

Bill Kelloway

By Ken South

In 1932, the III Winter Olympic Games opened in Lake Placid, New York and Jack Benny debuted on radio. Al Capone entered the Atlanta Penitentiary, convicted of income tax evasion and on July 1st two important events happened. NY Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for president and Mr. March was born at 11 p.m. in Melrose, MA., weighing a little over seven pounds. Albert Harold and Alice were the proud parents.

Mr. M was the eldest of four siblings, one brother and two sisters. As a youngster, he attended Green Street Baptist Church. He recalls his very first poem that he read at this church:

"When I was just a kid about so high, my mother use to take a stick and make me cry. Now that I am a great big boy, my mommy can't do it. But, my daddy takes his hand, and goes right to it!"

He received his high school diploma from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, went on to study at Harvard and worked at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. In time, he became a department head, eventually retiring from the University in 1997.

He was married in 1973, for a brief of time, to Joyce Crowell, a childhood sweetheart.

Mr. M has a special affinity towards Native Americans. He would take his three nieces, Debbie, Carol, and Tish, to Indian Pow Wows. He frequently gave donations to support the Indian culture, their dance, music, and hand craft. Pictures and artifacts of these indigenous people are hanging on the walls of his condo.

Blessed with many creative talents, he has a deep passion for singing. For many years, he was part of a quartet, singing as a tenor. The quartet performed at various night clubs in the Boston area. During the late 50s, he took acting classes at the Actors Workshop in Boston and became involved in community theater. He enjoyed attending the Christmas concert of the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida.

Long before it was fashionable, Mr. M espoused living healthy with organic foods and special supplements. He also has a small garden where he grows his own

vegetables.

One of his favorite past times was visiting the beach, and he would often refer to himself as a "sun worshipper."

He was also a founding member of Prime Timers, Boston in 1987. He was recently honored by the group and given a special citation that he proudly displays on his living room wall. And when living part-time in Florida, he, along with a number of others, formed the Fort Lauderdale Prime Timers, now known as Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentlemen. The first meeting was called on June 23, 2003.

Mr. M eventually sold his home in MA and moved full-time to Wilton Manors in November of 2014. Several weeks later, he suffered a serious stroke. After months of physical and occupation therapies, he was again actively enjoying a basic quality of life. He continues to enjoy the companionship of his many friends. He regularly attends the Fort Lauderdale Prime Gentleman's monthly meetings and may even be seen enjoying an evening with others at local establishments like Scandals.

