



NAPLES PILOT LIGHT

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Pilot Club of Naples News

PILOT INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATING 100

APRIL 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

Brain Injury Awareness Month

Pilot Club Meeting

April 11th- 6 PM at 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
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

April is National Volunteer Month

Celebrate volunteers as well as inspire volunteerism around the globe. Lend your time, talent and Pilot commitment to making a difference in your own club and community. We can cause a ripple affect around the world. Do More, Care More and Be More.



April 4th is the deadline for the Florida District Convention and Hotel registration.

Florida District Anchor Convention will be held along with the Pilot District Convention at the Mariott Orlando, Lake Mary

See page 3 for the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation news and wish list information.



Strut Your Pilot Pride™.

Cares and Concerns:



Our Club President, Bessie Brown's sister, Update on Myrtle Mayfield, Bessie's sister. Myrtle is improving and we send our best wishes for her continued progress. To Bessie we send our most positive thoughts and prayers.

Message from the President: April starts the spring season with many outdoor activities such as biking, swimming, baseball, etc. To that end, we must promote safety. The theme for the Florida District is to Prepare Youth for Service and Encourage Brain Safety and Health. Therefore, it is our responsibility, as Pilots, to inform and teach our community bike and pedestrian safety; but to also teach them how to also protect themselves and others.

April is “Distracted Drivers Awareness Month”. In 2021, there were over 48,000 car related accidents related to distracted driving in the State of Florida as recorded by the State Department of Highway Safety. These accidents resulted in 300 deaths and 2700 serious injuries. Why so many? Technology has allowed us to have conversations while we’re driving, play games, conduct business, and even work with others while driving. We can also order meals and eat while driving. Now with driverless cars, we can also ride in cars led by technology, GPS and drones. Though this technology is beneficial and has also saved many lives, it has simply taken the focus off the pedestrian and bike riders who also share the roadways.

It is important to remind drivers of automobiles, golf carts and ATVs about safety and adhering to the rules of the road. The life you save could be your own.

This is also Alcohol Awareness Month. Don’t drink and drink. Be sure to store alcoholic beverages away from young children and practice safety when alcoholic beverages are consumed.

Please remember children with autism. This month also focuses on children with this disability and ways we can help promote research and treatment for children and their families impacted by this disease.

Also, during the month of April, the Florida District Pilot Convention will be held in St. Mary, Florida April 26-28, 2024. Pilots throughout the State will talk about their projects and goals for our communities and hopefully address them during our next Pilot year which begins in July.

Yours in Service, Bessie Brown



Project Lifesaver News. . . . “You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know” Frequently people ask public safety leaders “Why is training essential?” The answer is: “You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know” It is especially important to understand what we ‘know versus what we don’t know’ as our lives as well as the lives of others depend upon our knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA).

As Project Lifesaver International (PLI) Instructors and Electronic Search Specialists (ESS) our goal is to teach others all that we know about PLI in hopes that they learn something new! For us to teach others something new, we must ensure that we too are up to date on the subject matter. The best way to improve our PLI knowledge, skills, and, and abilities is by attending the PLI Annual Conference. This year the conference will celebrate the 25th anniversary of PLI and promises to be the best!

Project Lifesaver 35th Anniversary Conference, August 26 through August 29th at the Hilton Buena Vista Palace in Orlando. . .Project Lifesaver of Lancaster County welcomes Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency to the program!

Pilot Club member & Project Lifesaver International Headquarters national trainer, Kelly Osborne, certified the newest agency to join the countywide program.

Sue Lester attended the Project Lifesaver Conference in 2022 and 2023. She plans to attend again this year. Any members of the Pilot Club of Naples can join her with the Pilot Club display table. Contact Sue for more information.



Reminder from Julie Thompson, PSHF President.

DRESSER FOR SUCCESS is the campaign with the goal of \$35,000. With one of our 5 houses complete, we have 44 additional dressers to order to fulfill the need at the remaining houses. Every donation is appreciated.

Our Scholarship House Residents look forward to the donations and cleaning supplies. Pilot Scholarship House Foundation has released the first of five Wish Lists. This list was also included in the Governor's Bulletin :

Paper towels Paper plates 2 ply toilet paper Hand Sanitizer
Cleaning/Disinfectant Wipes Large size frying pans
Hand Soap in refillable bottles
Bathroom Cleaner spray Gift Cards for groceries
Plastic/Wooden Cooking Utensils such as tongs, spoons, Spatulas, etc.
Oven Casserole Dishes Oven Baking Pans Vacuum cleaner
4 sets of new shower curtains Lysol Disinfectant Aerosol Spray
Bleach Fabuloso Cleaner

They also said they would like a new microwave and an "O-Cedar Easywring Microfiber Spin Mop".

Gabriel sends his message: Being at the Williams House has been a great experience for me and I have met so many great people because of that. So I will list the recent achievements of some of our residents:

Marvin H Gowel received a Summer Internship for META

Dwight Brown became a Florida Cicerone

Nylan Pierre, Ahn Nguyen and Anski St. Fleur will graduate this year.

Nylan has a job offer for Chase Bank after he graduates

Anski has a job offer for Microsoft after he graduates

Tawny de la fe got his first ever car: a MUSTANG!!

Julian Romero received a summer internship.

We are in week five of the Spring semester. Things are running smoothly. We are at capacity with 16 residents. We have welcomed two new residents to the house. Both are upperclassmen majoring in computer science. They have acclimated well and love their new home and family here.

Did you know . . .

SSF residents save \$13,200 in living expenses. That's \$4.40 saved for each \$1.00 donated. Thanks to SSF's comprehensive living and learning community, residents' groceries, utilities and home cooked weekly meals are included with the scholarship. Next is PSHF **Dresser for Success** campaign to raise \$35,000 to replace dressers.

April 20th, We are proud to be invited to participate in a Bike Rodeo at Hertz Arena. We need volunteers!. Save the date and plan to sign up at the meeting on the meeting on April 11th.

Check out all the information on the District Convention. There are items requested from you and your club even if you are not able to attend. There will be officers elected and business discussed. All information is available on line and in the Governor's Bulletin. Be informed and be prepared. This is your Pilot



District. **THINGS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO REMEMBER. .**

April 4th – Deadline registration for District Convention (April 26 – 28 at Marriott Lake Mary.

April 15th – Anchor award applications due to PI headquarters

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

May 1, Deadline for Club Officers Forms 2024-2025. Send to incoming Governor Missy Ridgway,; District secretary Ann Freeman and PI Joanna Kotlarski

May 1, - Deadline for Florida Corporation Renewal due for State – online @ Sunbiz.org and will reflect the club officers for the upcoming year.

May 31 – PI Convention Leadership Conference

July 17 – 20th – 102nd Pilot International Convention in Denver, Colorado. .



Thank you for all the members who worked the polls in the Adopt A Precinct project. **Adopt A Precinct Project** is a major Pilot Club fund raising and community awareness event.



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Thank you to all who have volunteered in any project, program, etc. to make this a better place to live.