

## Sebastian Barbosa Neto

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The United States ended its involvement in the Vietnam War and the US Supreme Court made abortion a constitutional right by ruling on Roe v. Wade in 1973. Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned, facing charges of tax evasion and the Senate Watergate hearings began. President Nixon told the nation, "I am not a crook."

DISCO, Rock, Soul, and Progressive Rock were in abundance, eight track players blasted out Stevie Wonder, ABBA, John Lennon, Paul Simon, Pink Floyd, Michael Jackson, Elton John, The Rolling Stones, The Moody Blues, Paul McCartney, Bob Marley and Diana Ross.

In 1973 Brazil, General Emílio Garrastazu Médici was President. His regime of repression came amid a period of explosive economic growth, the largest of any Brazilian President. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, in Osasco, a municipality of Sao Paulo, Mr. October was born third in his family with an older brother and sister and a younger brother. Sadly, his older brother has passed on. Mr. O spent his elementary school years in Osasco, graduating from HS in 1991.

He next decided to attend a Tourism College to obtain a tourism license. Fulfilling a career in the hospitality business, Mr. O worked at various positions in hotels in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he taught himself Spanish.

In 2014 Mr. O followed a dream and went to Palm Springs, California to check on the gay community there, especially the senior gay community. But after a month he decided, Ft. Lauderdale would be a better fit. He started out at the Ft. Lauderdale Hilton Marina as a bellman, but was rapidly promoted to several other positions, including serving as Housekeeping Supervisor. He then moved to the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) where he spent the next two years as Office Administrator. During the COVID epidemic he sought and received a license to become an insurance agent.

He currently works in that capacity which includes helping seniors with their Medicare Advantage Insurance policies.

Mr. O has been out and supported by his family since his High School years. He was introduced to PG through a friend named Robert Miller who was rather active in Prime Gentlemen and his first activity with his

new crew was bowling, Only half a year after moving to Ft. Lauderdale, he met his husband, Joe while visiting Tropics. They have since established a strong circle of PG friends. Mr. O also enjoys Disc Golf, to the degree that he has entered several Disc Golf tournaments!

