

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
Office of the City Manager  
Letter to Commission No. 049-2005



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Member of the City Commission

**Date:** February 17, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge", written over the printed name.

**Subject: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

March is Women's History Month, and, as in previous years, the Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women will celebrate the event with a reception in honor of three women in our community whose contributions have made a difference in our community. The Women Worth Knowing Award will be given to each of these women and was voted on recently by the Commission on the Status of Women. A list of the three honorees and a brief summary of their major accomplishment is attached.

The City is partnering with the Commission on the Status of Women to hold a reception in honor of Women's History Month on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Beach Marriott Hotel located at 161 Collins Avenue.

During the reception each honoree will be presented with a Certificate and will have the opportunity to highlight her major accomplishments regarding her work in the community.

We hope that you will be able to attend this important event. Please RSVP to Maria E. Martinez in the City Clerk's Office at (305) 673-7411 by March 1, 2005 if you plan to attend.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this event, please feel free to contact me.

JMG:REP:mem

Attachment

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
05 FEB 18 AM 9:42  
RECEIVED

**Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women  
Women Worth Knowing 2005**

**Dr. Georgina García D.M.D.:**

"Dr. Georgie", as she is known, began her community service in 1987 by volunteering her time to various dental organizations. She served on numerous committees of different dental organizations, and went up the line to become President in 1991-1992 of the Dade Dental Study Club, and the Miami Beach Dental Society. Dr. Georgie also served the community through the Rotary Club of Miami Beach. She was voted as "Rotarian of the Year in 1992". Dr. Garcia was President of the Rotary Club of Miami Beach in 1994-1995. She has also volunteered her time and expertise to the Miami Medical Team and Donated Dental Services by helping numerous patients with their dental needs. Dr. Georgie served as President and Executive Director of the South Florida District Dental Association in 1998-1999 and was chosen as "Dentist of the Year 2000". She has also served on the Board of Directors of the Bertha Abess Children's Center and the Advisory Board of the University of Florida Hialeah Clinic. Dr. Gerogie Garcia serves on the faculty of the University of Florida and practices dentistry with her mother Dr. Dalia S. Garcia in Miami Beach.

**Elsie Sterling Howard:**

She is the immediate past chairperson of the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority and served on the Board of the Greater Miami Visitor and Convention Authority. She served on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel and Tourism and currently serves on the Public Relations Ad Hoc Committee for the City of Miami Beach. She is founding co-chair of special events for the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/University of Miami. Elsie serves as a co-chairperson of the Endowment for the United Way of Miami-Dade County. She is the chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania Press, having served as a University Trustee, President of the Penn's Alumni Society and as the Chairperson of the Penn Fund. She is a co-chair of the 2005 Switchboard Miami gala and served as the chairperson of the Department of the Treasury's Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee and has served as a director of Deutsche Bank Florida, N.M. since 1992. Elsie is a member of the Alexis De Tocqueville Society of United Way, a member of the Founders Society of both the Sylvester Cancer Center and Mount Sinai Medical Center. Recent awards include the Caroline Halpern Leadership Award from the Sylvester Cancer Center in November 2004 and the Stewart "National Volunteer of the Year Award in 2003 from "CASE". She will receive the Red Cross Spectrum Award in March, 2005 in addition to the "Woman Worth Knowing Award" from the City Of Miami Beach/Committee on the Status of Women.

**Shelley J. Kravitz:**

Shelley J. Kravitz is a Miami-Dade County Judge who not only resides in the City of Miami Beach, but was born here. In fact, the future Judge Kravitz was born in an elevator of the original Mt. Sinai Hospital; her mother did not make it to the obstetrics room. She is a member of the Faculty of the Florida Judicial College. Yes, when we elect or appoint a new judge, the new judge is required to go to what is colloquially referred to as "New Judge's School", and Judge Kravitz teaches trial skills to the new judges. Beginning in 2001, she also served as Chair of the Miami-Dade County Canvassing Board. In addition, she lobbies the State Legislature for the Conference on County Judges, the only woman to have done so. Judge Kravitz did her undergraduate work at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and received her law degree from the University Of Miami School Of Law. She is on her third career, having started as a public school teacher, followed by a 10 year law practice, during which time she served as a Special Master for the City of Miami Beach. She then began her current service on the bench, where she has served for over 12 years, while serving several community groups involved in the arts and in education. She has received many honors from a myriad of community and professional groups, is a lecturer on law and is married to former Miami Beach and Miami City Manager, Jose Garcia-Pedrosa.