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The Little Memo



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm sure we are all looking forward to our Holiday Benefit at The Oar on Tuesday, December 11th. Please bring items for the raffle table. They do not need to be large or expensive, so long as they are new. We had a very busy and productive fall, and this month we can enjoy an evening of fun.

The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings, and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.

I am honored to be part of a group of women who work to help others year round.

I wish each of you a peaceful and happy holiday season with whatever gives you joy.

Linda Pickford, President



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec 05 Executive Board Meeting
with all Division Chairs
Linda Pickford's home
1 Katie Drive Medford 6pm
- Dec 08 3rd Annual Craft and Vendor Fair
United Methodist Church of
Patchogue
10 Church St.
10 am- 4 pm
- Dec 11 Holiday Benefit
The Oar Steak and Seafood Grille
264 West Ave, Patchogue

Members are asked to:

Donate gift cards for teens that will go to PM Youth and Community Services for distribution

Contribute for Canine Companions

Bring new, unwrapped items for raffle table

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 FUNDRAISING DIVISION

December is a big month for fundraising!

Our Craft and Vendor fair is scheduled for December 8th at the United Methodist Church. We have had a great response to our requests for vendors and are filled to capacity. We will need many hands to assist on that day. Fortunately, the PMHS Anchors will be helping out, lightening the load for Pilot volunteers.

On December 11 (a mere three days later), we will hold our Holiday Benefit at the Oar. Please let us know if you plan to attend and if you will be bringing others with you. We need to finalize numbers with The Oar. The raffle table is a good fundraiser, so please remember to bring unwrapped gifts to place on the table.

This year we are benefiting Canine Companions for Independence, through items purchased based on their recommendation or with a check or cash placed in our donation box at the benefit. If you are donating using a check, make it out to Pilot Club of Patchogue and note on it that it is for Canine Companions. We will present them with one check, drawn on our PC Patchogue account.

A special thank you to all who shopped at AC Moore on our fundraising day.

Gail B. and Jeanne W., Co-Chairs

From PIFF DIVISION

At the Wellness Fair in November, members of our Club put on a Brain Minders Puppet Show for all attendees.

The Division continues its outreach to area colleges and universities to make them aware of the PIFF Scholarships that are available. We are also gearing up to reach out to Libraries for Brain Awareness

Week in March. In the past, South Country and Patchogue-Medford Libraries have had up our displays as well as handouts from the Dana Foundation.

If you know of another Library that may like to have a display, please let a PIFF division member know so that we can start the process to get that Library on board.

Joan Dunne and Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chairs

From MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

Happy Birthday

Cathy Fiebe December 8th

Jeanne Weingarten December 20th

We are in the final stages of knitting and crocheting hats, mittens and scarves for the PM Library's Mitten Tree. Each item that we donate will have a card attached indicating that it is from our Club.

In January, we will be welcoming our newest member, Jody Scutari to our club.

Cathie O. and Eileen Sribnick, Co-Chairs

Thought For the Month:

"The greatest gift you ever give is your honest self."

- Fred Rogers

From PROJECTS DIVISION

The Appreciation luncheon for the volunteers at the nine food pantries in the area was a resounding success. All the guests were touched by being recognized with a hot lunch and a Certificate acknowledging their volunteerism. When we discuss what group to honor next year during International Care and Kindness week, we will keep in mind that we are not feeding an army - just a group of predominantly seniors with relatively small appetites! Lots of food was donated to a local soup kitchen. 😍



Dorothy Terwilliger, Lynda Benanti and Anna Schilb serving food at Appreciation luncheon

The Club was very generous in donating non-perishable food items so Anna could take them to Patchogue Youth and Community Services prior to Thanksgiving.

Anchors and Pilots attended the November AHRC dance and helped decorate, serve snacks and dance with the guests. It is always a pleasure to watch the teens from Patchogue-Medford High School participate so energetically and put smiles on the faces of the guests - as well as their own. The large turnout of Anchors can be credited to the enthusiastic leadership of their advisors. Looking forward to many more experiences with them.

Members are asked to bring a gift card for a teen to the Holiday Benefit to give to Anna. She will be delivering them to Patchogue Youth and Community Services as out holiday gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Three Pick Me Ups were delivered this month:

\$50.00 gift certificate to The Spa at Bellport for a woman taking care of her developmentally challenged sister when she fell, broke her ribs and had to spend a week in the hospital. The recipient was with her sister 24/7.

\$50.00 gift certificate to Panera's for a woman taking her husband weekly to radiation treatment. They stop at Panera's after each session.

\$50.00 gift certificate to Panera's for a Mom who stays at home taking care of her seriously ill daughter.

All gift certificates were paid for through Club funds.

From ANCHOR CLUB



Well, our new Anchors have finally, officially, taken off!! On Wednesday, November 14, 34 Pat Med students were inducted into the Patchogue Medford Anchor Club with Colleen Turner and Jennifer Smith as their HS advisors.

The ceremony was very well attended by most of the inductees, along with many of their family and friends. In addition to Sue Kahl and me, the induction was conducted by our own Pilots - Lynda Benanti, Mary Campo and Linda Tabatchnik. Also in attendance was the high school principal, Dr. Randy Rusielewicz. The Anchors are all looking forward to participating in their high school and community.

Their first "official/real" event participation was two nights later at the AHRC dance. Along with one of their advisors, about 15 Anchors came to help serve drinks and snacks, and to interact with dance attendees. It was wonderful to see our HS students dig in to be a part of the community. Even after most of the Pilots had gone home, the Anchors continued to be a part of this evening of fun.

Their next activity they look forward to is our own Craft and Vendor sale. In addition to helping set up, sell drinks and snacks, and help clean up, the Anchors are planning to make their own crafts to sell at the fair. (And I have NO idea what they are planning!)

The students, and we Pilots, are very fortunate to have both Colleen and Jennifer in the role of HS Anchor co-advisors. They are two excited and involved individuals who want this club to be its very best. We commend their dedication and spirit.

Kathy D. and Lisa, Co-Chairs

- The 'World of Pink Gala and Fashion Show' proceeds will go directly for breast cancer aftercare.
- Long Island Community Hospital brand campaign was the winner in the category of Best Advertising Campaign from the Long Island Business News. The TV commercials for the campaign, which have aired on the local cable network, also garnered a 2018 Telly award. The Telly Awards honor excellence in local, regional and cable television commercials, receiving over 12,000 entries from all around the world.
- Over 45 Paramedics and EMT's from local EMS agencies met the hospital's ED physicians. Chief of Trauma Services, Dr. James Vosswinkel, gave a lecture on hemorrhage and the role EMS providers play in patient survival. Dr. Joseph Zito, ED physician and EMS director at LI Community Hospital, shared his expertise on how to manage difficult airways in the field.
- The 31st annual Hospice Tree of Life Lighting & Memorial Service is scheduled to take place at the Dudley Norton Garden across from the main entrance to the Hospital on December 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

I wish you and your family a healthy and joyous Holiday!

Linda Tabatchnik

News from Long Island Community Hospital:

- The Courageous Hearts at Long Island Community Hospital pioneered the Deep Inferior Epigastric Perforators Flap surgery. The leading-edge breast reconstruction surgery was recently performed at the hospital.