

To: Miami Marines

We don't like to clog your email box, but it has been a busy week and we've got news! Here's what's up.

MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY BY THE JOHN AND SELENE DEVANEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

We are delighted to tell you that the John and Selene Devaney Foundation has offered us a challenge grant for contributions received up until June 8, 2009. The total amount available from the Devaney Foundation through their matching grant offer is \$12,500.

ALL NEW CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 8 WILL BE MATCHED, DOLLAR PER DOLLAR, BY THE DEVANEY FOUNDATION. (The match does not apply to renewal of Friends of Marine Stadium/Dade Heritage Trust memberships).

The application to become a member of the Friends of Marine Stadium is attached. Basic membership of \$60 also entitles you to a membership in Dade Heritage Trust, Miami Dade's foremost organization that supports historic preservation. All contributions are fully tax deductible. Checks should be made to Dade Heritage Trust and you can also donate by credit card. You can also call Dade Heritage Trust to donate at 305-358-9572.

Up until now, we have made great progress-with very little money. As our challenges become more sophisticated, our financial needs increase. While we continue to be mostly volunteer run, we need money now for nuts and bolts issues and professional feasibility studies.

After the dust settles we will be posting a listing of all who have contributed-The Miami Marines-on our website....

This is a terrific opportunity but there is a time limit as the challenge grant is good up until June 8. Let's see if we can max out the Devaney Foundation's generous offer!

Upcoming Events

-Party May 7-invite attached. Join us for some fun! We are looking for a few good Miami Marines to volunteer and help us out at the party. Just come at 4:00 PM. Directions to Bayside Hut: go over Rickenbacker Causeway to Key Biscayne; take the second left after the bridge into the Marine Stadium parking lot; bear left on the service road to get to Bayside Hut

-Logo contest is now closed. We have 31 entries. We will display some of the entries at the party and post all of them online soon.

-And May 8 presentation on Planning for the Marine Stadium and Marine Stadium Basin (see below)

May 8 Presentation on Planning Issues for Virginia Key and the Marine Stadium Basin

Creating a plan for the Marine Stadium, the Basin, and the surrounding land is essential to the success of our project. We have a terrific set of ideas that have been developed by a University of Miami Preservation Studio.

WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 10:00 AM-12:00

WHERE: MIAMI ROWING CLUB, 3601 RICKENBACKER CAUSEWAY,
VIRGINIA KEY

RSVP 305-774-0022; or email Jorge@jlharchitect.com

The event is free and open to the public. The presentation will be very creative and exciting. We hope that it will contribute to the discussion and community involvement of the City's Master Plan for Virginia Key.

The event is co-sponsored by the University of Miami School of Architecture, the Urban Environment League, Dade Heritage Trust, Friends of Marine Stadium, and the Sierra Club of Miami.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE AT 9:30 AM-JUST BEFORE THE PRESENTATION

11 Most Endangered List

April 28 was a great day for us as we were named to the National Trust For Historic Preservation's (NTHP) "11 Most Endangered Historic Places" list. We received a front page story and our THIRD positive editorial from The Miami Herald. The Stadium was also featured as part of the "11 Most" list in The New York Times and The NBC Evening News with Brian Williams. You can find articles-and videos on our website, under "Press and Articles" and "Marine Stadium Multimedia".

Our web traffic, which has been climbing steadily for the last several months, spiked to 3,500 visits on April 28!

Finally, check out the great video of the Stadium done for us by the NTHP. Monk Terry of the Miami Rowing Club channels Walter Cronkite to provide terrific commentary and voice-over. And a shout-out to the Belen Crew for their great rowing and *their* shout-out at the end of this video.

Cut and paste this into your browser. It is also posted on our website under "Marine Stadium Multimedia".

<http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/southern-region/miami-marine-stadium.html>

The Miami Marine Stadium is now a national issue. It is our goal to position the Stadium as the finest, most unique, most magical outdoor sports and entertainment venue and community gathering space in the United States.

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P.S. Please send this email to your friends or anyone who you think may be interested in the Marine Stadium. And please encourage people to sign up for our email list. The more Miami Marines we have, the more successful we can be.