

NAPLES PILOT LIGHT



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

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

Dates to Remember

February 2nd 6 PM Board Meeting. .
Rosemarie Kirk's home

February 9th 6 PM Business Meeting at
Perkin's on Pine Ridge Road

February 12th Bikes for Tykes Poker
Run at Naples Harley Davidson

February 18th 1 – 5 PM - Pilot Tea at
Stonebridge Country Club,
2100 Winding Oaks Way, Naples 34109

February 25th 8:30 AM – NAMI Walk
at Cambier Cambier Park

March 5th at 7 AM Lowdermilk Park
Pathways Bike Rodeo – helmet fitting

March 25th 1–4, MAUI Brain Fair South
Collier Library. Helmet fitting

April 21 – 23 Pilot International Florida
District Convention–Lake Mary Marriott

2016 – 2017 Executive Board

President – Paulette Dickerson

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2017 Plot International 96th Annual Convention & Leadership Conference

July 6 – 9, 2017 at the Paris Hotel in
Las Vegas, NV



**NEW (ECR) Executive Council
Representative Peggy Benton**



Paulette Dickerson,
2016 -17 President:

Martin Luther King, Jr. said: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'what are you doing for others?'" There are many events listed on the calendar in this newsletter for you to be involved in. We need you. Please volunteer for at least one event or more.



Rosemarie Kirk presents Suzan Berg with flowers and announces that she is selected as the Pilot Club of Naples Ambassador (Sweetheart) 2017. Suzan has joined the club in 2013 and serves on the 2016 -17 Board of Directors. She is quick to volunteer and doesn't miss many helmet fitting events.

reason to **HOPE** alzheimer's association

leaves you with a lasting impression of the crucial work of the Alzheimer's Association and increases public awareness of the disease. Join them at any of the 2017 Reason to Hope Luncheons. The next event is March 9th, 2017; 11:30am Check In 12pm-1pm - Lunch and Program - The Hilton Naples - 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Reason to Hope is an inspirational fundraising event.



Bikes for Tykes

Poker Run will be February 12th at Harley Davidson on Pine Ridge Road. The Pilot Club of Naples will have an information table and provide volunteers. Bikes for Tykes members of the board attended our Walk in November and provided 2 bicycles. They also provided and delivered 10 bicycles to the Florida Gulf Coast Scholarship House residents at the Pilot House. We need to be there for them too. This is a fundraising event to fund the costs of providing bikes.

We need every member to support this.



February 18th at Stonebridge Country Club, the Pilot Club is hosting a Tea. We invited the members of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers and other Pilot Clubs, the residents of the Gresham Kite Pilot Scholarship House, friends and those who may be interested in knowing more about Pilot.

We will discuss the friendship and service of Pilot and offer information on the "Student Pilot Membership" opportunities. There are many advantages of being a member of Pilot. We hope it will be successful tea and become an annual event.

It is important to call to reserve your attendance: call [239.289.8268](tel:239.289.8268) to let us know how many people you will bring. Stonebridge Country Club needs the count. It is located off of Immokalee Road. There is also an entrance off Airport Road. The address is 2100 Winding Oaks Way, Naples, 34109 if you are using your GPS.

SAVE THE DATE

2017 NAMI Walk
FINDING HOPE

Saturday, February 25th
8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Cambier Park, Naples

Please join National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Collier, along with Grand Marshall Pete Earley, for the 16th Annual NAMI Walk.

For more information on participating or donating, please call 239-260-7300 or visit: www.NAMICollier.org/walks

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Collier County
6216 Trail Blvd., Bldg. C 1 Naples, FL 34108
(239) 260-7300 | www.NAMICollier.org

The National Alliance on Mental Illness annual WALK is February 25th at 8:30 AM. This is always a great event for Pilot to be present. Don't miss it. The members of the Pilot Club of Naples serve as volunteers for the NAMI Walk.

The Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM), the sister organization of the Alzheimer's Association, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy organization. AIM works in strategic partnership with the Alzheimer's Association to make Alzheimer's a national priority. Thanks to the support of its members, AIM has driven Congress to take historic steps to address the Alzheimer's crisis - but much more remains to be done.



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Served on the nominating committee and will announce the slate of officers to be voted on by the membership during the February Business Meeting.

Adopt A Precinct News.

A word from Roger Munz of the Supervisor of Elections Office. "As we enter 2017, the Training Department will begin election worker recruitment for future elections. If you know someone who would like to serve their community by working at the polls, please tell them about your experience in 2016 and guide them to our website to apply. During the 2016 General Election, more than \$50,000 was raised for local charities and non-profits through our Adopt-A-Precinct program. Visit our website at www.CollierVotes.com."



Our Pilot Club of Naples could be making more if we have more people willing to work the elections at the Orange Blossom Main Library location. It is fun. As a fund raising event, there is no risk of investment. All we have to do is "man" the polls for a day after a brief training. We need members and friends to join this effort. You do not need to be a Pilot to work the polls in the Adopt A Precinct for Pilot.

Pilot International Announcements

Emily Brooks (Milton), our Pilot International Membership Specialist, is moving to Japan with her husband Ashton in a few days. Ashton is a member of the United States Navy and stationed in Japan. As many of you know, Emily was instrumental in the implementation of our Portalbuzz database. She conducted workshops at the past two International Conventions. We will miss Emily and are grateful for the amazing work she did while part of our headquarters team. We now have a new member of the headquarters team. Stephanie Calder joined the staff this week as our new PI Membership Specialist. We are excited to welcome Stephanie and know that many of you will extend a warm welcome also. Stephanie's contact information is stephanie@pilothonline.org or (478) 477-1208, extension 308.

Please note the corrected dates:



The Pilot Scholarship House Foundation is hosting a Cruise departing from Port Canaveral January 28, 2018 and returning February 1st, 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 contact Lynne:: Lynne@cruiseflamingotravel.net

There is still opportunity for anyone to contribute to Desks for Success to reach the goal.

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.

The Florida District Leadership Team

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South Lt. Governor Terry Steffey
S. Central Lt. Governor Peggy Bretz



Florida District Pilot International Info
District Meeting April 21 – 23, 2017, Lake Mary at the Marriott.

Installation of new officers is held at the Annual District Meeting. Make plans now.



The Pilot Club of Naples is proud to partner with the Collier County Sheriff's Office to continue to provide Project Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is beginning 2017 with a bang by implementing its drone technologies. In a later part of 2016, Project Lifesaver announced the first purchase of the PLI Indago drone by Somerset County, NJ. The county will embark on the in-depth system training during the beginning of February. The course will include individualized flight instructions for the officers involved in the program, and also education on the inner working of the technology. The PLI Indago UAV System is a military grade, Quad Rotor UAV designed specifically for the search and rescue of Special Needs populations with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The Indago will aid the Somerset County Sheriff's Office in locating Special-Needs populations with cognitive issues that go missing by substantially expanding search coverage while significantly decreasing search and rescue times. It will also serve as an airborne asset and greatly improve the probability of a successful recovery across broad search areas.



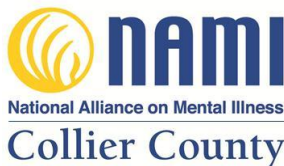
As Pilots, we are charged with helping others find their "True. Course. Ever." and navigate their way through the rough waters of life. With determination and compassion, we stand ready to help our communities and the world at large face obstacles, overcome challenges and weather the storms. **But there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

The cost of mental health services has always been a barrier to accessing care for people with mental illness, and those who are uninsured are more likely to delay or go without care due to costs. Mental health drugs represent one of the fastest-growing cost categories in outpatient managed health care. Antidepressants, anti-psychotics and mood stabilizers now account for 30 to 35% of all pharmacy spending. Despite the rise in health care costs, numerous statistics show the importance of mental health care coverage.

Approximately 1 in every 4 adults, and 42% of adults over the age of 66 suffer from a mental illness, while twenty percent of nursing home residents suffer from a psychological diagnoses. Due to the current limitations on mental health care such as insurance coverage and treatment costs, less than 3% of all diagnosed adults are able to be treated.

NAMI of Collier County offers a wide variety of programs and resources for individuals and families dealing with mental disorders. NAMI wants individuals and families to know they are not alone.



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.

No February Birthdays

Anniversaries

2/7 *Suzan & Allen Berg*
2/11 *Rosemarie and Rick Kirk*

No Membership Anniversaries



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.

*In the Florida District:
Carolyn Fallis, Governor Elect.
and Sandy Ingram need a prayer.*

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 ennobles 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