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Gonzalez Residence
Exterior Facade

Backyard



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Residential News

Gonzalez Residence in Juno Beach, FL

It has been a pleasure living in Juno Beach, but it's time to move on to the next big project. After nine wonderful years at 461 Olympus Drive, Rick and Karen have decided to sell their designer home and move on to their desire for historic restoration. Their designer home is located three blocks from the ocean on the west side of Pelican Park in Juno Beach. It is approximately 3500 square feet (HVAC) and 5000 square feet total including outdoor porches. It was originally built in 2003 and has four bedrooms and 4 baths. There is a detached two-car garage with a pool bathroom and outside shower. The interiors are done with typical caribbean accents of mahogany, bamboo and monkeys. The home is modeled after a traditional four square design. The entry foyer has four columns covered in palm matting with patina coppered palm fronds. The Caribbean blue living room walls soothe your eyes from the harsh summer sun. The multi-functional kitchen, breakfast, family rooms are adjoined and allow for family entertainment. Further,

off the breakfast room, are double doors leading to the backyard and pool with it's North Carolina rock fountain and border. The porch functions for cooking and eating in covered privacy. The pool deck is ready for backyard swimming and BBQ fun!

This beautiful home is listed with Bill Kollmer at Platinum Properties. All inquires can call Bill at (561) 762-1946 for more information.



Gonzalez Residence
Front Facade

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Urban News

From the President's Desk Rick Gonzalez, AIA

As an architect, I have always been drawn to beautiful homes. This year, again, I find myself longing for a home with an historic personality. Call me sentimental, but I have always been drawn to the nostalgia of historic home restoration, having owned several homes that stood the test of time with a little TLC. They were period structures that had a legacy of presence. We find ourselves once again scouring the neighborhoods for just the right place to call home. On the back page, you can read about our Juno residence and why it's up for sale. I digress, that as an Architect, I am drawn to historic structures because they represent a special place in time. I happen to enjoy our variety of historic structures and desire to improve, enhance and breathe life back into them. I know that this is part of my wife's desire as a designer to flex her creative muscles too, but we both just melt when we see historic homes that need TLC. As put to me by our realtor, "It's what you do." Rightfully so, it is what we enjoy doing. We are a dynamic duo and blessed from God to cherish each other enough to work together 23 years and still enjoy the process of renovating a home. I hope you enjoy this issue of our Newsletter, we bring in some old and new projects to you as we forge through this economy with our passion for architecture and interior design. As we make our environments beautiful and enhance their personality with architectural sensivity.

~Rick Gonzalez, AIA

Lake Worth Beach Casino Building, Lake Worth, FL

This fall, after more than 20 years debating what to do with an important community facility for the citizens of Lake Worth and it's visitors, the City of Lake Worth will open this building with a ballroom, restaurants, shops, arcades and breezeways together with a completely renovated public beach park area surrounding the building. It was only two years ago in the summer of 2010 that we embarked on this difficult assignment of bringing this magnificent structure to it's 1922 Mediterranean Revival Grandeur. The building together with it's extension to the south designed in a complimentary "Tuscan" style will be central to the centennial celebrations of the City of Lake Worth in 2013. The facility and park are working on a



LEED Certification. Special thanks go to the City Staff and the Morganti Construction Manager on successfully completing this \$6 million dollar/36,000 s.f. project in the fall of 2012. Please stop by Mulligan's, Kliwin's and all the other establishments at the Casino and tell us what you enjoyed the most about this iconic building!



New Projects

- Wycliffe WCA Community Building Renovations, Wellington, FL
- Baer's Furniture Exterior Improvements, NPB, FL
- Dunbar Village Senior Housing Complex, WPBHA, WPB, FL
- Valiente Polo Equestrian Farm, Wellington, FL
- Mariners Key Apartment Renovations, Lake Park, FL
- Westgate CRA Infill Housing, Palm Beach County, FL
- West Palm Beach Water Treatment Plant Renovations, West Palm Beach, FL
- Singer Island Marriott Hotel Banquet Hall Addition, Riviera Beach, FL

Appointments

Rick Gonzalez, AIA:

- Vice President of the Florida Trust Historic Preservation (FTHP), Tallahassee
- Board Member University of Florida, Direct Support Organization (UF/DSO) for St. Augustine UF Properties
- 911 Memorial Committee, Town of Juno Beach

Manuel Ayala, AIA:

- AIA Palm Beach, Past President



REG participated in the 2012 Annual Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon. It was a good time for all and REG was able to raise \$500 for this excellent community non-profit. Thank you to our sponsors, you know who you are! It proved the theory that architects and interior designers can bowl. How well, we're not saying!

Employee Spotlight - Raymond & Dennis

Raymond Estrella



Born in Puerto Rico and raised in Jacksonville, FL, Raymond Estrella graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors in Design. He went on to attend the University of Texas where he completed his Masters Degree in Architecture. Luckily for REG, one of our employees had gone to school with Ray at UF and let him know we had an opening for a Job Captain. Ray lives in downtown West Palm Beach with his wife, Amparo. In his free time he likes

Dennis McGaughey

Originally from Pennsylvania, Dennis McGaughey comes to REG with 18 years of experience as a Job Captain. During that time he worked on a wide variety of projects, everything from airports, to churches to skyscrapers in Dubai, UAE. Dennis previously worked for REG in 2004, and we are very happy to welcome him back; especially because he is a great bowler, and inspires the rest of his coworkers at our annual company Bowl-a-thon for Charity! Dennis also lives in downtown West Palm Beach.



Baer's Furniture, North Palm Beach

Baer's Furniture Store in North Palm Beach is undergoing intensive exterior improvements to bring the 1980's building into the 21st century. Vlad & Rick worked closely with the owner David Baer and his Contractor, Rick Finn of Tangent Construction to deliver an elegant mediterranean classic design that incorporates the image of Baer's Furniture and satisfied the aesthetic requirements of the Village of North Palm Beach.



Westgate CRA Pump Station West Palm Beach, FL



Designed for the Belvedere/Westgate CRA and PBC Water Utility Department, the project consist of a vacuum wastewater collection and effluent pump building to serve the Belvedere/Westgate Community. The building has also been designed to withstand a Category 5 hurricane, with basic wind speed at 190 MPG. Construction is expected to finish by the end of 2012.

Westgate CRA Infill Housing West Palm Beach, FL



This project was also designed for the Belvedere/Westgate CRA under the NSP2 RRG program. The project consists of six three-bedrooms single family units with the option of a carport addition and ADA conversion to be constructed at the Belvedere/Westgate Community. The style of the building integrates Florida Vernacular architecture with local details and color accents. Construction is expected to finish in Spring 2013.

Wycliff Golf & Country Club Entry Guard Houses, Wellington, FL

In 2010, after an extensive renovation of the Grand Clubhouse of Wycliffe Golf & Country Club the community hired REG to replace the 20 year old undersized guardhouses on the South & North sides of Lake Worth Road in Wellington with two state of the art hurricane resistant security upgraded guardhouses. The smaller north guardhouse consisted of a major renovation expansion including a covered structure canopy at check-in for protection from the weather and inspired visibility/aesthetics from Lake Worth Road. The larger new facility to the South included exit/entry structure canopies and it will also serve as a command center/EOC in the event of a major storm. Both sides received beautiful new signage with enhanced driveways, creating a unified community design that reflects design inspiration from the previously renovated grand clubhouse.



St. Jude Family Life Center Boca Raton, FL

The Parish of St. Jude Catholic Church in Boca Raton opened it's 23,000 SF/\$5 million building to it's campus to serve the needs of the growing parish and nearby community this fall. The building has a seating capacity of 400 seats in the main multipurpose room that has also been designed to be divided into 2 separate 200 seat events with a folding partition system in place. With a full state of the art catering kitchen and the adjacent beautiful modern church building, the family life center can handle all the weddings, parties, educational events as needed. The building's other amenities include a porte-cochere drop off area, breeze way, loggia, trellis patio, lobby, bar and central foyer with a fireplace to compliment the event space and welcome guests into the building. A must see if you are thinking about arranging a wedding function or seminar. The building will also be the home of the parish's new administrative wing, providing offices, conference rooms and staff facilities for all the ministries of St. Jude. Many thanks for a great client, the Diocese of Palm Beach, St. Jude Catholic Church, Mike Lockwood, Father Michael Kissane, Marie Liebel; a determined contractor working with a tight budget Sergio Tio of P3CM Group and the talented group of staff/consultants from REG.

