



**PILOT LIGHT—Pilot Club of Naples**  
**Naples Pilot Foundation, Inc. In the Florida District**



**Pilot International President Peggy Benton**

**THE PILOT CLUB OF NAPLES & NAPLES PILOT FOUNDATION, INC., P.O. BOX 8674, NAPLES, FL 34101-8674 March 2021**

"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**



**President**  
 Cape Coral High School Anchor Club  
 Owen Foster Hickey

"I just got accepted to my top two universities, the University of Florida and Florida State University, so I have officially started my Southern Scholarship Foundation Application. I will be getting the application itself done this week, and I'll be getting my letters of recommendations shortly as well."

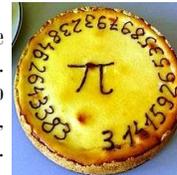
The Pilot Club of Naples could not be more proud of Owen and his leadership of the Anchor Club of Cape Coral High School. With Leigh Anne and the Anchor members, this Anchor Club has developed outstanding & valuable community events and fundraising.

Your creativity is awesome and you always surprise us with new ideas from Santa to Socktober to the Easter Bunny, we cannot wait to see what is coming next. You are constantly teaching us that there are new and interesting ways to serve the needs of others.

As Owen prepares to graduate and move on, we know that he has left a very special mark on all of us.



Pi is the circumference of any circle to the diameter of that circle. Regardless of the circle's size, this ratio will always equal pi. In decimal form, the value of pi is 3.14.



**Take A Pie for Pi Day says Charlotte Edenfield & Sue Lester**

Charlotte Edenfield says "Take A Pie for Pilot " It's going to be fun and will be a new Fundraiser for the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation.

What better way to celebrate "Pi Day" than to Take A Pie for Pilot?"

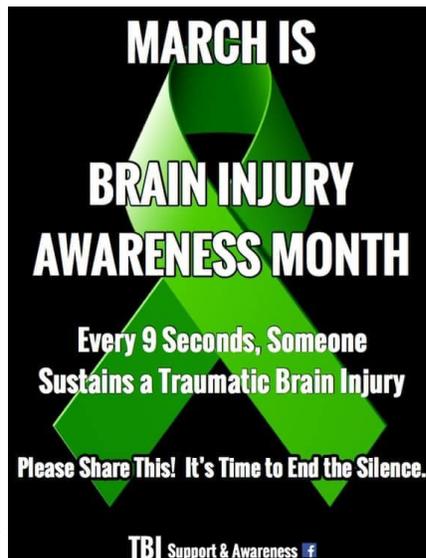
"Help us with our fellow board members support PSHF, the organization I've been associated with for many years! In partnership with Southern Scholarship Foundation, provides rent-free housing for 77 college students each semester while attending FSU, UF and FGCU. Many of you are friends because of SSF and Pilot House so you know what a worthwhile organization this is."

"For every \$100 raised, I will take a pie for Pilot and post a picture or video on Facebook. Yes, you'll see the pie and whipped cream on my face. . .one for every \$100 raised."

Sue Lester will join Charlotte on this challenge. The initial post date is March 14, 2021. End date for Fundraiser is April 5, 2021 (so we can announce totals at convention.)

The target opening date for the new house is 2022. We committed to sponsoring and furnishing this house for \$160,000. As of December, \$70,000 was received. We have about 15 months to raise \$90,000. Visit the website, [www.pshffl.org](http://www.pshffl.org),

Thank you for supporting Pilot.



**Pilot Club of Naples**

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### Planning our Bike Ride Route

(Published in FL Bike Association March) written by Mike Nelson

Bike riding is an amazing and beautiful way to get to and from local places in an eco-friendly way, and help stay in shape at the same time. Just remember that even the shortest bike ride that you take can have you riding at relatively high speeds while sharing the roadways with other vehicles, pedestrians, pets, and roadway hazards. Here are some tips to keep you safe. Let's use some creativity and safety considerations when planning our route, getting to our destination safely is better than getting there faster. While taking the time to plan a route wouldn't it be great to arrive with less stress and have the bonus of seeing some beautiful scenery?

To avoid the more dangerous threats to our riding safety we should ride bike paths whenever possible, they can help us out and give us some wonderful scenery. When we have to ride roadways let's choose roads that have dedicated bike lanes or are really wide. Let's use quieter neighborhood roadways over high-traffic thoroughfares or arteries. We should attempt to ride in none peak traffic hours, trying to ride a bicycle in heavy or bumper to bumper traffic is especially dangerous and very high risk. We also need to watch out on weekends when there are usually more drivers on the road. When planning our ride, it's important to know the weather forecast. Do we need to wear or bring waterproof gear and clear glasses or protect yourself from the sun by wearing sunscreen and sunglasses? Maybe we need to carry a small backpack or bag to hold lightweight extra layers and other essentials for our ride. Always, always, always, wear a helmet. Any time you get on a bike have a helmet on your head. A helmet will give you protection for your head and brain, and may very well save your life.

Naples finalizing **Plan for Bike, Pedestrian Safety**—The city of Naples is working to make the community more accessible for walkers, bicyclists and drivers. In designing its **2021 Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan**, the city is looking at things like crosswalks and ways to make them safer by drawing attention to them & potentially raising them. Some bikers hope getting around on two wheels will be a little easier in the future. The Naples Path Coalition is pushing for more connectivity of bike paths, with hope of reducing the number of deadly biking accidents. The city says it will have the plans set by June.



### Laverne Weddle Scholarship House Report

Good morning,

Thank you for your patience and allowing me time to gather some information from the girls before sending you this email. Before jumping into the wishlist, I want to let you know some things that have been going on since the last time you all stopped by! We've been having major plumbing issues lately that caused flooding in the upstairs and downstairs bathroom. Fortunately enough, our maintenance man Norman was able to remedy the situation within a few hours and now we're all good. Another thing we've been having a tough time with is the Wi-Fi. The routers we have aren't strong enough to push the signal throughout the entire house. Therefore, girls in the back hallway and upstairs are unable to use the internet comfortably in their rooms.

Aside from those minor mishaps, we are doing pretty good together as a house. The new girls are getting more and more comfortable with everyone every day, which is always nice to see. This is my last semester as house manager, so I am planning a house trip with the girls to Panama City Beach. We plan to go in March and are so excited to bond with each other in a new environment.

As for our wish list, the following are just a few things the girls have been asking for:

- Wi-Fi Router
- Traditional coffeemaker machine
- Silverware
- Plastic Tupperware
- Disinfectant spray
- Printing paper
- Pots/pans
- Cooking utensils
- Lysol
- Febreze
- Kitchen Towels
- Keurig Reusable Cups
- Panini presser
- Vaccume
- Mops
- Shower curtains



Thank you all so much in advance!

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**Williams House Update**

Times are different here at the University of Florida. As we approach nearly a year since the university sent their students home in light of the pandemic, all of us as students have found our lives to take new shape in order to move forward despite the current circumstances. I know I can certainly attest to the fact that my life a year ago looked nothing like how it does now. Even before the pandemic however, my life as a student was already significantly different than most others as a result of being a resident in the Southern Scholarship Foundation (SSF). I and 14 other young men live in the Williams-Pilot Scholarship House of the Southern Scholarship Foundation in Gainesville, Florida.

Within the Gainesville SSF community, we have over 100 students that attend both Santa Fe College and the University of Florida. The community serves as a cooperative-living opportunity for students who hold strong financial need and exhibit academic excellence. Typically, life in the SSF community involves a great deal of intermingling among scholarship houses and working together to ensure that house duties are accomplished, but since the pandemic begun, things have certainly changed. In all houses, including us at Williams-Pilot, residents must wear masks in common areas and take extra cleaning precautions to minimize spread. While things are very different for us at Williams-Pilot, we've adapted to the circumstances life has thrown at us and still find our own ways to bond and have the college experience, just not the normal one.

All of us have been kept really busy this semester between the mix of zoom and in person classes or extracurriculars we've found a passion for on campus activities. For instance, a number of us in the house have gotten heavily involved with an organization called the Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) where we found a community that we love being a part of and falling deeper into. We find time to build connections with other students while simultaneously networking with professionals that offer opportunities for internships and enrichment. All of us in Williams are doing activities like this alongside our studies, which has admittedly been a challenge, but one that's well worth it.

One thing that hasn't changed for us is that no matter what, all of us have each other's backs and continue to support each other in whatever way we can. Whether it be in writing, coding, or general encouragement, all of us in Williams know that we have at least one person in the house to turn to who will gladly help.

And one final thing that hasn't changed and will never change is how thankful we are for our sponsors in the Pilot Organization. You all have supported us so much and your contributions are always the breath of fresh air our house needed. Thank you for continually supporting us and putting us ever closer to fulfilling our ambitions. Times may be different, but all of us at Williams-Pilot are pushing forward stronger than ever and ready for more.

Written by Diego Pomales-Muñiz



**Gresham Kite Pilot Scholarship House**

*This semester our theme is Perseverance. It is all about pushing through and getting the results you want. This is an excellent theme because people have to remember that eventually things will get better.*

*The house has been running pretty smooth this semester, no one has gotten covid and we plan to keep it that way by having a temp and sanitation station when you come through the door. We also have been doing nightly cleaning throughout the house.*

*We have remodeled some rooms. We repainted the kitchen as well as the living room, dining room and study room and decluttered.*

*To stay connected to each other we are having social events throughout the month such as bowling, beach volley ball as well as volunteering in the community.*

*In closing: Perseverance is a significant element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody.  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

*We at GKP hope you are all staying safe and doing great. We love and appreciate you.*

Despite the many challenges 2020 brought us all, the passion and care of people like you keeps us going. Your gifts will assist students complete their education through our many scholarships, and communities in need through our Matching Grants. Thank you again for your generosity on Giving Tuesday and throughout the year.

Your Staff at Pilot International Headquarters

Pilot International 2021 celebration of the 100 Anniversary of Pilot International will be in Atlanta on July 7—10.

*This will be HUGE. We have been waiting for this one for a long long time. Hopefully, the Pilot Club of Naples will have several members attending. . . . Think about it. There is even a bus trip plan to visit the Pilot International Headquarters for \$15.*

*Traveling together is fun. . . It is more than a convention. Deadline to register is May 24th.*



**Save plastic bottle caps for an Anchor art project at PI**



*Giving to Pilot International's Founders Fund helps to support the ABC initiatives of Pilot: Anchors Youth Leadership Development*  
**DONATE** *Brain Safety & Fitness and Caring for Families in need.*



**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.

Project Lifesaver is a non-profit that provides members with a program designed to protect and quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering

*This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.*

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that

Everybody wouldn't do it.

Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody.



"Protecting Your Brain for Life"



*Our Anchor Club has a plan for the puppet presentation program. Watch for great things to happen in 2021. Everything they do is outstanding. This may be refreshing for us to see their "twist" on the existing program with the Wise Old Owl and friends.*



(New York, NY [PRUnderground] February 21st, 2021) - Chief Gene Saunders, Founder/CEO & Chief Director General of Life-saver International was recently selected as Top CEO of the Year by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for his outstanding leadership, dedication and commitment to the industry. Project Lifesaver is a non-profit that provides members with a program designed to protect and quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to wandering. The Pilot Club of Naples has been working with the Collier County Sheriff's Office to make Project Lifesaver available in Collier County.



**Bessie Brown**

Retired school Administrator & Asst. School Superintendent. Transferred her Pilot membership from Macon, GA. Exciting news: Bessie is nominated for Lt. Governor in the Florida District. We are proud to have Bessie Brown from the Pilot Club of Naples in the election during the April District Meeting in Gainesville. Our club is required to attend the District Meeting with three voting delegates. We need to be there to cheer Bessie on.

A brief visit to Culvers on Immokalee Road was as good as it can be. This is the season for their once a year special fish dinner. The Cod Fish Dinner is available all year, but the Walleye is wonderful. Looking forward to the day when we will return to Culvers for our monthly Pilot Share Nights.



**March Birthdays:**

- 3rd—Nicole Berg Rennie
- 4th—Bobbie Grimm
- 10th—Michael Nelson
- 21st—Margaret Harootunian
- 22nd—Arthea Brimmer



During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we send our thoughts and prayers to all of our members and their families to be safe and be careful. Please let us know if you have a concern to add. Nicole Rennie in Prayer with health challenges.

Larry Rubin and all the members of the Pilot Club of Naples

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