

Interview Subject: Richard Hoberman

Date Recorded: 6-15-13

Location: MDPL office, Art Deco Welcome Center

Date of Birth: 4-1-41

Narrative: Richard Hoberman was the first Miami Design Preservation League Art Deco tour guide and for 10 years was the only one. He first came to Miami Beach with his family in 1946 when he was five years old. His family spent winters here. Richard moved here permanently in 1980 and was drawn into the preservation movement on Miami Beach. He was active in MDPL and served as president from 1987-1992.

He talks about the campaign to get the South Beach Art Deco district's historic designation. He reflects on Barbara Capitman, Leonard Horowitz and his own involvement in the movement.

He describes his father: "My dad owned the Bird Cage (no relation to the movie) which was a tropical themed coffee shop with 36 live parakeets from 1951 to 1958 and from 1961 to 1965 he owned Neil's which was a 24 hour deli on Alton Road, just north of Lincoln Road, which was close to the night club district on Alton road and on Dade Boulevard."

People mentioned: Barbara Capitman, Leonard Horowitz, Craig Robbins, Tony Goldman, Christ Blackwell, Robert Rubin.

Places referenced: The Senator Hotel, Fun Fair, Miami Beach.