



## Miami Beach Visual Memoirs Project Interviewees Through August 2017

1. **Steve Adkins:** President of Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
2. **Michael Aller:** Tourism and Convention Directors
3. **Arlene Amarant:** Beach High Graduate; big Hungarian Jewish family on South Beach
4. **Aristotle Aris:** born and raised on Beach, Public Works Asst. Director, father worked with Carl Fisher
5. **JoAnn Bass:** third-generation owner of Joe's Stone crab restaurant, born and raised on MB
6. **Rey Baume:** "Rey Mambo," raised on MB, Latin jazz bandleader in the 1940s/50s
7. **Bette Baron Bernstein:** grew up on Beach, contracted polio as a girl, advocate for disabled
8. **Lynn Bernstein:** City of Miami Beach Community Outreach Coordinator, former MDPL director
9. **Stuart Blumberg:** Founder Miami Beach Visitors and Convention Bureau, hotel manager
10. **Matti Bower:** Former MB Mayor, grassroots organizer, MDPL director, Miami Beach commissioner
11. **Robert Bowman:** Grew up and worked on the Beach (at Joe's), mother was "Fish Mary"
12. **Seth Bramson:** Miami Beach High graduate, local historian, collector and author
13. **Edna Buchanan:** Miami Beach crime reporter, Herald reporter/columnist, and novelist
14. **Gregory Bush, PhD:** University of Miami History Professor, importance of Black beaches
15. **Diane Camber:** Art Consultant, former director Bass Museum, MDPL director
16. **Andrew Capitman:** son of Barbara, investor, Deco developer
17. **Norman Ciment:** former MB Mayor, created "eruv" (kosher high wire), only Orthodox MB Mayor
18. **Marty Cintron:** Musician, music producer, lead singer in band No Mercy
19. **Sabrina Cohen:** disabled activist, creator of beach park with ocean access to wheelchair bound
20. **Marlo Courtney:** led Ocean Drive Association, worked for Tony Goldman during the 1980s/90s transformation of South Beach
21. **Alex Daoud:** Former Miami Beach Mayor, Commissioner, convicted of corruption
22. **David Dermer:** Former MB Mayor, teacher at Beach High
23. **Richard Dixon:** Beach High graduate in 1953, son of MB Deco architect L. Murray Dixon
24. **Jeff Donnelly:** MDPL's historian and board member, long-time tour guide
25. **Margaret Ann Doyle:** preservationist, Capitman protégé, married to Andrew Capitman.
26. **Judy Drucker:** raised on beach, Beach High graduate, world-renowned impresario
27. **Marvin Dunn:** Historian, author of Black Miami, Black experience on Miami Beach
28. **Lynne Elster:** Miami Beach High graduate class of 1960, father was MB nightclub impresario
29. **Ray Fisher:** MB High graduate, photographer. Miami Herald Photo Editor
30. **Russell Galbut:** developer and hotel owner, 3rd generation MB resident
31. **Luis Garcia:** Cuban exile, former Beach Fire Chief, state legislator, ran for Congress
32. **Dan Gelber:** former state legislator for Miami Beach, attorney, father was Mayor
33. **Seymour Gelber:** Former Miami Beach Mayor, Judge
34. **Barbara Gillman:** art gallery owner on Lincoln Mall, hosted Andy Warhol for his MB visit
35. **Barton Goldberg:** grew up on Beach, banker, Chamber of Commerce leader, on zoning board
36. **Bob Goodman:** former MB Commissioner, political activist, Art Basel Florida representative
37. **Thorn Grafton:** architect, preservationist and descendant of John Collins/Pancoast family
38. **Pepi Granat:** Graduate of MB High, Hall of Fame, Family Physician, WWII on the Beach
39. **Ben Grenald:** Decorated Naval officer, pharmacist entrepreneur, Visitor and Convention Authority, Vice Mayor of Miami Beach
40. **Selma Grenald:** born and raised on MB, local reporter, acted with Sinatra, travel writer
41. **Jane Gross:** historic preservationist, friend of Leonard Horowitz
42. **Saul Gross:** Deco developer; former Miami Beach commissioner, Design Review board member
43. **Betty Gutierrez:** Founding member of MDPL, employee of Washington Storage Company, friend of Leonard Horowitz
44. **Steven Haas:** Restaurateur, created Miami Spice, developer, former Chair GMVCB

45. **Robert Hauser:** nephew of Henry Hohausen (prolific Art Deco architect), Beach HS grad
46. **Irving Heller:** raised on Miami Beach, a Beach High grad, retired Assistant M-DC Chief of Police
47. **Stephen Hertz:** father helped design Lincoln Mall, VCA board member
48. **Beatrice Hines:** African-American who worked as a domestic for Miami Beach family as did her mother; First female African-American reporter for the Miami Herald
49. **Richard Hoberman:** Long-time Beach resident, MDPL founding member, preservationist,
50. **Herbert Hofer:** Miami Beach since 1988, artist, lives on Ocean Drive
51. **Helen Sir Kaplan:** moved to Miami Beach in 1936, MB High grad
52. **Joseph Kaplan:** labor attorney, represented Beach hotel workers in 1955 landmark suit to form a union, lifetime MB resident, father of Mitchell Kaplan
53. **Mitchell Kaplan:** Owner of Book & Books bookstores, MB High graduate
54. **Ruth Karp:** founder of Carnival Fruit Company, resident since '50's, mother of Martin Karp-MDCPS school board
55. **Niesen Kasdin:** Former MB Mayor and Chair of the MB Development Corp
56. **Norman Kassoff:** born and raised on Beach, Beach High grad, former law enforcement
57. **Marcos Kerbel:** Pedro Pan evacuee, founder Cuban Hebrew Congregation
58. **Michael Kinerk:** Art Deco activist, Miami Herald worker, MDPL Chair Emeritus
59. **Mac Klein:** Long-time owner Mac's Club Deuce bar
60. **Kathy Leff:** Director of the Wolfsonian
61. **Coman Leonard:** Employee of Washington Storage during conversion to Wolfsonian Museum, preservationist
62. **Philip Levine:** media entrepreneur, MB Mayor
63. **Robert Libman:** son of Betsy Ross Hotel manager, grew up on MB, Peripheral Land Development
64. **Nancy Liebman:** Chair Historic Preservation, MB Commissioner, MDPL director
65. **Rosa Lowinger:** came with parents from Havana in 1960, grew up on Beach, art conservator and author of Tropicana Nights (history of Havana's Tropicana nightclub)
66. **Joy Van Wye Malakoff:** grew up on Beach, banker, MB Commissioner
67. **Arthur Marcus:** Art Deco architect, member of MDPL board, Miami Beach design review board member
68. **Ernie Martin:** urban planner, community activist, long-time Beach resident, preservationist
69. **Rosalind Merritt:** active in Beach High alumni association, father was MB builder
70. **Jimmy Morales:** born and raised on MB, MB High grad, former M-DC Commissioner, MB City Manager
71. **George Neary:** Barbara Capitman cadre, former MDPL director, GMVCB Cultural Director
72. **Jonathan Nelson :** Beach High Teacher, grew up at 13th + Michigan, collector of memorabilia
73. **Tamara Nixon:** grew up on Beach, retired banker, advocate with Funding Arts Network
74. **Michele Oka Doner:** renowned artist born and raised in Miami Beach, father was Mayor
75. **Mel Olman:** Musician, memories of performing/Fontainebleau
76. **Michael Orovitz:** Beach High grad, banker; son of Max Orovitz, a founder of Mt. Sinai Hospital
77. **Ruth Enilda Pasarell:** Puerto Rican immigrant, MB Housing Authority Commissioner
78. **Enid Pinkney:** African-American, parents worked as caretakers on Miami Beach
79. **Frank Pinkney:** African-American, worked his way up on MB from shoeshine boy in WW2
80. **Craig Robins:** "Deco" Developer with Tony Goldman, South Beach revival, born on the Beach
81. **Randall Robinson:** Miami Beach resident, originator of term "MiMo" to distinguish Miami Modern(mid 20th century)architectural style from Art Deco
82. **Harold Rosen:** attorney, Miami Beach commissioner, and former Vice Mayor and Mayor
83. **Denis Russ:** Capitman cadre, MBCDC, MDPL, preservationist
84. **Mickey Schermer:** grew up on South Beach; builder, stock broker, retired
85. **Susan Schermer:** grew up in Mid-Beach, business owner, photographer, Jewish community
86. **Dennis Scholl:** Knight Foundation, developer talks about Tony Goldman and impact of Mariel
87. **Gerald K. Schwartz:** Attorney, Jewish Community Center, helped establish electric bus service
88. **Charles Seraydar:** Former Detective Miami Beach Police Department
89. **Allan Shulman:** architect, historic preservation on Miami Beach, challenges of preservation
90. **Peter Sobel:** Habana Hotel owner during Mariel impact
91. **Herb Sosa:** Gay Community, Preservation of Deco and MiMo
92. **Mark Soyka:** Miami/Miami Beach developer and restaurateur (Soyka, News Cafe)
93. **Alfred Spellman:** Filmmaker of Cocaine Cowboys and Miami Beach 100
94. **Robert Swedroe:** prominent architect, worked with Morris Lapidus, artist
95. **Lila Terry:** owner and operator of three gay nightclubs during the 1970s
96. **Bruce Turkel:** born and raised on MB, family involved in civil rights, Miami Beach branding
97. **Caryl Rose Unger:** father owned and operated the Royal Palm Hotel, raised on MB

98. **Dennis Wilhelm:** founding member of MDPL, Capitman cadre, Capitman archivist
99. **Richard Winer:** Beach High grad, grew up on Miami Beach in 50's, teen-age work experiences
100. **Nancy Wolcott:** Miami Beach resident, active since the 80's in MB artistic and cultural aspects
101. **Micky Wolfson:** Collector, Wolfsonian founder, father was Mayor in early 40's
102. **Dona Zemo:** South Beach marketing, originator of name "SoBe," worked with Capitmans
103. **Linda Zilber:** MB High graduate and former Mayor of Bay Harbor Island

Key:

GMVCB- Greater Miami Visitors and Convention Bureau  
MB - Miami Beach  
MDPL - Miami Design Preservation League  
MBCDC - Miami Beach Community Development Corporation  
M-DC - Miami Dade County  
VCA - Visitor and Convention Authority (MB)