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# Wilton Manors Business Association

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Wilton Manors - A Great Place To Do Business

May 2004

## President's Message

*The options reflected in the below message, are strictly personal and do not necessary reflect the views of the Wilton Manors Business Association.*

This past week, my friend and business associate, Soojin Koh, died in a plane crash near Tampa. Words cannot begin to describe the loss I feel. Soojin was one of those people who came into my life for such a brief time and made a huge impression. His impact not only affected me but Wilton Manors, the business community and the many friends he made while here in South Florida.

I've had time to reflect on my relationship with him and I'd like to share a few thoughts with you. It is my hope that the lessons I learned from Soojin will continue to be present throughout my lifetime.

I met Soojin and business partner Bryan Kidd at Wilton Manors Main Street. Hal Miksch asked me to sit in on meeting with two people who wanted to bring wireless Internet service to the city. Of course, the geek side of me jumped at the opportunity, yet I was a bit skeptical since these guys were fairly new in town.

During their presentation, I was trying to remain in my seat. The excitement I felt and the tremendous opportunity this technology would bring to our

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## Next Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2004

### PLACE

Independence Hall  
1639 N.E 26 Street

### TIME

6:00 pm - Networking  
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### SPEAKER

Aaron Whitaker

### PROGRAM

Wilton Manors Demographic and  
Market Research Study

Members & Guests Are Welcome

## Purpose

*To Attract and Promote Businesses within Wilton Manors.*

### GOALS:

- A. Attract new and more customers to existing Wilton Manors area shopping.
- B. Attract new types of business to existing storefronts.
- C. Promote inter-commerce trade between Wilton Manors businesses.
- D. Encourage interaction between city officials and business leaders
- E. Help promote the small town image with advantages of big city surroundings.

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residents and businesses, and the very real possibility that it would happen very soon, was almost too much to bear.

Over the course of the next few weeks, Bryan and Soojin shared their vision with me. In a matter of moments, both of them seemed like longtime friends.

What impressed me the most was their commitment to quality service and the willingness to share their time, talents and treasure. Anywhere Internet became active members of WMBA, Main Street and the city.

On Christmas day, Soojin called to invite me to join their wireless team. I accepted and worked closely with them developing business plans and introducing them to my circle of business associates. In March, we attended a conference in Orlando and learned of even more possibilities.

On Monday, April 19th, Soojin invited me to fly with him to Tampa the next day to visit a successful wireless company. Due to scheduling conflicts, I wasn't able to go. The next evening, I began receiving calls that something terrible had happened and that Soojin had died in a crash.

I haven't spent time thinking of the 'what ifs'. I've reflected on the gift we were given if only for a short time. I learned from Soojin that we have to take risks and chances. We have to learn to accept change. We must embrace new ideas and people. It's the only way to succeed.

Sincerely,  
Bill Mattax, President

**SPOTLIGHT****SUNTRUST BANK**

Tel: (954) 396-4302/3/4/5/7/8/13

The SunTrust Bank in Wilton Manors has been at the same location since 1955. We found a reason to run a "Spotlight" on SunTrust for the first time probably since WMBA was formed 13 years ago. Our phone numbers at the branch were recently changed. The old numbers had been around so long that they could not be modified so that they would be recognized by caller ID. Under present laws, our numbers were required this access, so they were changed. The new numbers directly to our branch are (954) 396-4302/3/4/5/7/8/13 among others and the fax is (954)396-4306.

SunTrust Bank is here to serve all your financial needs. Please come by to see us when you get a chance OR you can now call us! In any case, we look forward to seeing you in the bank or around town.

Sincerely, Len Dato, Branch Manager, Past President of WMBA

**April Meeting**

Our Wilton Manors Business Association met at Independence Hall on Monday April 12. We all had a chance to meet with **Jo Forti**, Wilton Manor's new Chief Code Enforcement Officer. Jo highlighted some observations she has made in her orientation to our city and gave the members some insight into the code enforcement program. Thank you for joining us. Members and guests who attended included **Shekar Reddy**, Wilton Discount Liquor, **Doug Stone**, Pride Mortgage; **King Wilkinson**, Island City Realty; **Virginia Flaherty**, About Town Lock & Safe; **Charles Agee** and **Lou Blum**, CCSI; **Bill Mattax**, DePalma-Mattax Enterprises; **Kathy Schklalir** and **Vanessa Koutalidis**, Island City Chiropractor; **Dean Hackley**, Community Greetings; **Wade** and **Beth Shrack** and **Tim Balasko**, Florida Drapery Service; **Owen Kaufman**, OK Promotions; **Jo Forti**, Wilton Manors Code Enforcement; **Wynn Fesperman**, TriSquare Construction; **Joseph Gallegos**, Wilton Manors City Manager; **Harold Horne**, Wilton Manors Community Service; **Jock Crockett**, **J R Crockett**, J R Crockett Pools; **Phillip Wardell**, Access Insurance; **Burt Glick**, Advantage One Mortgage; **Ed Kalis**, Kalis Funeral Home; and **Audrey Arbuckle**, Realtor.

**Mailing List**

If you have not renewed your WMBA membership, this will be your last newsletter sent in the mail. You can still read the newsletters by checking the website at [www.wiltonmanorsbusinessassociation.com](http://www.wiltonmanorsbusinessassociation.com)

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**COMPLETE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.**

Lou Blum: 954-465-8614 • Charles Agee 954-366-7481  
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Lou Blum & Charles Agee formed CCSI in 2003. With over 40 years experience in telecommunications in the corporate world for companies such as AT&T, Bell, Sprint & VoiceStream, they decided to form their own alliances and create their own destiny. Lou & Charles are currently involved in the initiative to make Wilton Manors the first municipality on the east coast to provide city-wide Internet access. Their business endeavors include other cutting-edge technologies such as Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) that utilizes the Internet to make unregulated telephone calls. They offer Florida dial tone anywhere in the world!

CCSI will help advise you on your connectivity options and act on your behalf to provide you with focused care individualized to your specific needs. From a few simple telephone lines to integrated telephony and data needs, CCSI will accurately assess your requirements & recommend lower cost options, while at the same time steer you away from potential potholes on telecommunication's superhighway.

Lou & Charles volunteer their time to support the many activities and organizations that make our community a better place to live, work and play.

**Greetings from the Mayor**

The summer is quickly approaching and the City is getting prepared for the 2004-2005 Budget. Watch for notices regarding public hearings and workshops to give your input. I will always make sure W.M.B.A. is informed and part of the growing exuberance in the City.

We have many wonderful citizens that are willing to work hard to accomplish good things for our community. Several City board positions will be appointed in the next couple of months. Please check with the City Clerk's office at 954-390-2123 for applications and availability.

We need to take a good look at getting the W.M.B.A. and Main Street working together towards a common purpose, to see the businesses flourish. That has the potential to make Wilton Drive's new look come to life even faster. I believe in the old saying "Two heads are better than one". If you plant two plants close together the roots intertwine and improve the quality of the soil so that both plants will grow better than if they were separated. You get the idea!

With best regards,  
Scott Newton  
Mayor of Wilton Manors

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### INDEPENDENT GAY NEWS

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### NEW VISION DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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# June Luncheon

June Meeting

# SUMMER COCKTAIL PARTY

Monday, June 14, 2004  
**Georgies' Alibi**

2266 Wilton Drive  
Wilton Manors, FL

5:30PM to 7:30PM

\$13 fee payable at door

Members and Guests Welcome



P.O. Box 24332  
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