

## Joel Cyr By Ken South

In 1936 England, the Prince of Wales became King Edward VIII and later that year, abdicated to become the Duke of Windsor, and married Baltimore divorcee, Wallace Simpson.

The [Hoover Dam](#) was completed, and the Summer Olympics were held in Berlin, including the excitement of African-American athlete Jesse Owens winning the 100-meter dash! Much to the disgust of Herr Hitler.

In a landslide victory, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was reelected to a second term, and Margaret Mitchell's epic historical romance, *Gone with the Wind*, was published.

And then, on Christmas eve of that year, in Van Buren, Maine, Mr. February, was born. He was one of a set of twins, and his siblings included two additional sets of twins, one of brothers and one of sisters, 17 brothers and sisters in all! While in Van Buren, he completed his elementary and high school education, graduating in 1956.

Mr. F is very proud of his Acadian heritage, his family name can be traced to France around the year 1000. His Acadian family are part of the descendants of 17th and 18th century French settlers to the northeastern region of North America comprising what is now the Canadian [Maritime Provinces](#) of [New Brunswick](#), [Nova Scotia](#) and [Prince Edward Island](#). In 1644 his descendants settled in Port Royal, Nova Scotia. And, in the 1970s, Mr. F got to participate in the reconstruction of an Acadian village-museum in his hometown of Van Buren, Maine.

From 1958 to 1960 he served in the US Army, stationed in Seoul, South Korea. Upon returning from the service, he became employed in the retail furniture business, including many years of work in Hartford, Connecticut. Also during this period, he married, and raised two daughters, but left his wife in divorce in 1984.

He retired from the retail world in 1998 and moved to Southern Florida. Mr. F has thoroughly enjoyed his retirement, helping out many organizations as a volunteer. For many years he volunteered at the GLBT Adult Daycare program at the Sunshine Cathedral. He now works part time in security at a beachside condo in Ft. Lauderdale.

Mr. F discovered Prime Gentlemen several years ago and participates in many club events.

