



Hope Happenings & Hot Spots.

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Hibiscus Island house.



Moët display.



Daniel Lalonde toasting.

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.

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.

February 14 is our annual day for celebrating romance. 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 clients scantily clad.

Then on Presidents' Weekend (when Americans celebrate the birthdays of former Presidents, George Washington & Abraham Lincoln, and my bday too that weekend), the Miami Beach Boat Show came to town and I hosted a charity party called "Yacht & Style Soiree" aboard Fathom megayacht at the Northrop & Johnson stand at the Yacht & Brokerage Show.

The Miami Beach Wine & Food Festival celebrated its 10th year 2011 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.

March kicked off with a spectacular gala for the Unicorn Foundation at Mar A Lago. Lucie Arnaz,

daughter of legend, Lucille Ball was our Mistress of Ceremonies and Donald & Melania Trump were our honorary hosts.

Another debut by Pershing, as the brand flaunted their first pearl white Pershing 80' in the USA, dubbed "Pershing on Ice" as they served Moët Ice Imperial, the world's first champagne created to be served 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 Moët Ice Imperial hosted by Daniel Lalonde, President & CEO of Moët & Chandon.

The end of March brings all the best DJs from around the world to Miami for Winter Music Conference and Ultra Music Festival. 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 ocean. Crystal clear blue skies and yet again glasses filled to the brim with the newly christened Moët Ice Imperial made for a perfect afternoon with Ferretti fans. 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 US TV, while he is contemplating running for

President of the United States.

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, the polo players migrate southward to the sands of South Beach and play to the tunes of top DJs while bikini clad bystanders root them onto victory. 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 for the Cannes Film Festival and Monaco Grand Prix!

Till then, toasting you with your favorite champagne!



Donald Trump & Hope.



Dr Lenny Roudner's Valentine's Party.



Donald Trump's golf club entrance Super Bowl with cheerleaders & marching band.



Mar A Lago ballroom with Orient Express theme.