



# News Letter

MIAMI SKI CLUB INC. P.O. BOX 560943 PINECREST, FL 33256-0943

APRIL 2006

## Happy hours

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**April 7, 6-8 PM**

**The Field** (drink specials 3-7 PM, appetizers)  
3281 Griffin Road  
Dania Beach, (954) 964-5979

**April 14, 6-8 PM**

**Fritz & Franz Bierhaus** (2 for 1 drinks, appetizers)  
60 Merrick Way  
Coral Gables, (305) 774-1883

**April 21, 6-8 PM** (appetizers/drink specials)

**Katrine Restaurant**  
2530 Ponce de Leon  
Coral Gables, (305) 460-0100

**April 29 (Saturday) SPRING FEST**

**Sonesta Hotel - Coconut Grove**  
2889 McFarland Rd  
Coconut Grove, (305) 529-2828

## Dine-a-round

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**Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 PM, Portobello Ristorante**  
2841 Coral Way, Miami (305) 445-0093

Our dining adventures continue at this cozy Italian-Venezuelan restaurant. Meet at 6:30 PM. Dinner starts at 7:00 PM. Start with an appetizer of *Bruchetta* followed up with *Cesar salad*. Main dinner choices are *Tortelloni dil Chef* (homemade pasta filled with vegetables in chopped tomato sauce) or *Snapper al Mediterraneo* (snapper with kalamatas olives, sun-dried tomatoes in white wine and capers sauce). And finally, there is a *Veal Scallopini Capresse*, (oven baked veal topped with mozzarella and state tomatoes.) Dessert is *Quesillo* - great Venezuelan flan. A glass of wine, coffee, tax and gratuity are included.

Please R.S.V.P! Make your **\$39 (members)** check (\$41 guests) payable to the Miami Ski Club. Mail to: **Maggie Zaitz**, 11305 SW 111 St., Miami, Fla. 33176. For further questions/directions, call Maggie at **(305) 807-1098**. Bon Appetite!!!

## Bike ride

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**Sunday, April 9, 10:30 AM**  
to **Black Point Marina, Miami**

Come and join us on the popular ride along Old Cutler Road to Black Point for lunch, and back again. We'll meet at George's house at 10:30 AM for some coffee, and then head out by 11 AM. First, we'll do a scenic detour on the beautiful path through the Deering Estate preserve, and then follow the bike path along Old Cutler Road down to the Pirate's Den for a lunch on the water. We'll look for the manatees, who seem to be a regular sight this time of the year, and head back. There will be some cold drinks waiting for you back at the house, where you are welcome to just hang out and join in on the conversation. Meet at George's house, 17145 SW 80 Ct, Miami. For a map and directions, please e-mail **George Ondricek** at [goli-tarts@aol.com](mailto:goli-tarts@aol.com), or call **(305) 234-7344**.

## Gables wine walk

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**Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM**  
Various Restaurants, Coral Gables

A taste of wine, some excellent food and a leisurely stroll around town with friends. This lovely evening in Coral Gables is called the Wine Walk.

While the evening weather is so delightful, a progressive wine tasting event is a genuinely wonderful way to enjoy the depth and breath of a few of the fine restaurants and wine bars in the City Beautiful - Coral Gables. These events are quickly becoming the popular thing to do, and some say they're the hottest ticket in town. Join us for a tasting at four wonderful venues, La Cofradia, Fleming's Steak house, Tarpon Bend and the City Cellar for a sample of two wines and delicious appetizers.

**Members: \$40** Guests: \$42. Please make your check payable to the Miami Ski Club and mail to: **Patricia Jacobs**, 10920 SW 134 Court, Miami, Florida 33186. For information contact our hosts: **Rob & Robin Burr** at **(305) 443-7973**.



## Letter from the Prez...

Soon, it will be time to pass the gavel to the incoming Executive Committee. On Friday, March 3, the Club held its biannual elections meeting and we had a wonderful night under the stars at the 94th Aero Squadron. At this time, I would like to welcome and congratulate our incoming EC with Sabina Lorion as President, Michelle Lucking as Vice President, Howard Margoluis as Treasurer, and Cindy Sandmaier as Secretary. I, of course, am easing into the Lazy-boy, known as Past President. We will have excellent continuity as Sabina and Michelle are already on the EC, and Howard and Cindy are experienced trip leaders and current members of our Board of Directors.

Where in the World in George Ondricek? Well, that has been a predominant question these few weeks. George is on-site in Egypt, checking out our upcoming trip. So far, the reviews have been excellent. I can't wait for his full report. We are hoping to include a report in this Newsletter, before we go to print. I have also had an opportunity to spend some time in the Middle East just this past February. I was on a work assignment in Karachi, Pakistan for a week and absolutely loved it. I must admit, this was truly one of the most memorable trips I've ever taken. I found the people extremely warm and welcoming. We ate at local restaurants, went shopping in malls and markets, and never once did I feel uncomfortable. As a point of reference, I was in Karachi at the time of the demonstrations against the Danish cartoons. While there was a public strike, I watched families enjoy a day off, laying in the sun and playing cricket just across from the Sheraton Hotel. For me, this was such a positive experience, I would definitely welcome the opportunity to return to the Middle East. Seems my chance is just around the corner with our upcoming trip!

As we wind down an excellent ski season, I hope that everyone is looking forward to our annual Springfest. This is a great way to hook up with your ski and travel buddies. If you didn't ski, come out and get first hand accounts on how the Club puts on a great vacation. We are planning on setting up a projector, so that we can show off some great vacation shots from around the world, including Chile, USA, Canada, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. WOW! If you have some pictures to share, please send them on to me. Remember, please keep them G -Rated! All kidding aside, we should have a great gala evening. Say tuned for details. In the mean time, take a look at all of the great events we have planned this month.

Cheers!!

Cathy Stahlmann (305) 607-8840  
[president@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:president@miamiskiclub.net)

## Upcoming events

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- April 2, 2006 - Swamp Tromp
- April 9, 2006 - Bike ride
- April 13, 2006 - Gables Wine Walk
- April 29, 2006 - Springfest
- May 13, 2006 - Sailing
- May 21, 2006 - Shark Valley bike ride
- June 10, 2006 - Airboat adventure
- July 4th - Celebration - Viscaya
- August 11, 2006 - Summer ski trip

## Springfest

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**Saturday April 29, 7 PM**  
**Sonesta Beach Hotel, Coconut Grove**

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 29, 2006 as we celebrate another great year for the Miami Ski Club at our annual Springfest Gala. If you skied or toured the Greek Islands and Turkey with us, your admission is free. If didn't, we've got an great price for a sit-down dinner and plenty of dancing. What's more, you will get a first hand look at what the fuss is all about. See RSVP form and details on the inside back cover.

# Summer ski trip

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**Tentatively - Friday, August 11 - 20  
Buenos Aires and Bariloche, Argentina**

We are currently working with the travel agents to coordinate a summer ski trip to Bariloche, Argentina. We are targeting a departure date of Friday, August 11th. We will stay in Buenos Aires for two nights in the famous Recoleta district and we are planning a tour of the city, tango show and visit to the artist community called La Boca. There will be enough time to dine, shop and purchase fine custom leather goods. On Monday, we will fly to Bariloche and are looking into staying at a fabulous resort in the Patagonia for six nights. The resort is located in the northwest region of Patagonia in the Nahuel Huapi National Park and surrounded by majestic mountain peaks, crystal lakes, rivers, and forests. There is a daily shuttle to the quaint Bavarian style village of Bariloche and the ski area, which is only 20 minutes away.

We are also inquiring about other activities in the area, such as a visit to the seven lake district, San Martin and Victoria Island. For more information contact **Patricia Jacobs** at **(305) 388-2855** or e-mail her at: [Argentina@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:Argentina@miamiskiclub.net).

We will keep you posted on the progress of this great trip. Stay tuned!

# MISC elections

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On March 3, the Miami Ski Club held its bi-annual elections meeting to present the slate of Executive Committee candidates, and to entertain any nominations from the floor. As there was only one candidate per each position, and there were no nominations from the floor, the incoming Executive Committee is as follows:

**Sabina Lorion - President**

**Michelle Lucking - Vice President**

**Howard Margoluis - Treasurer**

**Cindy Sandmaier - Secretary**

**Cathy Stahlmann - Past President**

Please extend a very warm welcome to our incoming Executive Committee. Thank you.

# Swamp tromp

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**Sunday, April 2nd, 9:45 AM  
Everglades National Park (305) 242-7700**

Join us once again for a hike, picnic lunch and a Swamp Tromp to an alligator hole with a very informative, enthusiastic, volunteer ranger, Ellen Siegel. At 9:45 AM we'll meet under the big fig tree at the courtyard in Royal Palm parking lot for an easy 1/2 mile walk on the Anhinga Trail to see birds and alligators. At noon we'll carpool to Long Pine Key for a picnic. 1:00 PM – carpool to a cypress dome for the Swamp Tromp. Long pants and tie-on sneakers and socks that can get wet are suggested. No Tevas or aquasocks!

Bring: \$10 entry fee (per car), a picnic lunch, sun glasses, bug spray, sun hat, plastic bag for wet things, some dry clothes and shoes, water, camera and/or binoculars. Directions: Florida Turnpike south to the end (Florida City). Turn Right at the light onto Palm Drive and follow signs to Everglades National Park. After the entrance, continue to "Royal Palm" parking lot. Volunteer ranger's cell is (305) 332-5544 - if needed the day of the event. RSVP to **Pam Epstein** at **(305) 772-1500** or **Sandy Londono** at **(305) 663-2964** by Wednesday, March 29.

For more information about the Park, log on to: <http://www.nps.gov/ever/pphtml/activities.html>.

*Something Old - Something New  
The Children's Exchange  
has the perfect items for you!*

**1415 Sunset Dr. (East of Red Rd)  
Coral Gables 305-666-6235  
Mon-Thurs 10-7 Fri-Sat 10-5**

**Large Selection – Special Event Dresses  
Brand New Items  
Holiday Clothes  
Toys, Videos & More  
Gently Worn Clothes – Shoes  
GREAT SKI APPAREL  
Infant to 12 years old  
Shop often for Best Selection!**

# Egypt & Israel

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**November 3 - 19, 2006**

I just got off the plane, Sahara dust on my shoes (quite literally), trying to figure out how to adequately describe this trip to you. All I can say, this is the mother of all trips. Certainly from the point of view of history, culture and religion. After all, these are the places where it all came from, the events which took place here defined who we are today, and when you stand there, there is no denying it. Let me give you an example. In Cairo, we will visit a Coptic church, which is built on top of a byzantine structure, as if this place didn't have enough history of its own. Right next door is another church, built on top of a cave where the Virgin Mary hid with baby Jesus for three years, after fleeing Bethlehem. And almost next to it you'll step into a synagogue, which stands on the very spot where the basked with baby Moses is said to have drifted to the shores of the Nile. Now that's history for you. Are you beginning to see what I mean?

And of course there are the pyramids, the Sphinx, ancient Memphis and five thousand years of history packed into just the first three days of the trip! But we are a spoiled lot, and can't live on history alone. So, to spoil you even more, we will spend the beginning of the trip in the Mena House Hotel, which started as a palace and hunting lodge, right in the shadows of the pyramids. You just can't get any closer than that! And I wish I could tell you about what's planned for your welcome dinner, but that would just spoil the surprise. You'll simply have to trust me on that one!

There are enough shopping opportunities on this portion of the trip as well, including a day at the Khan el Khalili bazaar, which will absolutely mesmerize you. But as not everyone has the need to shop, you will always have the option of doing something else, such as spending more time in the Cairo Egyptian museum. If you saw the artifacts at the King Tut exhibit in Fort Lauderdale, you will now realize what a small fragment of the treasures you actually got to see. You could get lost in the museum for days, looking at everything from the Rosetta stone to the royal mummies.

From Cairo, we'll take a short flight to Aswan and board our boat, which will be our home base for the next four days. This portion of the trip combines some incredible temples, contrasted by a leisurely cruise down the Nile. A perfect combination of relaxation and site seeing. You will have the privilege of seeing the Philae temple, Temple of Sobek, and the Valley of the Kings, where you can see first hand, where the treasures of King Tut were found. But the highlight of the cruise has to be Luxor and the Karnak temple. The power of the architecture and

the magnificence of the place is truly overwhelming. No matter how much you have read about it, and how many pictures you have seen, there is nothing that can prepare you for being there.

After the final night on the boat, our tribe will take to the skies, through Cairo and across the Red Sea (no parting necessary) to Aman, Jordan. Just pack an overnight bag, as the next morning, we'll be heading out to follow in the steps of Moses. As our attention isn't what it used to be, we'll skip the forty years in the desert on our way to the Holy Lands. Once again, you will be able to breathe history, as you stand on Mt. Nebo, overlooking the Spring of Moses, the Dead Sea, with Jericho on the other side of the Jordan Valley. But we won't linger, as we'll have a brush with much more modern history, taking to the desert in four wheel drive vehicles, to retrace the steps of Lawrence of Arabia in Wadi Rum, where he set up camp for two years. Truly breathtaking scenery, to this day dotted by the occasional bedouin tent.

And then on to Petra, one of the true highlights of this incredible trip. Even watching Indiana Jones again and again cannot do this place justice. When you walk through the narrow and winding Siq and the view of the Treasury opens up in front of you, you will be overwhelmed. After a guided tour and lunch, you will have all the time you want to explore, or to take a donkey ride back out. Or camel, if you so choose. And if you are still up to it, at night, you will have a chance to do it all again, but this time with the canyon lined with thousands of candles, leading back to the Treasury, lit by another thousand candles. Sip some bedouin tea, listen to local musical instruments and walk back to a well deserved night. Truly unforgettable.

To give you a unique experience, well off the beaten tourist path, we will spend some time and a night at a spa on the Dead Sea, where you can dip in the water, take mud wraps, get massages and pamper yourself, before heading out the next day. On the way to Jerusalem, we will tour Masada, and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, while listening the the fascinating history. And then four fabulous days in Jerusalem. There really isn't enough room in this Newsletter to describe what you will experience, so you just have to wait for the next issue of the Newsletter!

We should have the pricing of the trip finalized in a few weeks, and we plan on putting the trip in sale sometime in late May. Please check the web site ([miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com)) for pictures and further details as they become available. You can always contact me at [Egypt@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:Egypt@miamiskiclub.net), or (305) 234-7344.

*George*

# Sailing with MSC

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Saturday, May 13, 1 PM - 9 PM

Join us for a whole day of sailing and fun on beautiful Biscayne Bay. Sail with us and Capt. Jeff Johnson and his crew on "Knight at Sea", a beautiful 52 foot Irwin Ketch with all the comforts of home, including two full "heads" (bathrooms and showers for the novices). We board at 12:30 and depart at 1:00 sharp from Pier 7 at Dinner Key in Coconut Grove for a leisurely cruise down the Bay. We will anchor, swim, and of course, do what ski club members do so well - eat and drink. The hours are selected to enjoy the sun and heat of the day as well as a BBQ as the sun sets. It's all waiting for you, but hurry and reserve your space today because the number of people is limited.

Bring your own towel, hat and sunscreen. We will also ask everyone to bring snacks, food or drinks to share! MSC will bring the food to be grilled. Cost is **\$60/member** and \$65/guest. Send your check payable to "Miami Ski Club" to: **Michael Rehr**, 9500 S. Dadeland Boulevard, Suite #550, Miami, FL 33156 or call him for further information at (305) 670-8993. Don't let your ship set sail without you!

# Trip leaders wanted!

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As you have heard, we have already begun working on our 2007 ski trip selection. We are currently reviewing contracts and we are hoping to present a finalized schedule of trips for next month. At the same time, it is critical that we begin our search for trip leaders. Being a trip leader can be a very rewarding experience! It takes a bit of doing and a lot of dedication to do it right, but you get to make a difference in a lot of people's lives, if only for a week! Ultimately, it is our trip leaders who make a ski trip into a really unique and fun experience, which is what sets our Club apart from the rest. If you have been on some of our ski trips, you know what we are talking about! And if you would like to make things fun for your friends and fellow Club members, we would very much like to have you run one of our trips in the 2007 ski season!

We are finalizing the upcoming ski trips, and we have some excellent venues in mind, including Colorado, Utah, Montana and France. If you would like to be an integral part of this exciting aspect of the Miami Ski Club (and get a free ski trip on top of that), see next month's Newsletter for a trip leader application.

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# IT'S RENEWAL TIME AGAIN!

**AND MSC IS ONLY GETTING BETTER...  
DON'T RISK MISSING OUT ON ANYTHING**

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Yes, we know it seems just like yesterday that you sent your membership application in. But our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31, so come the month of June, all memberships not paid between March 1 and May 31, 2006 will become inactive (our Bylaws say "terminated", but that sounds a bit too harsh in today's gentler, kinder world). Once again, we are holding the line with our membership fees for this year, so please take advantage and send your application in now. Your timely renewal will not only guarantee that you don't miss out on anything, but it also helps support our Club, by giving us the necessary means to put on all those wonderful events that we all take for granted!



# Membership Application

SOURCE CODE  
**NL-04-06**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ APT. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY (spouse signature required)**

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW**

In consideration for the benefits derived from membership in the Miami Ski Club, Inc. and acknowledging the hazards inherent in the sport of snow skiing, bicycling, roller blading, and other outdoor activities, the undersigned does hereby assume all risks and absolves, releases and waives any and all liability, claims or demands against the Miami Ski Club, Inc., its officers, directors and each and every member thereof, which may arise out of, or be related to any injury or pecuniary loss by reason of said membership, through participation in club activities.

Please make checks payable to Miami Ski Club, Inc. and mail to above address.

I would like to be included in a Club Directory  I do not want to be in a Club Directory

ADULT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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The Miami Ski Club, Inc. (MSC), established in 1968 as a non-profit organization, extends an invitation to all those interested in having fantastic, fun-filled times to join our fabulous snow skiing trips and the year round outdoor and social events.

Our membership year is from June 1 to May 31.

<b>TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>RENEWAL</b> (From last year)	<b>NEW</b>
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<b>INDIVIDUAL</b> Available to individuals over the age of 18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
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<b>FAMILY</b> Married couples and single parents with children under the age of 24 residing with parents; couples with common address (need proof of residency)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
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<b>ASSOCIATE</b> Individuals or families residing more than 100 miles from Miami International Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
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<b>AFFILIATE</b> Entitles current members of other Florida Ski Council clubs to join MSC trips after specific dates. Carries no other Miami Ski Club benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1	
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It is well known that the more you get involved in the Club, the more you will get out of it! We always need friendly people to greet new members, help with various activities, the magazine or Newsletter. Would you like to join that group?

I would like to be more involved in the Miami Ski Club. Count me in!

# Springfest

**R.S.V.P. FOR SPRINGFEST 2006  
RSVP IS A MUST AND MUST BE DONE BY APRIL 18th**

Name of 2006 ski trip/Greece & Turkey trip participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Our annual Springfest dinner/dance will be held on Saturday, April 29th at the Sonesta Hotel, Coconut Grove at 7 PM. The phone number is (305) 529-2828. Cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres will be served on the Terrace and then at 8 PM we will be seated for dinner inside. We'll dine on a delicious salad, stuffed breast of chicken, and a wonderful chocolate napoleon with coffee or hot tea. This event is FREE to those who travelled with the Club in 2005, including the Greece/Turkey trip. The cost is \$50 for those who did not, and for guests the cost is \$60. Valet parking is \$7.50 for up to 5 hours. This will be a wonderful evening you should not miss! A chance to bring out your formal attire and put on the Ritz. Door prizes will be given away.

Number of non-skiing members (\$50 ea.)

Number of non-members (\$60 ea.)

TRIP YOU WENT ON: \_\_\_\_\_

\$  TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED

DETACH HERE AND MAIL IN



## Springfest 2006

**Saturday, April 29, 2006 7 PM till 11 PM**

Sonesta Beach • Coconut Grove • Florida, (305) 529-2828



This will be a dinner dance and formal attire is optional. Wear your dancing shoes as we will be playing your favorite songs. There will be a cash bar, sit down dinner of delicious salad, stuffed breast of chicken, and a wonderful chocolate napoleon with coffee or hot tea.

Members who skied with MSC this year, including Greece/Turkey are FREE.  
Other MSC members \$50, non member guests \$60.

Please make your check payable to Miami Ski Club and mail to Sandie Margoluis, 11225 S.W 112 Street, Miami, Florida 33176 or call her at (305) 596-9311. Reservations are a must, as well as cancellations.

**You must RSVP to reserve a space!**



Address correction requested  
TIME DATED MATERIAL

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<b>9</b> 10:30 am <b>BIKE RIDE</b> Black Point	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7 pm <b>WINE WALK</b> Coral Gables	<b>14</b> 6 pm <b>FRITZ &amp; FRANZ</b> Coral Gables	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Easter	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Board meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6 pm <b>KATRINE</b> Coral Gables	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 pm <b>DINE-A-ROUND</b> Portobello	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 pm <b>SPRINGFEST</b> Coconut Grove	
<b>30</b>	<p><b>Mark your calendars for Saturday April 29, 2006 - Springfest at the Sonesta Beach in Coconut Grove!</b></p>						