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The Little Memo



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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October was a very busy and productive month for our club beginning with a jammed pack October business meeting where lots was accomplished. We welcomed Lorraine Dechert officially as a new member. Sending us all tidbits of information leading up to our meeting, Joann Neal and the membership committee helped everyone learn more about Pilot Club. If the noise level was any barometer, it certainly seems we are a competitive group. Susan Kahl had her official visit to our club as Governor and made us aware of ways to have productive meetings and also reviewed some Parliamentary procedures. We had a guest who gave us more firsthand information of her experience with the Lifesaver bands. Her autistic son now wears this band and it gives her family great peace of mind if he should wander off.

Our Fund-Raising committee was especially busy with this year's yard sale and the Pampered Chef party. Both events were well attended and assisted by our members raising funds to help meet our goals for this year.

November will be another busy month. The Projects Committee is working hard for The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, which will be a lovely event to thank our local food pantry volunteers. At last count there are at least 70 volunteers planning to attend. This is one of those Pilot projects where many hands are needed to make it successful.

Our club will also be participating in the Wellness Fair on Saturday, November 10th and volunteers will be needed. Our Anchor installation will be held on Thursday, November 8th at the same time as the Patchogue-Medford School district is recognizing local service organizations. Both events are at the high school. Members are encouraged to attend one of these events that evening.

Linda Pickford, President



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kudos and sincere thanks to all the members who volunteered to help out and attend our many projects and fundraisers during the past month. We could not have done it without the help of our members. Whatever you contributed, it was greatly appreciated. I am anxiously looking forward to the Holiday Party and the Theater Party as I already know they will be a great success. Everyone can be proud as many hands make lighter work.

Joann Neal, President-Elect

Pilot Club of Patchogue NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

- Nov. 07** **Executive Board Meeting
With All Division Chairs**
Linda Pickford's home
1 Katie Drive Medford 6pm
- Nov. 08** **Anchor Officer Installation 7 pm**
PM High School
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- Nov. 08** **Local Service Group
Recognition Ceremony 7 pm**
PM High School
- Nov. 09** **Luncheon Preparation (and Pizza)**
5pm
Sue Kahl's home
34 Bieselin Rd. Bellport
- Nov. 10** **Wellness Fair 12-3 pm**
Patchogue Family YMCA
- Nov. 13** **Food Pantry Volunteer
Recognition Luncheon 12 pm**
VFW Post 8300
330 N. Dunton Ave
E. Patchogue

- Nov. 13** **Business & Program Meeting
Social 6pm, Dinner 6:30 pm**
El Matador Restaurant
**Please bring food donations for PM
Youth and Community Center**



Donations to Safe Harbor Fund are requested.
Please see Treasurer's Message for details.

- Nov. 16** **A.C Moore Fundraiser**
Sun Vet Mall Holbrook
**SEE FLYER ATTACHMENT
TO THIS EMAIL**
BRING YOUR FLYER to benefit our Club



- Nov. 16** **Thanksgiving Dance 7-9 pm**
AHRC Multi-Purpose Room
2900 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Bohemia
Volunteers needed for set up at 6 pm

Nov. 22



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

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Safe Harbor Fund

At our last meeting it was agreed to collect funds from Pilots wishing to make a donation to the Safe Harbor Relief Fund to help Pilots affected by the recent disasters in their communities. I will have your envelopes available if you would like to make a donation. Checks can be made payable to the Pilot Club of Patchogue or Pilot International. Please be sure to write Safe Harbor Fund in the memo section of your check. Cash is also accepted.

Pilot International has created the Safe Harbor Grant to assist Pilots who have been adversely affected by a disaster. With determination and compassion, we stand ready to help our communities and the world at large face obstacles, overcome challenges and weather the storms. In the event of a disaster within a district, it is the responsibility of the District Governor to notify Pilot International Headquarters of the affected clubs. Headquarters will communicate the information to the International Administrative Council, Past International Presidents and Pilot Clubs. Clubs and Districts may request additional information from the reporting Governor or Presidents of Pilot clubs impacted by the disaster.

Fran Wiener, Treasurer

From PIFF DIVISION

After a review by Joanne Hamilton, the Northeast Potomac District PIFF Coordinator, we have submitted our Emergency Response Grant for the 5 Project Lifesaver transmitter bracelets. Linda Tabatchnik was also able to submit the grant evaluation for the Matching Grant our Club received last year for the MP3 players we donated to McPeak's Assisted Living facility in Patchogue. November 10 is the Wellness Fair at the YMCA in Patchogue. Thank you to all who signed up to present Brain Minders at this Fair. The PIFF division is now working on getting the word out about available Scholarships through PIFF at the International level to all the appropriate area Colleges and Universities. We will have a hand out of the available Scholarships for you at our next business meeting should you know anyone who might be interested.

Joan Dunne and Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chairs

From FUNDRAISING DIVISION

It has been a very busy and successful fall for us all. We sold all our witches and snowmen. The garage sale, despite inclement weather and a change of date, did very well. The Pampered Chef Party was a success.

Our calendar for fundraising remains very full. A.C. Moore at the Sun Vet Mall on Sunrise Highway in Holbrook will give us 10% of the total dollars spend on Friday, November 16, as long as the buyer presents a flyer. A copy of the flyer is included in the Little Memo and will be emailed to all members. Feel free to make copies of the flyer and to encourage friends and family to shop there on that day.

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The Craft and Vendor Fair on December 8 looks very promising. We have sold all available space and have a waiting list should there be cancellations. At our next meeting, there will be a sign up sheet for workers on that day. We plan to have greeters at the door, offering info about our club and its projects and keeping a tally of how many visitors we have. Coffee and donuts will be available for vendors as they set up. We will be selling water and snacks. At our business meeting, signs will be distributed and members are requested to ask merchants to post them in a visible place. Flyers can also be posted in the workplace and on bulletin boards in houses of worship and other public places. Getting the word out is extremely important for the success of our Craft and Vendor Fair.

The Holiday Benefit is December 11th at The Oar. Please plan to bring unwrapped new gifts to put on the raffle tables. They need not be large items but should be appealing. We are asking our guests for donations for the Canine Companions for Independence. The organization has provided a list of requested items; the list will be available at our meeting and will be emailed, as well. Feel free to invite friends and family to what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard to raise funds for Pilot Club of Patchogue.

Gail B. and Jeanne W., Co-Chairs

From PROJECTS DIVISION

It is a busy time for the division. Preparations are complete for the Wellness Fair, sponsored by Brookhaven Hospital, to be held at the Patchogue Family YMCA on Saturday, November 10th from 12:00 – 3:00. Wrist band flashers for bikes, coloring books and pamphlets on bike safety, CHAD stickers and helmets to be raffled off are all ready. This year we will be doing a puppet show at 1:00 using the

new snippets, the accompanying puppets and the table top stage.

The appreciation luncheon for volunteers at the nine food pantries in the area has had an incredible response. We expect more than 70 guests to be present. Each pantry will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and each Volunteer will have a candy filled “hand” to take a way symbolizing their lending a hand to those in need. Table decorations and favors will be assembled at Sue’s on the 9th. A special thank you to all the members for offering to make food, bring drinks and supplies, and to set up, serve and clean up. It will be a day of giving back to the community during National Care and Kindness Week. Kudos to Associate’s Gourmet Meat Market for giving a fabulous discount on catered items – be sure to tell them you are a Pilot if you make a purchase and thank them for their generosity.

Two Pick Me Ups were given this month. One \$50 gift certificate the The Spa at Bellport to a woman in Mastic Beach who has been caring for her infirmed husband for many years. The other is a \$50 gift certificate to Café Castellano to a woman caring for her husband who has Parkinson’s.

Members are asked to bring non-perishable Thanksgiving food items to the meeting on the 13th. These will be given to Patchogue-Medford Youth and Community Services for distribution. Thank you!

Sue Kahl and Dorothy, Co-Chairs

From ANCHOR CLUB

Well, our Patchogue Medford Anchor Club has taken off! Sue and I started off the month meeting with the two high school advisors to share information about Pilot and Anchor, and to offer them guidance and assistance. We also discussed the installation of officers and initiation of their members. This event will be taking place on Thursday, November 8, at 7pm.

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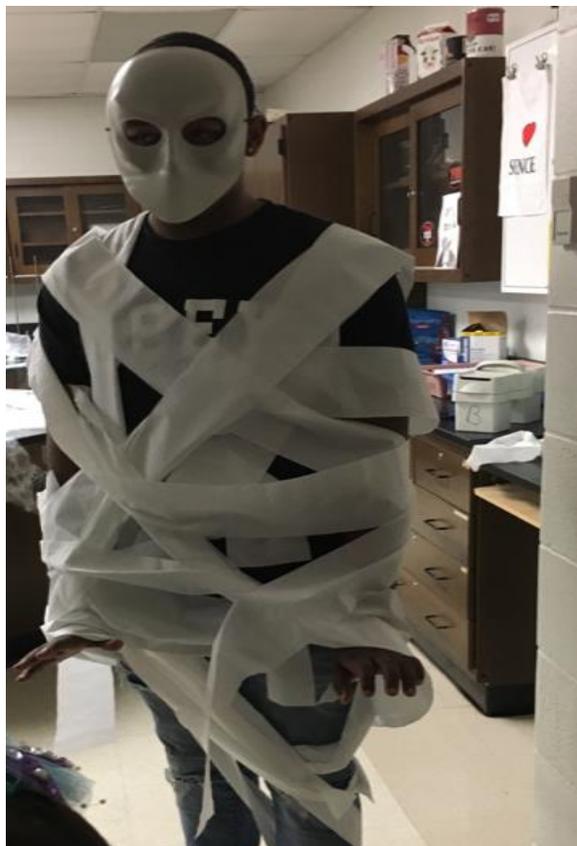
The Anchors have had their first meeting, have had a bake sale, and elected officers. Sue and I attended the PatMed HS Trick or Treat Street which our Anchors took part in. It was a wonderful, well-attended night of trick or treating between classrooms - filled with fun, activities and candy!! They are looking forward to helping at the AHRC dance also.

In addition, it was with pleasure that I attended the establishing of the newest Anchor Club in our NEPOT district. The Greater Long Island Pilot Club sponsored the Anchor Club in North Babylon High School.

Kathy D. and Lisa, Co-Chairs



The Patchogue-Medford High School Anchors participated in a Halloween Fest playing Mummy Bowl and Wrap a Mummy for all the young trick or treaters.



From MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

Happy Birthday

Renee Negron on November 15th

Lynda Benanti on November 26th

Pilots who would like to knit or crochet hats, scarves or mittens for the Patchogue Medford Library Mitten tree are welcome to join us at Cathie O's Wednesdays at 2pm.

Cathie O. and Eileen Sribnick, Co-Chairs

Thought For the Month:

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." – **John Fitzgerald Kennedy**

News from Long Island Community Hospital

- October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Dr. David Mangiameli is the Hospital's Breast Cancer Center Program Director and Surgical Oncology and Oncoplastic Surgery of the breast. The Center is fully accredited by the American College of Surgeons. Marilyn Konnerth is the Breast Cancer Survivorship Coalition Coordinator. Marilyn assists clients from medical to treatment issues.
- Carolyn Villegas, LI Community Hospital's Community Relations Manager, organized Breast Cancer Awareness activities at the Mastic Beach Fire Department with Girl's Night Out. There was a cooking demo, interactive games and demonstrations. Drs. Sussman and Mangiameli and Marilyn

Konnerth led an informative panel discussion.

- Cynthia Ruf, VP of Branding and Stakeholder Relations, was honored by *Long Island Business News*, as one of Long Island's Top 50 Women in Business.
- On November 4th, the Hospital will conduct an active shooter drill under the supervision of Support Services Director Mike Scioscia and Michele Miller, Emergency Management and EMS Coordinator. The drill will be conducted in collaboration with local law enforcement, as well as additional external emergency response agencies.
- The Hospital completed the renovation and installation of brand new equipment in the kitchen dish room.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services gave the Hospital a 4-Star rating for Patient Care and a 5-Star rating for Patient Satisfaction for the LI Community Hospital Hemodialysis Center.
- Under the direction of Rachel Schnabl and the Development team, the Harvest Moon Gala event raised \$618,090 for the Hospital.