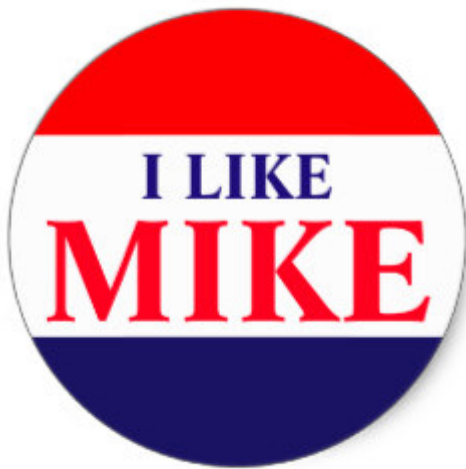


# I Like Mike



If you're experiencing what I am, you are now being inundated with electioneering stuff... phone calls, flyers, door to door canvassers... all of which are signs that it's time to prepare to cast our votes. While I do appreciate the freedom we have to elect our political leaders I must admit that I, along with what I suspect is most of America, really have grown to hate the process. Not the voting... I'm referring to the campaigning. I've always hated it... even when I fell into the middle of it.

When I was in ninth grade and my best friend decided to run for student council president, I figured I would toss my hat in the ring and run for vice-president. Unfortunately, my opponent was one of the cool kids – Mr. Popularity. I had to figure out a way to elevate myself above Joe Cool so, after much deliberation, I settled on a variation of a popular campaign slogan. "I Like Ike" worked for Eisenhower... how could "I Like Mike" possibly fail?

I made buttons, printed posters, passed out flyers – all with the clever "I Like Mike" slogan. And how did it go you might ask? Not well. Not well at all. How was I supposed to know that ninth graders in 1970 didn't know all that much about

Eisenhower and to them "I Like Mike" was an inappropriate admission of affection? None of the guys would wear the button and the girls were afraid it would be misunderstood.

I lost in a landslide. My first humiliating defeat. Turns out few people would publicly confess to liking Mike.

Fortunately, my best friend won and, as president, selected me to be his sergeant-at-arms – a position I was woefully ill-equipped to serve. I was given a copy of Robert's Rules of Order. Can't say that I ever bothered to read it. But at least I got to hold and bang the gavel during council meetings. That was cool. So, all in all, everything turned out ok.

Speaking of voting, the Best of Mount Dora survey is currently running and while Home Video Studio is strangely missing from the candidates printed on the ballots, there are some categories where a write-in vote for us would be fitting. Best place to buy a gift because the memories we bring to life make the best gifts ever. Best vintage find because we constantly discover and resurrect images and sounds of yesteryear that have long been forgotten. And best kept secret because people constantly come in with questions and eventually get around to saying, "I didn't even know you could do all that."

If you are so inclined to take a minute to write in a vote or two for our studio, here's the link:  
<http://www.mountdorabuzz.com/2018bestofmountdora.html>

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