh and have a relaxing time in this lovely atmosphere.

The number of Sage Women attending the Ark grows with every luncheon. Call Nancy at 954-741-1540 for reservations for the December luncheon. The luncheon is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 12 noon. **This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■

**BOOK BUNCH NEWS:  
~ by Wayne Draper ~**

The SAGE Book Bunch meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month. This month the meeting will be on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at Borders on East Sunrise Blvd. The discussions are always lively and informative. You don't have to have read the book to join in and enjoy. **This is a SAGE sponsored activity.** ■





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## SAGE COMPUTER CLUB

~ by Ken Goodman ~

Changes are in the air for the Computer Club. I have spoken with some of the members who attend and they have agreed that the meetings would be better if they were held in a more central location. I propose that in January we move the Computer Club meetings to the GLCC. Also we can change the day of the week we hold the meetings. The two best times for current members seems to be the second Tuesday or Thursday of each month. Please let me know what you think of these changes by calling the SAGE office and leaving a message. The telephone number is 954-720-0833. You can also email me at [sageoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:sageoffice@bellsouth.net). The December meeting will continue at my house on Tuesday December 9, 2008 at 4PM. Call for directions if you need them.

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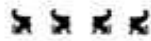
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Boston Market has generously offered each of our members a 20% discount coupon good for purchases at their restaurants through December 31, 2008. These were given out at the last luncheon (free pizza party). We will have them available at the next SAGE luncheon on December 6, 2008 and at the SAGE Holiday Party on December 14, 2008. If you would like a coupon and are unable to be at one of these events, call the SAGE Office at (954) 720-0833 and request a coupon. We will get one to you as soon as possible. Remember these are for SAGE members only. A copy of the coupon is shown below.



**Figure 1 Copy of Boston Market Coupon**

# SAGE DEC. 2008 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 1 PM Men's Drop In @ GLCC	4 CO-ED ("MIXED NUTS") Drop-In Group @ GLCC - 1PM	5	6 SKOLNICK Ctr. Board Meeting 9:30PM LUNCH & LEARN 12:30PM Call (954) 720-0833 for Reserv..
7	8	9 COMPUTER CLUB Ken's House. Call Ken G. 954-720-0833	10 1 PM Men's Drop In @ GLCC SAGE Women's Lunch at ARK 12PM Nancy D. 954-741-1540	11 CO-ED ("MIXED NUTS") Drop-In Group @ GLCC - 1PM	12	13 BOOK BUNCH - Dis- cussion @ Borders (Sunrise Blvd) - 2PM
14	15 SAGE Movie "HISTORY BOYS" - 4PM @ GLCC - followed by dinner TBD	16	17 1 PM Men's Drop In @ GLCC	18 CO-ED ("MIXED NUTS") Drop-In Group @ GLCC - 1PM	19	20
21 Hanukah Begins	22 MEN's SINGLES DIN- NER @ TROPICS- 6:30PM-call John C (954) 427-5355	23	24 1 PM Men's Drop In @ GLCC	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa	27
28	29	30	31 1 PM Men's Drop In @ GLCC New Year's Eve			

## SAVE the DATES:

Sunday, JANUARY 4, 2009, 7:30PM -AVENUE Q -at BROWARD CENTER

Sunday, January 18th, Noon - 4PM outing to the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, w/Private Tour and High Tea.

Sunday, February 8, 2009, 1:45PM -the Original Florida Follies -at Parker Playhouse

SAGE is planning a special event on Sunday, February 22, 2009. Please check January's newsletter for further details.