



NAPLES PILOT LIGHT

Pilot Club of Naples News
PILOT INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATING 100

MAY 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

May 9th 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

New elected officers begin in June

2023-2024

Pilot International President

Holly Baker



Always a reminder

Websites:

www.PilotClubofNaples.org

www.pilotflorida.org

www.PilotInternational.org

2024 Florida District Convention was held at the Lake Mary Marriott. Marketplace Winners from the Pilot Club of Naples.



We offered three opportunities to buy a ticket to win:

1. Trader Joes's of Naples donated a huge selection of their signature items all wrapped for the winner to enjoy.
2. Club member donated a basket of wines from California, France, Germany and Italy along with a book of fine wineries. Chocolates from Italy, France, Germany & California
3. The old money tree sprouted a \$100 bill to a lucky winner.

Naples attendees were President Bessie Brown, Secretary Ralph Brown, Suzanne Lester and Suzan Berg. Bessie, Suzanne and Suzan served as delegates voting during the business meeting

Raph carried the club banner in the opening session Parade of Clubs. Bessie reported on the "Sock It To Me" project collecting over 6,000 pairs of socks. She concluded her report singing "A Bridge Over Trouble Waters".

The next Pilot convention is in Denver, Colorado in July. Annual Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference.



Project Lifesaver News.

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.



May is Bike Month.

Wednesday, May 15th, 6:30 PM is the Annual Ride of Silence honoring and remembering with this slow, one hour bike ride to honor people who were injured or killed while biking. Cambier Park. There is no fee to register: <https://bit.ly/ROS2024>.

Wednesday, May 15th, 6:30 PM



Many generous donations for the five scholarship houses were received at District and delivered to the houses. The kindness of the Pilot members is always appreciated. This is what sets us apart as members of the Southern Scholarship House partnership. We are “hands on” support for the residents of our scholarship houses. Keep up the good work . . .Do more, care more and be more is what you all do. We thank those who contributed.

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.



THINGS TO KNOW AND THINGS TO REMEMBER.

PI Joanna Kotlarski has been appointed as our ECR

May 12th – Mother's Day

May 15th = National Ride of Silence. 6:30 PM at Cambier Park

May 18th – Safety Fair at Ave Maria Water Park

May 27th - Memorial Day

May 31 – PI Convention Leadership Conference in Denver Registration opens.

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

October 18 – 20 – Fall Council at the Wyndham in Kissimmee



We need to start recruiting Poll Workers for the next election. This is an amazing project that covers community service, patriotism, volunteering and fundraising. That is more than any project all in one without a monetary investment or risk. We don't have to risk people not showing up or spending time and money on the plan and promoting an event. Most of all it is an opportunity for exposure to the public to see us volunteer and to visit with the voters about Pilot. It is fun to spend the day getting to know Pilot members and serve our community.



Do More Care More and Be More Thank you to all who have volunteered in any project, program, etc. to make this a better place to live. Please turn in your volunteer hours to Ralph. He reports our volunteer hours to the District and PI. It is an important part of grant writing. If you have any questions, Ralph is the one to call.

District Convention



Growth Award



Missy Ridgway



Dorothy Moore, Fort Lauderdale Pilot Club with marketplace tickets ready to win.



Opening session parade of banners. . .A member from each club attending presents their club banner.