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# The Little Memo



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was awesome to see such a tremendous showing at the NEPOT Fall Workshop on September 30th. The morning began with the Marketplace sales and there was such a variety of items to choose from. Of course, I was partial to our club's handmade snowman and witch. Our club was certainly front and center with Sue as our Governor, Lynda as the Secretary and the Brainminders presentation.

The service project was that much more meaningful having Morgan's twin sister and grandmother present. The day ended with a relaxing and delicious dinner with time for fellowship. We are so fortunate this year to have both NEPOT events on Long Island.

Linda Pickford, President



Completed surgical dolls NEPOT Service Project

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct. 03 Executive Board Meeting  
with all Division Chairs  
Linda Pickford's home  
1 Katie Drive Medford 6pm
- Oct 09 Business & Program Meeting, Social  
6pm, Dinner 6:30 pm  
El Matador Restaurant  
680 Medford Avenue  
Patchogue  
Program: Membership Division  
presents Founders Day Program  
Initiation of new member, Lorraine  
Dechert
- Oct.13 Yard Sale at Lynda Benanti's,  
164 Washington Ave., Patchogue  
Please drop off items in advance.
- Oct. 18 Pampered Chef Party at  
Linda Pickford's home at 7pm

## 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](mailto:joanneal237@gmail.com)

## **From MEMBERSHIP DIVISION**

Once again Pilot Club of Patchogue is welcoming a new member, Lorraine Dechert.

Lorraine is a retired nurse who now spends a great deal of time as a foster grandparent for Patchogue Medford Schools. She has helped in primary level classes giving extra care to children who need it.

She's also very active in her church in Center Moriches. We're glad you have chosen to join us in the Pilot Club of Patchogue.

## **Happy Birthday**

Margaret Falese on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Linda Tabatchnik on October 9<sup>th</sup>

Mary Campo on October 15<sup>h</sup>

Cathie O. and Eileen Sribnick, Co-Chairs

## **From PIFF DIVISION**

This month, we recognized Cathy Fiebe as our Pilot Ambassador. Cathy is a wonderful example of what a Pilot Ambassador is: she is active in the club and her committee; she throws herself into our projects, as well as working to find exciting new projects for us to work on as a group; and she gives generously of her time to Pilot. Congratulations Cathy!! It is a well-deserved honor. The club is making a donation in her honor to the Safe Harbor Fund at Pilot International.

We finished up the Emergency Response Grant for the Project Lifesaver bracelets last week and had our District PIFF coordinator, Joanne Hamilton, review it for us. She made a few minor suggestions to strengthen the grant. The grant is due to PI by October 15, but we should have it to them next week.



Fran Wiener presents Pilot Ambassador recognition to Cathy Fiebe

Joan Dunn had the pleasure of meeting a mother of a Project Lifesaver bracelet at a talk given at her place of employment. She told Joan that her son will often take off without anyone knowing, and that the equipment she had to help find him was outdated and was not reliable anymore. The Pilot Club of Sayville somehow had heard about the family need and reached out to them. The family was able to get a Project Lifesaver bracelet from the Sheriff's Department (one that was purchased by PC of Sayville) and it has helped find him a few times already. The mother stated that she is so relieved to have the bracelet, knowing that her son will be found should he wander away.

Joan was able to share this story with some of our members, sharing her excitement in hearing first hand from a recipient (or at least the parent of a recipient) of how the bracelet has helped her and her son.



Suffolk County Sheriff Officer Brian Stoothoof, who heads local Project Lifesaver, with Joan Dunne, Eileen Swanberg and Fran Wiener

Finally, we will be working to reach out to our local colleges this month to get the word out about scholarships available from Pilot International. If you know of someone who might be interested in applying for a scholarship, please have them contact Eileen Swanberg at [piloteileen@yahoo.com](mailto:piloteileen@yahoo.com) for more information.

Joan Dunne and Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chairs

### **From FUNDRAISING DIVISION**

The Fundraising Division is very happy to report that we sold 27 of the 31 witches and snowmen we made. A very special thank you to the club members who met multiple times to create the wreaths.

Our garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, at Lynda Benanti's house, rain date Sunday, October 14. This is a really good fundraiser for us as it requires minimal investment and gives us maximum return. It also provides an opportunity to get rid of usable but unwanted things that clutter our houses, garages, attics and basements. Please drop off items for sale at Lynda's next weekend and/or early in the week, so we can price items and prepare them for sale. The sign-up sheet will be available again at our October meeting.

October 18<sup>th</sup> is the date for our Pampered Chef fundraiser, hosted by Linda Pickford. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Attendance is open to members, friends and family. Those unable to attend can order from the Pampered Chef catalogue that will be available to all.

On Friday, November 16, we have a fundraiser with A.C. Moore at the SunVet Mall. We receive 10% of all purchases as long as the purchaser presents the flyer that we will provide. We can email a copy and you can show it on your smart phone or you can print the flyer and present it when you make your purchase. Please mark the date on your calendars.

The Craft Fair is being held on December 8 at the same venue as last year. We have a number of vendors and are receiving many inquiries from new vendors. Please spread the word. We will be putting out signs in the next few weeks and will be very visible

December 11 is the Holiday Benefit at The Oar. Members are asked to contribute new items for the raffle table. Now is a good time to look for bargains.

Our Theater Party is scheduled for March 10. Although Theater Three suffered considerable water damage in recent flash floods, we are assured that they will be up and running.

Gail B. and Jeanne W., Co-Chairs

### **From PROJECTS DIVISION**

Dorothy is in the process of organizing and ordering materials for the Hospital Wellness Fair which will be held mid-November. It will take place at the Patchogue Family YMCA. This year we will be adding a puppet show featuring some of the new snippets which debuted at Fall Workshop.



Anna Schilb (hidden) Gail Braverman, Renee Negron and Jeanne Weingarten demonstrate Brainminder skits at NEPOT Fall Workshop

Three food pantries have responded that they will be attending the Appreciation luncheon on November 13th. We await the responses from the other six pantries. The Projects Division will meet shortly to divide responsibilities and include all Club members in this first endeavor to recognize these volunteers during National Care and Kindness week.

One Pick Me Up was given - and it was to me! My heartfelt thanks to my Patchogue Pilots for this thoughtful gesture. I will certainly enjoy a dinner out at Avino's and reflect upon how lucky I am to be a member of our Club.

The role of caregiver hit resoundingly this summer as my Mother's health deteriorated warranting placement in an assisted living facility and my daughter faced serious challenges including a tumor on her brain (no surgery only monitoring). This personal involvement only underscores my commitment to the Pick Me Up initiative.

Three nominations for Pick Me Ups will be awarded shortly. One is out of state and will be the first time we have stretched our boundaries.

Caregiving has no limits and our work in this area does make a difference in the lives of many.

### **From ANCHOR CLUB**

The Patchogue-Medford Anchor Club now has two teacher co-advisors. Jennifer Simmons is an English and Special Education teacher who is beginning her second year at the high school. Colleen Turner is starting her first year at Pat Med as a Special Education teacher. Both women have a wide background of experience working with young people in other school districts also. Jennifer and Colleen are excited to become involved with an organization that will play a part in the community at large.

I will be meeting with them this week to help them organize and start their year with the Anchor Club. We will need to review membership policies, the upcoming installation, programs and activities that the Anchors can be a part of (in the school, community and with us Pilots). I welcome any thoughts and ideas on how we, as Pilots, can assist the Anchors in becoming a more important part of their school and community.

Kathy D. and Lisa, Co-Chairs

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

"I used to be very self-conscious. I used to wish I was pretty. By smiling, I think I've made more friends than if I was the other way."

- Ella Fitzgerald

## **News from Long Island**

### **Community Hospital:**

- Drs. Brian Lee and Joe Zito, Emergency Department Physicians, appeared on ABC News. They provided expert medical advice on the dangers of heat related emergencies.
- The Hospital was recognized for healthcare quality by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association in the 2018 “Best Hospitals” Edition of US News & World Report.
- Ed Brennan, LI Community Hospital Marketing Director, served with his team as part of the Department of Health and Human Services National Disaster Medical Systems, in North Carolina. Using his EMS skills, Ed helped to triage patients and organize medical care in shelters. He also acted as a public information liaison.
- Progressive Emergency Physicians joined the Hospital’s Emergency Department.
- 2,200 are employed at LI Community Hospital
- The Golf Tournament raised \$352,000. The \$32,000 raised from the live auction was used to purchase wheel chairs.
- The Hospital received an Emergency Preparedness Grant from New York State.
- Long Island Community Hospital is the only ‘stand-alone’ hospital remaining on Long Island.

Linda Tabatchnik