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### For Immediate Release

**DATE:** April 14, 1997

**CONTACT:** Rebecca G. Thacker, CLP, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

**PHONE:** 954-390-2130

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**SUBJECT:** Wilton Manors' 50th Birthday Celebration

### *"Classic Car Show"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- Enjoy over 150 classic cars at Wilton Manors Birthday Celebration Car Show Saturday, May 10th from 6:30-9:30pm at Hagen Park. This judged show features 50 classes with first and second place trophies in each class, a six foot Club Participation Trophy, Ten Best of-Specialty Awards and marble commemorative dash plaques to the first 125 entrants.

Co-sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors, Continental Cablevision, Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club, Classic Vehicles and Friends and Automotive Restore Products, and Taylor & Turner Pest Control, the car show is also complete with a live DJ/MC - Dr. Detroit and registration is only \$12.00. Parking for the public for this event at Ft Lauderdale High School.

For more information on the car show, contact Norman at 752-6089, John at 485-9383 or Jay at 721-6890. And since you're bringing your classic car out for the day, why not participate in the 50th Birthday Parade prior to the car show. No fee, just call Rob French at 565-1445 or Wilton Manors Parks and Recreation at 390-2130 for more information and parade application.

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FROM: CITY OF WILTON MANORS  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: CLASSIC CAR SHOW

**CAR SHOW SCHEDULE**

3:30-5:00pm Early Car Show Registration at Hagen Park - (Wilton Drive will be closed at this time except for car show participants) Car show participants please enter Wilton Drive via NE 6th Ave. Parade Marshals will let you through to register.  
5:00-6:30pm Parade (Must pre-register for parade by 5pm Friday, April 25th)  
6:30-7:30pm Regular Car Show Registration  
6:30-9:00pm Car Show  
9:00-9:45pm Car Show Awards

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### *"Historical Committee May Be Looking For You!"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- To help us commemorate and celebrate Wilton Manors 50th Birthday, the Historical Committee is looking for these people and items. Please call in if you fit the bill! Call Diane Cline at 566-6219 or page her at 466-1693. You can also call the Parks and Recreation Department at 390-2130.

- People born on May 13, 1947
- People married on May 13, 1947
- If you have a historical house in Wilton Manors
- If you have a business that has been in Wilton Manors since 1947
- If you have a suggestion for acquiring a house or other permanent location in Wilton Manors for our City history and archives.
- If you have suggestions or materials for our time capsule.
- Memorabilia from Wilton Manors past

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### *"Countdown To Wilton Manors' 50th Birthday Celebration!"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- We are excited about our 50th Birthday Celebration and encourage everyone to join us in our countdown by participating in Wilton Manors record breaking activities.

On March 24, 1997, 50 days before the City's birth date, we began a series of events to be held each of the 50 days to get ready for our big celebration on May 10th and our actual birthday on May 13th. Ideas already being planned are: Commemorative License Plates being given to the first 50 businesses renewing their Business Association Membership, 50 laps around the Hagen Park Walking Trail, 50 after school children jumping rope 50 times each, 50 Girl and Boy Scouts learning about the City of Wilton Manors; 50 pre-school children singing "Happy Birthday" to Wilton Manors.

We hope to include all Wilton Manors' businesses, civic groups, churches, children, teens, adults and seniors in these exciting days of record breaking events. If you have a group interested, or have some fun ideas for activities, please call Kay Kelley, Parks and Recreation Supervisor at 390-2131.

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**SUBJECT:** Wilton Manors Dedicates 6th Avenue

***“Wilton Manors Dedicates 6th Avenue Bridge  
to Jerry and Dianne Thompson”***

WILTON MANORS, FL- As part of our 50th Birthday Celebration and as a lasting impression during this historical time for Wilton Manors, the City is dedicating the 6th Avenue Bridge to Jerry and Dianne Thompson on Wednesday, May 7th from 2:00-2:30pm at the 6th Avenue bridge near K-Mart on Oakland Park Boulevard.

Jerry Thompson was a Broward County Commissioner for 22 years and was also a Wilton Manors Council Member from 1964-1968 and the Mayor of Wilton Manors from 1968-1974. His economic development prowess has produced major economic gains in Broward County. Along with his former Dianne, who passed away in 1996, he continually sought to move the county to new heights while never forgetting where he came from.

Groundbreaking for the new bridge is planned towards the end of the year, however we are dedicating this last improvement with our other 50th Birthday Celebration activities. The new bridge will be higher and more navigable. Therefore it is with great honor and privilege I invite you, the public, to take part in this dedication as we join together with a stronger bond for the future.

For more information call Wilton Manors Parks and Recreation at 390-2130.

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### *"Stuart McIver Completes History of Wilton Manors"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- The 50th Birthday Blue Ribbon Committee commissioned Stuart McIver, a well known local author and historian who has written many books on South Florida, to write Wilton Manors' history entitled The Island City - The Story of Wilton Manors. As our past fifty years is well worth celebrating, it is also befitting that we remember these years with a publication as a memento that will last forever. Mr. McIver has traced the history of the City in both words and pictures of its landmarks and especially of its people. The history is currently being published in a commemorative book that all residents and Florida history buffs are sure to want. For only \$15.00 you may purchase this piece of history and have it autographed by the author himself at the Golden Years Ceremonial Dinner on Thursday, May 8th.

Call now to reserve your copy of the book. 390-2130.

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**DATE:** April 15, 1997  
**CONTACT:** Kay Kelley, Parks & Recreation Supervisor  
**PHONE:** (954) 390-2130  
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**SUBJECT:** Island City Stars

### *"Island City Stars!"*

Wilton Manors, FL- As part of the Wilton Manors 50th Birthday Celebration, the City of Wilton Manors Recreation Volunteers presents "The Island City Stars", a talent showcase. It will be held on Friday, May 9, 1997. The show will begin at 7:00pm at Ft. Lauderdale High School Auditorium, 1600 N.E. 4th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale with the famous comedian Woody Woodbury as Master of Ceremonies!.

Admission to the show is \$3.00 for adults and children under 15 years old are free. The doors will open at 6:00pm. You may purchase the tickets prior to the show on May 9th, at the Ft. Lauderdale High School Auditorium. All proceeds will go to benefit Wilton Manors children's programs.

We encourage you and your family to attend and view the wonderful talent of youth ages 5 to 15. It will be an entertaining evening for all ages.

For more information call the Parks & Recreation office at (954) 390-2130.

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**Date:** April 16, 1997  
**Contact:** Bill Wetzel, Parks & Recreation Supervisor  
**Phone:** 954-390-2130  
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### **Wilton Manors' 50th Birthday Canoe Race**

Wilton Manors, Florida— Are you looking for a fun, competitive, and healthy way to spend a Saturday morning? Then join us for the Wilton Manors' 50th Birthday Canoe Race and Birthday Bash Relays. The race and the relays will take place on Saturday, May 10, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The 6.2 mile race will be around the City of Wilton Manors on the North and South forks of the Middle River. There will be 12 member teams with two team members canoeing one of the six legs of the race.

We are also having a birthday bash relay in which six member teams will be trying to beat the clock for fun.

Registration fees for the events are \$30.00 for the canoe race and \$15.00 for the birthday bash relays. All participants must pre-register prior to Monday, May 5, 1997. Teams may participate in only one event because the events are simultaneous. All canoe race participants will be invited to a post race party at one of our local restaurants. For more information or to receive a race packet please call Bill Wetzel at 390 - 2134.

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### *"Golden Years Ceremonial Dinner"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- Join the City of Wilton Manors at our Golden Years Ceremonial Dinner at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 8, 1997 outside at Hagen Park, 509 N.E. 22nd Drive, Wilton Manors. The dinner is designed to honor our noteworthy residents and businesses of the past 50 years and to promote the history of Wilton Manors as written by Stuart McIver.

The dinner is hosted by the Friends of the Library and includes chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, coffee, soda and dessert. Tickets are available to the public at the Wilton Manors Library and Hagen Park. Stop by and pick up your tickets for the dinner and bring your \$15 check to reserve your book.

A historical display depicting Wilton Manors past will be up with photos and other memorabilia. The Golden Years Ceremony will honor those residents and former residents who hold a place in our past.

Another highlight of the dinner is a ten minute video "A Year In The Life of Wilton Manors" showing the thriving city it is today and the upscale quality of life we enjoy in 1997.

The evening concludes with the book signing by Stuart McIver of his latest release "THE ISLAND CITY-The Story of Wilton Manors", and a demonstration by the Wilton Manors Volunteer Fire Department. Upon conclusion of the activities at Hagen Park, visit the Fire Department for their open house and give your support to these men who voluntarily risk their lives for our residents.

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### 50th Birthday Tennis Carnival

Wilton Manors, Florida— We are looking for tennis players of all ages and abilities to help kick-off the City of Wilton Manors' 50th Birthday celebration. We will be holding a Tennis Carnival at the Hagen Park Tennis Center on Sunday, May 4, 1997 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be offering free clinics on ground strokes, serve and volley, and net play including overhead smashes and defensive lobs. We will have a fast serve contest and a Gamma racquet sports product testing area along with prize give aways and a prize hit area where if you can hit the prize you win it. The afternoon will end with a barbeque to be sponsored by the Island City Tennis Club. This event is free and no registration is needed so just grab your racquet and join us for a great day of tennis and fun. For more information on this event please call Mike Bennett at 390-2132

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### *"Taking It To The Street"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- Wilton Manors is taking this birthday celebration to the street! On Saturday, May 10th from 6:30-9:30pm, following the parade and before our grand finale the "Odyssey", get your dancing shoes out and dance the night away to the sounds of "Exodus".

The lead singers of this group are Nick and Nikita and they come to us with an impressive background. They began as a duo performing throughout Europe. Nick plays keyboards and sings lead and Nikita sings lead. Nikita is an accomplished dancer and can bring the people to their feet!

Together they have performed in Germany, Austria, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Italy, and Yugoslavia. They spent several months in Los Angeles and New York working on their original material before arriving in Florida. Exodus is a high energy, visual group that performs a vast assortment of music from top 40's to Rock & Roll. They recently performed for the Florida Recreation and Park Association state conference where they brought down the house.

Don't miss this night to remember at Hagen Park, 509 NE 22nd Drive, Wilton Manors. Parking at Ft. Lauderdale High School. For more information call 390-2130.

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**SUBJECT:** Honorary Parade Marshals

*“Nancy Stafford and James Dean to lead  
Wilton Manors 50th Birthday Celebration  
Parade as Honorary Parade Marshals”*

WILTON MANORS, FL- On Saturday, May 10th Wilton Manors will host our 50th Birthday Parade with approximately 100 units from 5:00-6:30pm down Wilton Drive. We are particularly honored to have celebrity Nancy Stafford, and Wilton Manors pioneer James Dean as our Honorary Parade Marshals.

Nancy hails from right here in Wilton Manors and may well be one of Hollywood's best kept secrets. She graduated from the University of Florida, and reigned as Miss Florida in the Miss America Pageant. In New York she became a top model with the Ford Agency, then landed her first acting job, a dual role, as a series regular on the NBC-TV daytime drama “The Doctors”. She spent several years as a series regular on NBC's critically acclaimed “St. Elsewhere”, starred in the ABC series “Sidekicks”, and for five seasons co-starred as Michelle Thomas, Andy Griffith's law partner on the ABC series “Matlock”. Nancy has starred in several TV movies, including NBC's “Moment of Truth: A Child Too Many” and Fox's recent “Natural Enemies”. In addition to acting, Nancy is also the host of “Main Floor”, the new nationally syndicated television series featuring the latest beauty and fashion trends. Nancy's husband, Larry Myers, is a professional musician as well as a pastor at the Malibu Vineyard

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Subject: Honorary Parade Marshals

Christian Fellowship. He has helped establish several Vineyard Christian Fellowship churches in the L.A. area. They live in Marina del Rey.

James Dean is a current resident of Wilton Manors and has been since his Air Force days in 1946. He and his wife, LaWayne, who have been married for 50 years, (that's something to celebrate), were one of Wilton Manors' original 80 families. In fact, James Dean actually carried Wilton Manors' articles of incorporation as a village to Tallahassee, and on May 13, 1947, the State of Florida declared the community officially the Village of Wilton Manors!

Mr. Dean organized and developed several banks in the Broward County area including what is now known as Wilton Manors Sun Trust. He also built the first bridge across the Middle River at N.E. 26th Street.

[WMHS Editor's Note 08/2022: the above paragraph is not an accurate representation of, and overstates, Mr. Dean's role in those two activities. --RAU]

The parade begins at the intersection of N.E. 14th Avenue and N.E. 26th Street and travels south down the west lanes of Wilton Drive ending at Ft. Lauderdale High School. The reviewing stand and bleachers are located at Jaycee Park across from 2020 Wilton Drive. Spectator viewing is good all along the drive so make plans now to bring your lawn chairs and the entire family in parking for all Wilton Manors Parks and Recreation is 3902 Ft. Lauderdale High School.

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### **"Experience the Odyssey"**

Wilton Manors, FL—Designs by Sean is the producer of the Odyssey Wilton Manors 50th Birthday Finale Saturday, May 10th at 9:45pm, Hagen Park, 509 NE 22nd Drive, Wilton Manors. Designs by Sean, Inc. has been in existence for two years. Initially created as a sole proprietorship, the company was subsequently incorporated in March 1995.

The company's creative style and unique designs are due to it's mastermind and president Sean DeFreitas, a Wilton Manors resident. Sean has been involved with costume design since the age of eleven. A native Trinidadian, he won his first award as a performer in the Junior King of Carnival Competition in 1976. He then left Trinidad to continue his studies and work abroad.

Since the inception of Designs by Sean, Inc., he has designed costumes and supplied the decor for major theme parties for such notable organizations as the Smithsonian Institute, Sea World of Florida, Busch Gardens, Cypress Gardens, The Orange Bowl, AT&T, the Ft. Lauderdale Winterfest Parade, Metro Zoo in Miami, Broward General Hospital, Bacardi, Williams Island, American Express, Walt Disney World Florida, Universal Studios, and others.

In the fall of 1996, Designs by Sean, Inc., created and produced the show Odyssey, a spectacular array of dancing, singing and awe inspiring costumes creating a continuous metamorphosis throughout an evening of great entertainment. The show opens with the birth of

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Parks and Recreation Department  
Subject: Experience the Odyssey

a butterfly, taken under the wings of its mother. Together they take their journey to far away destinations in our world and then return to their place of birth, Wilton Manors, to celebrate the birthday of a great city.

### THE EVENING DESTINATIONS

#### Act One - Northern Lights

Journey to the Northern Hemisphere where gases mix with lights to create spectacular arrays of color kaleidoscopes and patterns.

#### Act Two - Great Barrier Reef

The entire room is magically transformed into an Atlantean paradise, where your guests will become one with the exotic population of sea life that is the Great Barrier Reef. Experience the sensation of being not just a visitor, but part of the flow of life under the sea.

#### Act Three - Kenya

Wild animals and pygmies surround your guests accompanied by haunting vocals. The echoes Africa are found in the choreography of the dark continent, from where it is said mankind began. A true safari of sight and sound await you.

#### Act Four - Egypt

Kingdom of the Sun: A spectacular vision of gold, depicting the opulence of the God Kings awaits your guests as they visit the ancient pyramids. Nubian slaves, dancing cobras, and strange life-like columns are just a part of this amazing journey that takes us back in time to the splendor of ancient Egypt.

#### Act Five - Bermuda Triangle

The unsolved mystery of this small part of planet Earth launches your guests on a voyage where inner and outer space meet. Where creatures not of this world transform themselves before your eyes. Be a part of this adventure into another dimension, slip through the crack between reality and the unknown.

#### Act Six - Carnival

A cornucopia of ingredients, including a Carnival combine to form a spectacular finale to the evening's performance.

Parking is at Ft. Lauderdale High School. For more info call WM Parks & Recreation at 390-2130.

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### **“Nothing But The Best...Great Food at the Birthday Party”**

Wilton Manors, FL—Hugh’s Catering from right here in Wilton Manors will provide our concessions at the birthday party on Saturday, May 10th. You know he makes nothing but the best. So make plans now to eat dinner with us after the parade.

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**Contact:** Rebecca G. Thacker, CLP, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
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### **"Giant 50' Birthday Cake"**

Wilton Manors, FL-Thanks to Publix Supermarkets, Wilton Manors will have a

## **GIANT 50' BIRTHDAY CAKE!**

Don't miss your slice of cake being served at the finale of the "Odyssey" Saturday, May 10th.

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### **"Special 50th Birthday Council Meeting Schedule"**

Wilton Manors, FL - There will be a special 50th Birthday Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 1997 at 6:00p.m. at the Council Chamber, 524 N.E. 22nd Drive, Wilton Manors and at 7:00pm at Jaycee Park (across from 2020 Wilton Drive) there will be a Time Capsule Dedication.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

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### **“Replica of Entrance Castle/Arches & Time Capsule Dedication”**

Wilton Manors, FL -A special thank you and tribute goes out to Wilton Manors residents Ron and Ann Lunsford for their donation of the replica of the City's entrance castle/arches.

As lifelong residents of Broward County, Ron and Ann have lived in Wilton Manors a great number of these years as well as did both of their parents. They have also given a great deal of their time and expertise to city projects as members of the Wilton Manors Civic Association and Ron is a member of Wilton Manors Code Enforcement Board.

It is the same caring and generosity towards the City that spurred Ron to build a replica of the entrance castle/arches. It will hold the 4 time capsules that are to be opened one each 25 years for the next 100 years. What a great birthday gift to pass on!

The Time Capsule and Entrance Castle/Arches will be dedicated at 7:00pm in Jaycee Park on Tuesday, May 13, 1997. This is only temporary however, as the entrance castle/arches will be stored for safe keeping until it finds its permanent home in the future Island City Arts Center.

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**SUBJECT:** Wilton Manors' 50th Birthday Celebration

### *"Fire Department Open House"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- The Wilton Manors Fire Department is pleased to announce an Open House/Demonstration Series as part of the City of Wilton Manors 50th Birthday Celebration on Thursday, May 8th.

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|----|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | Vehicle Extrication and Fire Demonstration          | 8:00PM       | Hagen Park   |
| 2. | Fire Extinguisher and Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Burn | 8:30PM       | Fire Station |
| 3. | Tower Burn, Ladder and Elevated Victim Rescue       | 9:00PM       | Fire Station |
| 4. | Station and Apparatus Tours (Every half hour)       | 8:00-10:00PM | Fire Station |

Free soft drinks and fire prevention materials for all attendees.

The Fire Department will also be participating by providing a team for the canoe race, placing all the fire apparatus in the parade and giving a fire prevention puppet show and tentatively the Fire Chief's Association Safety Trailer at the Children's Day In The Park on May 10th.

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### *"A Special Thank You"*

WILTON MANORS, FL- A special thanks to our main sponsor for the 50th Birthday Celebration.

## CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION

We'll blow out a candle for you!

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### **"Children's Day In The Park"**

Wilton Manors, FL—What birthday party would be complete without some good ole fashion fun for the kids? Wilton Manors Elementary School is hosting a "Children's Day In The Park" to celebrate our Wilton Manors 50th Birthday on Saturday, May 10th from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Hagen/Veterans Park, 509 NE 22nd Drive, Wilton Manors. This party is complete with a petting zoo, velcro Olympics obstacle course, dunk tank, clowns, a stage full of entertainment, student art contest, game booths and much more! The event is free of course, game tickets are 25 cents each and carnival treats will be for sale. Parking for the public is at FLHS. For more information about this event call Wilton Manors Parks and Recreation at 390-2130.

### **ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

10:00am	Funtastic Gymnastics
10:30am	Island City Line Dancers
11:00am	Ft. Lauderdale Childrens Theater
11:30am	Doberman Rescue League Demonstration
12:00pm	Karate & Martial Arts Demonstration
12:30pm	Karate & Martial Arts Demo-Master Allen
1:00pm	Wilton Manors Police Department & K-9 Unit Officer Gonzalez & Rocky
1:30pm	Wilton Manors Fire Department Puppet Show

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JERRY AND DIANNE  
THOMPSON  
6TH AVENUE BRIDGE  
DEDICATION

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1997  
2:00 P.M.

Mayor King Wilkinson  
Vice Mayor Jack Seiler  
Council Member John Fiore  
Council Member Gloria O'Gorman  
Council Member Richard Pratt  
City Manager Dr. Robert Levy  
Assistant City Manager Daniel W. Keepe



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Chairman Scott Cowan, County Commissioners  
Vice Chair Lori Nance Parish, County  
Commissioner

Ilene Lieberman, County Commissioner  
Sylvia Poltier, County Commissioner  
Norman Abramowitz, County Commissioner  
Suzanne Ganzbarger, County Commissioner  
John Rodstrom, Jr., County Commissioner  
Jack Osterholt, County Administrator

Robert Sproc, Oakland Park Mayor  
Caryl Stevens, Oakland Park Vice Mayor  
Steven Annst, Oakland Park Commissioner  
Robert "Rob" Joynt, Oakland Park Commissioner  
Rosemary Sachs, Oakland Park Commissioner  
Bert Raines, Oakland Park City Manager

Richard W. Rothe, Wilton Manors Parks &  
Recreation Director  
Rebecca G. Thacker, Wilton Manors Parks &  
Recreation Asst. Director  
Timothy D. Keeffe, Wilton Manors Parks &  
Recreation Asst. Director



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JERRY AND DIANNE THOMPSON  
6TH AVENUE BRIDGE DEDICATION  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1997  
2:00 P.M.

Welcome  
Mayor King Wilkinson

Introductions  
Vice Mayor Jack Sellen

Remarks  
Chairman Scott Cowan

Jerry and Dianne Thompson Background  
Vice Mayor Jack Sellen

Reminiscence of Jerry  
Council Member Gloria O'Gorman  
Council Member John Fiore

Plaque Presentation  
Ilene Lieberman

Comments  
Jerry Thompson

Unveiling Of Bridge Sign  
Vice Mayor Jack Sellen

Presentation to Gretchen Gettemy Thompson  
Council Member Richard Pratt

Closing Comments  
Mayor King Wilkinson



**CITY OF WILTON MANORS  
GOLDEN YEARS  
CEREMONIAL DINNER**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1997  
6:00 P.M.**

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**King Wilkinson, Mayor  
Jack Sessler, Vice Mayor  
John Fiore, Council Member  
Gloria O'Gorman, Council Member  
Richard Pratt, Council Member  
Dr. Robert Levy, City Manager  
Daniel W. Keeffe, Assistant City Manager**



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GOLDEN YEARS  
CEREMONIAL DINNER**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1997  
6:00 P.M.**

**Welcome  
Rick Perry, Chairman  
Wilton Manors Recreation Advisory Board**

**"A Year in The Life of Wilton Manors" - Video  
Rick Perry**

**Golden Years Ceremony Honoring:  
Laurie Marchwinski  
Gay DeMario  
Mary Kalis  
Robert "Bob" Rothe  
Susan Olson  
Ron & Ann Lunsford  
Marsha Stafford  
Tracy Stafford  
Nancy Stafford  
James Dean**

**History Review & Book Signing  
Stuart McIver**

**Fire Department Demonstration  
Timothy D. Keepe, Fire Chief**

No 1668

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ADMIT ONE

**WILTON MANORS  
50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**Golden Years Ceremonial Dinner**

**Thursday, May 8, 1997  
Hagen Park • 509 NE 22nd Drive**

**Serving 6:00pm-7:30pm**

Book signing: *The Island City -  
The Story of Wilton Manors*, by Stuart McIver - 7:30 PM

Books available for \$15.<sup>00</sup>

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**THANK YOU**  
to Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors  
for the cash prize this evening.

**ISLAND CITY STARS COMMITTEE**

**Celeste Ellich  
Vicky Keller  
Kay Kelley  
Diane LaVault**



**Wilton Manors Parks & Recreation...  
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**ISLAND CITY STARS  
TALENT SHOW  
FT. LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM**

**FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1997  
7:00 P.M.**



**SPONSORED BY  
THE WILTON MANORS  
RECREATION VOLUNTEERS**

**Woody Woodbury  
Master of Ceremonies**

**Ron C. Burr  
Judge**

**Brian C. Smith  
Judge**

**Mary D. Harley  
Judge**

#### MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

**WOODY WOODBURY** - Humorous, clean and integrating, this nationally acclaimed entertainer is no novice. He has appeared on "Friser", replaced Johnny Carson in daytime television and eventually launched his own 90 minute talk show that later became "The Meru Griffin Show". The stars of yesteryear and today rate Woody right up on top.

#### ABOUT OUR JUDGES:

**RON C. BURR** - Ron is the Director of Music at Covenant Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University with a Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree in Music Education.

**MARY D. HARLEY** - A Ft. Lauderdale High School student, and a teen model. Mary has been in catalogs in Austria, Denmark and Germany, appeared in "Teen Magazine" and "Young Miss Brigitte", and the cover girl for "Gold Coast" Magazine and "Treasure Coast" Magazine. She has appeared in television commercials and on MTV for the "Spring Break" commercial campaign.

**BRIAN C. SMITH** - Mr. Smith began his theatrical adventures with a traveling theater group as an actor. Brian has garnered national recognition as far back as 1972. He has had five successful theater operations including the Off Broadway Theater in Wilton Manors.

## ISLAND CITY STARS TALENT SHOW

Lauren Davis, Caitlin Duffy, Sara Hill, Jessica Mazal, Danielle Rose & Kristina West	"Flairs" Gymnastics
Rubin Denard Taylor	"I Believe I Can Fly"
Danielle & Jackie Goerlich	"I Wish I May"
Julia LaVault	Monologue
Jamie Contractor	"Killing Me Softly"
The Rainbow Girls: Casey Murray, Adela Nelson, Emily Taylor & Megan Visitation	"Bumper to Bumper"
Natalia Arias & Marianne Pineda	"Unchained Melody"
Jerald Crumitie & Cedric Times	"Rough Neck Boys"
Kari Hajduk	"Zing Went The Strings Of My Heart"
Kristen Ellich, Tori Howell & Alexa Levitt	"Wanna Be"
Cynthia Waite	"I Enjoy Being A Girl"
Katarina Ellich	"Why Do Fools Fall In Love"
Best Friends: Samantha Savory & Sara Wilson	"I'm Giving You Back"
Genee Columbus, Michelle & Susie Comeau, Adeesha Davis, Astre Grant, Angel & Theresa Rahming, Anushka Ramirez & Magalie & Pierrline Sterlin	"Girl Scouts of the 90's"
Cory Bellus	"Flash Dance"



## THE HISTORY OF THE TOWERS

By Diane R. Cline - Coordinator of the Towers  
Reproduction

Built in 1925 as the sales office for lots in Wilton Manors, potential buyers could climb to the top of the Towers and view the land to choose their home site.

At one time, the Towers became the home of "The Bird Lady". She not only kept birds, but snakes and bats as well. Residents always enjoyed visiting her and her various animals.

The Towers stood at Five Points until 1958 when the main Tower was torn down for the A & W Root Beer stand.

The other side was subsequently removed in 1962 and later became a used car lot.

In 1982 after reading the history of the City, I wrote on the book, "Someday I will have these Towers reproduced." In 1996 the 50th Birthday Blue Ribbon Committee was created and a decision was made to have a time capsule for the prosperity of our history. It slowly fell into place that the Towers would become the home of the Time Capsule and my dream a reality.

Ron and Ann Lunsford, who are life long residents also remembered the Towers and felt as I did. They should be rebuilt and Ron and Ann took on the task of reproducing it themselves. Ron is a General Contractor and an expert in masonry, so to begin the project I took a picture of the Towers to him. He had an architect draw the plans to a 5' scale and we were off and running!

Today, May 13, 1997 they will be presented to the City as a lasting memory of our past.



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## CITY OF WILTON MANORS WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA

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### DEDICATION OF THE WILTON MANORS "TOWERS" AND TIME CAPSULE

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Ron & Ann Lunsford      Diane R. Cline  
Builder      Coordinator

May 13, 1997  
7:00 p.m.

**THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS  
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WILTON MANORS  
"TOWERS" AND TIME CAPSULE**

**MAY 13, 1997  
7:00 P.M.**

**Welcome  
Mayor King Wilkinson**

**Introduction of Officials and Guests  
Vice Mayor Jack Seiler**

**Unveiling of Towers and Time Capsule  
Ron and Ann Lunsford  
Diane R. Cline**

**Present Historic Photo  
Munoz Studio**

**City Council Presentation of Their  
Letters For Time Capsule  
King Wilkinson, Mayor  
Jack Seiler, Vice Mayor  
John Fiore, Council Member  
Gloria O'Gorman, Council Member  
Richard Pratt, Council Member**

**Present Key of Time Capsule  
to Dr. Robert Levy, City Manager  
Diane R. Cline**

**Present Key of Time Capsule  
to Mayor and Council  
Ron and Ann Lunsford**

**Please join us for a reception at  
George and Helen Richardson's.  
A shuttle is available.**





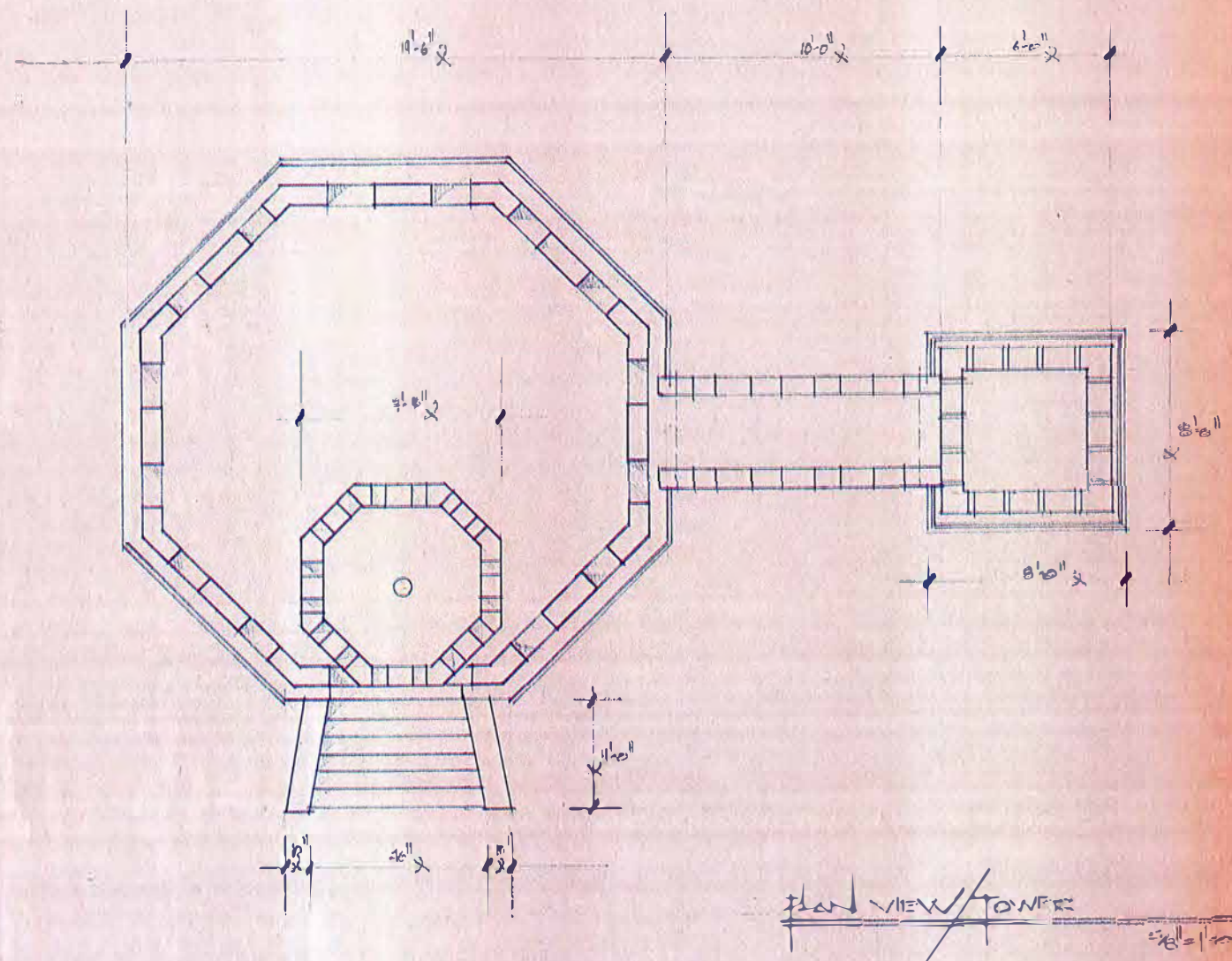












PLAN VIEW TOWER

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Historical Wilton Manors Estate Monument  
954-961-5710

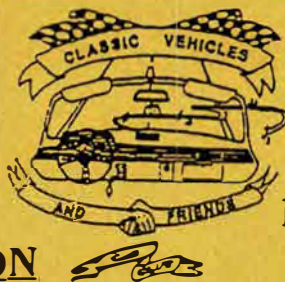
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REGISTRATION  
CLASSIC VEHICLES AND FRIENDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the privilege of being allowed to take part in the 50th Birthday Celebration Classic Car Show, and to use the equipment, facilities, and motor vehicles provided by the City of Wilton Manors, Classic Vehicles & Friends, Inc., Club, Kiwanis Club and for the other consideration the receipt which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, individually and/or on behalf of my child do hereby agree to hold harmless the City of Wilton Manors, its trustees, elected and appointed officials, agents, servants and employees from and against all claims, demands, causes of action whatsoever kind, and for any resulting judgments, losses, costs, damages, liability, expenses and attorney's fees arising out of, occurring during or relating to the undersigned's use of the equipment, facilities, motor vehicles or participation in the program. I acknowledge that I have read the above and that I fully understand that I am giving up valuable legal rights by executing this release.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGING SHEET

PLACE IN CLASS:

1ST 2ND 3RD

UP TO  
20 Points

**EXTERIOR DETAIL:** Check the following components -

**Paint:** condition and finish. **Body:** workmanship and condition, custom effect, accessories. **Trim:** chrome, painted or anodized, bumpers. **Wheels:** chrome, alloy or painted. Condition of tires. Condition of glass.

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

UP TO  
20 Points

**INTERIOR DETAIL:** Check the following components -

Dash, steering wheel, accessories, carpeting, floor treatment, head liner.  
Upholstery: Seats, panels, top, (convert.) trunk or cargo bed.

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

UP TO  
20 Points

**ENGINE DETAIL:** Check the following components -

Overall compartment paint, hidden areas, engine paint, intake system, exhaust manifolds, chrome, polished, painted, alloy accessories, wiring, fittings, lines, belts, hoses, radiator, battery.

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

UP TO  
20 Points

**UNDERCARRIAGE DETAIL:** Check the following components -

Front suspension and brake areas, drive train-transmission, rear suspension areas, rear end, exhaust system, line and fittings, wiring, frame, floor pans, fuel tank.

SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION # \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (80)



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*The City of Wilton Manors  
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50th Birthday Celebration  
Blue Ribbon Committee  
Presents This Certificate To*

*For Your  
Outstanding Contribution  
To The  
Wilton Manors 50th Birthday Celebration*