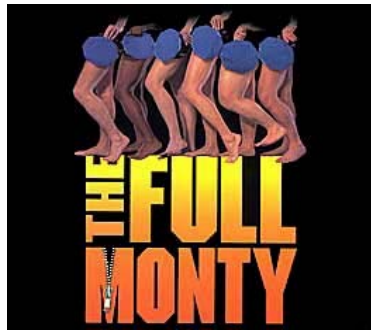




## GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Osmar Arevedo (visiting from Brazil), Helena Brown (visiting from Canada), Marty Brown (visiting from Canada), Joel Klee (visiting from New York), Marcelo Barsanti (guest of Osmar Arevedo), Carladenise Edwards (guest of Jonathan Parker), Uda Klee (guest of Joel Klee), Elina Hackworth (guest of E. Fout Caraza), Jonatas Silva (guest of Saraiva Granjeiro), Ana Consuilo Quexel (guest of Sally Ordonez), Marcos Coleman (guest of Sally Ordonez)



## GET YOUR TICKETS!

The Rotary Club of Miami has reserved a number of

tickets for "The Full Monty". This hilarious new musical comedy has become one of the hottest tickets on Broadway in the last several years.

Join other Club members at our fellowship event at The Actor's Playhouse on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 8:00 p.m.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

to conduct interviews with Thomas Brown McClelland Trust applicants. Interviews will be held on the following Saturdays:

March 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 1<sup>st</sup>

Please contact Norman Kassoff (305-251-3469) or Dr. Joseph Davis (305-235-0236) if you are able to assist with this process.

## CONGRATULATIONS !

Cory Gittner has been elected President of the Board of Trustees for Miami Shores Community Church.

## THANK YOU WORKING ROTARIANS

- Scribe:
- Sergeant at Arms:
- Visitors/Guests:
- Photographer:
- Pledge of Allegiance:
- Invocation:
- 50/50:
- Four-Way Test:

**Ed Steinberg**

**Gene Guterriez  
Stephan Schenk  
Arnold Galperin  
Norman Kassoff  
Victor Bao**

The March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Miami will be held at 12:15 p.m. at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne

## Speaker

## Mitchell Kaplan



Mitchell Kaplan, a Miami Beach native, founded Books & Books in 1982. Housed in a Mediterranean styled building, the bookstore hosts almost forty events a month, consisting of author appearances, readings, demonstrations, lectures, children's activities and a variety of other community based programs. In 1989 Books & Books opened a second location on Lincoln Road, which continues to serve the Miami Beach community today. The Lincoln Road location includes a full-service restaurant, the Café at Books. In November, 2004, Mitchell partnered with Levenger CEO Steve Leveen to bring Books & Books to Palm Beach County, establishing a store within a store at Levenger Headquarters in Delray Beach. In April, 2005, Books & Books opened a new location at Bal Harbour Shops Mall, located in North Miami Beach.

Mitchell Kaplan is a co-founder of the Miami Book Fair International and serves as the Chairperson of its Board of Directors. The Book Fair, sponsored and supported by Miami Dade College, brings over 200 authors and exhibitors to a weeklong celebration of all things literary into the heart of downtown Miami and onto the college's Wolfson Campus. Mitchell also serves on the Steering

Committee of the Florida Center for the Literary Arts, Miami Dade College's new literary center.

Mitchell is currently the President of the American Booksellers Association (ABA) and also serves on the Board of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression (ABFFE).

## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Opportunities for Service

March 16<sup>th</sup>  
**KATHERINE FERNANDEZ-RUNDLE**, State Attorney

March 21<sup>st</sup>  
**BOARD MEETING**, Rusty Pelican at noon

March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**JIMMY MORALES**, former Miami-Dade Commissioner

March 25<sup>th</sup>  
**THOMAS BROWN McCLELLAND TRUST**, Applicant interviews

March 30<sup>th</sup>  
**FRANCIS GARY POWERS, JR.** Founder and Director – Cold War Museum, Fairfax, Virginia

*This summary of the March 2, 2006 meeting of the Rotary Club of Miami was written by Ed Steinberg:*

Today's meeting, the first meeting of our 89<sup>th</sup> year, was called to order and opened with the Randy Golden and Linda Singer leading us in "America". Then Arnold Galperin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Norm Kassoff delivered the invocation.



Those seated at the head table (*brightened with four paintings by renowned Brazilian artist, Jontas Silva*

*Chimen*), were introduced by President Jair. They were guest speaker Rosa Sugranes, along with members Norm Kassoff, Randy Golden, Linda Singer and Arnold Galperin.

Following a lively round of Rotary fellowship, Gene Guterriez introduced visiting Rotarians and guests.

On a somber note, Garth Parker sadly announced the passing of Jim Wiggin's wife, Marie Wiggins, a former administrator for our Club. Sadly, we were also notified of the passing of Denise Rubin's father. Our deepest condolences and prayers are extended to both Jim and Denise.

Linda Singer reminded us that seats were going fast for the Theatre Night Fellowship event on March 31. The event will be held

at the Actors' Playhouse and will feature the production of "The Full Monty".

President Jair exhorted those of us who had not yet done so to turn in our pictures for next weeks Rotary Photo contest. Over 60 photos have been received so far. (Please, no "Full Monty's"!)

Norm Kassoff, our "Rotary Idol", appeared on Miami-Dade Cable TAP to review 88 years of Miami Rotary - - The "Magic 88".



We were privileged to have artist Jontas Silva Chimen describe the four paintings decorating the head table. Gene Gutierrez acted as auctioneer. One

of the paintings was auctioned with the winning bid delivered by Sally Scott, who promptly and generously donated the painting back to Rotary. On the second go-around, Bill Beckham stepped up to the table, so to speak, and walked off with the prize. Bill announced that the Golf Tournament, co-hosted with the Coral Gables club, netted \$5,000 for our Club. Way to go, Bill!



President Jair announced that Rotary International's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was February 23<sup>rd</sup>. To commemorate

the occasion, he invited all past Presidents in attendance to pose for a group photo. We were fortunate to be honored by the presence of Bob Decker, Arnold Galperin, Carlos Ruiz, Garth Parker, Gene Gutierrez, Randy Golden and Norman Kassoff.

Cory Gittner introduced our speaker, Rosa



Sugranes, Chairperson of the Board of Iberia Tiles and President of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Sugranes informed us that the Greater Miami Chamber of

Commerce, currently celebrating it's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and with 800 members, is the oldest and largest business organization in south Florida.

The Chamber works closely with the FTAA and the Chamber of the Americas. An eight- week training program is provided for new members and its Leadership Program has over 2,000 alumni. The Chamber is part of a diverse and energetic community consisting of private business listening to the voice of the increasingly global market.

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### President Wilkinson Steps Up

Wilfrid J. Wilkinson of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Ontario, Canada, assumed the

role of president-nominee on January 3, 2006. He was the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2007-08 that convened at RI World Headquarters on December 5, 2005.

Wilkinson retired from public accounting in 2001. Since then he has served as executive director of the Quintec Ballet School of Canada and is the Canadian coordinator for the National Association of Forensic Accountants. He has been a Rotarian since 1962 and he is currently a PolioPlus National Advocacy Adviser and a member at large of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force.

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**Spanish Speaking** |||

**Volunteers Wanted** |||

||| Our Rotary Club is volunteering |||

||| translation services to University |||

||| of Miami medical and law |||

||| students |||

||| who provide free medical |||

||| and legal services to low |||

||| income people at the |||

||| St. John Bosco Clinic in Little |||

||| Havana. |||

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