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The Little Memo



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

~Elizabeth Andrews

If you are like me, I often find myself overwhelmed by the poverty, sickness, despair and inequities in our world as I read or watch the news. It can be a helpless feeling wishing there was a way to help, but knowing one has limited resources. But choosing to volunteer gives me a sense of peace knowing it will hopefully make a difference in someone's life. As a pilot member it is so rewarding to be part of a group of people who have the desire to improve the lives of others in whatever way we can. I am in awe of the level of commitment our club has. Some of you have been on this journey for decades and yet still sustain that drive and calling to be of service. Others are newer to Pilot but are jumping right on board and bringing fresh ideas and renewed energy. In reality, none of us has time for all that we do each year as a Pilot. But we do it because it fulfills us and gives us a sense of hope. I am proud and honored to serve as President of our club for the next year. You all inspire me to come together in friendship to serve our community and impact lives.

Linda Pickford
President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 8 Executive Board Meeting 6 pm
with all Division Chairs
Linda Pickford's home
1 Katie Drive
Medford

Aug 14 Business & Program Meeting
Social 6pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
El Matador Restaurant 680 Route 112

Patchogue Pilots asked to donate school supplies such as 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.

Select Pilot International Ambassador (previously Sweetheart).

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 joanneal237@gmail.com

From PRESIDENT-ELECT JOANN

The information you received from the Pilot Newsletter will be used for August's informational for Founders Day. There is an interesting article about our new Executive Council Representative, Pilot International Director- Rhona Baca Espinoza from New Mexico. In the article Rhona tells us to be excited about the President's Challenge for 2018-2019. What is the President's Challenge and why is it important to the future of Pilot?

The first Official Pilot Club contained forty Chartered Members and their guests who held a formal dinner in Macon, Georgia to celebrate the occasion. Elizabeth Leonard presided over the group. There was only one man present at this first dinner in October 1921. Within a few years 3 more clubs sprang up, all in the State of Alabama. The first International Convention was held on May 27, 1922 with a total of 4 Clubs. Much work was done at that first Convention and many of the rules enacted still exist today.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and don't forget to keep up with the Pilot News.

Joann Neal
President-Elect

From PIFF DIVISION

Please be ready to vote for our Pilot Ambassador at our August Business Meeting. Your vote should be based on the Pilot International guidelines for an Ambassador, namely:

- Be active in an assigned role within the club.
- Promote and support Pilot International and its activities.
- Be active in a project that addresses one of Pilot International's core areas of service focus: Anchor Clubs (Youth Development & Leadership), Brain Safety & Fitness, and/or Caring for Families in Times of Need.

- Be faithful in attending meetings and give generously of his/her time to assist with service projects and fundraising activities.

The votes will be tallied and the winner will be announced at our September Business Meeting. In case you are not aware, our Club will be making a donation to Pilot International's Safe Harbor Fund in our Ambassador's name. The Safe Harbor Fund was created to help our fellow Pilots with basic necessities when they are in need, such as in times of wildfires, hurricanes and floods.

Joan Dunne and Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chairs

From PROJECTS DIVISION

For the August 14th meeting, please remember to bring school supplies. All donations will be given to Patchogue Youth and Community Services.

The Projects Division decided to change up the activity for National Care and Kindness Week, the second week in November. This year a luncheon will be held for all the volunteers of the nine food pantries in our area. This event will take place at the VFW Hall on Dunton Avenue (gratis) on November 13th and all attendees will receive a certificate of appreciation and a catered hot meal. The entire Club will be involved through sending invitations, creating decorations and centerpieces, serving food and personally thanking the volunteers. A "Pick Me Up" grant application has been submitted to Pilot International to help defray costs.

This project will address the charge by the Governor (C'est moi!) to add one new project, fundraiser or activity to that which the Club is already doing – a +1.

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One Pick Me Up was sent this month. The recipient was a woman in East Patchogue who has been caring for her infirmed husband for several years. She was given a \$50.00 gift certificate to Stop and Shop.

Please let Sue Kahl know of any caregiver who should be recognized. There is no geographic restriction; the only consideration is that they be caring for a loved one.

A special thanks to all the Patchogue Pilots who did the preliminary work on the Pediatric Surgery Dolls which will be the service project at the Fall Workshop. Sixty dolls were cut and sewn. Attendees at the Workshop will complete the making of these dolls.

Dorothy and Sue, Co-Chairs



Gail Braverman and Cathy Fiebe working on Pediatric Surgery Dolls

From FUNDRAISING DIVISION

The first major fundraiser this year will be our yard sale, scheduled for October 13, 2018 at Lynda Benanti's house. This is a great opportunity to dispose of unwanted but usable items and to raise much needed funds for our club. Please set aside any items you can contribute, including clothing.

Our Craft and Vendor Fair is scheduled for December 8th and our Holiday Benefit for December 11th. Please take advantage of end of season and clearance sales to pick up new items for the raffle table at the Holiday Benefit.

We plan to sell our Snowman and Witch door decorations at the Fall Workshop and will be constructing them in the next few weeks. If you want to participate in making them, a signup sheet will be available at our August meeting. Any that don't sell will be available for purchase at the Craft Fair.

We are working with AC Moore to set up a one day fundraiser – more details to follow.

Gail B. and Jeanne, Co-Chairs

From MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

Happy Birthday

Sue Kahl on August 14th

On August 27th we celebrate a very special trio

Gail Braverman

Lori LaRocco

Catherine Olinger

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The Pilot Club of Patchogue is pleased to welcome its newest member, Maryann Schick. Maryann lives in Middle Island with her husband. She has two adult sons and is lucky enough to have one of her sons living next door. She has two grandchildren, 16 and 12.

She has been a paralegal for 35 years. She is active in the Sons of Italy and in a social justice group. She also participates in two book clubs and loves to travel. She's a very busy lady!

Cathie O. and Eileen Sribnick, Co-Chairs



L to R: Sue Kahl, Maryann Schick, Eileen Sribnick , Linda Pickford

College of Surgeons-accredited program and unique collaboration with Stony Brook Medicine as a comprehensive care model providing World-Class Bariatric Care in a community setting.

- The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma has verified the Hospital as a Level III Trauma Center. The Hospital was recognized for its trauma capability and overall institutional readiness to care for trauma patients from the prehospital phase through the rehabilitation process.
- The Hospital has partnered with Progressive Emergency Physicians, who are now providing emergency medical care in the Emergency Department. The new Progressive group includes six of the Hospital's current Emergency Department's physicians who transitioned to Progressive Emergency Physicians, along with six full-time and ten per-diem physicians, all working under the direction of Drs. Andrew Sama and Brian Lee.

Linda Tabatchnik

News from Brookhaven Memorial Hospital:

- For the 2018 season, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center and Long Island Events have formed a new partnership – BMHMC Amphitheater at Bald Hill. The Hospital's brand identity will be featured throughout the venue as well as in event promotions.
- July's *MD News* cover story highlighted the Hospital's Bariatric Surgical Weight Loss Services and features Drs. Konstantinos Spaniolas and Aurora Pryor. The article also includes Drs. Andrew Bates and Salvatore Docimo and points to BMHMC's American

Thought For the Month:

“And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

– **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince**