

CHAMBER CELEBRATES GUAYABERA NIGHT



The Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce celebrated Guayabera Night in traditional form with our special guest Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado. This event was held in conjunction with the Collazo Law Office, headed by attorney Yesenia A. Collazo. The event drew members of the Chamber, old friends, and many new faces. Live music was provided by South Florida's own "Salzón Jazz", with group leader David Lucca.

According to Nellie Marrero – who attended a Chamber event for this first time – the mayor was very gracious and a pleasure to meet and the music was fantastic – salsa all the way! Bill Pacheco, visiting from Broward County, enjoyed the light food sponsored by the Bleu Moon Restaurant & Lounge, where the event was held. Mr. Alan Thompson – a long time Chamber member – spent the evening networking. Edgar Fontañez – attending his first Guayabera Night – danced the evening away, often with two beautiful dance partners.

Mayor Regalado brought great news for the Chamber. In 2008, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (District #3) Audrey Edmonson, at a duly held Board of County Commissioners Meeting, assigned a county-owned property to our Chamber of Commerce as the site of the future "Casa Puerto Rico" – a cultural center and Small Business Incubator in the heart of the Wynwood neighborhood. This project will be labor intensive – creating many jobs in the local area on both a short and long term basis – and will contribute to the economic, community and cultural development of the Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami. **Mayor Regalado announced his support for the Casa Puerto Rico and indicated that – in a demonstration of County / City unity - he will be joining with Commissioner Edmonson to move the project forward.**

The South Florida Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce wishes all its members and friends – as well as the many readers of La Opinión Puertorriqueña – a very Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New Year. We hope to see our old friends and many new friends during 2011.