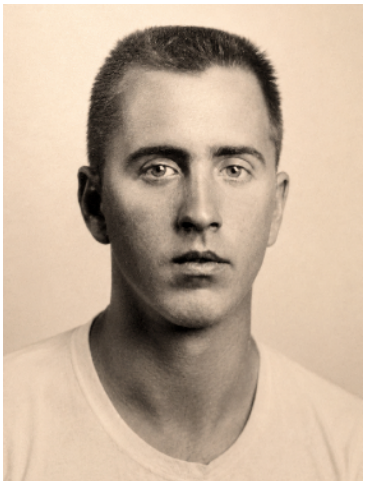
# MAN OF THE MONTH

## ARTHUR (ART) DONLEY

*Interviewed by Kenneth Sabanosh*



Art Donley has lived a life defined by service, adventure, enduring friendships, and a belief that every chapter should be embraced with enthusiasm.

Born in Roosevelt, New York, he was the second of six children of his father, Arthur, a New York City Teamster, and Anne, a homemaker. Growing up on Long Island, he enjoyed scouting, serving as an altar boy, spending time at the beach, and working a variety of jobs, including newspaper delivery, caddying, pin setting, and lawn care. Even as a young man, he believed in staying busy and always moving forward.

After graduating from Hempstead High School, Art enlisted in the United States Navy. Following electronics training, he was assigned to a Special Weapons Unit requiring Top Secret security clearance before serving aboard the aircraft carriers USS Ticonderoga and USS Franklin D. Roosevelt. During two Mediterranean deployments, he visited many of the region's historic ports and advanced to the rank of First Class Petty Officer. His military service introduced him to new cultures and experiences, inspiring a lifelong love of travel and discovery.

After his Navy service, Art tested electronic systems on F-105 Thunderchief fighter aircraft and earned his private pilot's license through the GI Bill—an accomplishment he proudly maintains today. A career with IBM followed, lasting an impressive 30 years. One of his favorite assignments was serving as a host in IBM's pavilion during the 1964 New York World's Fair. His career took him into management positions throughout New York City before eventually relocating to IBM headquarters in New Jersey.

Art also embraced life beyond work. He enjoyed Broadway, museums, and travel throughout Asia, Eastern Europe, North Africa, Croatia, and Italy. He even spent eight years restoring an 1883 brownstone in Brooklyn—a project he says was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Art retired from IBM in 1992 at the age of 56. That same year, he rekindled a relationship with Clinton, beginning a loving partnership that lasted 34 years. Together they traveled extensively before making Palm-Aire their permanent home in 2005 after Clinton retired from Good Housekeeping magazine. Although Clinton passed away in 2025, Art treasures the many wonderful memories they shared.

A valued member of Prime Gentlemen for many years, Art continues to enjoy the friendships and camaraderie of the organization. His life reflects resilience, curiosity, kindness, and a willingness to embrace every opportunity.

Art often recalls two sayings that have guided his life: "*Life is but a fleeting moment*" and *"Life is what you make of it."* Looking back on his remarkable journey, it's clear he has made the very most of every moment. Congratulations to our Man of the Month, Art Donley!