The Volunteer Voice

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EVENTS CALENDAR
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CGM Organizes Clean-Up for Lincoln Memorial Park

As one of the oldest memorial parks in Miami, the Lincoln Memorial Park, has certainly seen better days. For nearly 100 years this cemetery has served the African-American community in Miami as a dignified site for the final rest of many of the area’s citizens. However, it now requires a great deal of attention to bring back that dignity.

Given its long history the park holds the mortal remains of some of Miami’s most noteworthy residents, including Mr. D. (Dana) A. Dorsey, often referred to as “Miami’s First Black Millionaire.” Mr. Dorsey, who, in about 1896, came to Miami from Georgia and later found work on the Flagler Railroad. Dorsey saw a need for housing for the workers and turned his energies toward the real estate market. After amassing properties throughout South Florida and even Cuba his entrepreneurial efforts yielded significant profits allowing him to build banks, hotels and affordable housing. Seeing the future of beachfront sites, in 1917, Dorsey purchases what was to become Fisher Island. After only a year and a half he sells the 21 acre island to Carl Fisher.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR HANDS ON HISTORY AND HELP RETURN THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL PARK TO ITS FORMER CALM AND RESPECTIBILITY, PLEASE CONTACT MALCOLM@CORALGABLESMUSEUM.ORG.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018
3001 N.W. 46 St. Miami, FL 33142
9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
ON-GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! PLEASE SEE BELOW!

Please contact Jude if you are interested. Jude.Alex@Live.Com

✓ PREVIEW NIGHT: THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018
   SHIFT: 6 TO 8 PM

Four (4) volunteers needed. One (1) to cover front desk; One (1) Greeting and managing Guest list; Two (2) to observe galleries and public spaces and, if needed, to cover front desk.

✓ GALLERY NIGHT: FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
   AUGUST 3, 2018 / SHIFTS: 5:30 - 8 PM AND 8-10 PM

Six (6) volunteers needed for each shift. Two (2) to cover front desk; one (1) Greeter Three (3) to observe the gallery spaces, patio and all other public spaces.

Please be flexible when choosing a shift as we must cover the entire evening.

✓ FAMILY DAY: EVERY SECOND SATURDAY: AUGUST 11, 2018

Four (4) volunteers needed. Contact: Olga@CoralGablesMuseum.Org

TOURS

✓ DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR: EACH SATURDAY, 11 AM
   AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

One (1) volunteer needed for each date to guide groups to locations near the museum, explaining the history and architecture of significant sites. Training required.

Note Change in Dates for “Dream” Tour, Now on Saturday!

✓ CREATING THE DREAM: EACH SATURDAY, 1 PM
   AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018

One (1) volunteer needed, inside the museum, for each date, to interpret City Founder, George E. Merrick’s vision and ultimate achievement of creating Coral Gables, The City Beautiful. Training required.
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From paint factories, canning plants, flower shops and farms in Central America, Europe and the United States, Ileana has seen and done it all. When not busy embroidering, cooking and traveling, Gonzalez devotes her energies and time to her two beautiful daughters.

Arriving in the U.S. in 1980 as part of the “Mariel Boat Lift,” Raul Hernandez used that experience to form the core of his life’s work. For 37 years he has worked in the fields of immigration, refugee resettlement and education. With his medical degree from Havana University and his own history as a refugee, he traveled to Haiti, the Panama Canal Zone and the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba to address issues of migrants in crisis. In Miami, Raul directed large-scale citizenship legal clinics for thousands of applicants. Becoming the first Chief Service Officer for the City of Miami, Hernandez, implemented educational programs and strategies to increase rates of high school graduation.

In 2012, he brought his interest in history and preservation to the CG Museum. Dr. Hernandez has once again become an active volunteer at the CG Museum and we are glad he is back with us.

Meet Our Selected CGM Supporter for August...

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