



## **Planning Your Wedding**

### *6 -12 months before the big day*

- Decide on a date
- Determine a budget
- Reserve location and time for ceremony and reception
- Compose a guest list
- Shop for wedding gown
- Choose wedding party and confirm participation
- Choose wedding rings
- Book vendors: Photographer, DJ or live band, florist, officiate, baker
- Order wedding gown and attendant's attire
- Register with gift registry
- Set up accommodations for out of town guests
- Plan honeymoon (renew passports if need be)

### *5 months before the big day*

- Finalize guest lists
- Order invitations & thank you notes
- Order wedding favors for guests
- Order wedding cake
- Check marriage license requirements
- Finalize flower arrangements
- Make honeymoon reservations
- Confirm delivery of bridal gown
- Confirm date and time with officiate
- Make appointment for bridal portrait

### *2 months before the big day*

- Mail invitations
- Make appointments for hair, nails, and make-up
- Have programs printed
- Purchase attendant gifts
- Schedule final dress fitting
- Decide on wedding vows or compose your own
- Plan rehearsal dinner at The Grill at Martini Bay
- Keep a gift diary-send thank you notes as gifts arrive

### *1 month before the big day*

- Pick up wedding bands
- Confirm music selections with DJ
- Apply for marriage license
- Attend showers
- Confirm wedding party has apparel
- Meet with vendors to go over final details
- Schedule rehearsal with wedding venue
- Confirm rehearsal dinner reservation at The Grill at Martini Bay
- Notify wedding party of rehearsal time and location

### *2 weeks before the big day*

- Finalize wedding day hairstyles and make up for you and attendants
- Call any guests that have not replied
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Notify newspaper
- Arrange for name and address change
- Confirm details of event with reception venue
- Invite guests to rehearsal dinner

### *1 week before the big day*

- Finalize seating plan
- Confirm head count with caterer
- Pack for honeymoon
- Remind attendants of rehearsal time and location
- Remind rehearsal dinner guests of time and location
- Wrap attendant gifts

### *1 day before the big day*

- Have manicure & pedicure done
- Give ushers seating assignments for ceremony
- Confirm meeting time and location with attendants
- Give wedding bands to best man
- Attend wedding rehearsal & dinner

### *Wedding Day*

- Eat!
- Hair & make-up.
- Press/steam wedding dress
- Appoint family member to check reception location for any items that may be left behind
- RELAX! BREATHE! Enjoy your day.

***Helpful hint: Make an emergency kit***

Include: Make-up, extra panty hose, bobby pins, safety pins, clear nail polish, comb, hair spray, hanky or tissues, needle & thread (white), aspirins, saltine crackers, band aid, toothpaste & brush, dental floss, breath mints. Sounds funny, but stranger things have happened  
...Congratulations!