



Mr. August 2025 – Jim Bowling

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President Herbert Hoover went before Congress in 1930 and asked for a \$150-million-dollar public works program to help generate jobs and stimulate the economy, following the stock market crash of 1929. Clarence Birdseye's first frozen foods went on sale in Springfield, Massachusetts and Colonel Sanders opened the first Kentucky Fried Chicken in North Corbin, Kentucky. 3M introduced Scotch Tape and Jim Dewar invented Hostess Twinkies. Ellen Church became the first airline stewardess, aboard a Boeing trimotor, flying from Oakland, California, to Chicago, Illinois. The Philadelphia Athletics defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, to win their

5th World Series title. The first night game in organized baseball history took place in Independence, Kansas. The Chrysler Building was completed in New York City and became the world's first man-made structure taller than 1,000 feet.

Mr. August was born the second of two boys in the family in LaGrange, KY on January 25, 1930. His dad worked for the railroad while his mom was a homemaker. The family moved to Louisville for the next seven years. Mr. August then moved on to Bowling Green, KY, where in 1948, he graduated from high school. Next, Mr. August majored in social studies and accounting at Western Kentucky University. During this time, he explored the possibility of becoming a Baptist minister by attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. However, after two years there Mr. August realized the ministry was not for him. He graduated from WKU in 1952. Uncle Sam also called in 1952, and Mr. August used his accounting degree in the Army. Following his two-year required enlistment, he earned an additional two-year degree in accounting and made a career as an accountant in the Army as a civilian, later becoming an Inspector General and serving for the next 44 years! Also in 1952, he met Norma at the WKU student union, and they were married for 50 years raising two children, a boy, Jim Jr. and a girl, Susan. For most of these years Mr. A was stationed in Warren, Michigan, at the Detroit Arsenal, opened during WWII to produce army tanks.

In 2016, after being a widower for 14 years, at 86 years old, Mr. August's life changed dramatically. The phenomena of the GLBT world opened before him on a cruise to the Panama Canal, when he met Gustavo and they became partners. His new friend was at the time living in England, so after a while, Mr. August made the move to live with Gustavo.

