

FEATURED FAMILY STORY

The Bengochea Family



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Dear friends,

The legacy of Fort Lauderdale is that of its citizens. We are proud to be a community whose history is as diverse as the people who have called it home. History Fort Lauderdale is committed to preserving our city's stories to inspire future generations.

With your support, you ensure the longevity of Fort Lauderdale's history. That includes stories such as that of the Bengochea family.

Born in Cuba, Arturo Bengochea first came to America in the early 1920s to study law at New York's Columbia University. Arturo was hard-working and passionate about his field, dedicating his early years following his graduation to teaching law before opening a practice of his own.

Driven by ingenuity, Arturo developed a series of manufacturing plants with his best friend and partner, which converted a by-product of sugarcane production into rubbing alcohol. The boom in demand caused by World War II allowed Mr. Bengochea to make a life for himself as an entrepreneur. During this time, he also took on the role of Cuba's first Commissioner of Baseball, a title he held until 1959.

As the patriarch of the Bengocheas, Arturo relocated his family to Fort Lauderdale in 1959, just before the rise of Castro. It was here he joined his business partner, and his family's story took root. Today, his family's prominence is still found throughout our city.

Born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Arturo's grandson, Arthur Bengochea, has fond memories of spending his childhood on the beach. He cherishes school years at Harbordale Elementary, where he met his wife in second grade, and their time at Stranahan High School. To this day, the two have returned to live life in their childhood zip code, where they are actively involved with History Fort Lauderdale.

As you prepare to make your end-of-year generosity, we ask that you join us in our fight. Consider this opportunity to give back to your neighbors and community. All donations will play a direct role in preserving stories like the Bengochias.

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