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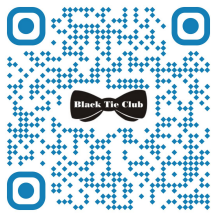


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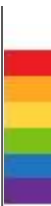
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RESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Dougan, International President

Happy Autumn 2025! I'm excited to see what Editor Greg has put together from all the late Spring and Summer action at our chapters. This year continues to be surprisingly busy for our members and our chapter leaders. You will read about these activities and accomplishments here as you flip through the magazine for the visual enjoyment. Here is the news that I'd especially like you to know:

- **Convergence 2026** registration is open. Rehoboth Beach/Lewes chapter in Delaware is putting together 4+ days of exciting fun. The host Hotel Rehoboth is central to the town shops, restaurants and the exceptional beach. Check out the boys and men at the gay beach. For more information and hotel reservations, you can click the international website, or you can click [here](http://blacktieclubinternational.org) for direct access to the Convergence booking.
- **Convergence 2025 and older Magazine Issues** are readily available for your review. Simply go to the International website at blacktieclubinternational.org and click on the "MAGAZINE" flag at the top of the home page. That will open up the current issue of the Magazine, and you can also choose to view Past Issues by clicking on the "Past Issues" link at the top right corner of the page. I ask you to view past issues because a lot of work goes into them and we seek to make sure our members know where and how to find the current and past issues of the Magazine.
- **Dallas Leadership Change:** Please join me in celebrating the 11 years of service provided by Gordon Markley as outgoing chapter President. He and his husband, Russell Buescher have a lot to be proud of, as it was plain to see at the step-down formal event in September. Please join me in welcoming new President Brian Foster (no stranger to most of us in Black Tie if you've been visiting any of the chapters), ably assisted by his husband, Jim. Coming out to help celebrate was the Founder of the Dallas chapter, Mr. Bill Bryan, and his partner, Joe Taylor. Bill received "three cheers" and verbal testimonial. Gordon and Russell received commemorative gifts from an appreciative membership, and lots of love. Congratulate these folks when you see them.
- **Laguna Beach Leadership Change:** Dr. Alan Miller will step down from many years of Laguna Beach leadership by the end of this calendar year. He had big shoes to fill taking over from Len Olds who was chapter President before he was International President. Alan organized and created a system of event production that works flawlessly over many years. Shout out to his supportive husband, Mark Guillod. Stepping in next will be Mr. Trent Hofferber, long-time member of the chapter, recently retired, and can continue the Laguna Beach activity schedule. Remember that Laguna Beach is the second oldest chapter in our chapter network, and will continue to be a paragon for all chapters to model themselves after. We can all learn from what they do at Laguna Beach!

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- **BTCL “Special Travel Series” event, “Six Days and Six Nights of Fine Dining and Culinary and Cultural Celebration of Pride in Amsterdam”** was held this Summer from July 29th to August 10th. Enjoy photos from dinners, museums, canal rides, and Pride barge canal parade. Upon completion of the festivities in the city, most of the men boarded a Viking riverboat for a week’s journey on the Rhine river. Our men enjoyed the Viking staff service, food and daily activities, and the stops in Kinderdijk, Cologne, Koblenz, Rhine gorge castles, Speyer, Strasbourg, and Breisach (Black Forest) before disembarking (a little teary eyed) in Basel, Switzerland. These group travel events are growing to be some of the most memorable and infamous activities of our Black Tie International calendar. What’s next? Read on...
- The next **“Special Travel Series”** event will be **October 2026** as we enjoy a **“Key West Adventure.”** Check out the flyer on this event in this issue. Yes, we’ve all been to Key West, but NOT with a Black Tie “twist”. We are looking into sailing activities, including a visit to the Dry Tortugas National Park, which is an island in the Gulf with the ruins of Fort Jefferson, an old military prison and fortress. We are working on having a large presence at Alexander’s Guesthouse, known for catering to gay men, where we can have poolside activities, around-town sightseeing, an in-home celebration, a theme dress (not formal) party, sunset at Mallory square, sandbar cruise and a farewell Tea Dance at the infamous “La Te Da”. Watch for details as they become finalized.
- **Annual Dues and Membership Recruitment: October 1** kicks off the dues renewal season. Your chapter Presidents will be reaching out for you with Renewal Application forms and statements of the combined International and Chapter Dues. Please respond promptly when billed. We need to get the Dues completed by the new year.
- We are happy to welcome **Gamma Mu** members to our events and to become Black Tie members. Please encourage them to join us in BTCL, since their organization will, going forward, operate only their charitable Foundation but no longer have their social fly-ins. Membership applications for new BTCL candidates are available in our website, or by contacting me.
- **Chapter Visitations: Kudos to Los Angeles** for their early September event at Ca del Sole in the San Fernando Valley. **New Mexico** just completed their Fall formal in Santa Fe, where about a third of their members are from. Many members from Albuquerque joined in the 3-day celebration, with a private reception at a private home, a formal banquet at the world-famous La Fonda resort, and a brunch on Museum Hill. October will see events in **San Diego, Rehoboth Beach/Lewes** and **Washington DC**. **Palm Springs** has their Fall formal during Pride, November 7-9. I plan to attend some of these events and look forward to seeing you there. Enjoy photos in this and upcoming issues for these events.
- **And Introducing the founding of a new chapter to be known as the New Orleans / Gulf Coast chapter.** A fine group of men led by Mr. Cary Oswald has already had a couple of casual meetings to set up the chapter. I will be visiting in October, and I encourage anyone who can to attend their inaugural formal, next April 4th, when they will be fully chartered as an active chapter. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Oversize Postcard:** Watch for this item in your mail delivery. It comes around 2 - 3 times a year IN PRINT to remind you of essential Black Tie Club International information and upcoming events, and reminds you to click on the Magazine.

Enjoy this issue of the International Magazine!

In Fellowship,

Gary Dungan



In the Spotlight

With Gordon Markley

Once again, we bring you our spotlight article highlighting one of our club members. We hope you enjoy “meeting” our spotlighted members. If you get the chance to see them at a Black Tie Club event, you now have some personal information about them to start a conversation. If you have suggestions of someone you would like to see “In the Spotlight” in a future magazine, please send an email to the Greg Vaccaro at lablacktieclub1@gmail.com.

For this spotlight, we introduce **Gordon Markley**. Gordon recently handed over his Dallas president post. While he will no longer be in charge, he will still be a very active member. This is what he told us.



Gordon Markley (left) with husband, Russell Buescher

Which Chapter are you a member of?

I have been a member of the Dallas Chapter since Spring of 2001, shortly after Bill Bryan founded the Dallas Chapter in August 2000.

Do you play a role in any of the club's administration, past or present?

I served as President of the Dallas Chapter from 2014, until just recently when the torch was passed to Brian Foster, the incoming president of BTC Dallas Chapter, as of September 13, 2025.

Do you share your life with a husband, life partner, or someone special? For how long?

I'm married to Russell Buescher. We've been together twenty+ years. We were legally married on 8-8-8, also known as August 8, 2008. Our marriage took place in Marblehead, MA, where Russell grew up. We were the first out-of-state same gender couple to be married in Marblehead after the law changed to permit marriages from beyond the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An interesting sidebar for that date: 8-8-8 is the Beijing Olympics opening day. In Chinese culture the 8 is a symbol of both happiness and infinity. Visually, an 8 turned on its side is the symbol for ∞ infinity. So, we enjoy the idea that our marriage took place on an 'Infinitely Happy Day.'

Tell us a little more about your background.

I've lived in a lot of different places, including Ohio, Texas, North Carolina, Kansas, Maryland, DC, Virginia, Michigan, Germany, and ultimately landed in Texas for the last twenty-eight years.

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Tell us what you do for work, or if you're retired, what was your career, your position, and any accomplishments.
After graduating from St. Edward's University in Austin, TX, I went to work for Ross Perot's company, EDS, and spent twenty-five years there in increasingly more significant roles, mostly in Management, Campus Recruiting, Staffing & HR. I retired as HR Director right around when Hewlett-Packard acquired EDS. Subsequently, I took a 'retirement job' and taught Business Administration & Computer courses at North Dallas High School for fourteen years. Honestly, I might still be teaching if not for Covid, but that seemed like a great time to exit for my own health and safety.

How did you hear about Black Tie Club and why did you join the club?

My friend John Pelletti invited me to join BTCI. I already knew Bill Bryan through another group, so I immediately said: "YES!"

What keeps you coming back to Black Tie year after year?

I appreciate the fact BTCI is focusing on the Classic Gentleman and we are a place of respite from so many other causes. I often look around at our members who are raising and making charitable donations for so many different causes and I think to myself, "What a wonderful thing to simply celebrate among such generous individuals who have done so much for so many others in our respective communities." There may be a few BTCI members who are not engaged in philanthropy, but for the most part, I see BTCI as social club where we get to celebrate one another with no other agenda beyond celebrating life with other Classic Gentlemen.

What is a memorable, humorous, or poignant Black Tie Club moment that you recall?

The most memorable moments have to be when one of my dearest friends, Philip Anderson, now in the D.C. BTCI Chapter, arranged a week of fine dining in Luxembourg. Philip was there with his role at NATO and created that wonderful week of fine dining. He even arranged for all of us to have dinner with the Prime Minister of Luxembourg along with the Prime Minister's husband. Those types of memories only get created because of how our BTCI members go out of their way to make so many events incredibly special.

What is something about you that fellow Black Tie Club members may be surprised to learn?

Both Russell and I are members of the largest (predominantly) LGBTQIA church, the Cathedral of Hope. Regardless of anyone's religious affiliation, or lack thereof, many people might be surprised to know the world's largest gay church is sitting right in the middle of the 'Bible Belt' in Dallas, TEXAS! Russell and I met through a church function as volunteers in the community. We've loved our time there so much we even endowed the Markley-Buescher Family Organ back in 2022. It's a special place with a full orchestra and choir every Sunday. Our atheist and agnostic friends come for the music because much to many people's surprise, there really is a place where the trite phrase: 'ALL Are Welcome Here' rings true!

What are some hobbies, places you like to visit, and other things you like to do that you would like to share with us?

Both of us sing in the Turtle Creek Chorale, which is the most recorded male chorus in the world. I've been involved for twenty-eight years and Russell has been for eighteen years. I served as President for two years and also spent many years on the Board, as well as being a singing member. We've performed in Carnegie Hall several times and in many other places beyond Dallas.

We also love to travel, we've been to all fifty U.S. States and about thirty countries. The other thing we do is make sure we have season tickets to every Arts Organization, especially live 🎭 theater.

Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?

I'd just like to say, the eleven years I spent as the President of the Dallas Chapter could never have happened without Russell. It is such an honor to have recently received the highest honor within the Dallas BTCI Chapter, known as the Bill Bryan Founder's Award. Blessedly, the award was given to BOTH of us as 'Co-Presidents' and that is the perfect summation of how WE have been able to accomplish so much because we've done it as a team! Absolutely, positively, could NOT have done "IT" without Russell by my side!



Gordon Markley and Russell Buescher



*Amsterdam **PRIDE** And Rhine River Cruise*



SIX DAYS AND SIX NIGHTS OF FINE DINING AND CULINARY AND CULTURAL CELEBRATION OF PRIDE IN AMSTERDAM

This summer, Black Tie gents celebrated six days and six nights together in Amsterdam, leading up to their Gay Pride parade. Now, Amsterdam does NOT celebrate pride with a normal street parade...oh no! They do an amazing production of decorated canal boats with city officials, drag and adult entertainers, and an array of supporting organizations. The parade kicked off about noon on August 2nd, and completed about 4:45 pm. Thirty-three of us were there on our own canal barge with catered luncheon, beer, wine and mixed adult and very gay beverages. Our barge was on the Prinsengracht canal near the Amstel River, first tier, where we could reach out and "inter-mix" with the various floats floating by. Yes, even as seasoned priders in our own cities, this parade was so compelling and fun that we thoroughly enjoyed it from start to finish. It is easy to see if this was a "usual" pridefest in Amsterdam, why they've been selected to host WorldPride 2026 next summer - the first Saturday in August.

Read on for a day by day description of our journey in Amsterdam and our cruise down the Rhine River. To see more photos of the trip, check out photos.app.goo.gl/Jdm6Z16j6wwwvhmcPA.

To see photos of past Special Travel Series trips, see blacktieclubinternational.org/travel-past-trip-photo-galleries

OUR JOURNEY BEGINS

Our Special Travel Series trip started on Tuesday, July 29th, with an orientation tram ride from our host hotel, Eden, near the Rembrandtplein and Reguliersdwarsstraat (gayborhood) to the Central Station. We boarded our reserved canal boat for further orientation and education about the maritime history of Amsterdam city from a local mariner. The entire city was celebrating Pride all month, and flags on many buildings and boats were a common sight all over town. We followed this up with a walk to Celia restaurant in the Kimpton De Witt hotel for our opening banquet. Someone noted that Tuesday was Spijker Bar's clothing optional night, so many of our gents went to meet some of the local hosts and other visitors at this very "picturesque" location.

On Wednesday, July 30th, we offered an insider's tour of the Anne Frank Huis ("house"). This compelling story of a young Jewish girl living in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam and her ultimate fate was explained in great detail by the tour hosts. Interestingly, this location is near the Homomonument, which we were told is the only monument dedicated to homosexuals. We added more detail with our walking tour of the Jordaan neighborhood - rich in local architectural and cultural history. Our Michelin Star dinner was at DeKas restaurant which was held in an oversized greenhouse on some gardens as part of a large city park. The food was constructed from items grown there, and the flavors were rich, unusual, and delightful. This dinner was our most flavorful achievement on the trip. Afterwards, many went out to the evening places -- many of which have dark bar areas, music, and areas for meeting with visitors and locals.

On Thursday, July 31th, we started the day with a guided tour of the Rijksmuseum, home to many Dutch masters including Rembrandt, Vermeer, and others. Our two tour guides had no problem highlighting information that gay gents "of a certain age" would enjoy. An afternoon city walking tour was then conducted, with a local gay guide, who also added to the LGBTQ+ theme of our visit there. Dinner was at "Marie" at the canal level of one of the finest hotels in Amsterdam, the Hotel de L'Europe. More debauchery was available for late night cats.





To see more trip photos, see: photos.app.goo.gl/Jdm6Z16j6wwvhmcPA

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THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Friday, August 1st, featured a morning tour of the Van Gogh Museum. This was an in-depth study of this troubled master, and his own way of viewing art and color. An afternoon reception was hosted by Craig Dill, formerly of the New Mexico chapter, who now lives in Amsterdam (Noord section) with his husband, John. We took a short ferry ride across the waterway at Central Station to this neighborhood of new high rise condo-style buildings with scenic rooftop community rooms. Some stopped at the "This is Holland" exhibit and A'DAM Lookout towers giving us a bird's eye view of this fair city, and many of its maritime features. Dinner was held at a local theme restaurant "Polly Goudvis".





AMSTERDAM PRIDE CANAL PARADE August 2nd



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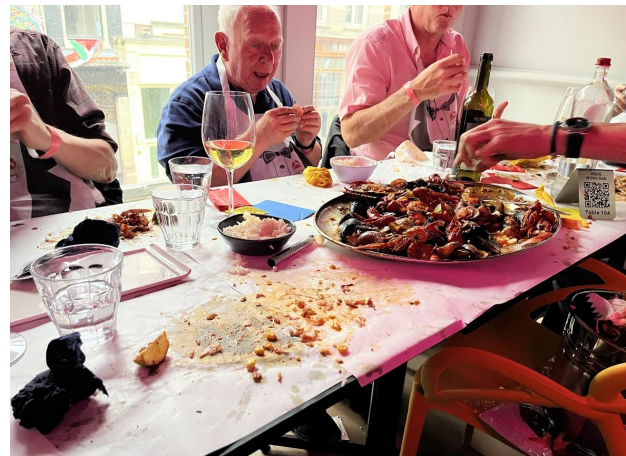
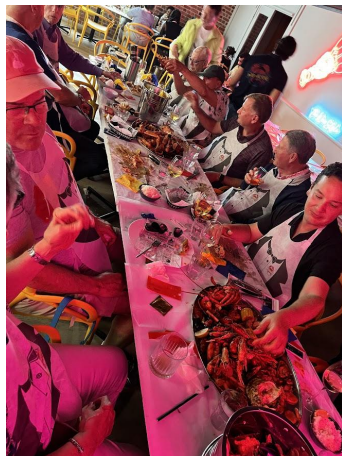




On Sunday, August 3rd, we had a day to pack up from our hotel. We celebrated farewell to Amsterdam with an authentic "Rijstaffel" which is a blending of Indonesian specialties with a Dutch interpretation. Remember, Indonesia was formerly the Dutch East Indies, owned, ruled and controlled by Amsterdam for 300+ years. There is a lot of blending and appreciation of the Indonesian cuisine and culture by the Dutch.

We extend many thanks to Craig Dill and his husband, John, for being our "clogs on the ground" in Amsterdam. Formerly of the New Mexico chapter, and now residents of Amsterdam, this week of festivities would not have been possible without their knowledge, connections, attention to detail, and willingness to work with the restaurants and museums.

AS THE DUTCH SAY, "HARTELIJK DANK"



...AND THE RHINE RIVER CRUISE BEGINS

Twenty-two of us then boarded the Viking riverboat, "Hlin" (pronounced "He-LEEN" for a seven-day Rhine Riverboat cultural experience. You see the itinerary printed on page 16. The Viking staff and other passengers took very well to our gentlemanly conduct - especially in the late-night lounge with our pianist, Roberto, and some guest performers from the various city stops. Each city we visited continued to excite and enthrall us as we learned about the Dutch countryside, the German rebuild of Cologne after WWII, the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers at Koblenz, the battles of the Colmar Pocket, Black Forest area, and more. Especially compelling was the city of Strasbourg in Alsace and its troubled identity history of being part of France, Germany and changing nationalities multiple times. After the Rhine gorge with castles on umpteen hill tops, we had a cozy sightseeing dinner in Rudesheim with traditional German delicacies and music. The week was all-too-soon ending as we disembarked in Basel, Switzerland where we tearfully said adieu or auf wiedersehen or tot ziens to each other and our wonderful hosts.

We encourage you to join us on a future "BTCI Special Travel Series" trip. Watch the Magazine for developments. Fall 2026 will be "Key West Adventure" -- it's the Key West we all know and love with a "Black Tie twist." See information later in this issue or visit our Special Travel Series website at www.blacktieclubinternational.org/travel.

YOUR CRUISE ITINERARY

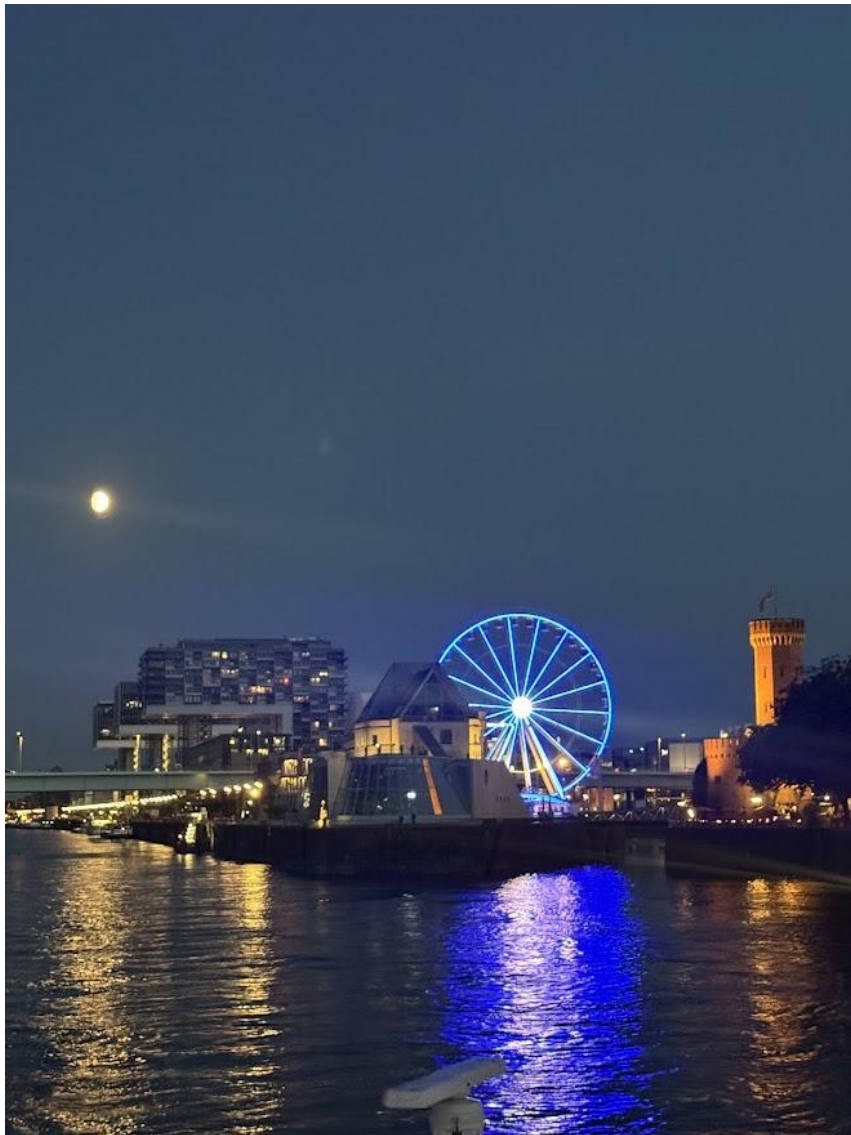
Guest: Mr Anthony Jenche Chiu

DAY	DATE	PORT
SUN	AUG 03, 2025	Embark in Amsterdam on Viking Hlin
MON	AUG 04, 2025	Kinderdijk, The Netherlands Scenic Sailing: Waal & Merwede
TUE	AUG 05, 2025	Cologne, Germany
WED	AUG 06, 2025	Koblenz, Germany Middle Rhine Scenic Sailing Rudesheim, Germany
THU	AUG 07, 2025	Speyer, Germany
FRI	AUG 08, 2025	Strasbourg, France
SAT	AUG 09, 2025	Breisach, Germany
SUN	AUG 10, 2025	Disembark in Basel



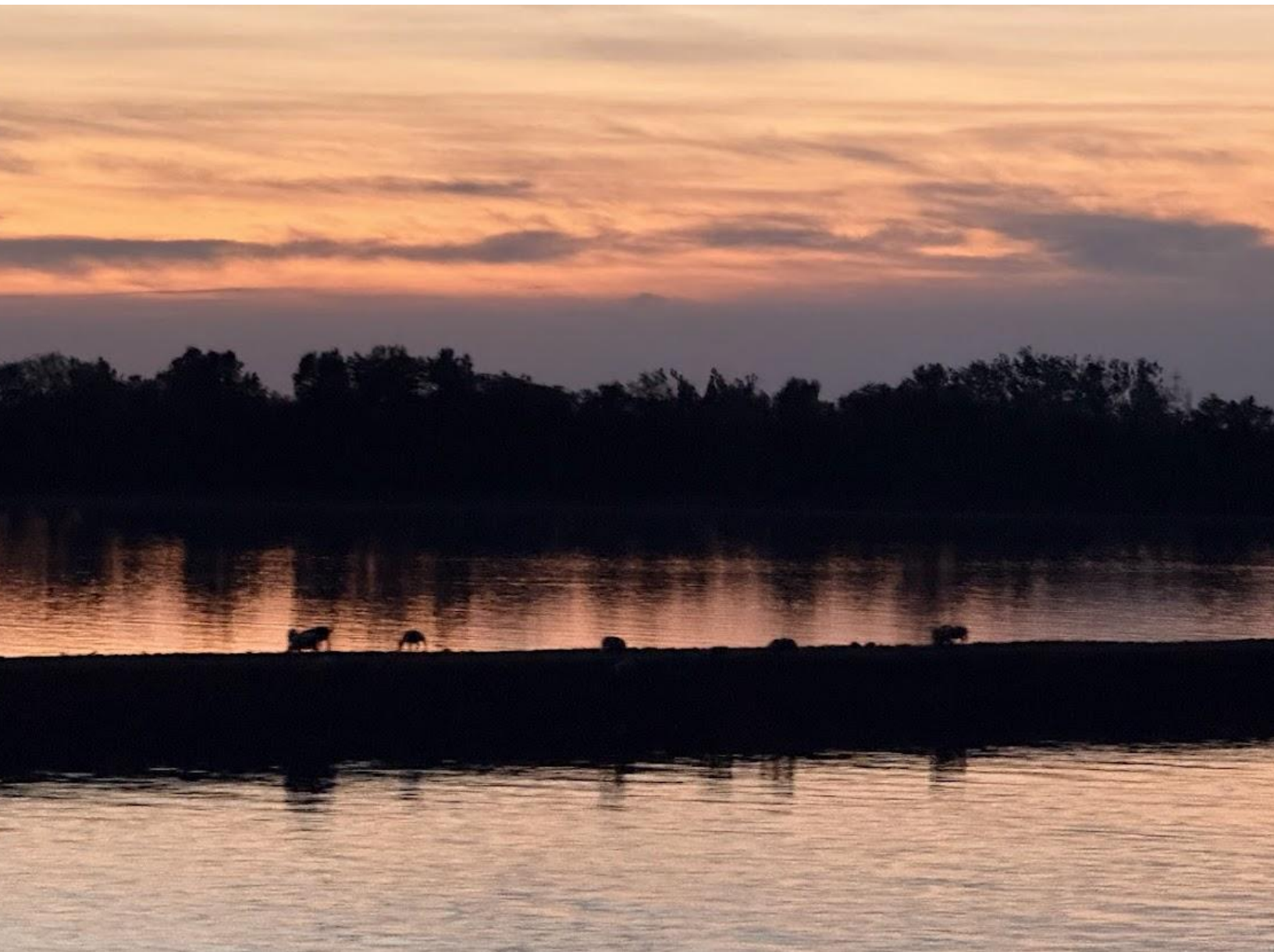












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Celebrating 25 Years!



Indra performing his act

The Dallas chapter celebrated 25 years in glamorous fashion on Friday and Saturday, September 12th and 13th. The events kicked off on Friday night at the elegant and expansive home of Frank McGovern. The setting was nothing short of spectacular with glittering table settings in a huge, window-lined room, overlooking Frank's wooded grounds and pool. Frank's home feels like a country estate, yet it's located in the City of Dallas. Guests were thrilled when chapter founder, Bill Bryan, arrived with his husband Joe Taylor, himself the former president of the Palm Springs chapter. These two have truly been stalwarts of BTCI. The Dallas chapter was also honored by all the members of other chapters who flew in to celebrate with us. Members from Washington DC, Atlanta, Palm Springs, Laguna Beach and Los Angeles were in attendance and in fact, made up a full third of all attendees.

After a leisurely cocktail hour, guests enjoyed a wide variety of Asian specialties accompanied by choices of wines. Between the entrée and dessert, guests were treated to the amazing performance of Indra who performed his incredible Bian Lian act from the Sichuan Opera.

The celebration continued Saturday evening at the host hotel, the Warwick Melrose, in the heart of Oak Lawn, the Dallas gayborhood. Many of you will remember the Melrose from Convergence 2023 and the short walk to more gay bars than you can count (at least after you've visited a few). This evening, the gala was at the hotel's oak-paneled Landmark Restaurant. There was a cocktail hour followed by dinner and remarks by International President Gary Dougan who made the exciting announcement of a new chapter forming in New Orleans. Watch your in-box for upcoming events, as if any of us need an excuse to visit NOLA. Next up was incoming president, Brian Foster, who presented the Bill Bryan Founder's Award for service to BTCI Dallas to outgoing president Gordon Markley and his husband Russell Buescher. This is not an annual award but is only given for distinguished service. In fact, this is only the third time it has been presented and it's hard to imagine two men more deserving. Gordon has served as chapter president for 11 successful years during which we saw growth, many elegant events, and the smashing success that was Convergence '23. Behind every great man, there is sometimes another great man, and Russell has worked diligently on every event, never seeking credit. Gordon and Russell are truly a great team, and the Dallas chapter owes them an enormous debt of gratitude. Now, with Brian Foster at the helm, we are looking onward and upward, with excitement and sequins to the next 25 years.



Clockwise from top left:
Justin Grulkowski and Michael Frescura bring the glam;
Chapter Founder Bill Bryan and husband Joe Taylor;
Incoming Chapter President Brian Foster and outgoing
President Gordon Markley; Gregory Simms, Ben Schepps,
Basel Dahleh, Michael Legacy



Above: Gordon Markley and Russell Buescher accepting the Bill Bryan Founders Award

On left: Bill Bryan Founders Award



Tim Turner, Gordon Markley, and Russell Buescher are pretty in pink



AGUNA BEACH

Summer Formal

By Stefan Nauerz

This year our Laguna Beach chapter's formal summer dinner was held on June 16th at the splendid Crystal Cove home of our members, Claus Dieckell and Kevin Le. The one level home with breathtaking ocean views was easily accessible and a friendly bar staff greeted us with delicious cocktails and tray-passed hors d'oeuvres.

A perfect summer day and the home's flawless ocean views provided a great backdrop and setting for a fun get together for friends to mingle before gathering for dinner. To socialize with friends in a comfortable setting is our creed and important to us and our hosts Claus and Kevin made it truly a memorable experience.

The party continued just minutes away at the established Mastro's Ocean Club. A valet service at the front door made it comfortable to just walk into this well-known fine dining establishment and everyone was looking forward to a delicious and remarkable dinner. The private dining room was beautifully decked out and provided a perfect setting to socialize with new and old friends. A provided microphone made it easy for our International President Gary and Laguna Beach Chapter President Alan to formally greet our members and to pass on information for upcoming events.

Everyone had a marvelous time at this year's summer formal and all of us were able to renew our chapter's bond of friendship and fraternity. We are looking forward to a great next black tie event.



Charlie Priest, Bard Davis, Kamal Al-Faqih



Rick Jackson,
Bob Coons



Kim Johnson, August Labato
Laguna Beach 26



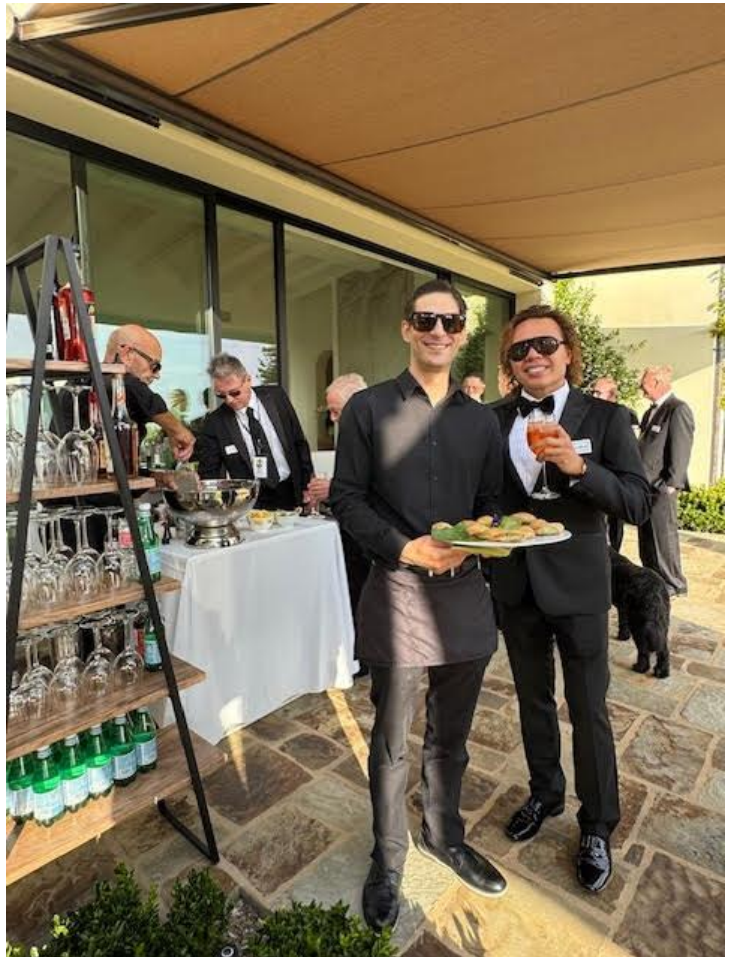
Gabriel Nossovitch, Kamal Al-Faqih, Stefan Nouerz,
Kim Johnson, August Labato



Mike Peckham Diaz, David Peckham Diaz,
Gabriel Nossovitch, Kamal Al-Faqih, Kim Johnson



Alan Miller, Jim Brophy, Wes Litzinger, Doug Kirk



One of our many servers with Phillip Leblanc



Blade Branham, Claus Dieckell



Our host for the evening: Claus Dieckell,
Kevin Le



Kevin Mundt, Stefan Nauerz, Mark Guillod



Guest, Bard Davis



Bob Coons, Kevin Le



Wes Litzinger, Charlie Priest, August Labato



Blade Branham, Tony Maque, Guest



Claus Dieckell, Dave Thomas, Bob Coons, Kevin Le, Pablo



Alan Miller, Mark Guillod,
Jim Brophy, Doug Kirk



Kamal Al-Faqih, Guest,
Trent Hofferber, Kim Johnson,
Mike Peckham-Diaz, Bob Coons,
August Labato, David Diaz,
Rick Jackson



Doug Cortez, Phillip Leblanc,
Stefan Nauerz, Claus Dieckell,
Kevin Le, Guest, Tony Maquet,
Guest



LOS ANGELES

Autumn Fun

On Saturday, September 6th, the LABTC gathered at Ca Del Sole, an Italian restaurant in Toluca Lake (next door to Universal Studios) for an Autumn casual dinner. Members met in the bar for cocktails and then proceeded to our table in the main dining room where a lovely four-course dinner was served along with delicious Italian wines. Members chatted and dined at a large round table and by all accounts, everyone had a wonderful evening.

We're planning several upcoming events. Keep your eyes on the BCTI website to keep abreast.



Clockwise around the table starting at lower left:
Jordan Budd, David Wagner, Christopher Thomas, Wyatt Decker, Danny Bozarth, Keith Tunison,
Gary Dougan, Sam Warner, Greg Vaccaro, Charlie Priest, Jan Donsbach



Clockwise from upper left: Gary Dougan, David Wagner; Christopher Thomas, Danny Bozarth, Wyatt Decker; Keith Tunison, Charlie Priest, Sam Warner; Greg Vaccaro David Wagner; Jordan Budd



EW MEXICO

Fall Formal - The Camino Real to Santa Fe

¡Hola! Greetings once again from the Land of Enchantment! All roads truly did lead to Santa Fe for the New Mexico chapter's Fall Formal Weekend held September 19 - 21, 2025. Forty-one Black Tie members and guests from several states including the New Mexico, San Diego, Palm Springs, and Dallas chapters gathered to sample Santa Fe's special blend of Native American, Hispanic, and Anglo culture. We were honored to have BTCI President Gary Dougan and First Gentleman Charlie Priest among the attendees.

Friday evening's opening fiesta at the beautiful Museum Hill hacienda of Park Kerr and David Woog got the weekend off to a great start. Centered by their garden's Spanish fountain, guests enjoyed smoked chicken tacos with appropriate toppings and fine libations including a signature margherita. On Saturday morning, an even dozen attendees set out with local gay guide, Garrett Peck, for a walking tour around Santa Fe's downtown central plaza and nearby historic sites.

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David Avent, Ian Johnson, Doug Cheatham, Mark Hendon, George Xillas (Event Co-chair).

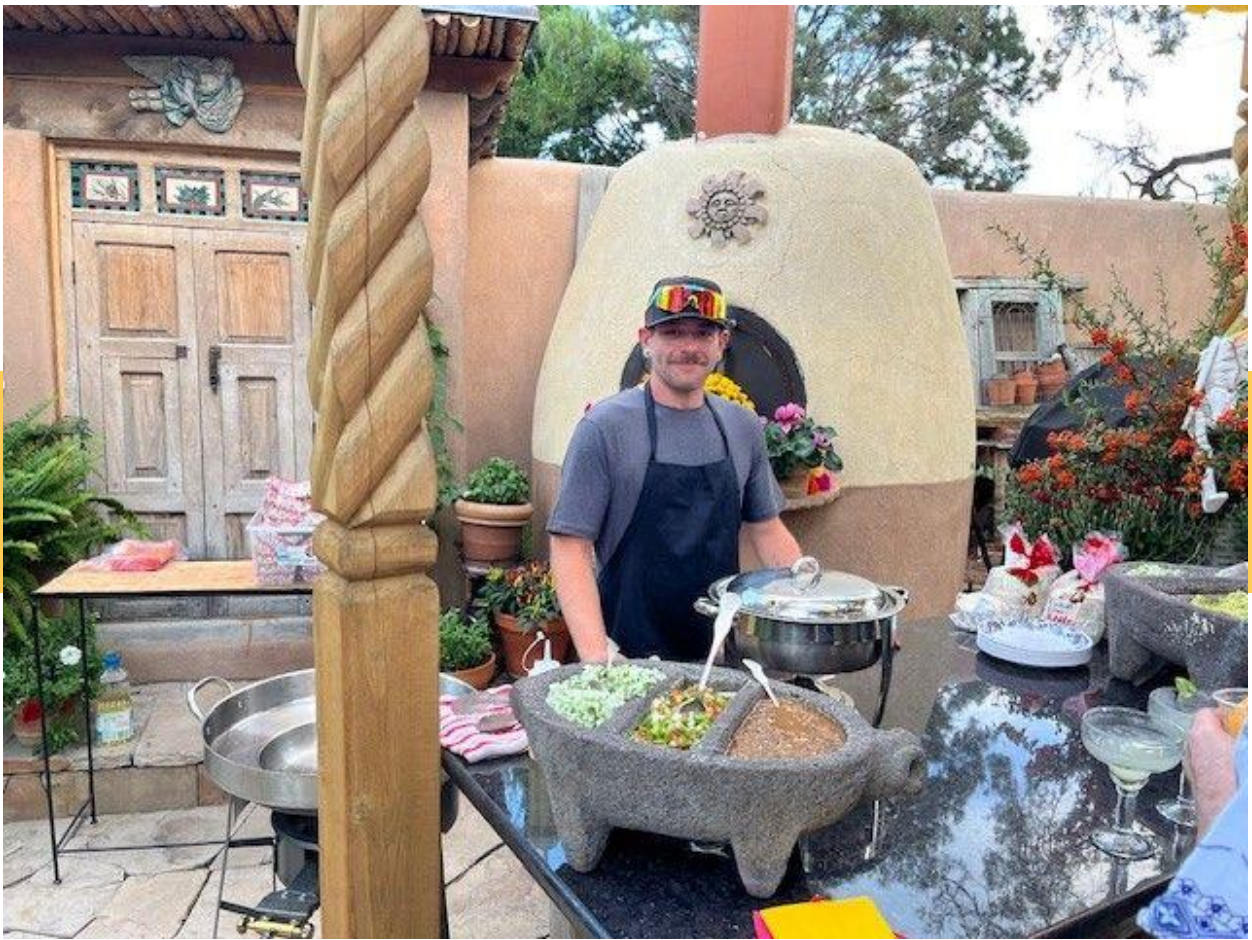


Guy DeLyne (seated), Mike Maude, Nick Craig, Enoch Ortega



Garden View: Kerr-Woog Hacienda

Paul Garson (Chapter President), George Xillas, John Olsen, Paul Oostenbrug, Jere Kelly.



Luke the Taco Man



Saturday Morning Walking Tour Group with guide Garrett Peck

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Everyone then gathered Saturday evening for cocktails on the mezzanine at the city's iconic La Fonda on the Plaza Hotel, a former Santa Fe Railroad hostelry originally operated by the famed Fred Harvey Company. Dinner followed in the hotel's gorgeous Santa Fe Room with its quintessential Southwest architecture and historic hand-painted wall murals. Menu selections included char-grilled pork tenderloin, roast chicken LaFonda, and roasted stuffed poblano pepper – all paired with appropriate fine vintages. NM Chapter President Paul Garson welcomed all followed by remarks from BTCI President Gary Dougan. The weekend closed with a Sunday morning farewell brunch at gay-owned Museum Hill Café with its panoramic views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Kudos to event co-chairs, Tom Hall and George Xillas, and their Santa Fe-based committee for a fantastic job.



T'áá hwó'ají t'éego which means "Until we meet again" in the Navajo (Diné) dialect.



Ned Doty, Jay Elder, Tom Hall



Fred Winter, Mike Maude



Park Kerr, Charlie Priest with "Gaylord"



John Bears, Harrison Higgins, James Stedman, Thomas Benner



Paul Garson, Rick Cameron



Gary Dougan



Enoch Ortega, Lee McDaniel, William Johnson, Gary Bearly, Kurt Roe



Standing: Lee McDaniel, Park Kerr, William Johnson, George Xillas
Seated: David Woog, John Olsen, Tom Hall



Standing: Jere Kelly, Paul Oostenbrug, David Avent, Richard Muetz
Seated: Bruce Hinrichs, Mike Maude, Fred Winter, Don Collins



Standing: Jay Elder, Ken Hasting, Nick Craig
Seated: Ned Doty, Kurt Roe, Gary Bearly, Fred Snoy



Standing: Mark Hendon, Doug Cheatham, Paul Garson, Gary Dougan,
Harrison Higgins; Seated: Edwin Light, Jack Cox, Charlie Priest.



Standing: Rick Cameron, Guy DeLyne, John Bears
Seated: Enoch Ortega, James Stedman, Thomas Benner



Santa Fe Dining Room
Standing: Paul Garson (Chapter President),
Jack Cox (Chapter Secretary).



EW ORLEANS/GULF COAST

Meet the Newest Club!

The Black Tie Club New Orleans/Gulf Coast is in the process of forming and is soliciting members from the communities between Lake Charles, Louisiana and Destin, Florida with primary focus on New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our first "meet and greet" was held in July at the Crossing Bar with a great turnout. By September we had reached 20 paid members and formally requested recognition from BTCI.

The BTC New Orleans/Gulf Coast held a second event on the evening of Friday, September 19th, at Rizzuto's Prime restaurant in the Hyatt Regency in downtown New Orleans. What can we say but, wow, just amazing. The event at Rizzuto's met all expectations. We had 18 paid attendees which was perfect for the Venetian private dining room with wonderful service from John and Troy, our waiters, and with excellent food and wine. A combination of members and guests participated with two prospective members joining us from Destin, FL and the MS Gulf Coast, respectively.

Cary Oswald, Club-to-be President, announced and encouraged members to attend the upcoming 2026 Coastal Convergence in Rehoboth, DE and stated he has already registered and recalled how much fun he had in May at the San Francisco Convergence.

Tony Leggio, Host Committee, announced our Inaugural Spring Formal on Easter Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Cafe Sbisa. Cafe Sbisa is the 4th oldest restaurant in the French Quarter. BTC NOGFCST has created a package deal for all in and out-of-town BTCI members who want to experience an unforgettable Easter Weekend in New Orleans. The package deal includes:

1. Bunnies in the Big Easy party meeting at a private residence benefiting a local charity on Friday, April 3, 2026, 7PM. Food and open bar included.
2. Spring Formal at Cafe Sbisa on Saturday, April 4, 6:15 PM. Three course meal, and 2-hour open wine bar accompanied by passed hors d'oeuvres.
3. Walk in the Gay Easter Parade with BTCNOGFCST, French Quarter, Easter, April 5, between 1 and 4 PM.

For more information and details on the Easter 2026 event, visit our website: www.blacktieclubnogfcst.com





Club-to-be officers: Kevin Hemenger (Treasurer), Tony Leggio (Host Committee), Cary Oswald (President)



Brock, Trent and Billy



Edward, Ryan, Richard



Art, Alan



BTC New Orleans/Gulf Coast step and repeat banner with Edward and Ryan.



Summer Kick-off at the Bellagio June 22nd

We kicked off our summer season at Bellagio's, where authentic Italian flavors and plenty of good cheer filled our evening. Between the pasta, the laughter, and the lively conversation, the Palm Beach Chapter set the tone for a fun summer of club gatherings.



Alan Medina, Bruce Conlin



Donald Watren, Sid Lesowitz



Greg Tallo, Rodrigo Gutierrez, Mike Ricca, Harris Freedman



Harris Freedman, Dave Kurland, Chris Kron,
Richard Reed



John Fariello, Henry Spence, Mike Ricca, Dennis Perry



John Fariello, Richard Esposito, Richard Driscoll



Mark Goldstein, Harris Freedman,
Jimmy McNeill, Rodrigo Gutierrez



Michael Judd, Ray Collins, Carlos Cruz



Michael Judd, Dennis Perry, Tony Jaggi



Peter Rodgers, Tony Jaggi



Terry Bowie, Andy Langus, Harris Freedman



PALM BEACH

Café Saponi - July 27th

Club members and guests gathered at the very popular Café Saponi, where we indulged in generous cocktails and Italian favorites. The atmosphere was warm and festive, with plenty of stories, and the kind of camaraderie that makes our chapter so special.



Donald Watren, Bruce Conlin



Ben Small, Marc Glasberg, John Klingel



Charles Contessa, Roland Watt



Donald Watren, John Fariello, Richard Reed



Greg Tallo, Jimmy McNeill



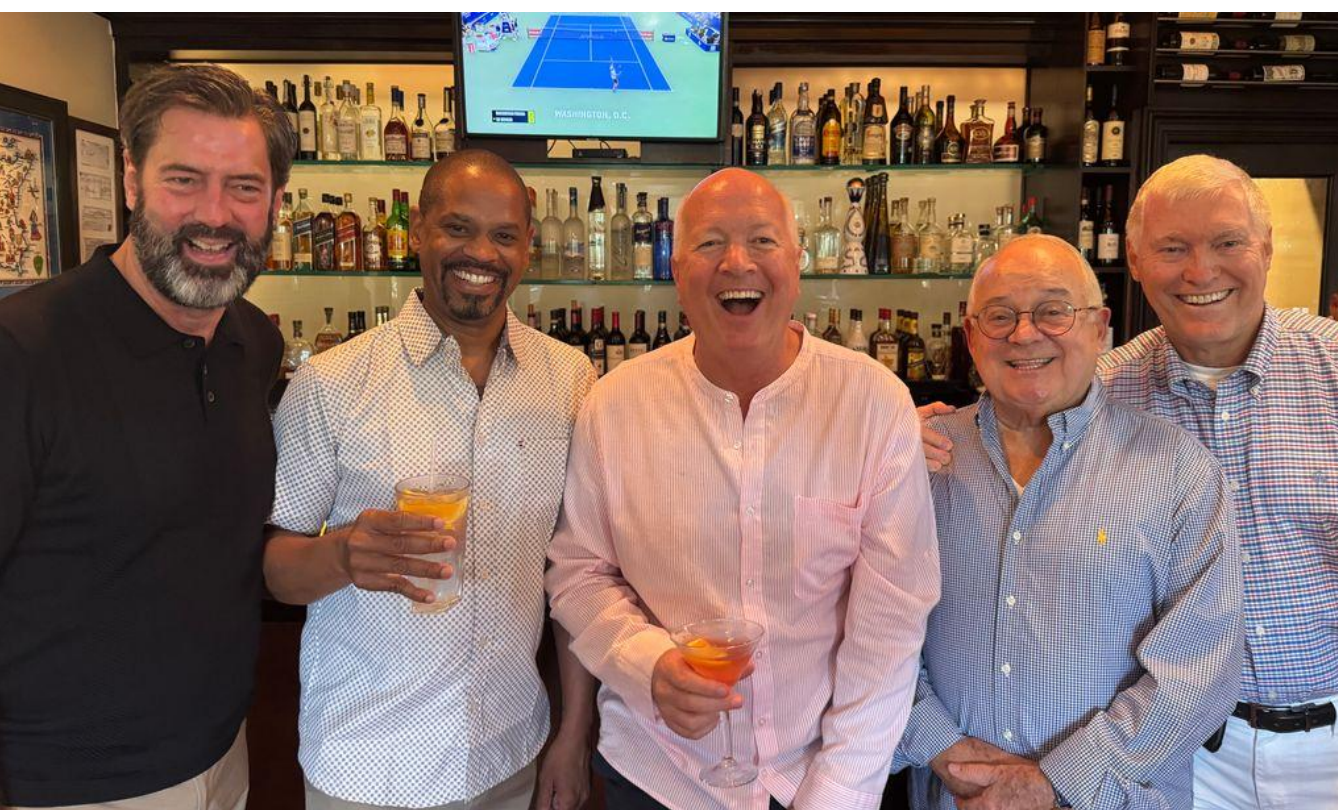
John Klingel, Dennis Perry, Charles Contessa



Tony Jaggi, Sid Lesowitz, Donald Watren, Peter Rogers



Richard Reed, Chris Kron



Kurt Crowl,
Darrin Evans,
Roland Watt,
Jose Torres,
Richard Reed



PALM BEACH

The Hive - August 28th

Our club wrapped up the summer season at The Hive Bakery and Café. It is one of Palm Beach's trendy new restaurants. With its stylish vibe, intimate atmosphere, and fantastic food, it was the perfect venue to close out our summer adventures together.



Dennis Perry, Ben Small



Henry Spence, Mike Ricca



Christopher Caneles, William Feldkamp, Steve Nesbitt



Dan Drennan, Michael Judd, David Sarama



Marc Glasberg,
Daryl Evans,
Jeff Giese

Sean Cherry, Sid Lesowitz



Terry Bowie, Christopher Caneles,
William Feldkamp



Mark Goldstein, Rodrigo Gutierrez, Mike Ricca



Sid Lesowitz, Charles Contessa



PALM SPRINGS

First Summer Social "Was A Success"

On Sunday evening, June 29th, the Black Tie Club of Palm Springs held its first informal get-together of the summer — and what a fantastic night it was! The theme was Taco Night, and it was a hit with everyone who attended.

Forty-five members gathered at the Palm Springs home of Al Castrucci and Fabrizio Settimo to enjoy delicious food, refreshing drinks, and most importantly, fabulous company.

We were especially delighted to welcome two out-of-town guests, along with one visiting from San Francisco and another from New Orleans, who is in the exciting process of launching a Black Tie chapter there. We're thrilled to see the community grow!

Thank you all for making the Black Tie Club of Palm Springs such a wonderful community. Here's to many more great evenings ahead!









Explosion of Flavors A Night to Remember August 23rd

What a spectacular evening we had at our Black Tie social event hosted at the stunning home of our Secretary, Jonathan Lanz. The house was buzzing with energy, filled to the brim with great conversation, laughter, and the delightful presence of new and intriguing potential members.

A heartfelt thank-you to Matt, our culinary maestro for the night — his creations were nothing short of extraordinary and had everyone raving. And of course, immense gratitude to Jonathan, whose warmth and generosity made the evening possible. Not only was he the perfect host, but he also graciously covered the evening's expenses. Events like these are what keep the Black Tie spirit alive and thriving. Here's to many more nights of connection, flavor, and celebration.







HOENIX - SCOTTSDALE

May Brunch held at Jeff & Troy's in Chandler

Troy and Jeff held a brunch on Sunday, May 18th, at their home in Chandler. A huge spread of food was available including a waffle and omelet station. Mimosas, champagne, and Bloody Marys were also enjoyed at the well-stocked bar. The large group had a very enjoyable time.



Troy, Jeff, Ron



Waffle & Omelet Station



View from Francis home

Enjoying Mardi Gras in June

Francis hosted a Cajun / Mardi Gras Party on June 28 at his lovely home overlooking the golf course and mountains in Phoenix. Francis made Etouffee and others brought shared dishes for a wonderful culinary experience! Numerous beads also graced attendees' necks making us all feel like we were in the French Quarter.





AN Francisco

Fall Formal Weekend

The San Francisco Black Tie Club's Fall Formal Dinner and Sunday Social, September 27th and 28th, began the 2025 holiday season with elegance and flair. As the stars came out on a balmy Saturday evening sky, the San Francisco Black Tie Club Fall Formal Weekend opened up with a cocktail reception to its tuxedo-clad members and guests. Selecting McCormick and Kuleto's restaurant as the venue for a sumptuous dinner, with its masterful tradition of a Pat Kuleto's dining experience, immediately set the tone for a weekend not to be forgotten. Inspired by the traditions of the gold rush era, this restaurant's interior forges polished woods with iconic views of the San Francisco Bay.

With weekend hosts, Rich Martini and Markham Miller, Peter and Jared Drake, Nicholas Paleologos and Michael Scharlau, as well as Brad Stokes, the true allegiance to the principles of the Black-Tie Club flowed through cocktails into dinner with palate-pleasing selections of appetizers, main courses, and desserts. A special toast was made to recognize three SFBTC members who had passed away this year: Dr. Craig Smith, Dr. David Dahl, and Fred Smith. Their memory is all part of the lasting history of our club. At the close of the evening, all agreed that the hospitality of the formal dinner was only doubled by the promise of the next day's Sunday Social at the residence of Jeff McEwen and James Berglund.

At the Oakland Hills home of Jeff and James, the SFBTC members enjoyed a lavish selection of southern comfort inspired food that had the members coming back for seconds. With a late summer tinge in the air, Black Tie Club members enjoyed updating each other on travel plans, as well as San Francisco Bay Area events. With the afternoon coming to a close, all agreed that the 2025 Fall Formal event was a success with members planning for next year's Black-Tie events.

Thank you to Don Morrison for the thoughtful review and Lawrence Wu for the fantastic photos.

For more event pictures, click [here](#).



















WASHINGTON DC

Home of the Bears III

The Metropolitan Washington DC Black Tie Club held its third Home of the Bear event on Saturday, September 20th. DC Black Tie members took to the road and descended on beautiful Baltimore for a memorable afternoon and evening with our host Black Tie member, Mark Scurti.

Mark planned a delightful visual and gastronomical experience that convened his professional friends from Baltimore with members of our Washington DC Black Tie Club in a uniquely planned social gathering to merge our respective tribes! The encounter was bubbling with adventurousness and prospects with friendly faces that hail from the Maryland cultural capital city of Baltimore with those that hang their hats about 40 miles away in our nation's capital.

We began our visit to the American Visionary Museum at 1:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, our two groups met for welcome cocktails at Michelin Star restaurant, Ammoora, across the street from the museum. After the cocktail hour, the party moved to the outdoor dining patio for a sumptuous "Silk Road" dinner specially prepared for our group by Ammoora's executive chef. The expansive flavors of the Mediterranean fusion cuisine were the perfect match to the warm temperatures of the radiant Baltimorean sun.

Home of the BEAR is Washington DC Black Tie Club's initiative intended to surprise our members with alternative and new experiences that they may not have yet explored, last minute invites by telephone or else word of mouth.



American Visionary Museum



Silk Road dinner at Ammoora's Restaurant



The Marriage and Wedding Celebration of Freddie Lutz and Johnny Cervantes, Jr.

The couple, who had been engaged for an eternity, Freddie Lutz and Johnny Cervantes, Jr., tied the knot aboard the Freddie's Beach Bar Float as it cruised the streets of Washington, D.C. during the WorldPride 2025 Parade on June 7th. Everyone at the parade was invited to attend the wedding reception later that evening at Freddie's Beach Bar in Crystal City.



WASHINGTON DC



The Ice Cream Social was resplendent as guests enjoyed beautiful 80's temperatures and a clear blue sky. It was attended by State Senators, the President of the Arlington School Board, and several local politicians as well as a number of DC Black Tie members and their friends. This event is a wonderful yearly opportunity to connect with friends and neighbors, enjoy a sweet treat, and celebrate community spirit. As a significant organization in the DMV (D.C., Maryland, Virginia) area, our Black Tie Club DC Chapter was happy to participate in community-building and be part of the welcoming and supportive gathering.

For more information on Equality NoVa, visit:
<https://www.equalitynova.org/>

Equality NoVa Ice Cream Social

Black Tie Club DC member, Roland Watkins, sponsored the Equality NoVa's Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 28, 2025. The event took place at the Arlington Ridge residence of Black Tie members Freddie Lutz and Johnny Cervantes of Arlington. Freddie's Beach Bar generously donated the cocktail bar and buffet.

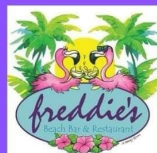
Formerly known as the Arlington-Alexandria Gay and Lesbian Alliance, Equality NoVa is a dynamic grassroots organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the LGBTQ+ community and its allies.



ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 3 PM TO 5 PM
HOME OF FREDDIE LUTZ AND JOHNNY
CERVANTES
2334 SOUTH MEADE STREET
ARLINGTON, VA 22202

Delicious Catered Ice Cream
Sundaes Generously Sponsored by
Roland Watkins
Beverages and Appetizers
Generously Sponsored by
Freddie's Beach Bar & Restaurant



IT'S FREE TO ATTEND! THERE WILL BE A DONATION JAR FOR EQUALITY NOVA.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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2025

October 17 - 18
Phoenix/Scottsdale
Fall Formal Weekend
Contact: Eric Fox
eric_p_fox@cox.net
RSVP before October 3

November 8 & 9
Palm Springs
Pride Weekend
Nov 8: Fall Cocktail Party
Nov 9: Fall Formal Dinner
Contact: Jonathan Lanz
info@palmsspringsblacktie.com
See flyer on following page

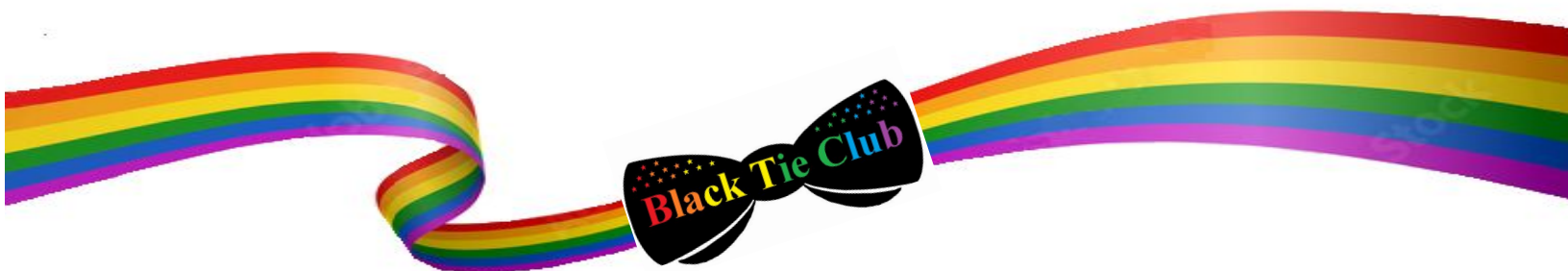
December 6
Phoenix/Scottsdale
Holiday Dinner Club
Hosted by Jack & Evan
Contact: Eric Fox
eric_p_fox@cox.net

October 19
San Diego
Fall Formal
Contact: Lee Galloway
lee@leegalloway.com
See flyer on following page

November 16
Atlanta
Fall Formal
Contact: Paul Donahue
donahupb@aol.com
See flyer on following page

December 6
Los Angeles
SAVE THE DATE
Holiday Formal Affair
Contact: Christopher Thomas
chris91411@icloud.com

November 16
Fort Lauderdale
Fall Formal
Contact: Dennis Fitzkee
dennisfitzkee@gmail.com
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Black Tie San Diego



An Elegant Affair to Remember on Mission Bay

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Tidal Restaurant at
Paradise Point Resort
1404 Vacation Road
San Diego, CA 92109

No Host Bar, Wine Included at the Cocktail Hour, 5:00 PM

Dinner
6:00 PM

Your Hosts

Ted Callam, Bill Fisher, Chuck Kaminski

Leo Linden, Paul Linden

619-540-3780

BlackTieSD@outlook.com

\$175 per person
Black Tie Attire

Please RSVP by Friday, October 3, 2025



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YOU'RE INVITED TO
Black Tie Club International's
**Atlanta Chapter
Fall Formal**

DATE AND TIME:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SCHEDULE:
6:30 PM
COCKTAIL HOUR

FOLLOWED BY A 3-COURSE DINNER

LOCATION:
BONES RESTAURANT
3130 PIEDMONT ROAD,
ATLANTA, GA

Attire:
Formal

Pricing:
Members - \$250
Guests - \$265

Registration & Payment:

Please register and submit
your payment by
Monday, November 10th

Payment Details:

BTCI Atlanta Chapter
1277 Victor Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30324

Venmo or Zelle:

404-218-0272
(Paul Donahue)



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FORT LAUDERDALE
CHAPTER
OF BLACK TIE CLUB

INVITES YOU TO
ATTEND OUR
FALL FORMAL DINNER

Sunday, November 16, 2025
6:00 PM Cocktails &
Hors D' Oeuvres
Veranda

Dinner & Dancing
Intracoastal Room

Coral Ridge Yacht Club
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Fl. 33304

Formal Attire Valet Parking

RSVP by November 10, 2025

Contact Dennis Fitzkee, dennisfitzkee@gmail.com



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Join us this Fall for our "Pride" event

Cocktail Party: Friday November 8, 2025

At the Home of Daniel Kohm and Joey Chaplow
7 Porto Cielo Court
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Gate Code: #6122
Valet service will be provided.

Casual Chic Attire

6:00 pm - Enjoy an open bar and charcuterie boards from Jensen's Finest Foods as members and guests come together for fellowship and friendship.
7:30 pm - experience authentic Italian pizza from Noble Yeast, a branch of the Michelin acclaimed Workshop Kitchen. Their mobile wood-fired oven blazes at 1,000 degrees, turning out pizzas in just 90 seconds — the way it's done in Italy!

Formal Dinner: Saturday, November 8, 2025



701 West Baristo Road
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Black Tie Attire

A historic Palm Springs landmark once known as a playground for Hollywood's elite.
Multiple "best of Palm Springs" awards, including best fine dining.

Cocktail Hour:

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Poolside champagne reception with open bar and appetizers.

Dinner:

7:30 PM

A three-course, chef-prepared menu with entrée selections served in The Bougainvillea Room with dramatic mountain views, mood setting lighting and soft background piano music.

Complimentary wine and open bar service is available throughout the evening.

[Click Here to Register](#)



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2026

March TBA
Atlanta
Spring Formal
Contact: Paul Donahue
donahupb@aol.com

April 4
New Orleans Gulf Coast
Easter in NOLA
Contact Cary Oswald
blacktieclubnogfcst@yahoo.com

May 14 - 17
Rehoboth Beach/Lewes
COASTAL CONVERGENCE
Contact: Fran O'Brien
feobrienjr@gmail.com
See flyer on following pages

Registration Now Open!





UPCOMING CONVERGENCES

For the latest Convergence updates visit
blacktieclubinternational.org/convergence

Coastal Convergence 2026

Rehoboth Beach ♦ Lewes

May 14 - 17

Registration for event and hotel are now available!



Online Information at
btci.online



Guest Hotel

The guest hotel is Hotel Rehoboth, an independent hotel located on Rehoboth Avenue. From the moment you enter the hotel's spacious lobby with a baby grand piano, central staircase, and fireplace sitting area, you are welcomed with genuine Rehoboth Beach hospitality.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday

Black Tie Beginnings: A Night of Sophisticated Greetings
At the home of Joe Filipek and Larry Richardson.

Friday

"Par-Tee" at Kings Creek Country Club (Add-on Cost)
Enjoy exclusive access to one of the premier 18-hole golf courses on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Excursion to Longwood Gardens (Add-on Cost)
Tour one of the world's finest horticultural displays.

Moonlight Soirée at The Blue Moon
Appetizers and Entertainment with access to downtown gay bars.

Saturday

First Town Footsteps: A Journey through Lewes
Tour Lewes, the site of the first European settlement in Delaware.

Black & White Ball: Coastal Elegance
Formal Dinner at the Kings Creek County Country Club.

Sunday

Mimosas & Memories Brunch
At Above the Dunes Restaurant, the number one spot in Rehoboth to dine with an ocean view.

Finale Fête: The Grand Afterglow
Business casual reception at the home of Andy Staton and Patrick Saparito.

Convergence 2027 Palm Beach

Dates and Details in the Making



Black Tie Club International

Special Travel Series

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Black Tie Club Key West Adventure

September or October 2026 (Dates TBA)

Why Florida?

Many in the LGBT community are rightfully boycotting Florida due to the governor's policies. But the boycott isn't hurting him – it's hurting the very places that have long supported us: the gay bars, restaurants, and guesthouses. When he's gone, will they still be here?

This trip is about supporting them – our people, our spaces – and having an unforgettable time while doing it.

Why Key West?

Key West has always been a sanctuary for the LGBT community – sunny, welcoming, and vibrant. With amazing weather, fantastic food, a rich gay history, and a walkable island vibe, it's the perfect place to escape and celebrate.

Our Host Hotel

Alexander's Guesthouse

A legendary, LGBT-owned oasis in the heart of Old Town. Adults only, beautifully restored, and the center of our Key West experience.

PROPOSED AGENDA

We're still fine-tuning the details – and yes, there are a few fun surprises we're keeping under wraps – but here's your sneak peek. Stay tuned for the full scoop in the months ahead!

Wednesday – Arrival & Welcome

- Hotel check-in
- Evening welcome reception at Bob Major's beautifully conch style home
- Gay bar crawl

Thursday – Explore & Relax

- Morning Conch Train tour ending with Cuban lunch
- "Black Tie & Bathing Suits" pool party at Alexander's
- Gay bar crawl

Friday – Island Adventure

- Day trip to Fort Jefferson (Dry Tortugas National Park) with lunch
- Afternoon pool time
- Classic drag show

Saturday – On the Water

- Sandbar cruise to Marvin Key (booze cruise!)
- Afternoon pool time
- All-white formal sunset dinner at Mallory Square

Sunday – Grand Finale

- Brunch & iconic tea dance at La Te Da
- Farewell party at Alexander's

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 - ★ Special Travel Series
 - ★ Club history and all things Black Tie

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