

NAPLES PILOT LIGHT



Pilot International President Connie Moore



FL District Governor Debbie Thompson

THE PILOT CLUB OF NAPLES & NAPLES PILOT FOUNDATION, INC., P.O. BOX 8674, NAPLES, FL 34101-8674 May 2017

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

Dates to Remember

May 4th - 6 PM Board Meeting at Perkin's on Pine Ridge Road

May 11th - 6 PM Business Meeting at Perkin's on Pine Ridge Road

May 6th - Sheriff's Office Bike Event helmet fitting at Corkscrew Middle School 9 AM - 11:30

May 20th - NAMI helmet fitting

May 27th - Bikes for Tykes and Pilot at Immokalee

June 11th Bikes for Tykes Murder Mystery Dinner at Naples Lakes CC

June 25th Installation and initiation luncheon at Stonebridge Country Club

July 6 - 9, 2017 Pilot International Convention in Las Vegas

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



New Members Are Joining

Teddy Plaisted and Nicole Berg

Be sure to welcome them and attend the initiation ceremony June 25th.

2017 Plot International 96th Annual Convention & Leadership Conference

July 6 - 9, 2017- Paris Hotel Las Vegas,



Paulette Dickerson,
2016 -17 President

My year as president is soon ending and I must admit, it was much easier and pleasant than I ever could have imagined. I would like to thank my club from the bottom of my heart. Your support, kind words and willingness to help were and are much appreciated. I hope you all feel as close to each other as I feel to you after this year. Each one of you touches me in a different way. I know I am leaving you in good hands and in Pilot friendship.



May 6th, the Collier County Sheriff's Office is holding a Bike safety event at Corkscrew Middle School at 1165 Oil Well Road. (off of Immokalee Road) Bikes for Tykes will be there and the Pilot Club of Naples has been invited again this year to provide helmet fittings. We need volunteers. If you cannot fit helmets, you could manage the sign up sheet. Every helmet we give away must have the signature of the person receiving it. Even the educational materials must have a signature. So, it would be an easy job to sit at the table and ask the person or parent to sign the sheet. Won't you join us as a good Pilot? We need you and you will have fun. Check the calendar on the left for the three opportunities to volunteer.



Happy Mother's Day

MEMORIAL DAY




MAY
29TH

Magnificent Seven new Pilot International Student Pilot members attend the April meeting of the Pilot Club of Naples. We were honored but now that they are members, we cannot call them honored guests. They were presented with a certificate of Congratulations for joining Pilot International and a manual from the Pilot Club of Naples. We extend a warm welcome to all the students of the GKP Scholarship House to attend any of our monthly meetings and participate in our fundraising and projects.



L to R: President Paulette Dickerson, top row Keiera Baxter, Ariana Gonzalez, Maria Sans, Braylen Dixon. Front row Nonnel Johnson, Natalie Artimez and Julianna Rose.



NAMI

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Collier County

Long range planning! Save the date for the next NAMI Luncheon. December 8th. The Pilot Club of Naples has been a sponsor of NAMI for several years. It fits the initiative and focus of Pilot. We are proud to collaborate with the local National Alliance on Mental Illness and hope to not only continue, but to enhance our involvement.

Message from President-Elect Joan Hurd

We have had a busy April with many community events where our helmet fittings for those who needed them would benefit. We are always happy to provide these for brain safety. Then it was off to Lake Mary for our District Pilot Convention. We learned so much for the coming year. This next year will be filled with challenges and hope.

Let's go through it together!

84th Annual Florida District Pilot Convention was attended by four of the Pilot Club of Naples representatives. President Paulette Dickerson carried the Naples banner in the Parade of Clubs for the opening session at the Lake Mary Marriott.



Suzan Berg and Paulette Dickerson took a shift to sell raffle tickets for the Money Tree and the snack box.



And the winner is Nancy Carlton, the Pilot Club of Port of Jacksonville. Paulette Dickerson awarded Nancy with \$100 cash when her ticket was pulled on Sunday at the breakfast.



Those attending a Florida District Convention for the first time were recognized. Our Joan Hurd is right in the center.



Several certificates were received by our club.



Newest members and most seasoned members were recognized. Pictured above is Dorothy Biegert from the PC of Zephyrhills, an active Pilot for 50 years.



The new executive board of the Florida District was installed. Caroline Fallis on the far left is the 2017 – 2018 Governor.



A tradition of the Installation is to pass the gavel from the Governors in the order that they served to the new Governor. This year, there were 10 Past Governors present for this ceremony.



Our new 2017 – 2018 Lt. Governor for the South Region is Dorothy Moore from the Pilot Club of Fort Lauderdale. Dorothy has been a Pilot for over 16 years. We welcome Dorothy.



The installation Banquet is a tradition of events from reading significant letters congratulating the new Governor, passing the gavel, the Governor's Pin, Club and Governor banners to the moving speech and gift presented to the past Governor. Debbie Thompson was a shining star. "The brightest stars are those that shine for the benefit of others". Debbie was a leader and we appreciate her for serving as Governor. Her gift was a REAL certificate for a REAL star in her honor!



The 2017-2018 Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Board of Directors. The new President Virginia Bunde was unable to attend the installation. From left to right: Sandy Ingram, Secretary; Pat Furr, Barbara McKenzie, Treasurer; President Joan Midgett will serve as Director; Sue Lester, three year Director; Lynn Vasicek, three year Director; Joan Spangler, 3 year Director and Lynn Stephenson (resigned to assume the position of Florida District Governor Elect).



Treasurer of the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Charlotte Edenfield and her college roommate, Meg Martin in the Pilot Scholarship House telling her story as a resident in a Pilot Scholarship House.



Joan Midgett, President of the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation is receiving a gift from the board for her outstanding service for 2016-2017.

The Pilot Scholarship House Foundation has almost reached the goal to provide each of the four houses with a desk for every resident in the **DESKS FOR SUCCESS** project. There is still opportunity for anyone to contribute to this project. The houses will be closed for the summer for repairs, etc. The GKP house will receive a new sign and bike racks for the bikes they received this year from Bikes for Tykes. Sue and Joan visited the FGCU house with a cake and a pie to ease the stress of finals. Congratulations to the three students; Rachel, Hope and Natalie who are graduating. Three new students will be moving in. We look forward to welcoming them in August.



The Pilot Scholarship House Foundation

board voted to provide two picnic tables for the Williams House in Gainesville. They placed one near the patio under the peaceful shade tree and one on the patio near the grill.



"It's more than a Scholarship. ..it's an education for life"



This weekend, there was a feature story on the news about Project Lifesaver. Did you see the video? The Pilot Club of Naples is proud to partner with the Collier County Sheriff's Office to continue to provide Project Lifesaver.

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: **Anchors Youth Leadership Development**, **Brain Safety & Fitness** and **Caring for Families in need.**

Pilot International Foundation (now the Pilot International Founders Fund) was established in 1975 to further Pilot's humanitarian efforts. Since the Pilot International Founders Fund grant program began in 1977, nearly 1,500 grants totaling more than \$1.5 million have been disbursed to Pilot Clubs.

WALK to End ALZHEIMER'S

November 18th, 2017 – Saturday at North Collier Regional Park



Dues are due.



Florida District Pilot International Info 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

NEW NAME TAGS

The Pilot Club of Naples is planning to order new magnetic name tags. To make sure names are exactly right on the name tag, please fill out the form at the next meeting or contact Sue Lester, Secretary. She will order the name tags and they will be ready for the new Pilot year.

Our Premier Sponsor is Arthrex. If you see someone from Arthrex, tell them how much we appreciate their support.



Arthrex is a medical device designer and manufacturer whose products assist surgeons and improve countless lives of the injured, infirm and aged from locally to internationally.



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.



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. This is a good time of the year for each of us to make an extra effort as an individual to give someone a "Pick Me Up". Opportunities are everywhere.



May Birthdays
12th Paulette Dickerson

No Anniversaries

No Membership Anniversaries
1976 Hazel Jaklitch

31 years!!!!!!

1988 Margaret Harootunian

29 years!!!!!!



Our Concerns:

There are many Pilot members, friends and family who we have in our thoughts and prayers. We depend on information from you for this newsletter listing. Please make us aware of those you wish to recognize.

*Suzan Berg's Husband Allan and family
Paulette's father
Evelyn Dickerson*

You don't have to have a Spanish background to celebrate May 5th.



Please be aware that the article in the Pilot Log under the heading of Fundraising Coordinator is not the article I submitted. The article I submitted is on page 28 under the heading of Sponsorships by Linda Kinnealy. I understand errors happen but wanted you to know. *Suzanne Lester*

Friendship binds us together in Pilot service.



The new Governor as of June, Caroline Fallis has a theme: Friendship is the Heart of PILOT. So look for lots of hearts this year.

Pilot Club of Naples members and friends, check out the new and improved.
www.PilotClubofNaples.org website.

Naples Pilot Light Monthly newsletter is a symbolic gesture to add more light to a community that ennoble itself with continuous generosity and service.

You can add something to future issues. It will make this newsletter more interactive and interesting.

To submit an article for the newsletter, send to: [Sue Lester at LES1612@aol.com](mailto:SueLester@LES1612@aol.com)

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Blessings to all *Sue Lester - Newsletter Editor*