



# NAPLES PILOT LIGHT

Pilot Club of Naples News  
PILOT INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATING 100

NOVEMBER 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 **November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**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	Jonda Erwin
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](http://www.PilotClubofNaples.org)  
[www.pilotflorida.org](http://www.pilotflorida.org)  
[www.PilotInternational.org](http://www.PilotInternational.org)

## Florida Pilot District Fall Council



November, 2023  
A Message From the Heart

November is a month of celebrations. Two major holidays that I remember are Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. These holidays represent true measures of devotion to our nation and thankfulness for all of our blessings. However, the news that we hear each day does not represent what we long for -peace. There are two major wars going on for control of territories and legacies. We have a great tragedy in Maine with the senseless killing of 18 people. During this month, I am sure that there are many of us asking the question " When will the fighting end? When will the killings cease?"

There is hope. This month we salute our veterans on November 11, 2023 at 11:11 AM. This is when the Treaty of Versailles was signed signifying that World War I was officially over and that the League of Nations had been formed to keep the peace. So many soldiers died during World War I. Those soldiers endured trench warfare, poisonous gases, etc. but yet observed a cease fire on Christmas Day. Since that time, our soldiers have kept us safe in the midst of many storms in our lives. Let us remember them on Veterans Day. We hereby salute our Pilot veteran – Bob Patton and his son Greg Hudson for their services.

Let us not forget those who give so much of themselves to help others. Remember our care givers during National Care Givers Month and National Teacher observance day. Let's send a smile their way with a card, simply with the words "I appreciate what you do." But while we celebrate and recognize these people for what they do. Let us think of those less fortunate during World Kindness Week ( November 13-17) and the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week occurs the week before Thanksgiving.

We are so hungry for good news. The good news is that we are free to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. Of course, we will have a great meal. I can smell the turkey and dressing, the pies, the caramel cakes, the football games and the long nap after dinner. Some of you are looking forward to Black Friday after Thanksgiving to start the Christmas season. But I want us, as Pilots, to look further. We want to be more, care more and do more.

Let us be thankful for our blessings of health, family and safety. To that end, let us pledge to do something for others. Let's make a pie for a caregiver, provide dinner for a senior citizen with little or no family, let's help the homeless. Please remember our district project of donating socks to the homeless with our ***Sock It To Me Campaign*** and let us share our time with someone who needs a listening ear. Remember, our club goal is 2500 socks before December 31 st. Let us give from our hearts and let us pray for peace.

I love music and I want to share one of my favorite songs. " Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we, Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me and let this be the moment now. With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow, to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally and let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

Let us reflect on our traditions, our families and be thankful to God for our blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Bessie Brown

## **THINGS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO REMEMBER**

November 9<sup>th</sup> - Pilot Club Meeting

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day and Helmet Fitting at Ave Maria

November 13<sup>th</sup> - World Kindness Day

November 30<sup>th</sup> – Culver's Share Night

November 28<sup>th</sup> - Giving Tuesday



Governor Jonda Erwin presented Rachel Terry and her husband with the 50 year Pilot Membership Pin at Fall Council.



We have a date for the dedication of the new Malthouse Pilot Scholarship House!

Mark your calendar for February 10, 2024 at Florida Gulf Coast University.



Household items (donated by the Pilot attendees of Fall Council in Melbourne) were divided for the four Pilot Scholarship Houses. Sue Lester made the delivery to Emilee, house manager at Gresham Kite Pilot Scholarship House at FGCU. The items were well received and the residents feel the “love” of the Pilot Club members with this thoughtful gesture.





Project Lifesaver is a proven and effective method of **“bringing loved ones home”** and is the original – not a copy!

Project Lifesaver is a tracking system to aid in the fast location and safe recovery of a person with Alzheimer’s or Autism, who has wandered from home. The concept is clear: one wears a wristband with a small device that looks like a watch, with GPS capability. When the Project Lifesaver Officer is notified, through 911, that someone has wandered, they employ a mobile-action tracking device that picks up the person’s location. The average rescue time to locate a missing person with Project Lifesaver is 30 minutes. Wanders not found within 24 hours are at risk of serious injury or death.

The eligibility criteria to qualify for the program are quite specific. “To qualify, the person receiving the device has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, Autism or another cognitive impairment that places them at risk of wandering. There are a few other details on the website.

Every two months the battery needs to be changed on the wristband transmitter. The Pilot Club of Naples started this program with the Collier County Sheriff’s Office and the results are heart-warming.



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

***Ralph Brown fitting helmets at Culvers Share Night.***



**Ralph fitting helmets at Ave Maria. . .**



Working on an Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> for a possible Helmet Fitting event at Ave Maria. Watch for a confirmation from Bessie and call for volunteers.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



**Remember Veterans**

