



## PILOT LIGHT



### Pilot International President Peggy Benton

THE PILOT CLUB OF NAPLES & NAPLES PILOT FOUNDATION, INC., P.O. BOX 8674, NAPLES, FL 34101-8674 September 2020

**"Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others."**

**FL District vision: to serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational & research**

#### programs



#### Are we ready to find a way?

If I could sum up this season with a phrase, it would be: "*this, too, shall change*". Many of you know that this is a play on the phrase, "*This, too, shall pass*". I sincerely miss all of you. There have been so many plans that have been modified, canceled or postponed because of the virus that is still so elusive and intrusive. For some, it has been devastating. I do not want to send the message that the dis-

ruptions and inconveniences it has caused is anywhere near the gravity for those touched by its lethality or debilitating health in its aftermath. I wish I could say that it will be over soon. But the news is not favorable with reports of more people testing positive. It will not pass without leaving a mark on us. We are all making changes in our lives. Many changes that will be the "new normal".

For our club, it is time to begin planning how we want to function and go forward. Our installation of officers needs to be done one way or another. Our committees need to be meeting, if only by phone to discuss the possibilities of events for next year. The Pilot Scholarship House Board had a meeting in August. Residents have moved in the house on the campus of Gulf Coast University. The Florida District has planned the Fall Council for October 30th thru November 1st in Destin. Many clubs are meeting with Zoom. Schools are finding a way. We need to find our way. The polls open for the election and the Pilot Club members will work. We have lost six months so far. It is time to catch up and make careful and safe changes for our new normal. Please join me when I call.

#### September Dates

**Board Meeting  
To be announced**

**Membership Meeting  
To be announced.**

**Culver's Share Night  
Canceled until next year.**



#### Pilot Club of Naples

##### Executive Board

President – Sue Lester  
Vice Pres. – Michael Nelson  
Treasurer – Paulette Dickerson  
Secretary – Teddy Plaisted  
Past Pres–Dir.- Joan Hurd  
Director—Larry Rubin  
Director—Ruth Fralick

#### Florida District

##### Pilot International

**2020-21 Leadership Team**  
Governor – Beverly Shean  
Gov Elect – Charlotte Edenfield  
Secretary – Ann Freeman  
Treasurer – Melissa Ridgway  
Lt. Governor – Barbara Keck  
Sharon Nooney  
ECR – Holly Baker

#### **Adopt A Precinct**

Working the polls at Village Walk August 18th are Michele (assigned to the Precinct by the Supervisor of Elections office), Gary and Paulette Dickerson, Bessie and Ralph Brown. Sue Lester is taking the picture. This is a very good team. It was a good day and this team was so efficient that they balanced out the paperwork and were out of the Precinct in 45 minutes. That is a record time. The next election is the Presidential Election on November 3rd. If you want to join the "FUN", we can use a few more people. Only requirement is that you must be a registered voter in Collier County Registered Voter. This is the only fund raising event we have this year. Our check is determined by how many workers we have. There is a place for you even if you are not a member of the Pilot Club. They need to know this week if you are going to join the team. We will feed you well.

Please vote any of three choices:

1. early voting in person,

2. vote by mail

3. vote in person in your specific precinct on election day November 3rd.



*A good friend is a connection to life, a tie to the past, a road to the future, the key to sanity in a totally insane world.*

*Lois Wyse*



Our Pilot Club is proud to feature the Pilot Club of Tokoyo submitting the following articles for our newsletter:

Dear Sue,

We have held Club Meeting last Friday at last! We are very happy to humbly present 4 pictures. Thank you for giving us this special opportunity.

**Eye-Mate Charity Concert**  
Eye-Mate Society is one of the associations bringing up guide dogs in Tokyo. Pilot Club of Tokyo held annual

charity concert for Eye-Mate Society since 1978.

One of our Members is a professional opera singer (Shigeko Kiki Kamata. Do you know her?), and her friends and pupils, some of them

are guide dog users, play wonderful scenes from famous operas.



We have annual Charity Bazaar for 47 years. This is the biggest fundraising activity for us.



#### Showing Films at Nursing Home

as a BrainMinders activity for elderly people, we started annual movie shows 3 years ago. By watching films which are happy, popular, and shown originally when they were teens or twenties, they remember their young days and become very lively. We got PIFF Matching grant for this activity.

The film they were watching is "The Blue Mountains (Aoi Sanmaku)" released in 1963 .<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0439119/>

All these activities stop now. Please stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,  
**Eriko Kandabashi, PC of Tokyo**



It is a joy to communicate with Eriko. This makes me very proud to show you what the Pilot Club in Tokyo is doing.





The Pilot Club of Cape Coral High School is back in school. We wish them a very good year. Owen Foster Hickey said this is a most unusual year and they are very busy with the many adjustments to stay safe. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity of this outstanding Anchor Club to make things fun and serve the community in a different way. We want to show the plans and results during the year in the newsletter.

**Just arrived:** Senior Crown Day at the beach with Anchors, Alexis, Nicole and Owen.



Dear Pilot Club Presidents,

We have some exciting news to share with you and your Club members. On Friday of our Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference in Atlanta next summer, we will be traveling by bus to tour our Pilot International Headquarters and Heritage Garden in Macon, Georgia. We will be asking everyone to register for the trip at the same time they register for convention. The cost will be only \$15.00... just enough to cover the cost of the buses. With this in mind, the 100th Anniversary Committee is working diligently to assure that Pilot International Headquarters and Heritage Garden look GREAT! We are offering opportunities for Clubs, Districts, and Groups to sponsor improvements at Pilot International Headquarters. These sponsorship funds will be used to assist with improvements to the Heritage Garden, Donor Recognition Room, Heritage Library, and a newly created Archives Room. You may want to consider asking your club members to sponsor these enhancements to our beautiful Pilot Headquarters. Although any amount of sponsorship is appreciated, we respectfully request a minimum of \$100. Any excess funds will go towards Building Maintenance, which is an important reserve to have for PI Headquarters. Be sure to use the designated sponsorship form which is attached and you can also access on the website by clicking on the link, "100th Anniversary Countdown" at the top of the page. We missed seeing all of you this summer so please plan to come to Atlanta next year as we begin the celebration for our 100th Anniversary. In Pilot friendship and service,

Peggy Benton, PI President

Laura Keever, Chair 100th Anniversary Committee



#### Notes from Debbie Hays:

While the world may be on pause, Pilot clubs and our members continue to flourish together in friendship and service, even as we remain physically apart. While we may not be in one room, we are one in our heart for Pilot and we will continue to embrace our communities with our service as we wait until we can gather to embrace our fellow Pilots again.

In Pilot Friendship and Service  
Debbie Hays, 2019-20 President

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#### Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House

Resident's have moved in. The Gresham Kite Pilot Scholarship House was sanitized and clean for them. There are restrictions and no visitors until further notice. There is a wish list of items they would really appreciate if anyone is interested in gathering them together.

Sue Lester will deliver to their door.



"Protecting Your Brain for Life"



#### Pilot International

Not knowing what the future holds brings a certain uneasiness to our lives. And yet, in a strange kind of way, there is comfort in that fact as well. Whatever happens to us or our loved ones is out of our hands - - we simply couldn't know anything about it if we tried. We look for guidance as we walk through a life of unknowns. To fulfill our mission of service to others, Pilots willingly take the wheel to provide guidance to those who are struggling in life. We are compelled to help and nourish and bolster others with encouragement without stifling the possibilities open to them. Pilots need to be shining examples of strength and stability to Be the One to Guide.

Yours in Friendship and Service,  
Shirley King



2020-2021 Pilot International Inspirational Leader



**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.

**DONATE**  
**Pilot International  
FOUNDERS  
Fund**

### Pilot International Founders

**Fund** was established to support the community-based work of Pilot Clubs by helping to underwrite Club service in the areas of Preparing Youth for Service, Encouraging Brain Safety & Health, and Supporting Those who Care for Others. Through the Pilot International Founders Fund, Pilot International and its local Pilot Clubs improve the lives of others through education, volunteerism, financial support and research.



Arthea Brimmer is retiring from her award winning musical career. . Hopefully we will see more of Arthea

## Pilot International

The 2021 Pilot International Convention will be in Atlanta, GA for the 100th year! The plans are continuing and it will be a memorable convention in 2021.

There will be an opportunity to Take a tour of the beautiful Pilot International building and garden.

Florida District Fall Council is October 30th in Destin.



Plans for the Pilot Club of Naples Installation of Officers are delayed as a result of the Covid-19 health issues. This is always a very special event for members and friends. We are sincerely sorry, due to the restrictions, we will have a small installation of the



**Concerns:**  
Mike Nelson  
Larry Rubin  
Bessie Brown's Sister Myrtleene now in rehab

Nicole Rennie  
Hazel Jaklitch  
Ruth Fralick

The only way out of our tragedies is to come together. Help the person next to you and create the army to get Naples back on her feet.  
Let no one feel forgotten.

We must be  
**NAPLES STRONG**



Information is always available on our websites:  
[www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org)  
[www.pilotflorida.org](http://www.pilotflorida.org) [www.PilotClubofNaples.org](http://www.PilotClubofNaples.org)

Whether we realize it or not, all of us are responsible for creating the body we live in.

- Deepak Chopra



### September Birthdays

1st—Evelyn Dickerso  
9th—Ruth Fralick

### September Membership Anniversaries

2019 Leigh Anne Page  
2019 Larry Rubin  
2019 Mike Nelson