
GLOBAL HOPE

Diary of a Jetsetter

South Florida Happenings 2011

I am based in sunny South Beach, but follow the sun and sails around the world to the hottest happenings whenever, wherever possible. Spring in Miami is high season, so I usually stay settled in South Florida. The jetsetters seem to seek our sandy shores while snow is falling on their terrain.



Hope Gainer with Friends



The New Year started with a bang at a beautiful waterfront mansion on Sunset Island. Once the parties start they never stop here. The **New World Symphony** opened its doors in January to an amazing new orchestra hall designed by Frank Gehry and overseen by maestro, Michael Tilson Thomas. The exterior mega-video wall and sculpture park provide free viewing to all locals while the world can listen via live cybercasts. This is a world first for a symphony...only in South Beach!

I headed to Palm Beach Super Bowl weekend where I enjoyed an afternoon at Donald Trump's private beach club at Mar A Lago. That night, we watched the big game alongside "The Donald" at his exclusive golf club. Cheerleaders and a marching band lead the way into the clubhouse where an extraordinary BBQ was awaiting us along with beer for the boys and champagne for the ladies.



The Miami Beach Wine & Food Festival celebrated its 10th anniversary with Grand Tastings under big tents on the beach and a bunch of feasts like the popular Bubble Q, a BBQ under the stars with lots of bubbly to wash down all your bites. Also, in this second month of the new year, I went to the Cavallino Yacht Hop at Rybovich Marina in West Palm Beach, the Concourse d'Elegance at the Boca Raton Resort where Jay Leno hosted the weekend being that he himself is an avid car collector.



This year, the top Miami breast plastic surgeon, Dr. Roudner, hosted a Valentines Extravaganza produced by me at his waterfront home on Hibiscus Island with a lingerie theme. Playboys from near and far came to party alongside the doctor's sexy, scantily clad clients.



Dr. Lenny Roudner with Models



Tony Erdem, Owner of Galvanini



Artist, Steve Gamson with Suki

Then on Presidents' Weekend the Miami Beach Boat Show came to town and I hosted a charity event called "Yacht & Style Soiree" aboard Fathom megayacht at the Northrop & Johnson stand at the Yacht & Brokerage Show. We raised money for the American Cancer Society while showcasing luxury brands, Roberto de Villacis couture and debuting new singer, Jennifer Kaiser who performed live aboard for our VIPs. Guests got to taste Dewars Signature Scotch and Chateau d'Esclan rose wine from Cote d'Provence while chowing down on a Brazilian BBQ by Fogo de Chao.



Hope Gainer



Models



Jennifer Kaiser



Model



Kaufmann de Suisse jewelry





Donald Trump & Hope Gainer

March kicked off with a spectacular Unicorn Foundation Gala at Mar A Lago, of which I was on the host committee. The Unicorn Foundation raises money for children with learning disabilities. Donald & Melania Trump were our honorary hosts at their club, which had an Orient Express theme for the night. All aboard! Lucie Arnaz, daughter of legendary actress Lucille Ball, was our Mistress of Ceremonies. An elegant audience of movers and shakers dined and danced the night away all for a good cause. Next up was Miami Fashion Week where my friend's 13 year old daughter strutted her stuff on the catwalk for the first time appropriately dressed in virgin white.



Lucie Arnaz



Model, Avery



Another debut was done by Pershing as the brand flaunted their first pearl white Pershing 80' in the USA. The occasion was perfectly dubbed "Pershing on Ice" as they served Moet Ice Imperial, the world's first champagne created especially to serve on ice. It was a picture perfect party where the Pershing arrived just as the Miami sun was setting in the background. The next day the Pershing made another appearance at a sleek, contemporary new island residence for the official launch party of Moet Ice Imperial hosted by Daniel Lalonde, President & CEO of Moet & Chandon. This new innovation provides consumers with a champagne to enjoy for spontaneous moments with friends on warm days. The Moet Ice Imperial comes in a white lacquer bottle with Moet's signature black tie and gold medallion detailing.



Pershing 80'

Daniel Lalonde



The end of March brings all the best DJ's from around the world to Miami for Winter Music Conference and Ultra Music Festival. Everywhere your ears can hear the latest sounds from turntables as music is really in the air! With the Palm Beach Boat Show starting, I headed back up North. I was invited by Ferretti Group to experience a sea trial for their Ferretti 750 from Singer Island out to the Atlantic Ocean. Afterwards, I hit happy hour at Mar A Lago and once again ran into Mr. Trump, whose "Apprentice" TV show just hit the top rankings on U.S. television while he is contemplating running for President of the United States. Putting the comeback king at the helm may not be a bad idea....after all businessman, Bloomberg has done a good job as Mayor of New York City.



Hope Gainer & Tony Erdem aboard the Ferretti 750



There seems to be a trend emerging here...Trump, boats and bubbly everywhere! Now it is actually time for tennis in Miami with the Sony Ericsson tournament in Key Biscayne hosting the top ranked players of the world. And polo is on the horizon with the U.S. Open polo finals mid-April in Wellington at the International Polo Club in Palm Beach County. Here Chandon champagne is wheeled out in trucks between chukkers and served complimentary to the crowd. The following weekend of April 22, the polo players migrate southward to the sands of South Beach and play to the tunes of top DJ's while bikini clad bystanders root them onto victory. This is one of my favorite events in Miami Beach, outside of Art Basel. The energy in the air is super-sexy as the players parade on the beach and ride their horses at high speeds for the **Miami Beach Polo Cup**. This is arena polo, which means you are up close and personal with the players!



Stay tuned for Hope's next hotspots and happenings as we move along the Cote d'Azur to be upfront and center for the Cannes Film Festival and Monaco Grand Prix!

Till then, toasting you with your favorite champagne!

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