



NAPLES PILOT LIGHT

Pilot Club of Naples News
PILOT INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATING 100

SEPTEMBER 2023

Do More, Care More, Be More!

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

Florida District's vision: To serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational & research programs.

Pilot Club Meeting

**Next meeting September 14th
Perkins.**

2023-24 Pilot Club Officers

President	Bessie Brown
Vice President	Sue Lester
Treasurer	Bob Patton
Secretary	Ralph Patton
Director	Harriet Patton

2023-24 Florida District Officers

Governor	Barbara Keck
Governor-Elect	Missy Ridgeway
Secretary	Claire Mikko
Treasurer	Charlotte Edenfield
Lt. Governor	Amanda Valdespino
Lt. Governor	Georgia Reed
ECR	Lisa Palmquist

2023-2024

Pilot International President
Holly Baker



Always a reminder

Websites:

- www.PilotClubofNaples.org
- www.pilotflorida.org
- www.PilotInternational.org

Project Lifesaver International Annual Conference

Once again Sue Lester was invited to represent The Pilot Club of Naples with a display table of Pilot information at the conference. The event was at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace in August. There were training workshops with inspirational speakers on Autism, Alzheimer's and related disabilities, caregiving, strategic communications and marketing, technical solutions and the Project Lifesaver focus: *"dedicated to bringing your loved ones home"*. Authors such as Richard 'Pitsh' Picciotto of "Last Man Down- the fireman's story" were moving. Author of *"Understanding the Changing Brain"*, Teepa Snow presented with extraordinary expertise and humor. She is currently on the board of the US Dementia Action Alliance and the Alzheimer's Support Network in Naples, FL. It was an honor and we look forward to the 2024 Project Lifesaver International Conference.

At Ave Maria

Marianne Troy of the Alzheimer's Support Network along with the Collier County Sheriff's Office representative Angela Larson presented a program on Alzheimer's and Project Lifesaver.



From left to right are Bessie Brown, President of the Pilot Club of Naples; Angela Larson, Senior Support Department of the Collier County Sheriff's Office; Marianne Troy, Alzheimer's Support Network and Carol DiFlorio, Lifestyle Director at Ave Maria.



We are deeply sad to report our Pilot Florida District Governor has passed away as a result of health issues. Barbara Keck had a dream to become the Governor and she was so proud to fulfill that dream. Her installation was beautiful with the theme of Peacocks. We offer our condolences to her family and her Pilot Club of Fort Pierce. With this news, the Governor Elect Missy Ridgway of the Pilot Club of Ocala will assume the position as Governor. We offer our total support and know Missy is able to lead the Florida District.

Also Lt. Governor Sharon Nooney had to resign in early July due to health issues. The DAC is pleased that Georgia Reed from the Pilot Club of Jacksonville agreed to accept the appointment to fill this position for the 2023-2024 Pilot Year.

THINGS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO REMEMBER. . .

September 14th Pilot Club meeting and installation of new members

September 15th is the deadline for the 1st Quarter PI Pick Me Up Grant application

September 15th is the deadline for 1st quarter Heritage Garden Brick purchase.

September 19th deadline to register for Fall Council

September 28th Culver's Share Night

September 30th – Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) Ambassador recognition is due.

October 13, 14 and 15th is Fall Council in Melbourne

October 15th – PIFF Grant Applications due to Pilot International



We are proud to have Connie Moore, Past President of Pilot International in our club. Shown here at the District Meeting taking the podium to install officers.

September's Message

As we enter the month of September, we've been confronted with storms, floods, natural disasters and the war in the Ukraine where nations vie for power and independence. Some times the news and headlines make us wonder if there is any hope. To that end, we must think of how our nation, though attacked on 9/11, renewed our strength and resolved to be united as a nation of power and committed to world peace. To that end, during the month of September, we will celebrate Patriots Day for those who gave so much on 9/11 and we will also observe The international Day of Peace. Let us be a part of that peace and try to help others.

We have a lot of observances, as Pilots, that reflect our mission to protect the brain. September is also the time we observe Childhood Brain Cancer Month. To that end, we salute the Arnold Palmer Children Hospital that has a dedicated program to work on the causes of childhood brain cancer and provide research and treatment. This hospital is located in Orlando and provides children in Florida an opportunity to receive the care that they would have wait for from St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis. Let's remember them in our giving this month.

We will also participate with our sister club in Fort Myers, on September 12, 2023, to shower our scholarship house residents with items requested on their wish list as well as visit with them. It's time to let them know how much we care for them and that Pilots will go beyond their requests to help them be successful. It's great to start the new school year with them. We will also help our Anchors at Cape Coral High School with their new leader Ms. Jessica Recupito. We will be a guiding force for them as we were for Leigh Ann Page. We salute Leigh Ann for all the work and dedication of those Anchors who worked with her. These Anchors provided identification kits to elementary students in Lee County. This was a fantastic Anchor Project.

As our club continues its work with our plans of work and our programs, we will also participate in our district project, "Sock it to Me" and collected socks for a designated group who really needs our help. Florida District would like to collect at least 5,000 pairs of socks by January 1. Please start bringing your socks. A flyer will be sent out to garner community support. We will also help with other local projects to include Sunlight Home for pregnant teens, homeless and abused women in our community. There's so much to we can do, we've simply got to do it.

As we plan these activities, we will have the installation of our new members at our next meeting and make plans for our Fall Council from October 13-15 in Melbourne, Florida. We're busy and that's the way we like it.

Finally, we would like to honor the late Barbara Keck who served as our Florida District Governor for Pilot International. She was innovative and ready to strut into the year with some great changes. It is with sadness that we give thanks for her work and commitment to Pilot International. She's sailing on the Pilot Boat to her final destination. Sail on to Pilot International.

Working to make a difference,

Bessie Brown - President

New Members!

Be sure to attend the September 14th Pilot Club meeting at Perkin's.

We have four prospective members who will be installed in the membership of the Pilot Club.

Come to the meeting and welcome these new members showing your support.

Bessie has two: Barbara Powell and Peg Reiley. Mike Nelson and Sue Lester have two: Valerie Alexson and Bill Alexson.

Everyone has a story and a reason they joined Pilot. We want to know these four new members and hear their stories.



Thank you Culver's on Immokalee Road for supporting the Pilot Club of Naples with monthly Share Nights.

September 28th is the next Culver's Share Night 5 to 8 PM

Bring someone to SHARE something delicious and talk about Pilot.

Florida Anchor Our outstanding leader of the Cape Coral Anchor Interact Club, Leigh Anne Page has a new school schedule with added responsibility. This has caused her to step back some and have Rene' a teacher at Cape Coral High School, lead the Freshman and Sophomore students with Leigh Anne directing the Junior and Senior students of the Anchor/Interact Club. This sounds like a good plan and we are so happy that Leigh Anne will continue to be involved with our Anchors.



Florida District Pilot International



The Governor's appointments too numerous to mention. If a picture is worth a thousand words, this is it. Third from the left is our own Bessie Brown. It takes a village to run our District.



Craig is the Construction Project Manager on the Malthouse Pilot Scholarship House at FGCU. He was kind to walk me through the house and give me an update. The entire house is clean with no trash or even a nail on the floor. He is holding open the new front door that replaced the plywood. I asked him what his biggest challenge was in finishing the house. He said the delays in receiving materials and having enough labor. But he is optimistic that he will be finished for the "Pilot Committee" walk through for the "punch list". The house is finished and we are waiting for the dedication ceremony.



Gresham Kite Pilot house is quiet after the workers fixed the wall that was damaged by the storm. Most all the residents have gone for the summer. It was sincerely a wonderful experience to serve the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation through these years.