

NAPLES PILOT LIGHT



Pilot International 2018-19 President Deb Hayes



2018-19 FL District Governor Diana Kingree

THE PILOT CLUB OF NAPLES & NAPLES PILOT FOUNDATION, INC., P.O. BOX 8674, NAPLES, FL 34101-8674 December 2019

Pilot International Mission: To influence positive change in communities throughout the world.

Florida District vision is to serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational and research programs

Dates to Remember

Dec 5th Board Meeting 6 PM - Perkins

Dec. 12th Pilot Holiday Party 5 PM at Longshore Lake Country also

Lights of Love Tree Lighting

New Member Initiation—Kathy Hickey.

Dec 14th Elephant Walk 9–12 Naples Zoo

Dec. 18th  Welcome to delicious. Share Night for Pilot

Dec. 21st 1st night of Chanukah
December 25th Christmas Day

2019 – 2020 Executive Board

President – Sue Lester

Vice President – Paulette Dickerson

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Florida District Pilot International

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S. Central Lt. Governor - Jonda Erwin

ECR – Nickola, Dawkins, Nassau,



PI President's Message

I am going to write something a bit personal this day before Thanksgiving. I have been struggling with what to write, which is why this issue is much later than usual. But I have realized that perhaps my lack of inspiration was just a way of making me wait until the time was right to know what I needed to say, just as those riverboat Pilots sometimes didn't see the branches and debris lurking in the waters ahead until they had rounded that last bend in the river. Thanksgiving is a time for reflection and expressing gratitude for the many blessings in your life, and upon reflection, my life in Pilot is truly blessed. I am, first and always, grateful for Elizabeth Leonard, and all those women back in 1921, who, because of their determination and willingness to serve and improve their community, founded Pilot International.

I am grateful for each and every Pilot since then who has accepted the ultimate responsibility in the organization and served us as President. I look to you daily for inspiration and knowledge and I am never disappointed.

I am grateful for the Pilots who voted in 1952 to begin a service organization for girls which became Anchor, and I am grateful for the decision to encourage boys to join them in leadership and service. I am grateful for the decision to found Compass, and the recent decision to renew that commitment and to begin again chartering clubs for young adults.

I am grateful for the amazing people who have served with me through the years and this year on the Executive Committee. I have grown and learned by working with you, and I have made friendships that I shall treasure always.

I am grateful for the Pilots who serve our organization as leaders, taking on positions as coordinators, appointees, and officers at every level, especially those who agreed to serve with me this year, and my Governors. Thank you, each and every one of you, for your service to our organization.

I am grateful for our staff. They work hard every

day making sure all of us have the resources we need to do our work. Without them and their hard work, our service would not be possible.

I am grateful for my home District and my home club, and for all the Districts and clubs who have always made me feel I was at home with them, wherever we might be. And I am grateful for the friends I have made along the way, people who have taught me, inspired me, befriended me, and loved me. Thank you all.

I am grateful for the Pilots, Co-Pilots, Anchors, and Compass members in every country, every club, and every community in which they can be found. YOU are the heart of Pilot, and the work you do makes me so very proud to count myself among you.

I am grateful for my husband, Ken, the first Co-Pilot. He has been my sounding board and my support, and my biggest cheerleader, wearing his Pilot shirt, EVERY Saturday. And I am grateful for all my family, who have been so supportive of me and forgiving of the time I spend on Pilot.

I am grateful for my mentors, too numerous to name. Thank you for all you have taught me and continue to teach me. If I serve well, it is because of you.

Finally, I am grateful for the opportunity I have been given this year. I am humbled and honored to serve this organization. While my role has been much larger than I expected or imagined, I have learned a great deal about leadership, Pilot International, and myself. I thank you for the challenge, I appreciate the honor, and I am humbled by the responsibility. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving, and let us all give thanks for the blessings we give and those that are given to us as Pilots.

Debbie Hays,
2019-2020 President, Pilot International



Annual Pilot Club of Naples Holiday Party Thursday, December 12th, 5 PM. Longshore Lake Country Club. We are asking everyone to bring a \$10 Walmart gift card, LED indoor/outdoor lights, etc.

DID YOU KNOW AmazonSmile donates to Pilot International, Inc.?

Simply click this link below to add Pilot International to your Amazon account: smile.amazon.com/ch/58-0386983

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ADOPT A ROAD



Rosemarie Kirk and her husband, Rick joined Pauline Mansour and her husband, Stephen with their daughter, Cortney to clean the road. This is a project that the Pilot Club has participated in for over 20 years. The strip of road runs from the Mall on Goodlette Road to Tamiami Trail East. It is a big job and the members of the Pilot Club appreciate the great job they did at 6:30 Sunday morning.

New Life Church sends a message:

I just wanted to say Thank You so much for your t-shirt donations! This year at our OCC Packing Party we packed 165 boxes! Each box had a t-shirt jump rope in it! Also, for our 10-14 year old girl boxes we made t-shirt bags along with the jump ropes! We were also able to send an entire box full of jump ropes to the processing center to use as filler items for other boxes!!! We were able to do this because of your donation! I cannot thank Pat enough for helping with this!

We have enough t-shirts to do the same thing for next year too! I have attached a few pictures from the

Packing Party. If you look at the table full of things to go in the boxes you will see the jump ropes! And I have given one to Pat to show you what we are making!

Blessings,
Amanda McFarlane
Office Administrator



The Packing Party at New Life

From the Boys and Girls Club *Day for Kids 2019*

Hello!

I wanted to take a moment on behalf of our Club to say **THANK YOU** to all of you who

participated in our Day for Kids 2019. Your presence made our event truly special and informative for our guests. We estimated that we had about 600 people there, including you, with about 450 guests registered (not everyone registered). We hope that you had a good time, made some connections with other vendors and being here was beneficial to your organization. Please take a moment to complete our survey at the link below so that we can better plan next year's event! We would like to know what went well and what didn't go so well in your opinion. We thank you for your cooperation and patience with us as it is the first one we've had that included vendors.

Again, **THANK YOU** for supporting our youth. We hope to continue a partnership with you for years to come. Please save the date, **September 19, 2020** for our next Day for Kids event!
Brenda

(Paulette Dickerson, Joan Hurd, two Scholarship House Residents and Sue Lester were the volunteers fitting helmets at the Day for Kids.)

VOLUNTEERING

We know that people who volunteer their time with causes they feel passionate about can live longer, better lives. To find out what drives your passion, or to learn about new opportunities you can get involved in, join the Pilot Club of Naples.



The Anchor Club of Cape Coral High School

We are so very proud of our Anchor Club. They are working hard to contribute to the community continually. They are learning the importance of giving back to the community and setting a good example among their fellow students.

December 1-31 is "DecemBEAR". Anchors will be collecting new teddy bears and other stuffed animals for Valerie's House of SWFL (mission: to help children grieve the loss of a loved one).

In case I didn't get it right, here it is

directly from the Anchor Club. Seeing it twice may be better than once!
 We SO * truly * appreciate your help in supporting Anchor Club's mission to GIVE BACK to our school /community each month. We couldn't do it without you!

*Leigh Anne Page & Lori Milton
 Anchor Club – Advisors*

Lori Wunderlich Milton Owen- I am SO proud of you. I know that your presence represented our Anchor Club in a way that NO one else ever could. You inspire me. As a former Anchor myself, you are the reason why the vision to bring an Anchor Club to Lee County had to happen. I am so proud to say that we are the first Anchor Club in Lee County & with your leadership, the sky has NO limits. Congratulations on all that you have done and will continue to do. You sure do make us proud!

Kathy Hickey is joining the Pilot Club of Naples. During the Holiday Party, she will be initiated. Kathy has already attended her first Pilot International Convention and Fall Council. But it all started with the Anchor Convention as a chaperone of Owen Foster Hickey.



The Annual Pilot Club of Naples
 Christmas and Holiday Party.



Thursday, December 12th. Don't miss it. Lights of Love has been an important part of our Club members, friends and family. The lights are \$5 each in honor of or in memory of a person's name that is sent in to appear in the program. Send

your forms in with a check by December 10th for the names to be in the program. Names will be read and the tree will be plugged in. This marks the beginning of the party.

This year, we are so pleased to have an initiation of our newest member, Kathy Hickey at the party.

In the spirit of the season and following our focus to be a caring, giving, doing Pilot Club, we are asking those attending to bring a \$10 gift card for Walmart or LED indoor/outdoor lights to decorate their little home.. Our member, Cpl. Mike Nelson has been working with this family of six kids who lost their parents in an accident. They are together and making it the best they can on their own. We can provide some Christmas joy for this family. This could be considered a major "Pick Me Up".



YOUR HOURS

Club Secretary, Nicole will be accepting Pilot member's hours of service. We need to be sure we submit our hours to PI to qualify for advantages they offer

DONATE
FOUNDERS Fund 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 Founders Fund 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. International has requested "Collecting Quarters (and folding money) for Pilot International 100-year Anniversary". The money box will be available for your donations.



The next Culver's Pilot Share Night is December 18th. This is a fundraising event for Pilot with a percentage of the sales from 5 to 8 will benefit the Pilot Club of Naples. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to delight the children. We expect this to be a big night. Plan to be there in your Pilot shirt and have fun.

Save the date! 2.1.20



The Pilot Club of Naples is an official sponsor of the Great Naples Duck Race to benefit the Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition focus on child drowning prevention.





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

Remember our girls in the Gresham Kite Scholarship House during the holidays.



Look who attended our meeting!



Plan on this celebration. It's going to be huge! The Pilot International Convention will be the event of the century. Start to plan now to attend.

I will see you on Dec 12th with Mrs. Claus.



Thank you all for a wonderful year. We look forward to seeing what opportunities the new year will bring.

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy Chanukah.*



Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.

Rachel Naomi Remen

Concerns: Larry Rubin,
Nicole Rennie
Bessie Brown and her sister,
Myrtle Mayfield on the loss of
her husband.



Ruth Fralick is recognized for her 46 years as a loyal active member of the Pilot Club of Naples. Thank you, Ruth.

If you know someone who might wish to receive this newsletter, let us know.

Would you be interested in serving as a newsletter "reporter". All you need to do is turn in articles for a monthly issue. Pictures are fun too.

We need a dedicated person to help us keep the website up to date. At this time we have a very special angel who makes the changes for us but he needs the updated information. Think about it and let Sue know if you are willing to serve in this capacity.

*Family isn't always blood.
It's the people in your life who
want you in theirs; the ones who
accept you for who you are. The ones
who would do anything to see you smile
and who love you no matter what.*

Thank you . . . Love you, Sue

Do you see a typo or an error? [Let us know.](#)

Sue Lester – Newsletter Editor
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When it is First Saturday of each month – Wear your Pilot Shirt or anything Pilot

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P9 2019-2020 Leadership

Coordinator leaves us with a quote from the amazing Margaret Mead "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens (Pilots) can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Pilot International future conventions:

June 24 – 27, 2020 Atlantic City, NJ

July 7 – 10, 2021 Atlanta, GA

June 29 – July 2, 2022 Rochester, NY

June 28 – July 1, 2023 Bellevue, WA

Consider taking your membership

To the next level and run for a District Office. You will learn and serve and meet Pilot members throughout the state of Florida. It will be a real boost for our club if you do.