



NAPLES PILOT LIGHT

Happy New Year

Do More Care More, Be More!

January 2024

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

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 January 19th
6 PM Perkins.**

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Holly Baker



Always a reminder

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www.PilotClubofNaples.org

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Socks delivered by Bessie and Ralph Brown to St. Matthews House. 480 pair were delivered to the Migrant Center- Immokalee High School by Tiffany Brown.



New member, Peg Riley gave an overview at the Dec meeting providing Coping Kits to comfort children at the Golisano in Collier County. Peg agreed to chair the event for the Club. A Matching Grant or Pick-Me-Up Grant can be applied to finance the project. More information at the next meeting.

The December meeting was a Holiday Celebration with a Left/Right Christmas game. It was free pie night & that



fun too. Special guests: Joe and Robin Belanger, Willie & Jackson Hall attended.



The Malthouse-Pilot Scholarship House was successfully completed making it possible with the valuable support of the Southern Scholarship Foundation, FGCU and the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation. We are providing an environment where 17 students can pursue their academic aspirations and strive towards fulfilling their dreams. This single-story house covers an area of 4,100 square feet. It is the second scholarship house in Fort Myers. This new house joins the patio of our Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House. It is the 5th Pilot Scholarship House bringing our residents to almost 100 students living rent free on the campus of FGCU, FSU and UF. The Scholarship House program is a Pilot Florida District Project that all clubs in Florida embrace and support. No other district of Pilot International has a project like it. Not only do we support it financially, but it is a "hands on project" for us to be involved with the residents and get to know and understand their appreciation and joy of living in our houses. It is the ultimate "Do More, Care More, Be More" concept.

THINGS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO REMEMBER. . .

January 11th – Pilot Club Meeting 6 PM at Perkins

January 25th - Culver's Share Night 5 PM to 8 PM

February 10th – Malthouse-Pilot Scholarship House dedication 1 PM at FGCU

2024 This is a new year and a time to make our dreams become realities. It's also a time to begin new projects and make new memories.

During 2023, our collected 964 pairs of socks and donated them to the homeless at the Friendship House (St. Matthew's House) in Immokalee and to the Migrant Program at Immokalee High School. We had several helmet fittings and distributed and fitted more than 140 helmets We also sponsored two programs for our partners at Alzheimer's Network and Project Life Saver. In addition to these programs, we donated clothing to the Sunlight House. We also added four new members and reclaimed one member.

We also served in our community with Memorial Day Services and Veterans Day Services.

This year we're planning a project with Golisano Children's Hospital to provide age appropriate bags for patients admitted to the hospital and we will also work the polls as part of the Adopt A Precinct Program. We have six members who have been trained for this project and need more volunteers to serve. All funds collected will help to support our programs which will include Brain Minders this year. This year is an opportunity to expand our programs and do more, care more and serve our community. Let's go for it. Dream Big!

"All of our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them" Walt Disney.

Bessie Brown

President – Naples Pilot Club



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

Meet us at Culver's January 25th from 5 to 8 PM. There is always something delicious for you to enjoy.

December activities



Delivering Christmas Child Boxes



Cards to Veterans



72,742 cards were sent to the troops for Christmas via Mel's Diner.

A team of Pilot Scholarship House Foundation consisting of current President Julie Thompson, Past President, Sue Lester, President Elect Shirley Pyle, Shearer Kennedy and Chairman of the dedication of the Malthouse Pilot Scholarship, Joan Midgett worked two days unpacking and setting up the new kitchen of the house. Dozens of boxes of items were donated through Debbie Thompson at the Altamont Springs Pilot meeting. They were stored along with the donated kitchen towels and brought to the house. Many more boxes were delivered as result of generous Pilot members who ordered items from Amazon. The kitchen is well stocked with everything washed and in place.



Dale came with a truckload of furniture and chairs to assemble.



Julie tested out the dining chairs on the truck.



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