



I'm going to take a personal moment in this space to talk about "milestones".

All of us can always sit back and reflect on the important events that shaped our lives. Events like graduation from high school and college come to mind. The day you got your first job on the way to establishing a career; your first date; your wedding day; the birth of your children; their graduation; their wedding and the birthday of your first grandchild. All of these are considered "milestones" in ones life.

Looking out the window of the GMBHA at 407 Lincoln Road which faces the Atlantic Ocean, two milestones immediately come to mind. First milestone is reporting to work at the Americana Hotel in 1956, putting on my bellman's uniform and getting my first tip. Who knew at the time that in 2008, hotel business would still be part of my life.

Second milestone is a simple one: on March 4, 1991 I reported for work as President of the Miami Beach Resort Hotel Association. Where did these past 16 years go and how did they pass so fast.

Assuming the leadership role, then merging with the Miami Hotel Association in 1994 which created GMBHA was a natural step in unifying the hotel industry in Miami Dade County. From that moment on our association and its members never looked back. With a beginning membership of 118 TOTAL MEMBERS, we have grown to a present total membership exceeding 550.

We have made a difference whether it be a local municipality, a county government or in the halls of the State capitol, we have made a difference.

Our future at GMBHA is unlimited. I hope there will continue to be "milestones" that we can reflect upon in the future.

HAVE A GREAT 2008!

Stuart Blumberg, President/CEO

WE DID IT-WE DID IT

The results are in and the **2008 GMBHA Membership Campaign exceeded all its goals of "One More Dollar-One More Member"**

Hats off to the Membership Committee, co-chaired by Spero Canton and Armando Valdez. They, along with a dedicated committee.

Along with the combined efforts of the GMBHA Board of Directors, this year's campaign reflected the great strides made by GMBHA since its formation back in 1994.

Those who joined us this year, and those who renewed understand "The Power of Partnerships". The strength of GMBHA lies in the ability of its members to interact with each, showcase its hotel along with product & services offered by the Allied members.

We at GMBHA are proud to list the following hotels, companies and individuals who have joined in this "partnership" and made the commitment:

HOTELS: Marlin Hotel; Beach Plaza; Beach Plaza Villas; Ramada Limited; Miami Airways Inn; Best Western on the Bay; Holiday Inn Golden Glades; Gansevoort Hotel & Spa; Haddon Hall South Beach; The Clay Hotel; Mondrian; Red Roof Inn Miami Airport;

ALLIED: Miami Dade College; Sterling Linen & Janitorial Service; The baby Travel Company; IDEACOM Communications Systems of Florida; Cynthia Cariseo Events & Travel; Florida East Coast Realty; Beecher Carlson; Harvey Bilt Photography; JVP Property Maintenance; Hospitality Interiors, Inc.; BCS Document Solutions; Prime Event Group; Aqua Luxury Yacht; PLUM TV; Modern Luxury Miami; Miami Jet Tours; Florida Consultants Inc.; IVC Television Inc.; Lodging & Hospitality Realty, Inc.; Albatross Limousine, Inc.; GoGo Tours Miami; J.A. Uniforms Inc.; Configurations Inc.; Balance Staffing; Automated Valet Parking Manager, LLC; Michelle Molnar Fine Art; Global Marine & Hotel Interiors; Brodson Construction, Inc.; The Oceanaire; expedia, Inc.; AMS Personal Management; Coconut Grove Art Festival; Sardinia Enoteca Ristorante; South Beach Laundry; FASTSIGNS; Cauley Square Historic Village;

Deco International Security; Tony Chan's Water Club; BioActive SkinCare; World Courier Ground Inc.; Gym Door Florida LLC; Hooters; Mathon Investment Corp; Amerisafe Industries Inc.; Manpower, Inc.; The Sky Steward; Imperial Cruises; Mark Scot; Propeller; Holiday of Magic; Utell Hotels; ZMedia; Oasis Outsourcing; Bank United; Live Nation; Soyka; ZDirect; Furman Insurance; Lionstone Development; Hospitality Advance International; Key International; Tri-City Electric; Santiano Brothers; Blooming Design & Events; New World Symphony; ES Hospitality; Platinum Maintenance; Grove Networks; Beach Resort Service; Kent Security Services; Industrial Communications; The Continental Group, Inc.; Alphastaffing;

(These are new members as of this printing. Additional new members will be listed in the June edition of the "Hotelier")

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR GMBHA

While you're filling in your important dates on your 2008 Calendar, do not forget the following events:

21st Annual "PARTNERS" Golf Tournament supporting the Transplant Foundation of Florida and the Miami Beach Kiwanis Scholarship Fund.

Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the Miami Beach Golf Club

14th Annual "Inn Key" Awards Luncheon, Monday May 5, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Miami

For additional information Call 305-531-3553

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