

To: Miami Marines

Here's What's New

Matching Grant Opportunity With John and Selene Devaney Foundation

Reminder: The John and Selene Devaney Foundation has generously agreed to match, dollar per dollar, all new contributions to Friends of Marine Stadium through June 8, 2009-up to \$12,500. We received \$3,000 at our May 7 party and more since then. Help us max out this opportunity!

All contributions are tax deductible and you receive a membership in Dade Heritage Trust, Dade County's foremost organization devoted to historic preservation. Attached is a membership form. You can also call Dade Heritage Trust at 305-358-9572 to contribute via credit card. As you know, we are an all volunteer organization and we need all the assistance we can get!

Recap of Recent Activities

The last month was extremely busy for us. Our Shindig on May 7 was extremely successful. A big thank you to the Bayside Hut, the musicians who participated, and Lizzie Easton and Violette Sproul, who organized, produced, and promoted the event. At the event, we premiered some of the entrants of our Logo Contest for Friends of Marine Stadium. You can go to our website and see all of them online-we had 32 contestants! It will take our judges panel a while to review and select the winning entry.

On May 8, the University of Miami Preservation Planning Studio presented its concepts for the Master Plan for the Marine Stadium Basin. All who attended were extremely impressed with the professionalism and the creativity of the presentation. We expect to post these concepts on our website soon. An article on the Preservation Studio was just published in VERITAS, the web magazine of the University of Miami. You can find it on our website under "Press and Articles".

Virginia Key Master Plan

EDSA, the consultant for the City of Miami, has recently unveiled its Master Plan for Virginia Key. The latest update will soon be on the web at <http://www.virginiakeymasterplan.com/>.

The plan will subsequently be presented in the following places:

- June 9-City of Miami Waterfront Advisory Board
- June 17-City of Miami Planning Advisory Board
- June 25-City of Miami Commission

We are evaluating the Master Plan for its impact on the Marine Stadium and Virginia Key. We suggest that all citizens become involved in this very important process.

Urban Environment League

The Urban Environment League (UEL) will give an award to Friends of Marine Stadium for our efforts to save and restore the Stadium. This will be done at UEL's "Orchid and Onion Awards" cocktail reception and Annual Meeting at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, 2990 South Bayshore Drive at 6:00 PM on June 10. This event is free and open to the public. There will be lots of Marine Stadium supporters there and we recommend that you come! Accepting the award for Friends of Marine Stadium will be Violette Sproul, Hannah Imberman and Kira Feldman. Please call 786-472-0011 to RSVP.

The Urban Environment League has been a strong supporter of our efforts to restore the Marine Stadium-and has played a key role as watchdog to make sure urban planning in Miami Dade County is done appropriately. You can check out the UEL website at <http://urbanenvironmentleague.blogspot.com/> UEL members have begun discussing the Virginia Key Master Plan and you can see some opinions on their website.

The Marine Stadium and The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

Do you have great memories of seeing rock acts at the Marine Stadium? Do you remember that far back (yikes!). Many, many of the greatest rock groups played at the Stadium during its years of operation from 1964-1992. If you attended some great events there, you can help us out! The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio has a Landmark Series where important sites in Rock and Roll History are designated (website <http://www.rockhall.com/events/landmark-series/>). The Museum has designated nine sites so far and the National Trust for Historic Preservation has suggested we apply and is willing to assist us. Landmark status will bring more attention and awareness to the Marine Stadium.

Please send your memories to Hannah Imberman and Kira Feldman, the girl scouts who are doing a book compiling experiences of the Marine Stadium. You can write up anything from a paragraph to a page; just email to Kira and Hannah at ifseatscouldtalk@gmail.com

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