



NAPLES PILOT LIGHT

Happy Valentine's Day

Pilot Club of Naples News

PILOT INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATING 100

FEBRUARY 2024

Do More, Care More, Be More!

The Pilot Club of Naples and Naples Pilot Foundation, Inc. - PO Box 8674, Naples, FL 34101

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

February 8th Perkin's

2023-24 Pilot Club Officers

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

2023-24 Florida District Officers

Governor	Jonda Erwin
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Secretary	Claire Mikko
Treasurer	Charlotte Edenfield
Lt. Governor	Amanda Valdespino
Lt. Governor	Georgia Reed
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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 THE HEART OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL

February is known as American Heart Month where we recognize the scientist and researchers work diligently to find a cure for heart disease or alleviate things that cause heart disease. Heart Disease is the number one cause of death in United States. According to the Department of Health, 32% of all deaths can be attributed to heart disease.

February is also known for Valentine's Day where we show love to others with cards, flowers and candy. it was intended to recognize St. Valentine who was preaching the good word in Rome and was one of two Christians killed on February 14th. There are many theories about this. But this is one of the most common ones. We, as Pilots, show our love through service to communities and beyond through programs such as the *Sock It To Me Project* where the Florida District gave and collected 5, 737 pairs of socks to the homeless and underserved people in our local communities. We also help students who cannot afford housing throughout Georgia with our scholarship houses where students live rent free. To that end, we will dedicate the newest scholarship house of February 10, 2024 at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. This scholarship house, The Malthouse Pilot Scholarship House, will house 17 students. Scholarship applications for our scholarship houses are currently available online as well as our Pilot International Scholarships.

We also show our love through our bike helmet programs designed to protect the brain and save lives. Our club has given more than 120 helmets in the last year to members of our community. We are trying to fulfill our mission of Do More, Care More and Be More. We dedicate our lives to helping others. That way we celebrate February. We are the heart of Pilot International. Along with the candy and flowers, think of someone who simply needs a friend and show your love by calling, or making a visit.

With a heart of service, Bessie Minor Brown




THINGS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO REMEMBER. .

February 1st – Early Bird Registration and booking link will open for the 2024 Pilot International Convention in Denver, Colorado July 17 – 20, 2024.

February 8th - Pilot Club Meeting at Perkin's on Pine Ridge Road at 6 PM

February 10th – Malthouse-Pilot Scholarship House dedication 1 PM at FGCU. Registration is required.

February 14th – Valentine's Day . . . You are the heart of Pilot 

February 25th – Pilot Scholarship House Foundation and District Officer nomination deadline.

March 11 – 17 – Brain Awareness Week (Quarterly deadline for BrainMinders grant 3/15)

March 25th – Awards entries for projects or events completed between March 2023 and February 29TH must be submitted **online** by March 25th, 2024

April 26 – 28, 2024 -District Convention and Anchor Convention will run simultaneously at the Marriott Orlando, Lake Mary

July 17 – 20, 2024 Pilot International Convention in Denver, Colorado. . .

Sent to the Pilot Club of Naples from Jenny Wise

"Jenny Wise homeschools her four awesome children. As any homeschooling parent knows, every day is an adventure, and Jenny has begun chronicling her experiences at Special Home Educator. She hopes to use the site to connect with other homeschoolers and to provide helpful advice to parents who may be considering a home education for their kids."

Philanthropic Initiatives

Small businesses commonly embed philanthropy into their organizational ethos. Business owners frequently contribute to their communities through a range of charitable endeavors, such as backing local sports teams or donating to food pantries. These altruistic gestures establish a ripple effect of positive impact that enriches the broader community. Ultimately, these acts of giving cultivate a culture of benevolence that elevates community well-being.

How to Get Involved

If you're thinking about starting a small business of your own, one of the first tasks is choosing a business structure. While there are a variety of options – including sole proprietorship and corporation – many entrepreneurs choose to start a limited liability company (LLC) because of the pass through taxation and liability protection. If you aren't sure where to begin, [protect your personal assets with ZenBusiness](#), a formation service that can ensure all your paperwork is filed quickly and accurately.

Small enterprises aren't just brick and mortar structures these days; they're also the beating heart that gives life to a community. By acknowledging the various roles these businesses play, from boosting the economy to fostering innovation and beyond, it becomes clear how essential they are to the well-being of their communities. Aspiring veteran entrepreneurs should keep these factors in mind, for their ventures can indeed serve as catalysts for profound communal transformation.

[Pilot Club of Naples](#) is working to provide service and education to help uplift families. Let us know if you have any [questions](#)!



Let's come up with a plan. . . Here is something to celebrate: The Pilot Club of Naples was chartered in 1959 by the Pilot Club of Fort Myers. **65 years to celebrate!**

New Members!

Everyone matters. Most will not join unless you ask them if they are interested in making a difference in our community.

Our Club Membership Dues are submitted to our Treasurer: Bob Patton before June 1st.

Something new to know:

Note: District Dues – On Line Payments are now accepted without service fees charged. You may be invited to make a donation. You can edit this line before submitting. District Treasurer: Charlotte will answer any questions for you.



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

Watch this space for updated information on Share Nights.

SHARE NIGHTS are something delicious and time to talk about Pilot.

Volunteers



*They don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.
Thank You!*

Everyone matters!

Thank you to everyone who contributed socks. Socks, socks and more socks. . . Bessie was really into the **Sock it to Me District Project**. 5,737 pairs. . . . or 11,474 feet will have new socks as a result of this project. With the cold temperatures in Florida, Bessie said: "Our efforts with this project truly reflect our Motto to **"Do More, Care More and Be More"**."



We are looking for new ideas for our Club Funding. We have the Adopt A Precinct coming up, but we would like our members to make suggestions for a new 2024 funding plan.

Thank you to those who will be working the poles for our Adopt A Precinct Commitment.

