

David Corso

by Doug Kent

The only year Mr. January (Mr. J) failed to celebrate his birthday was in 1947, because he was quite busy on August 30th being born at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was the only child that his parents would bring into the world. His early childhood involved a lot of contact and influence from his cousins, since his parents were busy struggling to purchase their first home. His first three years were spent in Rosendale New York, and then his parents successfully purchased their home in Ridgefield, New Jersey. Mr. J spent eight years at St. Matthew's elementary school where he spent a lot of time home alone after school because both parents worked. He did socialize with friends, did his school work, watched a lot of TV, and taught himself the piano. He spent four years at St. Cecilia High School where he seemed to blossom. He was a class officer, involved himself in many projects, took honors classes, and was considered the class wit. He played the piano at the N.J. Pavilion and at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair. He also composed the official song for the N.J. Bi-Centennial. He accomplished all these things prior to graduation in 1965.

His next adventure was working his way through college. He attended Farleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey. For income he played the piano at several well known supper clubs in the area - Joe Allen on Broadway, Painted Pony and Marie's Crisis just to name a few. He acquired several scholarships and in his third year went to Wroxton College in Oxford, England. He graduated from Farleigh Dickinson University in 1969 with a BA in Secondary Education and English and was named President of the University Players. He was a member of Theta Alpha Phi, and was in the National Drama Honor Society.

His education now completed and paid for, his next adventure involved working and amassing his fortune. Work: yes, Fortune: no... He took a position at the North Bergen High School as a Class Moderator, was head of the Drama Department and he taught English. Lots of Work: Very little Fortune... However, he was named Teacher of the Year in 1972, 73, 74, and made the Who's Who in American Education.

In 1981 Mr. J decided to leave North Bergen and entered the Seminary. He was ordained in 1984 and became a parish priest. He furthered his education with a Masters Degree in Theology, and Counseling. After 10 years of parish work Mr. J left the religious life to return to the North Bergen High School and continued where he left off, teaching for the next 16 years. He also realized that teaching was an honorable profession and accepted the compensation package, but he realized that other financial endeavors such as flipping houses would get him to the promise land much faster.

In 2007 Mr. J retired and came to South Florida. He is an active Prime Timer, enjoys his place in Palm Aire, has regular dates with his gym, loves playing cards and socializing with friends. He still enjoys watching TV and has fond memories of his early school days when TV was a constant friend. Throughout his life his partner and now legal spouse, F.G. has been a loving and devoted companion. Can you identify Mr. January?

