

**Tony Tsagris**  
**By Ken South**

On January 20, 1961 John F. Kennedy, the youngest person ever elected President of the United States, was sworn into office in Washington, DC. While in Athens, Greece, Konstantinos G. Karamanlis, was the four-time prime minister and twice president of the Third Hellenic Republic.

And, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, in Athens, Mr. November arrived in his family, the youngest sibling with one older sister. Mr. N's father was a career officer in the Greek army. Following his elementary and high school education, Mr. N looked towards the USA for his future life.

In 1979 he arrived in NYC and enrolled at the City University of New York where he successfully completed a degree in business, graduating in 1983. Soon after his arrival in NYC he met Jim, a physician and his senior. They shared a wonderful life together for the next 35 years, until Jim's passing in 2015. Jim had a medical practice in NYC, but also connections to a medical program in Lausanne, Switzerland. So the couple enjoyed numerous trips to Lausanne.

Mr. N became the news anchor for National Greek TV, the first station to broadcast in the Greek language on cable. In 1982 he appeared on several episodes of "As The World Turns" the TV soap opera. His TV work led him to joining AFTRA (the American Federation of TV & Radio Artists).

He also enjoyed providing voice overs for many different types of commercials.

In addition, he became employed by a Physical Therapy company where he was the Quality Assurance Officer as well as a staff trainer. He worked with them for 30 years.

Mr. N became very involved in the early 80's response to the AIDS crisis in NYC. For instance, he helped feed PWAs in hospitals when the staff would not enter the patients' rooms, but leave food trays in the hall. He lost many friends and acquaintances to the epidemic, two dear friends in particular. These first hand experiences with the devastation of the epidemic, motivated him to join ACTUP and become an activist! He participated at many of the ACTUP demonstrations in the city.

Mr. N and his husband Jim moved to Boynton Beach in 2009, and

following Jim's passing, Mr. N moved to Pompano Beach in 2017.

Mr. N sought out Prime Timers as soon as he moved to Florida. He has also joined SAGE, where he is a Life Member, and recently become active at All Saints Episcopal Church!

