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# The Little Memo



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2018-2019 year of Pilot Club of Patchogue. I had the distinct pleasure of attending my first Pilot International Conference from June 27th - July 1st. The installation of the new officers for Pilot International was a grand event and our very own Sue Kahl was recognized on stage for her role as Governor of the Northeast Potomac District. Lynda Benanti, Lori LaRocco, and I were very proud to be there from her home club and there were close to 30 Northeast Potomac District members attending including our own Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chair of Fundraising for the District. The conference had about 800 attendees from around the country and also from Japan and the Bahamas. These 800 women were extremely diverse, but shared a common interest in making a positive difference in the lives of others. All attendees participated in a service project one afternoon which included putting together a rice meal with vegetables and protein to be distributed by the No Child Hungry organization. It was truly a moving experience to see a huge ballroom filled with Pilots and Anchors who worked to provide 30,000 meals!

As you all know, I am brand new to this position and ask for your patience, understanding and assistance. I've called on many of you already to answer questions and everyone has worked diligently to prepare their Division's plans of work. I've been part of the club for three and a half years and during that time I've witnessed great things being done by dedicated, kind and giving members. I anticipate another fabulous year.

Linda Pickford  
President

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jul 5 Executive Board Meeting 2 pm  
with all Division Chairs  
Linda Pickford's home  
1 Katie Drive  
Medford
- Jul 10 Installation of New Members  
Home of President Linda Pickford  
1 Katie Drive Medford  
BBQ Burgers and Franks  
Members may bring a side dish, dessert or  
appetizer  
Business Meeting 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm  
Installation to follow
- Aug 14 Business Meeting All Members 6pm  
Location TBD

## From PRESIDENT-ELECT JOANN

October 18<sup>th</sup> is Founder's Day for Pilot International, and during the month of October, Pilots come together to celebrate the rich history and tradition of our organization. I am very pleased to be working with the Membership Division to plan a team based quiz for our October monthly meeting. In this *Little Memo* and for the next 3 months, I will be sharing with you some fun facts so that you will be able to participate in the Founder's Day Program.

Hope you all enjoy your summer and I will see you in August.

*In 1921, as the Roaring Twenties came into full swing, men returning from war service began to form civic groups.*

*In Macon, Georgia, Elizabeth Leonard and six friends began, in September, to develop their own initiative, to form a service group of businesswomen who would seek ways to contribute to their community independently and in association with men's groups to forward the interests of town, community, and state. This was a bold and novel idea that quickly grew so that those six became forty a month later and formed the original Pilot Club on October 18, 1921.*

*The name Pilot was selected to convey the image of riverboat pilots who steadfastly steered a true course as they hoped their organization would help those they served to navigate their way in life.*

Joann Neal  
President-Elect

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

If you are **bringing a guest** or **cannot attend the business meeting**, please contact **Joann Neal** the day before the meeting.

Leave a message at 516 818-1515 or

Email [joannneal237@gmail.com](mailto:joannneal237@gmail.com)

## From PROJECTS DIVISION

The first major project for the Division will be collecting school supplies. These may be brought to the August meeting. Donated items can include notebooks, pens/pencils, backpacks, lunch totes, tape, glue and the like. All items received at the meeting will be brought to The Patchogue-Medford Youth and Community Services.

Next will be the Health and Wellness Fair at the Family Patchogue YMCA. This year, through the tutelage of the Pilots from Valley Forge, we will use the BrainMinders puppets to engage the children in learning about brain safety.

Many other events are on the horizon and we look forward to a productive and memorable year.

Dorothy and Sue, Co-Chairs

## From FUNDRAISING DIVISION

The Fundraising Division is busy planning for the upcoming year. We are hoping to hold our Craft Fair in December this year, so please let us know quickly of any vendors to whom we might reach out, so we can contact them before they make other commitments.

Our yard sale is planned for early Fall. As you clean up and clean out, please set aside any items you wish to donate for the sale.

The Fourth of July brings barbeques and fireworks and CLEARANCE SALES, a great way to start your Holiday Party gift stash and Theater Benefit Baskets.

We are still finalizing our plans of work and look forward to sharing them with the membership. We welcome any suggestions/ideas to expand fundraising.

Gail B. and Jeanne, Co-Chairs

## From PIFF DIVISION

The PIFF committee held their division meeting to set up our Plan of Work for the coming year, and we are excited about getting underway with our plans. Just a couple of reminders are needed right now though. In September, we are looking to put on a Brain Minders presentation at the Family Fun Day at the Patchogue YMCA. We have had a table at the event each year, but have never done a Brain Minders presentation before. We will need a few volunteers to come on a Saturday to make the presentation a big success. We will have the exact date and more information for our August edition of The Little Memo. Also in September, we recognize our Pilot Ambassador. We will be voting on our Ambassador at our August meeting, so look for more information on what an Ambassador is exactly in August.

Joan Dunne and Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chairs

## From MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

Celebrating Our July Birthdays:

**Caroline Keiger on July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Linda Pickford on July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Eileen Swanberg on July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Welcoming our New Members on July 10<sup>th</sup>:

**Lorraine Dechert**

**Maryann Schick**

As President-Elect Joann Neal announced, we are devising a fun and informative team based quiz game for our October meeting. (Hint: You may want to keep the information in Joann's message for reference.)

We are also looking into planning social activities for our membership and welcome your suggestions.

Cathie O. and Eileen Sribnick, Co-Chairs

## News from Brookhaven Memorial Hospital:

- After work by Vice-President of Branding and Stakeholder Relationships Cynthia Ruf and her team and feedback from the community, on June 15<sup>th</sup> the Hospital announced that Long Island Community Hospital will be its new name.
- The Hospital has been and will be renovating isolation rooms, patient rooms, corridors, walls, flooring, and lighting. The rooms will be color coordinated, outlets will be raised, headboards will be removable, floors will be non-wax, wardrobe closets will have maple-lighter colored doors. The target is to renovate 104 rooms.
- Surveyors from the American College of Surgeons completed a trauma survey. The Hospital is working to be certified as a level 3 Trauma Center.
- Debra Grimm is the new Vice-President Nursing Officer.
- The Hospital will participate in Patchogue's Family Fun Night on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Six doctors are graduates of the Family Practice Residency Program.

Linda Tabatchnik

### **Thought For the Month:**

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.