

# NAPLES PILOT LIGHT



Pilot International President Connie Moore



Florida District Governor Debbie Thompson

THE PILOT CLUB OF NAPLES & NAPLES PILOT FOUNDATION, INC., P.O. BOX 8674, NAPLES, FL 34101-8674 November 2016

**Pilot International Mission: Pilot International transforms communities by developing youth, providing service & education and uplifting families.**

## *Dates to Remember*

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 PM Board Meeting at Perkins

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 10 AM FGCU Scholarship House Bike Presentation

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> -6 PM Business Meeting at Perkin's on Pine Ridge Road

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 9 AM- Alzheimer's Walk at the Naples Zoo

Nov 19 Alzheimer's Walk at N.Collier Regional Park

## 2016 – 2017 Executive Board

President – Paulette Dickerson

President Elect – Joan Hurd

Treasurer – Rosemarie Kirk

Secretary – Suzanne Lester

Directors – Evelyn Dickerson, Suzan Berg and Ruth Fralick

People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.



*A message from Paulette Dickerson, President: Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation. Brian Tracy*

**Do More, Care More and Be More**

Big Wheels at **Fall Council in Panama City** - Our Club was represented by President Paulette Dickerson, President Elect Joan Hurd, Secretary Sue Lester and Director Suzan Berg.



There were fund raising events such as the Pilot International Founders Fund (otherwise known as PIFF) Dollar Bill Game that raised \$1,633. **Desks for Success** is a Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Project raised funds to purchase desks for all four of our houses. Our club sent a check to purchase two desks adding to the total contributed so far: \$3,776. With the White Elephant, 50/50, basket raffle and donations, the total raised was \$6,998. As the total was announced, Joy Augustine President of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers ran up with \$2 rounding it off to \$7,000.

## Bikes for Tykes.



Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 bikes will be delivered from Bikes for Tykes to the Pilot Gresham-Kite Scholarship House on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University. They so graciously offered these bikes as a result of Teddy Plaisted, Board Member and our Joan Hurd. Teddy attended our South Region Workshop at the Scholarship House. We invite our members and friends to attend this presentation.

We hope for a good turnout for the photo. With each bike, we will provide a helmet. Bikes for Tykes has been supportive of our Pilot Club. They came to the Family Fun Day and provided the two bikes that were raffled off.



At the October 5<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting The Pilot Club of Naples was honored with a Proclamation by the City of Naples Mayor Bill Barnett proclaiming October 18<sup>th</sup> as Pilot Club of Naples and Pilot International Day in the City of Naples, and urging all citizens to recognize the achievements and contributions of this worthwhile organization on its International Founders Day Anniversary. From left to right pictured are Sue Lester, Joan Hurd, President Paulette Dickerson, Mayor Bill Barnett, Ruth Fralick and Suzan Berg. *Thank you David Fralick for providing this photo.*



Left is Joan Midgett, President of the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation board and second from the right is the new Southern Scholarship House Foundation Director/CEO Shawn Woodin.

Something good to know!

Goals and Grants for Pilot Club projects and scholarships are funded with PIFF.



**Giving to Pilot**

**International's Founders Fund** helps to support the ABC initiatives of Pilot: **A**nchor's Youth Leadership Development **B**rain Safety & Fitness and **C**aring for Families in need. **The funds raised at Fall Council as a result of the Dollar Game will benefit PIFF.**

Joan Hurd and Paulette Dickerson worked the our Market Place table offering raffle tickets to win the money tree worth \$100 or the beautiful Wynn's basket of "great stuff".



Shawn Woodin Director and CEO of the Southern Scholarship House Foundation visits the Pilot Club of Naples table at Market Place.



Representatives of each of the four Scholarship Houses participated in the Lip Sync Contest. This is always fun. There were many awards and the Scholarship House residents took medals in several categories. The theme of the Florida District Pilot

International 2016 Fall Council was "Show Your American Spirit. This follows Governor Debbie Thompson's "Let Your Star Shine – Pilots are Stars that Shine for Others" theme for the year. It was a great display of spirit by those attending with more red white and blue than you can see on our American Flag. The music, the decorations and even the food was American. Everyone attending found something red white and blue to wear. Betsy Ross and the Statue of Liberty were there! The Flag Ceremony was educational and inspiring. It started with the 1775 Grand Union Flag and took us through the years and changes in our American flag.



Past Governors Barbara McKenzie and Mary Jane McMillen with socks. Our Pilot Chaplain Barbara McGillicuddy sang the songs that brought tears to our eyes. She brought out the pride to be an American with every note. Another emotional experience was the recognition of each of the branches of our Military with their song. Those who served or had a family member serve in that branch stood for that song. It was well planned and everyone appeared to enjoy this Fall Council.



Joan Hurd recognized with First Timers

The Pilot Scholarship House Foundation is hosting a Cruise departing from Port Canaveral January 28 and returning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. If you want to join Pilots and have a wonderful time, you will certainly be in good company on this Carnival ship Valor to the Bahamas. It is a PSHF FUNdraiser. And it is not too late to book your reservation for this 4 night cruise. Lynne Stephenson at Flamingo Travel has provided this outstanding opportunity. For more information: [Lynne@cruiseflamingotravel.net](mailto:Lynne@cruiseflamingotravel.net)

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**Family Fun Day at North Collier Regional Park**



Greeting people were Rosemarie Kirk and President Paulette Dickerson.



Happy workers ready to help are Hazel Jaklitch, Pat Stark and Rick Kirk. Rick designed the shirts again this year. We appreciate the help of our Pilots and Rick for his talent and his efforts to hang banners and do whatever needed.



Angela Larson from the Collier County Sheriff's Office has attended every event of the Pilot Club of Naples with Project Lifesaver equipment. Her daughter, Lianna has also accompanied her.



Joan Hurd & Katie Dunwiddie (Fit2 Run)



Scott Lefebvre and Arice served up ice cold water and fresh bananas at the Family Fun Day.



The Pilot Club partners with Safe Kids as per the suggestion of Pilot International. Sally Kreuzscher with Safe Kids had a table along with many other Partners at our Family Fun Day. We appreciate their support. Sally is a member of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers.



We are pleased to have Natalie Aukland and Dilia Comacho join us from the Collier County Solid & Hazardous Waste Management. They handed out some really neat tote bags with information on recycling.



Grace and Jason Swinford from Planet Smoothie on Naples Boulevard have attended every event for over 12 years providing their delicious smoothies.



Two great looking guys who do some really great things to make the dreams of children come true. Steve Sherman and Skip Riffle of Bikes for Tykes brought tow bikes and worked the table to tell people about their mission.



Isabella DiGrigoli won the girls bike.

Dunkin' Donuts and Iced Coffee served by Ryan and Sylena. Everybody loves Dunkin'.



Allan and Suzan Berg presented their Miracles Among Us, Inc. information table at the Family Fun Day. They are the founders of the Support Group for Those who struggle with brain injury or disorders. We could not be more proud to have their attendance at our Pilot event.



Having fun. . . Time for a selfie.



Simone and Dwaine Naftal came for the costume contest. The water tower from the Sun & Fun Lagoon served as a good background for them.



Mike Helminska and Gabriela Prieto of The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services brought water and a smile for everyone.



The Beautiful Ten residents of the Gresham Kite Pilot Scholarship House at FGCU were fun and helpful.



Isabella and Andreas DiGrigoli, Jake and Asher Bacon with Stewie the Duck. Stewie is the mascot for the Safe and Healthy Children' Coalition of Collier County. He is wearing a life jacket and his Never Swim Alone button promoting child drowning prevention. Stewie can dance. Bobby, the Spin City DJ provided the music. There was some dancing with Stewie.



Pilot members were glad to have help from the GKP scholarship house residents.



David Fralick of Alpha Media Professional Audio-Video has filmed every Pilot event. We are pleased to have his outstanding skill and support of the Pilot Club of Naples.



In costume



Florida District Pilot International Info

You can be proud to be a Pilot.  
 We had a great Fall Council. Now we  
 Look ahead to the District Meeting in  
 April 2017, Lake Mary.



As Pilots, we are charged  
 with helping others find their "**True.  
 Course. Ever.**" and navigate their way  
 through the rough waters of life. With  
 determination and compassion, we stand  
 ready to help our communities and the  
 world at large face obstacles, overcome  
 challenges and weather the storms.

**But there are times when it is our  
 fellow Pilots who need us most.**

Pilot International wants to remind our  
 members of the [Safe Harbor Fund](#) that  
 raises emergency funds for individual  
 Pilot members affected by disasters.

Members of the Pilot Club of St.  
 Augustine suffered serious damage as a  
 result of the hurricane. Should you wish  
 to help, it should be known that it would  
 not be part of the Safe Harbor Fund.  
 Therefore, you need to make direct  
 donations to the Pilot Club of St.  
 Augustine.



**Mission of the Pick Me Ups  
 Initiative:** Pick Me Ups seeks to uplift  
 and appreciate family caregivers by  
 providing needed services or small gifts to  
 brighten their day.



**November Birthday**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Joan Hurd*

Membership Anniversaries

*Ruth Fralick 1973*

*43 years of loyal commitment.  
 Ruth has been consistent in her  
 support, attendance and we  
 honor her this month*



Our Concerns:

*Evelyn Dickerson  
 Ruth Fralick on the loss of her son, Alan.  
 And the health issues of her son, Mark.  
 Terri DeBaun on the loss of her  
 husband, John.  
 Mary Ellen Koy on the loss of her  
 husband Bob.  
 There are many Pilot members, friends  
 and family who should be on this list. We  
 depend on information from you.*

The Florida District Leadership Team

2016 – 2017 Florida District Officers  
 Governor Debbie Thompson  
 Governor Elect Caroline Fallis  
 Secretary Jonda Erwin  
 Treasurer Deloris Spooner  
 North Lt. Governor Claire Mikko  
 N. Central Lt. Governor Leslie Coleman  
 South Lt. Governor Terry Steffey  
 S. Central Lt. Governor Peggy Bretz



This will be our Seventeenth Year to  
 provide **Lights of Love**. It is an  
 opportunity to honor or memorialize  
 those you love with a light on the special  
 tree. Their names will appear in the  
 Lights of Love Program and read at the  
 tree lighting in December. Our Lights of  
 Love Tree holds a special meaning for  
 members of the Pilot Club of Naples and  
 the community it serves.



Please vote. . . The most cherished  
 institution . . . the election of a President  
 of the United States of America.

Pilot Club of Naples members  
 and friends, check out the new and improved.  
[www.PilotClubofNaples.org](http://www.PilotClubofNaples.org)  
 website.

You will hear about it at the meeting, so  
 be prepared by checking it out before the  
 meeting. We have a real live angel.

Naples Pilot Light Monthly newsletter is  
 a symbolic gesture to add more light to a  
 community that ennobles itself with  
 continuous generosity and service. You  
 can add something to future issues. It  
 will make this newsletter more  
 interactive and interesting.

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Blessings to all Sue Lester – Newsletter Editor