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In 1964 Lyndon B Johnson is POTUS, the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan show and changed music for ever, and the first US tour of the Rolling Stones took place later that year. Nelson Mandela started his 27 years in a South African prison and three, young civil rights workers, Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found murdered by the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi,

But, on the 10th of June, in St. Louis, MO, Mr. July arrived as the first child in the family joining his younger sister. He spent his elementary and Jr. high school years in St. Louis and then attended a boarding school in Georgia, graduating in 1982. The next two years of his education took place at Lees-McRae College in North Carolina. While there, he became an avid skier, enjoying the sport at Sugar Mountain Resort.

He returned to St. Louis completing his education at Maryville University with master degrees in business and international marketing. While still a student, Mr. July transformed his classroom learning to the practical by joining a business that supervised the delivery the Wall Street Journal. Within a short-time he was hiring others to make deliveries across St. Louis! Continuing his love of skiing, he became a Professional Ski Instructor and taught at the Hidden Valley Ski Resort.

His first professional position was with the City of St. Louis in its department of community development administration, serving for several years. In 1998 he took a trip to London, England and fell in love with the city. So, in 1999 he decided to move there and attend a full-time cooking school to become a chef. However, his love of cooking could not overcome his disillusion of the realities of the restaurant "business". He then went to work for a modern coffee supplier called Stanton's, where for 4 years, he advanced his delivery methods, and also succeeded in adding product sales to his resume. Mr. July then pursued his interest in real estate investment and started buying and selling various properties, especially in Scotland, which he continues to this day.

Mr. July came out to himself and his family as a teenager. While living in St. Louis, he was part of a relationship with two other guys that continued for 10 years! They shared a lovely home together. In 2002 he met Brian, a British subject, and

the love of his life. For the next ten years they became "over the pond" commuters between London and the US. Sadly, Brian passed away in 2012. He met his current partner, ED, at one of Prime Gentlemen, Lemond's many Christmas dinners in 2018. They are both very happy together and their bond grows stronger everyday. Mr. July purchased his current condo in Ft. Lauderdale that summer of 2012. But for the next five years, his primary residences were in Amsterdam and The Hague. Mr. July continues to "commute" between Florida and Europe.

While here in Ft. Lauderdale, he likes to pursue several interests, as he loves the beach and the opportunity to do some serious fishing. His other passion is music. He is an accomplished guitar/mandolin player and has performed at several different venues around town. He has a YouTube Channel where he performs his music. Check out; https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC40WGPfOXoZKTAXVBYAngA?view_as=subscriber

