Happy 80th Birthday!

On a hot summer day, July 15, 1938, the cornerstone for the “new” Coral Gables Municipal Building was put in place. Thus began the 80 year history of what we now call the home of the Coral Gables Museum. After completion of the building, its opening for business occurred on Jan. 25, 1939. It served as the Police and Fire Station until 1975 when the current Public Safety Building was ready for occupancy. It continued to serve the city as, over the ensuing years, it contained various City offices and meeting rooms.

Between 2007 and 2011 a major restoration and expansion took place, turning it into the beautiful home of the Coral Gables Museum.

Interestingly, a mere few days ago the “Ground Breaking” for the newest Public Safety Building took place. Ironically, it too, is located, as are the previous buildings, on Salzedo Street.
VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS
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OPENING RECEPTION FOR CASTLES IN THE SKY: FANTASY ARCHITECTURE IN CONTEMPORARY ART

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019  6:30-8:30 PM

2 VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

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CASTLES IN THE SKY: FANTASY ARCHITECTURE IN CONTEMPORARY ART

ENJOY A GALLERY TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION GIVEN BY BARTHOLOMOW BLAND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LEHMAN COLLEGE ART GALLERY IN NEW YORK AND CURATOR OF THE SHOW.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019  6:00-8:00 PM

FREE FOR CGM MEMBERS       $5.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS

1 VOLUNTEER REQUESTED

Extravagance Wins the Night!

Article by Shelia Shapiro, CGM Volunteer

A glorious evening in December was the setting for the Second Annual Holiday Extravaganza at the Coral Gables Museum. Over 200 members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner under the stars, accompanied by seven talented vocalists and musicians under the direction of Robero Berrocal, Artistic Director of the Steinway Concert Series. The group provided both holiday songs and operatic selections for all to enjoy. Lynn Bauer, Chair of the CGM Board of Directors, and a army of volunteers transformed the patio with beautiful decorations that glittered all evening. In addition to the wonderful concert, this year, Ms. Bauer and the staff presided over a silent auction held in the Fewell Gallery. The auction included fantastic items such as travel all over the world, home décor, baskets of wine and restaurant gift cards. There was much excitement at the end of the evening when dinner guests found out who “won” the right to purchase the auction items! Many kudos go to John Allen, CGM Executive Director; Chair of the Board, Lynn Bauer; George Kakouris, Event Chair and the hard working CGM Staff and the many volunteers who made the gala a tremendous success.
January 25, 2019, exactly 80 years from the opening of the original Coral Gables Municipal Building, the CGM brought another iconic 80 year old event to life by showing the stunning 4 hour-long movie epic centered around the events of the U.S Civil War, Gone With The Wind. Starring Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh, who, interestingly enough was British, the movie premiered in 1939.

To enhance the flavor of the evening, volunteers and staff, came attired in period 1860s dress. Speaking of flavor, what would a movie be without popcorn which was available in abundance.

No Longer A Volunteer...

Our former volunteer Volunteer Liaison is no longer a volunteer. Jude Alexander, the Coral Gables Museum’s own Energizer Bunny, is now an employee of the museum. Having been the Volunteer Liaison for nearly two years as a volunteer, Alexander was recently given the recognition she has earned and can now take on certain tasks with more authority to see them to fruition. She is now the Volunteer Coordinator. We know that her previous experience in a variety of administrative and management situations will bring the volunteer corps to a smoother level of communication and function within the Museum’s working structure.

We are happy to congratulate Jude and look forward to continuing to work with and support her to the betterment of the Museum.

Meet Our Newest Volunteer...

Community service has always been a part of Pat Rosen’s life. Pat has an impressive level of experience in working with non-profit organizations, primarily in health care and related areas. However, experience and interest in retail, fund raising, administration and even history gives Rosen the flexibility to move into just about any position requiring great, positive people-handling skills.

Pat and her husband came to Miami in 2017 and made Coral Gables their home. Never one to sit still, this lady is currently volunteering with the United Way as a Reading Pal in a Pre K classroom. She is excited to be volunteering at the Coral Gables Museum. She feels this is the perfect place to learn more about the historical richness of Coral Gables and once again, make a contribution to her community.

We are happy to welcome Pat to the Coral Gables Museum and know that she will be a valuable addition to the ranks of the museum volunteers.
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907 Coral Way
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VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT
PLEASE, KEEP A COUNT OF THE HOURS OF AT-HOME VOLUNTEER WORK. IT’S IMPORTANT!
REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SIGN IN/OUT WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM.
Thanks, Jude.