

# John Bolinger

By Ken South

It was the dawn of the Baby Boomer generation, 1946-1964. The UN General Assembly met for the 1st time in London, while in NYC, [John D. Rockefeller Jr.](#) made a gift of the Manhattan real estate where the future UN headquarters would be built. Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech, delivered at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, warned of the seeds of the Cold War.

In Atlantic City, New Jersey, that year, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis staged their first show as a comedy team. The Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life" film premiered in New York, and on Broadway, "Annie Get Your Gun" starring Ethel Merman and featuring "There's No Business Like Show Business" opened at the Imperial Theater.

Then, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1946 in Gary, Indiana, Mr. September was born the first child in his family. A brother David and sister Connie arrived a few years later. Sadly, both have since passed away. Mr. S attended the Warren G. Harding elementary school in Hammond, IN, and the Donald E. Gavit HS, graduating in 1964. He then went on to study at Ball State University in Muncie, IN where he earned a BS degree. Further education included a MA degree from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

He started teaching at the Morton High School in Hammond, IN in 1969 and thoroughly enjoyed teaching English and French for the next 35 years. During this time, he had the opportunity to attend the Sorbonne in Paris to hone his French language skills. He also had the chance to visit Edinburgh, Scotland and see the investiture ceremony of the Governor of Edinburgh Castle, filled with all its pomp and

circumstance. He retired from teaching in 2004.

Mr. S also has enjoyed being an author. He has published seven books, all but one is still available through bookstores like Barnes & Noble and Amazon. Two of the most recent ones being; *Growing Old in America,....Notes from a Codger*, and *Resisting Gravity, a Ghost Story*.

In 2007 Mr. S met Jim, on line, who was living in Denver, Colorado. After several trips to Colorado, Mr. S decided to move to Denver where they established a home together. Jim was Mr. S's third and current partner. They bought a condo in South Florida and would make frequent trips to escape the rigors of the winters of the west. But by 2016, they decided to leave Colorado and make their permanent home in Fort Lauderdale. They rented out their condo and bought a home.

The couple found Prime Timers through a Ft. Lauderdale friend and have been active members ever since. Mr. S has been a dog lover all his life as the couple currently lives with a third senior citizen, Dudley!

