

MAN OF THE MONTH

GREGORY STOCK

Interviewed by Al Remer



Greg was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri along with three brothers (unfortunately one of whom died at age 12 of water on the brain). That was a tough experience for Greg. Greg is 70 years young. He is a graduate of Kansas State

University with a Bachelor of Architecture. While in college, Greg designed and built a 10'X10' foot addition with his dad to their home, digging the footings, spackling the drywall and nailing all the roof shingles in the Midwest summer heat. During his junior year of college, Greg did an internship in Minneapolis. That was when he came out to himself and went to his first gay bar called the "Gay 90's."

Greg was able to make many friends because of his outgoing personality despite growing up with Muscular Dystrophy. But because of his unsteady walking when he walked in a bar people often assumed he was drunk and then avoided him. This made it difficult to acquire romantic relationships. During his senior year of college he volunteered at a Gay Hotline at college. He does have many friends that go all the way back to the 1980's (shout out to Lee Lawson).

After college, Greg renovated five houses in St. Louis. He lived in St. Louis for almost 25 years and worked for a number of hospital design firms. Next, he moved to Tampa, Florida in 2004, where he designed a few hospital additions. Greg's next move was to Orlando where he lived from 2006 to 2025. Greg has been gainfully employed in many honorific architectural jobs throughout his life including

Inking numerous sketches for the Royal Caribbean Paradise Island.

One of his greatest accomplishments was authoring a magnificent book entitled "Architectural Guide to Central Florida." His full color book showcases over three hundred beautiful and unique buildings in six counties in the Orlando region, with essays, maps, and biographies. He also started a non-profit architectural foundation funding scholarships for architecture students in the Orlando area. Greg still works Monday through Friday from home for Stantec Inc., traveling to Miami to be in the office on Wednesdays.

During his lifetime, his Muscular Dystrophy worsened along with a broken leg in 2010 and again in 2018. For the past 8 years, he has been confined to a power wheelchair as he can't stand on his legs. That doesn't stop Greg from traveling and going wherever he wants to go. He joined Prime Gentlemen over 3 years ago and attended most monthly meetings from Orlando on the Brightline Train to Ft. Lauderdale and then riding his power wheelchair to the Pride Center. Now living in Oakland Park, Greg is the Vice President of his condominium board. Greg is an amazing person who is looking for a relationship and is available. He now attends the Tuesday evening mixers at Tropics, so say hi to him.

