

NOSTALGIA

What an interesting word, "nostalgia". You sit back, close your eyes and think (sorry Barbra) "the way it was".

During the past year, I have received so many emails regarding "looking back" that I decided to do just that and look back.

How about the Dupont Tarlton? Remember dining at the top of the Everglades Hotel then walking over to the Columbus or McAllister for a drink?

How about the Miami Press Club luncheons at the Mirimar Hotel? We could go out to the Sheraton Key Biscayne for a swim in the ocean but it would be easier to go to Miami Beach and swim in the pool at the Algiers; hang out at the Robert Richter; pop in to the New Yorker and the Sands; enjoy the view from the Floridian Hotel; dance outdoors at the Fleetwood before heading over to either Nautilus #1 or Nautilus #2; or just kill some time at the Ankara before boarding the Nikko Cruise.

If you still have some time left, drive north to Motel Row and have a drink at the Wreck Bar at the Castaways; listen to Don Sebastian at the Aztec Resort or maybe some dinner at Christine Lee's in the Thunderbird watching Charlie Callas.

I guess the best thing to do at this point is to understand that change is inevitable but the memories linger on. "Gone but not forgotten" also comes to mind and "Thanks for the Memories".

So let's raise our glasses and remember the "good old days" as we toast the bright future of the hotel industry in Greater Miami and the Beaches.

Stuart L. Blumberg, Pres/CEO



Save The Date

13th ANNUAL MEETING Greater Miami & The Beaches Hotel Association

Keynoter

GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST

Monday, October 8, 2007

Loews Miami Beach Hotel

Meeting: 4:00 P.M.

Reception: 5:00-7:00 P.M.

RSVP: (305) 531-3553

**2nd ANNUAL
"CHAIRMAN'S CUP"
OCTOBER, 12th 2007**

"Let the games begin" can be heard throughout the GMBHA membership, as both Hotel and Allied teams get ready to compete for the coveted "Chairman's Cup"

This year's event returns to the challenging Miami Beach Golf Club. Last year, the team from the Mandarin Oriental walked away with the prize and will try and repeat their victory. This time the road will be a little tougher.

Our Allied members have thrown down a challenge that says they can beat the hoteliers and on October 12, 2007 will get the opportunity to prove it.

In addition, "Best Buddies Jobs" our unique partner in providing job opportunities for those who are intellectually challenged will be participating for the first time and will receive a portion of the proceeds.

ENTRY FEE IS \$ 475 which includes green fees, cart, drink cart on the course and a reception including food and beverage.

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT \$150.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE GMBHA OFFICE OR EMAILgmbha@bellsouth.net.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS OCTOBER 5, 2007.

Don't be left out, register now!

**WILSON BEGINS 2nd TERM
AS CHAIRPERSON OF
GMBHA**

Kimberly Wilson, who made history last year when she became the first woman to lead the Greater Miami & The Beaches Hotel Association, officially begins her second term at the 13th Annual meeting, Monday, October 8, 2007 at the Loews Miami Beach.

Despite being General Manager of the Marriott Biscayne Bay as well as Regional Director for Marriott, Wilson found the time to always be available on all the issues that arose during her first term. She also continues to be an active member of the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Board and Chairs the Academy Student Conference.

Joining Wilson this upcoming year as members of the Executive Committee are: Chairman-Elect, Tim Nardi, Shore Club Hotel; Vice-Chairman Gino Caliendo, Hyatt Regency Miami; Secretary, Spero Canton, Comcast; Treasurer Steve Nostrand, Colliers-Ahood; At-Large: George Cozonis, Sonesta Hotel and Suites, Coconut Grove; Jorge Gonzalez, Mandarin Oriental, Miami; Linda Harvey, Don Shula's Hotel and Golf Club; Felix Madera, Sonesta Hotels; John Mulrey, Marriott Airport Hotel and Raj Singh, Sea View Hotel.

Board Members: Rick Baney, Florida Coca-Cola Bottling; Scott Berman, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP; Jim Bode, The Destination Group; Jim Boucher, Boucher Brothers, Inc.; Greg Cook, Eden Roc Renaissance Resort & Spa; Dennis Doucette, The Biltmore Hotel; Eric Eimstad, Miami Seaquarium; David

Feder, Fontainebeau Resort Howard Fulton, American Express Establishment Services; Cathy Johnston, National Marine Manufacturers Association; Matthias Kammerer, Canyon Ranch; Leon Manne, Leon Manne Consultants; Jack Miller, InterContinental Miami; Balendra Nagesvaran, Hotel Sofitel; Juan Carlos Palacios, Embassy Suites-Miami Airport; Marco Selva, The Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne; Keith Space, Angler's Boutique Hotel; Mike Stein, Korn/Ferry International; Robert Thraikill, Conrad Miami; Armando Valdes, Newport Resort, Dean Joseph West, FIU School of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

**ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY &
TOURISM TO HONOR IT'S
FOUNDERS AT 20TH
ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

GMBHA President Stu Blumberg, Carnival Cruise Lines President Bob Dickinson and Jeanne Westphal, founders of the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism will be honored on October 19, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Miami.

It's been 20 years since these three industry and community leaders had the vision which has seen thousands of graduates enter the hospitality and business field of their choice.

The luncheon, hosted by Hyatt promises to be an event not to be missed.

For additional information please call Ms. Ann Fields at 305-885-8127.
