



**WILTON MANORS  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**  
*Reflecting Good Taste*

# WILTON MANORS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

## February 2010 Newsletter



### February Meeting

Monday, 2/8

6 - 8 p.m.

The Manor

2345 Wilton Drive,

Wilton Manors

Cash Bar

*Appetizers and Desserts Provided*

### WMBA Purpose & Goals

#### Purpose:

To Attract and Promote  
Businesses within  
Wilton Manors

#### Goals:

Attract new and more  
customers to existing  
Wilton Manors area  
shopping

Attract new types of  
business to existing  
storefronts

Promote inter-commerce  
trade between Wilton  
Manors businesses

Encourage interaction  
between city officials and  
business leaders

Help promote the small  
town image with the  
advantages of big city  
surroundings

### President's Message

I hope your year is off to a prosperous start!

There is a lot to be proud of in Wilton Manors, with all of the growth that has been taking place, from our new City Hall, to the growth and development of businesses on Wilton Drive and around town. Even WMBA has grown with increased attendance at meetings.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a friendly reminder—if you haven't already, please renew your WMBA membership with the enclosed appli-



cation form. It's a small investment in your business that can pay off many times over, with your directory listing and opportunities to network and work side by side with your fellow Wilton Manors area businesses.

I hope to see you all at the February WMBA meeting at The Manor, a new local business and WMBA member. The Manor has graciously agreed to host our meeting, providing appetizers and desserts on Monday, February 8 at the location on Wilton Drive.

On Behalf of the Board,  
*Wade Shrack*

### Mayor's Message



I hope 2010 is off to a good start for everyone. According to most reports, the holiday season was very good for businesses. With the official grand opening of Wilton Manors'

new City Hall and Police Station, we are off to a very good start for 2010.

One of the issues that the city commission will be deciding soon is whether to continue on a permanent basis the city's four-day work week. We implemented the four-day work week in July 2009 as a cost-savings measure on a six month trial basis to study the effects and the savings.

We would like to hear from the business community as to whether there have been any issues with the city maintaining a four-day work week. The city is currently open Monday through Thursday with depart-

ments in City Hall closed on Friday. This has not affected the police department, fire department, parks & recreation, and the library which maintain their normal schedules. Since our business community may use our permitting and building functions, as well as have business with other city departments, I wanted to make sure that you had an opportunity to comment on any issues or concerns you may have with the four-day work week.

You can provide your comments to the City Manager at [JGallegos@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:JGallegos@wiltonmanors.com) or to me at [MayorResnick@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:MayorResnick@wiltonmanors.com). Of course, if you have any concerns or comments on any other matters involving the City, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued input and support.

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Mayor, City of Wilton Manors

### **Bill Mattax**

Past President  
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### **Alan Renzer**

Past President  
Turnberry Bank

## January Meeting Recap.

At our January meeting, we had a presentation from the FEC passenger survey group and learned about the potential impact of commuter rail stops in the area. Several members and guests attended, including:

*Jenette Dozoretz, Juice Plus; Rob Kretzschmar, Contractor; Joe Pallant, Pallant Insurance Company; Len Miller, Miller & Associates Insurance; Sandra Mahad, Wood Trends; Lenuta Applebaum, Bank United; Marcos Darosa, Alpha Glass & Mirror; Dr. Barry Weinberg, A Place for Healing Chiropractor; Poco French, Ed French Painting; Scott Hall, Gay American Heroes, Allen B. West, US Congressional District 22; John Albert, Waste Management; Bryan McCallum, Watermark Construction, Sandra Steen, The Pampered Chef; Alan Renzer, Financial Services; Vanessa Koutalidis, Island City Chiropractic, Connie Peleimo, Steven Mayer, Morgan Keegan; Joe Gallo, J. Gallo Construction; Scott Newton, Quality Interiors; Robert J. Masula, CCIS, Inc.; Virginia Flaherty, About Town Lock; Rick & Shirley Miller, Barton & Miller Cleaners; John Cockerham, All Pro Electric; Joseph Gallegos, City of Wilton Manors; James Cromar, Broward MPO; Maggie Gunther, Maggie Gunther Creative Services; Mike d'Oliveira, Pelican Wilton Manors/Oakland Park; Ted Galatis, City Commissioner; Celeste Ellich, First Service Realty; Wade Shrack, FL Drapery; Dora Smith, Coastal Carpet & Blinds; Sheryl Chesler, Simply Organized by Sheryl; Dave Platt, Wilton Manors Kiwanis*

## Welcome New Members

**Taylor & Turner Pest  
and Termite Control**  
Bill Turner/ Ben Shields  
2520 N Dixie Highway  
Wilton Manors, FL 33305  
954-630-2627

**Bank United**  
Brenda Hartley, Vice  
President  
2723 N Dixie Highway  
Wilton Manors, FL 33334  
954-630-3126  
[www.bankunited.com](http://www.bankunited.com)

**Coastal Carpet & Blinds**  
Dora Smith  
3555 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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954-563-4543  
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Fax 954-565-3283

**Joseph Gallo**  
Construction  
Joe Gallo  
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# Member Spotlight



BankUnited is one of the strongest banks in the country. Recapitalized in May 2009 in a history-making transaction, BankUnited serves businesses and consumers through more than 75 branches in 13 Florida counties.

BankUnited offers the full spectrum of banking services, from traditional checking and savings accounts to commercial lending, private banking and investment services. The bank offers special products for growing businesses, including remote deposit capture, merchant services and Express Credit, a program that offers 24-hour lending decisions for loans under \$250,000.

With a business model based on focusing on its local neighborhoods and establishing relationships with customers, BankUnited is able to fulfill the mission of community banks.

These types of institutions have a special responsibility to bring change and advancement to the communities they serve. Since its inception, BankUnited has shared the time and talents of its bankers with local entities, supported local entrepreneurs and encouraged grassroots efforts that positively impact neighborhoods.

BankUnited is here to serve your business and personal banking needs. From basic transactional accounts to cash management services...from personal investment services to business insurance and succession planning... BankUnited's personalized approach will be a refreshing change of pace.

For more information about how BankUnited can help you, contact Brenda Hartley at (954) 630-3126.

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## Upcoming WMBA Meetings

**Monday February 8**



*2345 Wilton Drive*

**Monday March 8**



*2723 N. Dixie Highway*

## City Citizenship and Diversity Committee

Wilton Manors seeks your input, and the input of your organization's members, on designing a Community of Character Program that will recognize individuals, organizations and businesses of character. For more details, go to the City's website at [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and click on the Community of Character link.

You are cordially invited to...

The City of Wilton Manors  
Citizenship and Diversity Committee  
Community of Character Design Charette

When: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Where: Wilton Manors Elementary School Cafeteria

Time: 9:30 AM - 1:15 PM

RSVP by February 20, 2010 to  
[wmcharacter@comcast.net](mailto:wmcharacter@comcast.net)

A little known fact about the City of Wilton Manors is the existence of the Island City Foundation (ICF). In June of 1997, the then city commission created a not-for-profit corporation whose stated purpose was to be exclusively charitable cultural, scientific and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ICF still provides residents, friends, and business owners within the city an avenue to promote and support public purposes benefiting the community, which could or already have included: activities in the Arts, social services, construction or restoration of public facilities, improvements or expansion of programs in law enforcement, education, recreation and so forth. In these challenging times our wonderful city still needs help in creating and maintaining all of the outstanding venues, programs and activities that do so much to maintain the outstanding quality of life in Wilton Manors. Recent donations to the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County (AADRC), has left the ICF's balance depleted. Please consider a donation to ICF during the coming year to continue its purpose. For more information contact City Manager and Executive Director of the ICF, Joseph L. Gallegos at

*The Island City Foundation*



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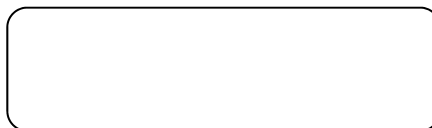
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**The Manor**

520 NE 20th St. Wilton Manors

March Meeting

3/8/10 \* Bank United



*Members and guests welcome*  
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