

Bonjour! ...from Mark Goodall, let me introduce myself:

I occupy 147 – with the cactus on the patio. I had not lived in an apartment since 1977 and have some concern about what might be expected of me vis-a-vis apartment etiquette. I hope to be a good (if not fun - even interesting – smile) neighbor. I stay Airbnb (private room with host interaction) when I travel and was an Airbnb host for a time. In that regard, I share information about myself when booking a stay – you know, to make my host a little more comfortable – so, here goes – like a menu.

Paris: Love Paris – Paris now, and Paris then. I have had many un-touristy Paris experiences that are fun to share*.

Occupation: On Linked-In, I have designated writer/consultant/artist/bon vivant. I practiced law for 45 years – am so done with that.

Military: Former airborne “Combat Crew” tastefully decorated combat veteran who worked in intelligence. More of a grunt job than Ian Fleming’s characters – but how would you know for sure (kidding!).

Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese (limited proficiency), playful French idioms, and Barry White in the bedroom.

SST: “Work” with international business consultants in the exploration of Stratified Systems Theory and Requisite Organization - emphasis on theory, and application of the underlying human capability assessment methodology to disciplines outside of Managerial Theory*.

Art: “Outlier” artist who charmed (manipulated?) my way into Omaha’s J Doe Project with my Robodoe piece (and then became General Counsel to the project). My areas include found object assemblages, welded steel, offbeat doll art including Barbie (and Ken) dioramas photographed and printed on canvas, etc. I worked with Girl Scout’s artVenture, and as a collaborating and contributing artist. Jewelry designer Teresa Goodall is/was my sister.

Sports: Disc Golf, PDGA #56998 – I started playing at age 61 (11 years ago) and took second place in my division a few years later at the Coca-Cola Classic. I designed a “junior” nine pin course at Camp Maha Girl Scout Camp. Hummel Park is my “home” course – I include disc golf in my domestic travel – and have also played outside of Paris. I took first place,

gold medal, Disc Golf Legends Division (old farts), in the 2021 Cornhusker State Games. Note: I am also a sailor, but have sold my boat.

Love Life: Single. My lover is an independent and highly capable former CEO. She introduced me to SST/RO. Though she is not traveling now, I would accompany - as her personal valet - then after seeing her off to her business day, would use Uber to go play disc golf. We do not live together but I am welcome (encouraged actually) to visit and stay over from time to time, but Saturday night we remain alone, in preparation for *La Grasse Matinée*. Much more than the French sleep-in, Sundays have become long interludes in bed with me arriving just before 8:30 and leaving between 4 and 5 in the afternoon. I fetch coffee and breakfast. Friends and family know we are then unavailable for conflicting occasions like Christmas, Mother's Day or birthdays. I once met an author from London, at a soirée in Montmartre, whose lover lived in Paris. She said they stay apart long enough to miss each other. There is something to be said for a managed separation in a romance marbled with need.

Movies: Blade Runner; Blue Velvet; Apocalypse Now; The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover; Eating Raoul; Casablanca; Cabaret; All That Jazz; The Thin Man - Turner Classic Movies and Film Noir lover.

Literature/Categories: SST/Elliott Jaques; Powerful women/capable courtesans; Occupied Paris; Spy/Intelligence (Camp X, MI6, etc.); Truman Capote; Daphne du Maurier; Tom Wolfe; Tom Robbins; Simone de Beauvoir; Marcel Proust, Francine Prose, Jean Dutourd, Diane Johnson, Anne-Marie Villefranche.

Other skills: My lover considers me her first blue collar boyfriend (grew up in a body shop and salvage yard). I have many tools (less, now that I have downsized) and hand skills – you know, I can make stuff, fix stuff, and break stuff. I know how to hang art - I think if you hang it, it is art (smile).

Family: Son in Omaha - three grandsons. Daughter in Los Angeles.

TMI: No sense of it – none whatever.

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