

**Miami Beach Visual Memoirs Project**

**Interviewees Through October 2018**

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 Beach
4. **Aristotle Aris:** born and raised on Beach, Public Works Asst. Director.
5. **JoAnn Bass:** third-generation owner of Joe’s Stone crab restaurant;
6. **Moses Battle**: Black worker at Joe’s Stone Crab since late ‘70s
7. **Rey Baumel:** “Mambo Rey” popular entertainer in the 1950’s, 2nd Interview for Educational Video
8. **Bette Baron Bernstein**: grew up on Beach, contracted polio as a girl, advocate for disabled
9. **Lynn Bernstein**: City of Miami Beach Community Outreach Coordinator,former MDPL director
10. **Stuart Blumberg**: Miami Beach hotelier and hotel promoter
11. **Matti Bower**: Grassroots organizer; MDPL director; Miami Beach commissioner, and mayor
12. **Robert Bowman**: Grew up and work on the Beach: Joes, etc.
13. **Norman Braman**: Billionaire car dealer, art collector, and former owner of the Philadelphia Eagles
14. **Seth Bramson**: Miami Beach High graduate; local historian, collector and author
15. **Edna Buchanan**: Miami Beach crime reporter, Herald reporter/columnist, and novelist
16. **Gregory Bush, PhD:** UM History Professor, Black Beaches
17. **Diane Camber**: Art Consultant, former director Bass Museum
18. **Andrew Capitman**: son of Barbara, investor, Deco developer
19. **Norman Ciment**: former Mayor, created “eruv”
20. **Marty Cintron:** Musician, music producer
21. **Sabrina Cohen**: disabled activist
22. **Denise Courshon**: Family ties to the Beach since the Depression, active in arts and Miami Ballet
23. **Marlo Courtney**: Park Central Hotel, led Ocean Drive association; worked for Tony Goldman; involved in the 1980s/90s transformation of South Beach
24. **Alex Daoud**: Former Miami Beach Mayor convicted of corruption
25. **David Dermer**: Three- term Miami Beach Mayor, teaches at Beach High
26. **Richard Dixon**: Beach High graduate in 1953; son of prolific Miami Beach architect L. Murray Dixon
27. **Jeff Donnelly**: Miami Design Preservation League's historian and board member, long-time tour guide
28. **Margaret Ann Doyle**: preservationist, Capitman protégé married to Andrew Capitman.
29. **Judy Drucker**: raised on beach, Beach High graduate, world-renowned impresario
30. **Marvin Dunn**: Historian on the Black experience on Miami Beach
31. **Lynne Elster**: Miami Beach High graduate class of 1960; father was involved in Miami Beach nightlife
32. **Maurice Finegold**: Architect and city planner who created first Miami Beach designation plan
33. **Jerry Fisher**: Carl Fisher’s great nephew and biographer
34. **Ray Fisher**: Photographer
35. **Russell Galbut**: Developer and hotel owner; 3rd generation resident
36. **Luis Garcia**: Cuban exile, former Beach Fire Chief, state legislator, ran for Congress
37. **Dan Gelber**: former state legislator, attorney, father 3 times mayor.
38. **Seymour Gelber**: Former Miami Beach Mayor
39. **Barbara Gillman**: art gallery owner on Lincoln Mall; hosted Andy Warhol during Miami Beach visit
40. **Barton Goldberg**: grew up on Beach, banker, Chamber of Commerce leader, on zoning board
41. **Bob Goodman:** former Beach Commissioner, political activist, Art Basel Florida representative
42. **Thorn Grafton**: architect, preservationist and descendant of John Collins/Pancoast family
43. **Pepi Granat**: Family Physician, WWII on the Beach
44. **Ben Grenald**: Decorated Naval officer, pharmacist entrepreneur, Visitor and Convention Authority, and 3 time Vice Mayor of Miami Beach
45. **Selma Grenald**: born and raised on Miami Beach, local reporter, actor
46. **Jane Gross:** historic preservationist, friend of Leonard Horowitz
47. **Saul Gross**: Deco developer; former Miami Beach commissioner, Design Review board member
48. **Betty Gutierrez**: Founding member of MDPL; employee of Washington Storage Company; friend of Leonard Horowitz
49. **Steven Haas:** Restauranteur, created Miami Spice, developer, former Chair GMVCB
50. **Allan Hall**: retired attorney, professor and **Holocaust** survivor
51. **Francinelee Hand**: Life-long Beach resident active in the Arts and Preservation, Miami City Ballet
52. **Robert Hauser**: nephew of Henry Hohauser (prolific Art Deco architect); Miami Beach High School alumni
53. **Michel Hausmann**: Venezuelan-born theater director and producer, co-founder and artistic director Miami New Drama at the Colony Theatre
54. **Irving Heller**: raised on Miami Beach, a Beach High grad, retired Assistant Miami-Dade Chief of Police
55. **Stephen Hertz**: father helped design Lincoln Mall, VCA member
56. **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
57. **Richard Hoberman**: Long-time Beach resident
58. **Herbert Hofer**: Miami Beach since 1988, artist
59. **James Jones**: Captain at Joe’s Stone Crab, and Black worker on the Beach since 1972
60. **Helen Sir Kaplan**: moved to Miami Beach in 1936 (at the age of 6) and is a Beach High alumnus
61. **Joseph Kaplan**: labor attorney, represented Beach hotel workers in 1955 landmark suit to form a union
62. **Mitchell Kaplan**: Owner of Book & Books bookstores; Beach High graduate and Miami Beach native.
63. **Ruth Karp**: Carnival Fruit Company, resident since‘50’s, mother of Martin Karp-MDCPS school board
64. **Niesen Kasdin**: Former Mayor and Chair of the MBDevelopment Corp
65. **Norman Kassoff**: born and raised on Beach, Beach High grad, former law enforcement
66. **Marcos Kerbel**: Pedro Pan evacuee, founder Cuban Hebrew Congregation
67. **Michael Kinerk**: Art Deco activist, Miami Herald worker, MDPL Chair Emeritus
68. **Mac Klein**: Long-time owner Mac’s Club Deuce bar
69. **Kathy Leff**: Director of the Wolfsonian
70. **Coman Leonard**: History of Washington Storage and conversion to Wolfsonian, preservationist
71. **Philip Levine**: media entrepreneur, Miami Beach Mayor
72. **Jerry Libbin**: President and CEO of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce
73. **Robert Libman**: son of Betsy Ross manager, grew up on the Beach
74. **Nancy Liebman**: Chair Historic Preservation, MB Commissioner
75. **Rosa Lowinger**: came with parents from Havana in 1960, grew up on Beach, art conservator and author
76. **Clotilde Luce**: Preservationist, Morris Lapidus afficianado
77. **Joy Van Wye Malakoff**: grew up on Beach, banker, Miami Beach Commissioner
78. **Shareef Malnik**: Owner of Miami Beach restaurant The Forge
79. **Arthur Marcus**: Art Deco architect, member of MDPL board, Miami Beach design review board member
80. **Ernie Martin**: urban planner, community activist, long-time Beach resident
81. **Rosalind Merritt**: active in the MBSH alumni association; interior decorator; father Miami Beach builder
82. **Jimmy Morales**: Beach High graduate former county commissioner, Miami Beach City Manager
83. **George Neary**: Barbara Capitman cadre; former MDPL director, Miami-Dade Convention Bureau
84. **Jonathan Nelson** : Miami Beach Senior High Teacher, grew up at 13th + Michigan
85. **Tamara Nixon**: grew up on Beach, retired banker, advocate with Funding Arts Network
86. **Michele Oka Doner**: renowned artist born and raised in Miami Beach
87. **Mel Olman**: Musician, memories of performing/Fontainebleau
88. **Michael Orovitz**: Beach High grad. 1960; banker; son of Max Orovitz who helped found Mt. Sinai Hospital
89. **Ruth Enilda Pasarell**: Cuban Immigration/Mariel, Community advocate, Housing Authority
90. **Wayne Pathman:** Attorney specializing in Land Use and issues resulting from sea level rise
91. **Enid Pinkney**: African-American parents worked on Miami Beach
92. **Frank Pinkney**: African-American worked his way up on Miami Beach
93. **Brett Ratner**: Hollywood Producer/Director
94. **Karl Robertson**: Black worker at Joe’s Stone Crab since ‘70s
95. **Craig Robins**: “Deco” Developer, South Beach revival, born on the Beach
96. **Randall Robinson**: Miami Beach resident; Coined term Miami Modern to distinguish the unique Miami architectural style
97. **Harold Rosen**: attorney; Miami Beach commissioner, and former mayor
98. **Leslie Rosenfeld:** Chief Learning and Development Officer, City of Miami Beach
99. **Denis Russ**: Capitman cadre, MBCDC, MDPL
100. **Mickey Schermer**: grew up on South Beach; builder, stock broker, retired
101. **Susan Schermer**: grew up in Mid-Beach; business owner, photographer, Jewish community
102. **Dennis Scholl**: Knight Foundation, developer talks about Tony Goldman and impact of Mariel
103. **Gerald K. Schwartz**: Lawyer/JCC/Community Leader
104. **Charles Seraydar**: Former Detective Miami Beach Police Department
105. **Allan Shulman**: architect, historic preservation on Miami Beach, challenges of preservation
106. **Peter Sobel:** Hotel owner during Mariel impact
107. **Herb Sosa**: Gay Community, Preservation of Deco and MiMo
108. **Mark Soyka**: Miami/Miami Beach developer and restauranteur
109. **Alfred Spellman**: Filmmaker of Cocaine Cowboys and Miami Beach 100
110. **Robert Swedroe**: prominent architect, worked with Morris Lapidus, artist
111. **Lila Terry:** owner and operator of three gay nightclubs during the 1970s
112. **Annsheila Turkel:** Miami Beach during Civil Rights era
113. **Bruce Turkel**: on the Beach, family involved in civil rights, Miami Beach branding
114. **Caryl Rose Unger:** Hotel family
115. **Dennis Wilhelm**: MDPL, Capitman cadre, Capitman archivist
116. **Richard Winer**: Beach High graduate; grew up on Miami Beach, teen-age work experiences
117. **Nancy Wolcott**:  Miami Beach resident, active since the 80's in promoting the artistic and cultural aspects of Miami Beach.
118. **Micky Wolfson**: Collector, Wolfsonian Founder
119. **Dona Zemo**: South Beach marketing, Sobe and Barbara Capitman’s concept of a café society
120. **Linda Zilber**: Miami Beach 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)