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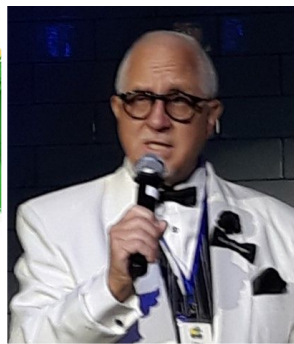
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By Gary Dougan, International President

We are in the final days of one of the hottest Summers and Autumns in recent history, and also the time of some devastating natural disasters – fires, tornadoes, and hurricanes. I sincerely hope that you, your families, and loved-ones are safe and comfortable and that you have had a marvelous season, doing what we do best: enjoying fine food, superb wine, and fantastic fellowship.

By clicking on this Summer Issue, you make a statement that you have discovered the website, which is the home of the International Magazine. This website also hosts past issues, informative news and updates from our local chapters, and information from my desk as your International President. This current issue covers chapter events since the June Convergence in Toronto through the month of September. If you haven't yet had a chance to review the last Magazine issue covering the Toronto Convergence festivities, please do so by clicking here: [Black Tie Club - MAGAZINE \(blacktieclubinternational.org\)](http://Black Tie Club - MAGAZINE (blacktieclubinternational.org)).

I want to call your attention to some important information:

- **Dues and Membership Renewal:** Chapter Presidents (or Communicating Secretaries) should be sending out Membership renewal forms and collecting 2025 dues from you shortly (if not already). Renewal Forms are important for us to keep track of any changes of contact information for you. Dues Renewal Period is from October 1 to December 15. International Dues remain at \$50 per person (\$100 per couple). Your chapter may charge local dues in addition to the International Dues. Please renew promptly so our programming can continue without interruption or reduction. Questions? Contact your chapter leaders, or you may contact the International Treasurer, Mike Gin (see his contact in the left column of this page).
- **San Francisco Convergence May 1-4, 2025:** The SF Convergence Committee has officially activated their Convergence Registration and Hotel Reservation functions. Check out www.btcionline for the latest information. I was recently taken on a verbal and pictorial tour of the events planned for Convergence attendees. The SF team (Jim Boey, Chair) has done a magnificent job putting together activities and choices which should be pleasing to the experienced San Francisco tourist as well as the first-timer. Watch for chances to experience shopping, Union Square, Market Street, the Ferry Building, the Castro district, Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, Golden Gate Ferry, Sausalito, in-home cocktail parties, cable cars, trolley cars, metro, piano bars, historic restaurants, small-group dining, posh new night spots, world-class museums and so much more – all at your fingertips. The SF Committee has negotiated an unheard-of bargain price for lodging at the host hotel, Hyatt Regency Downtown SOMA (3rd & Market Streets) and arranged for six included events - some with options, and some substantial unstructured time for you to explore on your own. They are providing resources and references giving you a chance to be as busy as you care to be. Register Now! See the ad/flyer later in this Magazine.
- **Amsterdam 2025 Pride & Rhine Riverboat Cruise:** Customizable Flex-Start beginning July 29 & Flex>Returns. See the ad later in this Magazine. After some complication threatening the cancellation of this event, I'm happy to report that we are "all systems GO." This is a Black Tie International Special Travel Series offering. We meet in Amsterdam in late July, enjoy Pride (August 2) and sightseeing there as well as some fine Michelin-star dining. The Pride city experience will be followed by a Rhine Riverboat cruise to Basel, Switzerland. Further optional extensions to Zurich, Berlin, and scenic regions of Switzerland including Alpine locations, the Gruyere ("fondue") region, and more are available. The itinerary is flexible and customizable. It includes organized city activities, time on your own with detailed suggestions, riverboat stops with local tours, and customized extensions meeting your every curiosity. This trip is similar to our other highly-rated Special Travel Series experiences to the Danube, Paris, London, Luxembourg, and Puerto Vallarta trips in years passed.

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- Enjoy this Issue of the
International Magazine!**

In fellowship,

Gary Dungan

★ 20 Pages of Chapters' Summertime Events

- ★ *Upcoming 2024 and 2025
Calendar of Events
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- ★ *You can now register for
Convergence 2025 ,
in San Francisco,
“Where Formal Meets Fabulous
(See information on page 27 and again
on the back cover)*



- ★ *Sign-up for the
Amsterdam Pride & Rhine
Riverboat Cruise*
(See information on page 30)



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All the latest information on the local chapters, calendar of events, and Convergences can be found in one place!

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<https://www.blacktieclubinternational.org/>

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Laguna Beach

Submitted by
Kim Johnson
Event Co-Chairperson

30-Year Anniversary

September 14, 2024

How is it possible? In 1994, a small group of gentlemen in Laguna Beach met at Five Crowns Restaurant in Corona del Mar with friends from Toronto for a formal Black Tie evening. The dinner was such a success; the gentlemen decided to form a new chapter in Southern California to mirror Toronto's group and promote good food, wine, and fellowship.

On September 14 2024, this small original Laguna Beach club celebrated its 30th Anniversary, which included several of its original members, for an informal seated dinner of 48 gentlemen in the Piazza at Luciana's Italian Ristorante in Dana Point, California.

Each gentleman attending received a beautiful enamel lapel pin to memorialize the special eventing.

Co-hosts for the celebration, David Diaz, Michael Peckham-Diaz, Kim Johnson, and Bob Coons welcomed the group warmly and thanked everyone for coming. The hosts decorated the beautiful space

with balloons, flowers, and a collage of photographs from earlier Laguna chapter celebrations. Members from years past, who were so instrumental to the longevity of the club, were visible in dozens of photos shown in full tuxedo with beautiful smiles on their faces. Those photos from earlier years remind us all of great times, gone now, but not forgotten.

In addition to Laguna Beach members, many friends from other chapters came to help celebrate. Representing their own chapters, gentlemen came from Dallas, Palm Springs, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

The evening began with an open bar where everyone gathered and enjoyed libations while Luciana's personable staff provided sumptuous appetizers in the lovely Piazza with retractable roof and windows.

As the evening progressed, Laguna Beach President Alan Miller took center stage to welcome the group and introduce visiting guests. Guests of Kim Johnson and Bob Coons were Blade Branham and Gregg Seller.

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Hosts Kim Johnson, Michael Peckham-Diaz, David Diaz, Bob Coons



Memorial Lapel Pin



Scrumptious hors d'oeuvres



Greg Vaccaro, Keith Tunison



Rick Jackson, Larry Kam, Jonathan Lanz



Doug Kirk, Jim Brophy

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Guests of David Diaz and Michael Peckham-Diaz were Ross Connor, Emmett Carlson, Hans Ewert, Glen Morse, and Miguel Luna. A guest of Trent Hofferberg was Bill Clifford. Guests of Jose Islas and Paul Addison were Larry Stevens and Ismael Flores from Alberta, Canada. A guest of Tony Maguet was Wes Wachner.

Black Tie Club International President Gary Dougan was introduced and addressed the group, thanking everyone for their participation in this special celebration. Gary made announcements of upcoming events across the country including the Rhine Riverboat Cruise and Gay Pride Amsterdam gathering in July and August, 2025. Gary also recognized the International President Emeritus and former Laguna Beach Chapter President, Len Olds. Laguna Beach's own Len and Hugh have dedicated 30 years to making Black Tie clubs across the country and internationally the giant success story they are today.

Joyous laughter could be heard throughout the evening as wine flowed freely and delicious entrees were served. Fellowship, good food, and wine were clearly present this night. When delicious Tiramisu was brought to each table, it hardly seemed possible four hours had gone by so quickly. It was difficult to see such an amazing evening come to an end. In an unusual twist, the evening closed with the singing of the two international songs. As everyone joined in and sang "God Bless America," we could all rejoice and celebrate together a remarkable evening well spent with good friends and look forward to more amazing times ahead.





Arturo Morales, Kerry Byrd, Trent Hofferberg,
Bob Betzer, Bill Clifford, Larry Kam



Kim Johnson, Bob Coons



Trent Hofferberg, William Fisher, Paul Addison, Jose Islas, Ismael Flores, Larry Steven





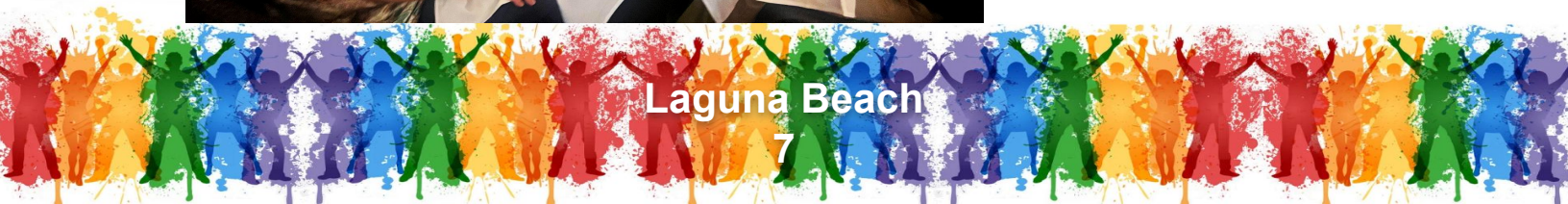
Jonathan Lanz, Tony Maguet, Kerry Byrd, Trent Hofferberg, Bill Clifford, Larry Kam, Wes Wachner



Arturo Morales, Paul Addison, William Fisher, Jose Islas, Larry Stevens, Ismael Flores, David Diaz, Michael Peckham-Diaz



Keith Tunison, Blade Branham, Gregg Seller, Kim Johnson, Bob Coons, Doug Cortez, Phil Le Blanc, Greg Vaccaro





Chris Moen



Chris Thomas, David Wagner



Neil Schneider



Charlie Priest, Bruce Scher



Cara Restaurant



Joe Carberry



Rob Coli, Keith Tunison

Los Angeles

Submitted by
Greg Vaccaro
BTCI Magazine Editor

Fall Casual at Cara's

September 7, 2024

With temperatures soaring near 100 degrees, the gentlemen of the Los Angeles Black Tie Club braved the heat for a great evening of, what else, "fine food, superb wine, and fantastic fellowship."

The evening began at Dr. Robby Gordon's Hollywood Hills home (also known as the award-winning Hollywood Sculpture Garden), where the gentlemen were greeted by a scantily clad balladeer strumming his guitar and crooning songs. The home, inside and out, was decorated with artwork and sculptures by Robby.

Then the group headed down to Cara, a boutique hotel and restaurant, nestled at the foothills of Griffith Park in Los Feliz. Although dining was al fresco under the waning sunset and waxing dangling lights in the hotel courtyard, we were little bothered by the "dry" heat and bolstered by the delicious Mediterranean inspired dishes.

It was truly a memorable night to get caught up with old and new friends.

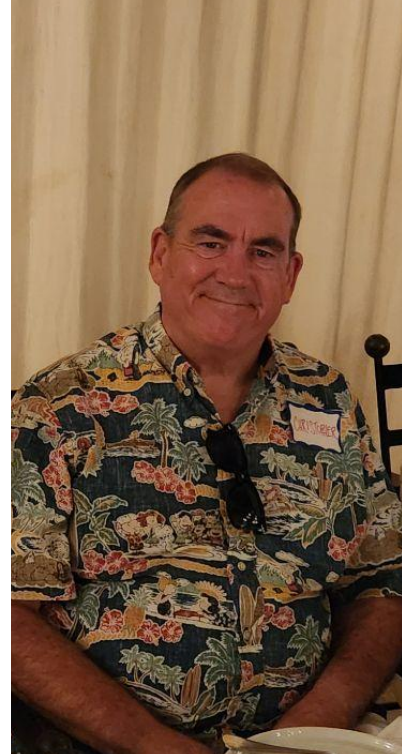




Bruce Scher, Sam Warner



Charlie Priest, Hector Garza,
Gary Dougan



Christopher Kreidel



Kevin Kuettel, Tim Turner



Members of the handsome wait staff



Mike Gin, Handsome Waiter, Danny Bozarth





Robby Gordon, Kevin Kuettel, Charlie Priest, Bruce Scher, Hector Garza, Greg Vaccaro, Gary Dougan, (sitting) Keith Tunison



Bruce Scher, Hector Garza, Kevin Kuettel, Mike Gin, Christopher Kreidel

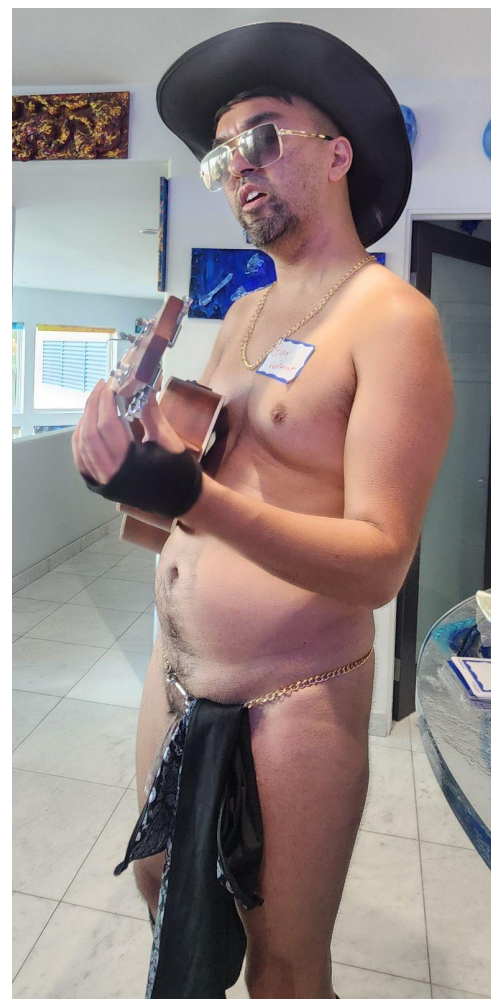


Charlie Priest, Greg Vaccaro

Pre-Dinner
Cocktails in the
Hollywood Hills



Dr. Robby Gordon's famous
Hollywood Sculpture Garden



Guitarist Alex

Los Angeles



Ben Small, Christopher Caneles,
Dave Kurland



Marc Glasberg, Chris Kron



Submitted by
Charles Contessa
Chapter President

Pistache

June 2, 2024



Harris Freedman, Dan Drennen, Norman Balkin, Mark Askt

Club Members and their guests enjoyed a sophisticated evening of dinner and camaraderie at Pistache, a charming French Bistro in West Palm Beach. The elegant setting, paired with the refined cuisine provided the perfect backdrop for lively conversation and shared moments among friends. The evening was a delightful celebration of great company and fine dining.



Donald Watren, Steve Nesbitt, Michael Judd



Paul Hickey, Jimmy Mc Neill, Greg Tallo





Bruce Conlin, Dan Drennan, Len Olds, David Sarama,
(sitting) John Herrick



John Betz, Richard Reed, Richie Katzenberg



Donald Watren, Roger Hendrix



John Fariello, John Klingel, Charles Contessa,
Dennis Perry, Richie Katzenberg



Michael Baskt, Sid Lesowitz, Tim Harris, Peter Rogers





More Palm Beach

Submitted by
Charles Contessa
Chapter President

Leila

July 14, 2024

Club Members and invited guests gathered for an evening of cocktails and dinner at Leila's Mediterranean Grill. The evening featured generous cocktails and vibrant flavors from Middle Eastern dishes all served in Leila's warm and inviting atmosphere. Lively conversation and laughter filled the air making it another memorable evening of elegance and camaraderie.



More Palm Beach

Submitted by
Charles Contessa
Chapter President

Mario's End of Summer Soiree

August 25, 2024

Members and their guests gathered for a memorable evening at the very popular Mario's Italian Restaurant, filled with laughter and lively conversation. The atmosphere buzzed as friends and acquaintances enjoyed delicious southern Italian cuisine. From the tantalizing aroma of freshly made garlic bread to the flavors of homemade Italian favorites, it was a culinary journey through some of our Italian favorites. The evening was a perfect fusion of great company and delicious food, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating our club's next gathering.



Dennis Perry, Chris Kron,
Rick Tolerico



Derek Bridges, Charles Contessa,
Murray Stegelmann



Douglas Wang, John Herrick,
Jimmy Burke



Mike Ricca, Rodrigo Gutierrez,
Henry Spence



Todd Parrish, Greg Tallo, Jimmy McNeill, Harris Freedman, Dave Kurland



Juan Rosado, Judd Siegel,
Jose Torres, Nicholas, Dumont



Peter Rogers, Sid Lesowitz,
Michael Bakst, William Feldkamp



Vinny Russo, Dennis Perry,
Harris Freedman, Rick Tolerico

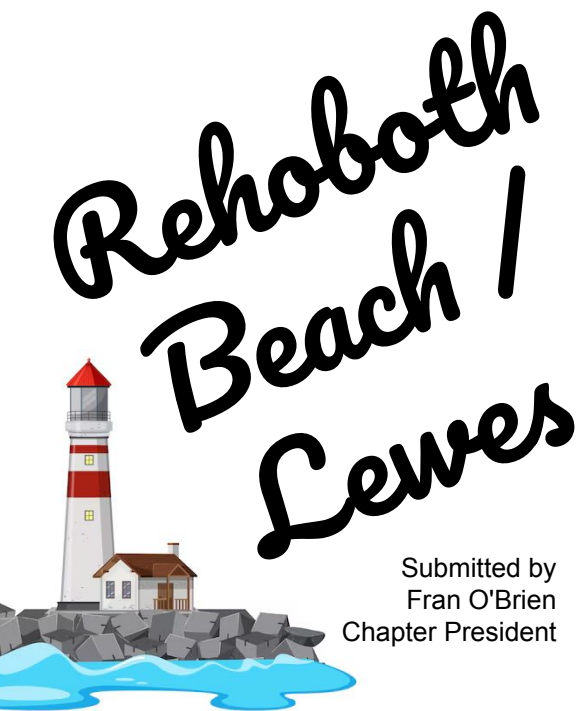


Phoenix / Scottsdale

Submitted by
Lloyd Dennington
Chapter President

The Phoenix/Scottsdale Chapter held two events this summer. In July, Tom Palilla and Butch Matsumoto hosted their annual pool party at their lovely home in Phoenix with half of our members attending. In September, Brad Andersen and Eric Fox hosted a Dinner Club event at the popular Rusconi's American Kitchen with over half of our members attending. We are looking forward to our Formal weekend on October 25 and 26, which is completely full. While we expect to have an event in November, it has not been finalized.





Submitted by
Fran O'Brien
Chapter President



First Annual Pool Party

August 24, 2024

The first annual BTCI Rehoboth Beach/Lewes pool party was held on August 24, hosted at the fabulous home of Andy Staton and Patrick Saporito. Guests arrived dressed in their stylish swimwear. The event took place overlooking Bald Eagle Canal, where a luxurious pool shimmered under the warm afternoon sun, surrounded by lush landscaping and chic lounge areas.

Signature cocktails were served, with trays of gourmet hors d'oeuvres and burgers circulating throughout the afternoon. Music set the mood with upbeat tunes.

With laughter, dancing, and a perfect balance of sophistication and spontaneity, the pool party set a new standard for summer gatherings in Rehoboth Beach, promising many more memorable events to come.



Rehoboth Beach/Lewes





Submitted by
Lee Halloway
Chapter President

Yacht Club Dinner

August 18, 2024

On August 18th, the Black Tie San Diego Chapter had their second Formal dinner of the year at the San Diego Yacht Club in Point Loma, overlooking San Diego Bay. We had a good turnout of 28 (which is especially good for a summer event) and everyone had a great time.

Cocktails were served at the venue, with members enjoying the balcony views of the bay. The three-course dinner ended with a celebration of some birthdays.

Four of the guests are joining our chapter which will bring our membership up to 39! Many thanks to the committee of Jim Wilson, Bob Dillingham, David McCormick, and Jeffrey Victoria!



Leo and Paul Linden



Arturo Morales, David McCormick



Enoch Ortega, Jose Islas





Ted Callam





Dan Barilea, Lee Galloway



Jon Roy, Rob Navarra



Jin Kim, Arturo Morales



The committee: Bob Dillingham, Jim Wilson, David McCormick



Ken Talmadge, Paul Linden, Jason Mark, Bob Dillingham



John McCormick, Kevin Mallon, Bob Dillingham, Jim Wilson, Ted Milby, Israel Gonzales, Justin Renaissance, Bill Fisher



Ken Aylsworth, Jim Greene, Jack Mellman, Jin Kim, Ken Talmadge, Paul Potter





L to R: Paul & Leo Linden, Dan Barilea, Lee Galloway, Jon Roy, Rob Navarra



Jim Greene, Ken Aylsworth, Paul Potter



Enoch Ortega, Jose Islas, Paul Addison, David McCormick, Arturo Morales



David McCormick, Lee Galloway



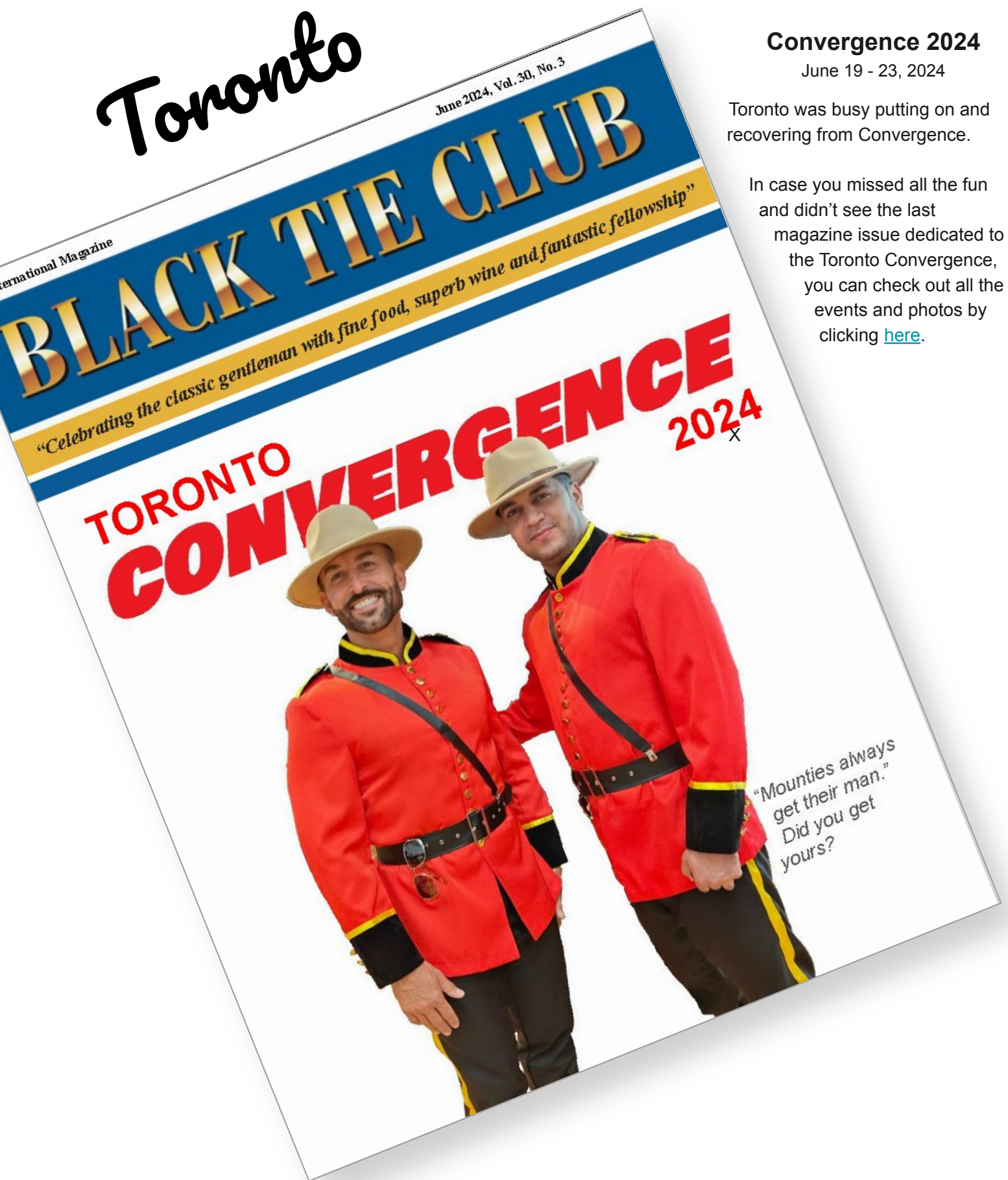
Paul Addison, Jose Islas, Enoch Ortega, Arturo Morales,
David McCormick, Jason Mark, Ron Miller



L to R: Kevin Mallon, Bob Dillingham, Jim Wilson, Ted Milby,
Israel Gonzalez, Justin Renaissance, John McCoy, Bill Fisher



Toronto



Convergence 2024

June 19 - 23, 2024

Toronto was busy putting on and recovering from Convergence.

In case you missed all the fun and didn't see the last magazine issue dedicated to the Toronto Convergence, you can check out all the events and photos by clicking [here](#).



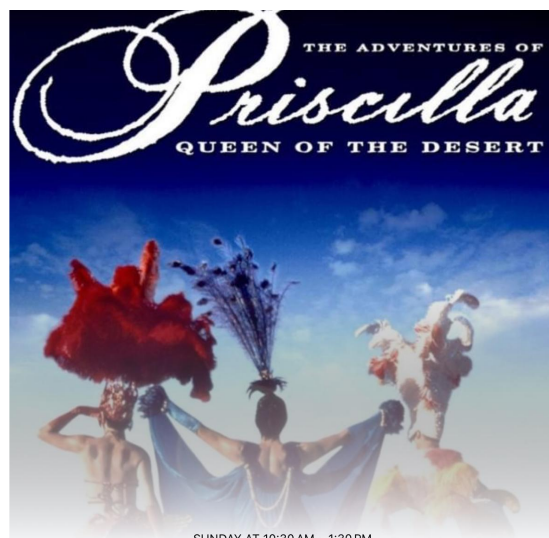


Submitted by
Armando Rascon
Chapter President

BOY Cinema Priscilla Pride Brunch

June 30, 2024

Our Black Tie BOY Cinema Pride Brunch at the Alamo Drafthouse in Crystal City was hoity fun! We viewed a nice and new print of the 30 year gem, "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" (1994).



SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
**Black Tie BOY Cinema III: Pride Brunch at Alamo
Drafthouse June 30th**

Private · Event by Amaya-Armando Rascon and Washington DC Black Tie Club



The 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning gathering of 20 members and friends stretched our Capital Pride celebration through June 30th, proclaiming solidarity with our many brothers who observe Pride Celebrations throughout the world.



Washington D.C.

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DCBTC First Thursday at Freddie's Beach Bar

July 4, 2024

A rare and awesome trifecta:
DC Black Tie First Thursday,
Independence Day, and chapter
member Johnny's birthday. All
three fell on the same day so what
could we do? C E L E B R A T E !!



On September 29, 2024, DC Black Tie Club members gathered for the Annual Ice Cream Social in honor of Equality NOVA, at the home of Freddie Lutz and Johnny Cervantes in Arlington.



DC Black Tie Dinner at SURreal Restaurant, Crystal City, honoring International President Gary Dougan and First Gentleman Charlie Priest

Washington D.C

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Upcoming Events

For up-to-date information on chapter events, please consult the calendar by clicking [here](#).

2024

October 18 - 19
Rehoboth Beach/Lewes
Fall Formal
Contact: Fran O'Brien
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See flyer in this issue

October 25 - 26
Phoenix/Scottsdale

- Oct 25 - Friday evening cocktail party
- Oct 26 - Saturday evening black tie cocktail party and formal dinner

Contact: Eric Fox
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October 27
San Diego
Casual event at Lee Galloway's home
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November 1 - 3
Palm Springs
Pride Formal Weekend

- Nov 1 - Friday evening cocktail party
- Nov 3 - Sunday evening black tie cocktail party and formal dinner

Contact: Joe Taylor
joe.taylor.ps.btc@gmail.com

November 15 - 17
New Mexico
Fall Formal Weekend
Friday: Palmer-Walker Residence Reception
Saturday: Hacienda Casa Perea, Corrales, NM
Sunday: Brunch
Contact: Jack Cox
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November 29
Toronto
Winter Formal at the Granite Club
Contact: Tim Leonard
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December 8
Los Angeles
Dress for the Season
San Antonio Winery
Contact: Charlie Priest
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December 8
New Mexico
Annual Holiday Gathering
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December 9
Palm Beach
Holiday Formal at the National Croquet Club
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2025

January 18
Los Angeles
Winter Formal
Cocktails at Rob Coli's
Dinner at Tam O'Shanter
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April 11 - 12
Dallas
Spring Formal Weekend
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April 12
San Diego
Spring Formal
Eddie V's, downtown SD
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April 25 - 26
Rehoboth Beach/Lewes
Spring Formal Weekend
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Event Registration and
Hotel Reservations
Now Open!

May 1 - 4

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Or click [here for website](#)



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May 17 - 18
New Mexico
Spring Formal Weekend
Prairie Star Restaurant, Santa Ana
Country Club, Bernalillo, NM
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September 19 - 21
New Mexico
Fall Formal Weekend
Friday: Boykin-Virden Residence
Saturday: Historic La Fonda on the
Plaza, Santa Fe, NM
Sunday: Farewell Brunch
Contact: Jack Cox
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October 11
Washington DC
Fall Formal
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May 31
Washington DC
DC WorldPRIDE 2025
Spring Formal at The Army Navy
Club on Farragut Square
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July 29 (Flexible)
*Amsterdam Pride &
Rhine Riverboat Cruise **
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Convergence 2025



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Group Code G-BLAC

Email btcsf2025@gmail.com if you have any questions



Convergence 2025

Upcoming Convergences

Convergence 2026 Rehoboth Beach ♦ Lewes May 14 - 17



The event is still in its early planning stages.

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

Welcome Reception at the home of
Joe Filipek and Larry Richardson

Friday

Drinks and Entertainment at
Top of the Pines

Saturday

Black Tie dinner at
Kings Creek Country Club

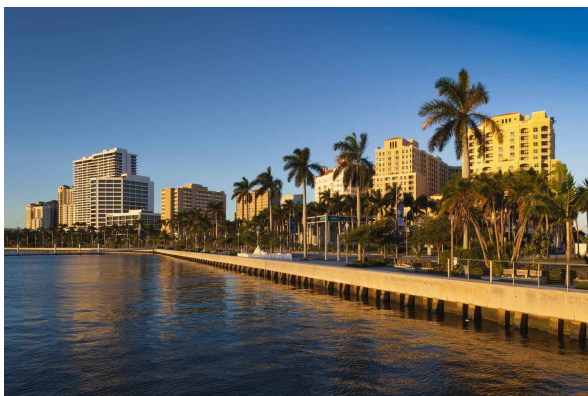
Sunday

Brunch

...and lots of other daytime activities.

Events may change as plans firm up.

Convergence 2027 Palm Beach Dates and Details in the Making



Rehoboth Beach - Lewes

Upcoming Event

“Autumn in New York”

Fall Formal

October 18 & 19, 2024

For more information, contact Chapter President, Fran O'Brien
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Black Tie Club International
Special Travel Series* Presents



2025 Amsterdam *Pride & Rhine Riverboat Cruise*

Dates and experiences customizable and flexible, from 5 to 14 days

Dates: Arrive Amsterdam July 29 to August 1, 2025; depart Basel August 11 or so

Details (all trip portions optional and flexible):

- ❖ Rhine River Cruise: Amsterdam-to-Basel (8 nights)
- ❖ Fine dining and sightseeing in Amsterdam (optional)
- ❖ Pre-cruise 2 or more nights in Amsterdam, includes Pride Canal Parade
- ❖ Excursions & Wine Tasting tours along the Rhine River
- ❖ This will be a limited close small comfortable group of Black Tie gents

Interested in Attending?
To help us plan, we need to hear
from you NOW!

How do I get in on the action? Glad you asked:

1. **Reply** to International President Gary Dougan at btcpirez@gmail.com with your expression of interest as soon as possible. Space is filling up already.
2. **Send \$300** per person deposit to Black Tie Club International, c/o Int'l Treasurer, Mike Gin at 518 Cluster Lane, Redondo Beach, CA 90278; 310-387-0462. Deposits **refundable** up to May 31, 2025.
3. **Pricing:** Expect about \$300 per person per day for excursions and included meals. YOU control your airfare, and hotel costs. We provide a host hotel recommendation. Riverboat cruise costs may range from \$2500-\$4000; currently in negotiation for group discounts. No-one is personally profiting from this trip. Sign up for land tour, cruise, or both. Event is flexible to each member's needs.



* **Black Tie Club International Special Travel Series** allows BTCI members to travel to destinations around the globe to experience fine dining, superb wines, and fantastic fellowship with like-minded members. These programs are in addition to the Black Tie Club dining events put on by the local chapters. For more information about the Black Tie Club, check out blacktieclubinternational.org. Previous Special Travel Series trips have been to London, Paris, Luxembourg, Puerto Vallarta & Danube.

Actual river ports to be determined
Click below for Pride video
[Canal Parade - Pride Amsterdam](#)

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