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WOMAN'S CLUB GRANTED HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS

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On July 10, 2007--following unanimous approval by the Planning and Zoning Board--the City Commission granted historic landmark status to the Wilton Manors Woman's Club building at 600 N.E. 21st Court, just east of the current City Hall.

The Woman's Club was chartered in the State of Florida and federated internationally in 1949. It originally gathered in the Village Meeting Hall on N.E. 26th Street, which is now the site of our local public library. As shown in this rare photo, ground for the permanent clubhouse was broken in April 1955 on land donated by Alvar Hagen. Seen left to right are Alvar Hagen, Clayton Leaver (the construction contractor), Louama Leaver, and Virginia Hagen. Both Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Leaver served as Presidents of the Woman's Club.

For almost 60 years, members of the Woman's Club have contributed to the civic, cultural,



educational, and social formation of our city. They have supported innumerable philanthropic causes; and they have maintained their clubhouse solely through private means.

In an era of intense development in Wilton Manors, it is good to know that some organizations and structures of historic importance to our city still remain and are recognized for their worth.

Editor's Note: In January 2011, the Woman's Club turned their building over to the City of Wilton Manors to maintain and use for a rental and event space. The club continued to hold meetings and luncheons for a time, but Administratively Dissolved in September 2012.

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