



Mr. January 2026 – Richard Newman

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Mr. N down on his knees from an early age.

A Boston native, Mr. N attended Boston College (BA) as an undergraduate and Indiana University (MLS, CAS) for graduate school, where he began a multi-city career spanning the east coast (New York), the west coast (Stanford University), and numerous cities in between (Philadelphia, Toronto, Kansas City, Minneapolis). Before moving to Fort Lauderdale, he lived in Chicago but decided to escape the cold weather in favor of this welcoming community.

Mr. N is a seasoned medical professional with extensive expertise in medical publishing. His career highlights include significant roles with prestigious organizations such as International Thomson Publishing (now Thomson Reuters); the American Medical Association (AMA), where his positions included Vice President of Business Development; the American College of Chest Physicians; and Stanford University.

Early Inspiration - His father, a college professor who taught seven languages at four different universities, served as a lifelong source of inspiration for hard work, dedication, and intellectual curiosity. Mr. N spent his life trying to live up to his father's accomplishments, but he always felt he fell just short. His father earned a Ph.D., while Mr. N achieved a master's degree. His dad reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve, while Mr. N was only a Major.

Recognizing the challenges of constant comparison, Mr. N eventually pursued his own unique interests, primarily through hobbies. He became a lifeguard and then an avid SCUBA diver, frequently diving in all seasons in the chilly waters of New England.

In contrast to his father, who enjoyed flying only as a passenger, Mr. N trained as a pilot (though a four-seat, single-engine propeller plane remained his limit). Over years of work-related travel, he has logged more than 13 million lifetime passenger miles across the American, Delta, and United Airlines frequent-flyer programs. Now he's set his sights on a new goal: earning two-million-miler status on United. Flights are his usual excuse for missing Prime Gentlemen events!

Unusual Bucket List Challenge - While most people cite "travel" as a key item on their bucket list, Mr. N takes it a step further. His quest is to fly all wing-mounted, four-engine commercial passenger jets (quad-jets). His accomplishments toward that goal have included flights on historic, rare, and iconic aircraft that only a tiny fraction of travelers have ever experienced, including:

- **More than a dozen flights on British Airways' Concorde fleet**—including their legendary G-BOAC (tail number), considered the flagship of the BA Concorde fleet and reported to have carried Princess Diana and Queen Elizabeth II. And Mr. N!
- **American Airlines' ultra-rare 747SP** (originally built for the Shah of Iran).

Next on his list is the Airbus A340-600, one of whose most distinctive features in the Lufthansa configuration is a stairway to five lavatories on the lower deck. Only a true aviation enthusiast would note that detail!

Mr. N is currently dedicated to giving back by volunteering at Holy Cross Hospital, reflecting his commitment to both professional excellence and community service.

As a comical aside, Mr. N and the author of this column were both altar boys and commiserated that neither was hit upon. Can you guess who our January "Man of the Month" is? Turn to page 6 to find out!

