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Pride - and Prejudice - in the New Millennium

Carl M. Galli, President, SAGE of South Florida

On Wednesday, June 15th, I was invited, by the City of Margate to accept a Proclamation, sponsored by the Mayor of Margate, the Honorable Pam Donovan, in honor of LGBT Pride Month. I took great pride in accepting this honor on behalf of SAGE, our seniors, and the general LGBT Community of South Florida. Commissioner Lesa (Lee) Peerman, one of the few openly Lesbian elected officials in South Florida, spoke eloquently from the dais about the need in these times to forge new beginnings, and the need for all cities to be more inclusive while rigorously fighting hate. The Proclamation is a beautiful testament to tolerance and acceptance, and hangs in the SAGE Office.

However, apparently other thoughts were expressed, after I had already left City Hall.

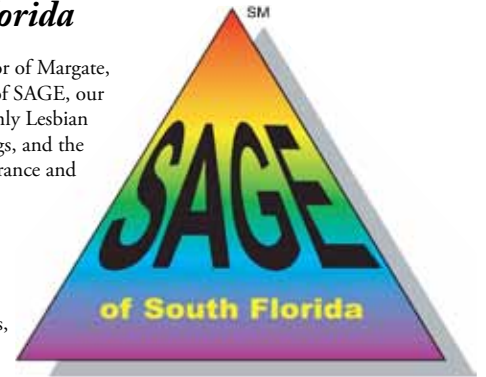
There are those who would use the pulpit to deny us those rights -which are ours as human beings and Americans.

There are others who still feel that we have chosen a "lifestyle" -- rather than having been born as we are.

I felt it incumbent to respond, and penned the letter below.

However, it should be remembered that the Wilton Manors we know today did not appear overnight. It took years, and well-fought political battles, to form a relatively "safe haven" for our LGBT Community -- and our straight (not narrow) neighbors.

Margate is to be commended for trying to move into the 21st Century. And for its stand on Equality.



To the Mayor & Commissioners of the City of Margate, FL:

First and foremost, I must thank you for the Honor bestowed upon me by you, and the City of Margate, in presenting SAGE with your First Proclamation in Honor of Gay Pride Month.

I accepted this honor not only on behalf of SAGE of South Florida and our almost 500 members, but also on behalf of the South Florida LGBT community of many thousands. The Proclamation hangs in our office in the Pride Center at Equality Park in Wilton Manors, and will forever represent to me a shining beacon of tolerance.

On a personal note, I recently became a resident of Margate, and this honor made me feel welcomed, and reinforced my decision to move and retire here.

However, I am also aware of the controversy which your stand as the governing body of Margate created.

I think that whenever anyone takes a stand against hatred and bigotry, there will be those who will speak out against it. It's unfortunate when some of those don't realize that the very same rights they seek to deny others are the same rights for which they previously fought: Equality. Nothing More. Nothing Less.

Many of us in the LGBT Community marched arm-in-arm with our African-American brothers and sisters during the civil rights marches of the sixties. Some of us were jailed alongside them for our participation in non-violent sit-ins. Many of us were young, then, and idealistic, and we put our burgeoning careers on hold for months to rally alongside our friends. Not because we had anything outwardly in common with them: But because it was the right and just thing to do.

Most of us were devastated when Dr. King was assassinated, and when Bobby Kennedy suffered the same tragic fate, only a few weeks later. Both killed by hatred.

So it truly saddens me when a minister and person of color might seek to rile her church against simple human rights, flying in the face of what Dr. King preached, as well as what her spiritual leader proclaimed: Tolerance and understanding and love.

"The NAACP is opposed to discrimination in all its forms," NAACP President Benjamin Jealous said in a September, 2010 e-mail to the Washington Post, adding, "We recognize that many of our members are also members of the LGBT

community, and just as the LGBT community counts on us to stand with it for basic civil rights protections, so we count on the LGBT community to stand with us in our unified struggle for the broader civil rights agenda."

That others would seem to think that we in the LGBT community would be looking for rights above their own is just ridiculous.

SAGE (US) has been in existence over 30 years, with my SAGE affiliate 17 years old this September, and we have always worked within the law and within the mainstream.

We work with other community organizations, donating time and money where it is needed. We give to other non-profits which have absolutely no LGBT ties. Because it is the right thing to do.

Those of us on the "liberal" side tend to think that all oppressed people will side with others who are oppressed. But maybe we are wrong.

Am I comparing our struggles to those who came out of slavery and bigotry and oppression based on their skin color? Of course not. What they had to endure was totally intolerable. But what some of us have to endure, on a more localized level, is unjust, and in some cases, also intolerable.

For parents of teenaged children to be so closed-minded to the recent suicides of teens and others who could not come to terms with their "differences" is a shame. Do they really think that with everything else a teen has to contend with in school, that he or she would choose to be "different"? On purpose? Without something inside them that they cannot deny?

But the important thing here is that you did not back down. You spoke out against hatred, and for inclusion.

Dr. King once said, "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

And for this, for being true leaders, I thank you.

Sincerely,
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President,
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Reconnecting with old friends and meeting new acquaintances is a great part of the SAGE tradition. We invite you to share this tradition by inviting someone new to SAGE to one of our many SAGE-sponsored events. Share the camaraderie and support found among SAGE members with others.

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Ron Catena

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SAGE WOMEN

Nancy Drennen

Where: *The ARK. In Davie @ 6255 Stirling Road on the north side, just west of 441.*

When: *Noon. Thursday, August 11th.*

Call Nancy @ 954.741-1540 for reservations.

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Michael	Thau	08/07
Pati	Windowmaker	08/07
George H.	Abramson	08/08
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Rex	Coston	08/09
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Trish	Stypka	08/10
Ann	Smith	08/11
Alan	Dorfman	08/12
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Bernard	Kreisberg	08/16
Larry	Tinsley	08/17
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Gregory	Fildes	08/21
Joyce	Edelson	08/23
Les	Oldenbusch	08/23
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Joel	Glass	08/24
Tom	Love	08/24
Rick	McCollum	08/24
Chuck	Prentiss	08/25
John "Jack"	Williams	08/25
John L.	McIntosh	08/27
Ray	Drakoff	08/30
Charles	Ohsiek	08/30
Lyle	Rossman	08/30

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First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
Gene	Bunge	06/11
Jan	Estrella	06/11
Alejandro	Kalaf III	06/11
Sumner T.	White	06/11
John "Jack"	Williams	06/11

5 Year Anniversary

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
Stephen C.	Gundlach	06/06

10 Year Anniversary

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined
Harvey	Nathanson	06/01

SEE YOU AT THE MOVIES

with John Gearthry and Carl M. Galli



The SAGE movie for August will be Terrence McNally's hilarious, *The Ritz*, and will be shown at 4PM on Monday, August 15th.

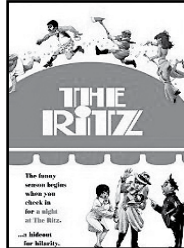
The Ritz opened on Broadway in 1975 and was nominated for a Drama Desk Award as one of the outstanding new plays of that year.



The film is a hilarious farce about an all-male bathhouse in New York City.

Rates are low, decor is rococo art deco and the clientele is to say the least -- convivial.

The brisk filming of McNally's farce is about a Cleveland sanitation company owner



who reasons the bathhouse is an ideal hiding place from his murderous brother-in-law. But what the new arrival and his fellow patrons get is an exercise in mayhem from director Richard Lester, bringing McNally's hit to the screen.

Adding to the fun are five cast members from the original play: Jack Weston, Jerry Stiller, F. Murray Abraham, and especially Rita Moreno as the clueless Googie Gonez, the role for which she won a Tony Award for her stage performance; Kaye Ballard and Treat Williams add to the merriment.

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SENIOR ACTION IN A GAY ENVIRONMENT

SOCIAL NOTES

with John Chandler & Carl M. Galli

Hot! Hot! Hot! That's August in South Florida.

And that's SAGE in August in South Florida, with three major events planned.

We kick it all into gear with **Class and Sass** -- our benefit for the **Broward Breast Cancer Coalition** (of the **Broward Health Foundation**) on **Sunday, August 14th** at **Wilton Manors' Hagen Park Community Center**. This will be a couple of hours of non-stop entertainment featuring **Mary Jane Cunningham**, our own **Dr. David Goldberger**, **Tropics' "Little Stevie" Silverman**, and (from "Dueling Divas") **Ms. Sandy Warren**. And this just in: Joining these South Florida stars will be the **Broward Center's Ricardo Alfonso**, **Ms. Jan Hadden** (coming out of semi-retirement, and known to many of us from her days at Shangri La), and everybody's favorites **Tony & Gloria**. What a line up! **All net proceeds will be donated by SAGE to the Broward Health Foundation**. Oh, yeah, there will be a sing-along, and some light refreshments (provided by **the Eatery**, in Margate), and a tea dance. What a wonderful way to spend a couple of hours, and what a wonderful cause. Find one of our SAGE Board Members and buy your tickets now. Before you miss out on this classy -- and sassy -- event.

Just four days later, on **Thursday, August 18th**, we go to dinner at **Zagat-rated El Tamarindo Café**. This is a new venue for SAGE, and we're looking forward to some excellent **Latin American cuisine**. The fresh Cuban-style toast with chimichurri (garlic!) dipping sauce is a great starter. And remember you can have a house salad as another. Top it all off with included sodas or iced tea or coffee, and dessert, and it's a very reasonably priced meal.

Then, on **Monday, August 22nd**, free for **SAGE Members ONLY**, we will be taking a **backstage tour of the Broward Center**. Hosted by Peter Neirouz, this will be an educational opportunity to learn more about how different Broadway shows all come together. **Advance reservations are required: Make sure you get your reservation slips in before it's too late**. Afterward, some of us will be lunching at **Andrews Diner**, our longest running advertiser and supporter. Hosted by **Chef/Owner Angelo**. Food will be your choice from their fabulous and varied menu -- and at menu prices. You just want a nosh, you get it...you want a full meal, you get that, too. And then, (if time permits), throw caution to the wind and join some of us at the **Boardwalk** for a final libation. (Or the start of several.) 4PM starts happy hour, and this could be the start of something big. (Pun intended!) Something different, intriguing, startling. The dancers come on shortly thereafter: Where the men are men -- and the women are, too! And yes, our real women are welcome, too. **Vince** will be our bartender, and **Owner Viktor** will host.

So, join us for one -- or all -- but whatever you decide.
Enjoy!

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Sunday, September 18th, Anniversary Dinner @ Lips w/full drag Cabaret Show.

Saturday, October 22nd, Senior Health Expo @ Pride Center.

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The meeting is made up of two parts. Part one is a discussion of a specific topic of interest to the group. Part two is allocated to resolve any issues and answer questions you may have.

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SAGE MEN'S SINGLES GROUP

John Chandler



The mission of the monthly gathering is to introduce men who are not in a long term relationship with other men who are in the same situation. The purpose of the monthly meeting 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, August 22nd, 2011**. Join us for cocktails at the bar at 5:30PM. Followed by dinner at 6:30PM at Tropics. For reservations please contact **John Chandler** at **954.933.2963** or E-mail at stonyman4u@aol.com and don't forget to wear your red shirt!
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SAGE AT STONEWALL

Wayne Draper



The Counterfeiters, Andre Gide. First published in French in 1925, this novel is a novel within a novel, with Edouard (the alter ego to Gide) intending to write a book of the same title. There are a considerable number of gay or bisexual characters and the novel includes depiction of various possibilities of positive and negative homoerotic and homosexual relationships. *Excerpted from Wikipedia.* We will meet on **Saturday, August 13th, 2011** at **2PM** at the Stonewall, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale.

Any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Wayne Draper — 954.484.8335

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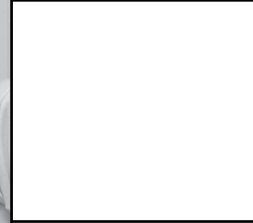
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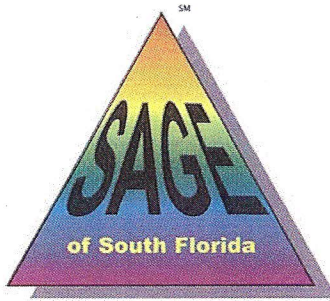


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presents "Class -and Sass" a Musical Benefit for the Broward Breast Cancer Coalition of the



Sunday August 14, 2011 4 - 6PM

**at the Hagen Park Community Center
2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305**

with performances by:

- Ms. Mary Jane Cunningham -on Keyboard & Vocals**
- Dr. David Goldberger -on Classical Piano**
- "Little Stevie" Silverman -Vocals**
- Ms. Sandy Warren -from "Dueling Divas"**

*Also scheduled to perform: Broward Center's Ricardo Alfonso;
Shangri La's Jan Haddan; and the return to SAGE of "Tony & Gloria"*

with light refreshments, a sing-along, and tea dance!

All for only \$10 in Advance for Everyone! (\$5 more at the door -if seating is available.)

**Advance Tickets may be picked-up at the SAGE Office, Men's Drop-In, Women's ARK Luncheon, SAGE/Alternatives @ Volen Center, -or from Mary Jane -starting July 6th.
Or at the Door on August 14th at 3:30PM**

All net proceeds go directly to the Broward Health Foundation

Remember: Men are not immune to Breast Cancer!

Advance Reservations Close ON Wednesday, August 10, 2011

NOTE: Due to Guarantees Made to the Venue, there can be no Refunds

SAGE benefit: "Class -and Sass"

_____ Number of Tickets @ \$10

My Phone Number: _____

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233 SR 84 Ft. Lauderdale FL 33315

(954) 467-5115

(Across from the Original Lester's Diner, on State Road 84)

Thursday

August 18, 2011

6-7PM Cocktails and Mixer

7PM -Dinner Service

Starter:

Fresh Toasted Bread w/Complimentary Chimichurri (garlic) Dipping Sauce
(or Butter on request)

Entrée -Choice of:

Churrasco Grilled Skirt Steak

Chicken Breast -prepared as you like it (grilled, breaded, francese, piccata or parmigiana)

Tilapia -prepared as you like it (ranchero, breaded, francese, piccata or parmigiana)

with a Choice of 2 Sides from:

Salad*, Rice, Black Beans, French Fries, Yuca, Green or Sweet Plantains

*Your salad choice may be eaten as a "Starter" -please tell your server!

Dessert: Choice of 1 of:

Tiramisu, Coconut Flan or Fresh Fruit

Included BEVERAGE Choice:

Soda, Coffee or Iced Tea

(Wine, Beer and Cocktails available from the Bar at Menu Prices)

\$25 Per Person MEMBERS

\$30 Per Person Non-MEMBERS

Includes Meal, Beverage (as above), any Tax and Tip

Reservations Close ON or BEFORE: Wednesday, August 10, 2011

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(If you arrive at El Tamarindo without a paid reservation, there will be a \$5 p/p surcharge at the door)

El TAMARINDO Welcomes SAGE

_____ MEMBERS @ \$25.00 & _____ NON-MEMBERS @ \$30.00 My Phone Number: _____

Name: _____ Write-in Your Entrée Choice: _____

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SAGE August 2011 Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca	2	3 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center	4	5	6 9:30AM Board Meeting SKOLNICK Ctr. LUNCH & LEARN 12:30 PM Call Office @ (954) 634-7219 for reservation.
7	8 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca	9	10 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center COMPUTER CLUB @ Pride Center	11 12 PM SAGE Women's Lunch at ARK	12	13 2PM SAGE at Stonewall – Book Discussion @ Stonewall Library Call Wayne 954-484-8335
14 4 PM "Class & Sass" Breast Cancer Benefit & Tea Dance @ Hagen Park Community Center	15 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca 4 PM SAGE Movie "The Ritz" @ Pride Center - dinner TBD	16	17 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center	18 6 PM SAGE Dinner @ El Tamarindo Cafe	19 Deadline: SAGE Cruise Final Payment – Call Eric:800-6686414 ext.: 146	20
21	22 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca 11 AM Backstage Tour @ Broward Center 6:30 PM MEN's Singles DINNER @ TROPICS - call John C (954) 933-2963	23	24 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center	25	26	27
28	29 11AM - 1PM SAGE On the Border Co-Ed / Alternatives @ Volen Center in Boca	30	31 1 PM Men's Drop In @ Pride Center			

SAVE the DATES:

Sept 18th Sun

SAGE Anniversary Dinner @ Lips w/a Full Drag Cabaret Show

Oct 22nd Sat

Senior Health Expo at the Pride Center

Nov 2 Wed – Nov 10 Thurs

SAGE's Fifth Annual Cruise on the Carnival Miracle to St. Maarten, St. Lucia & St. Kitts