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# The Little Memo



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mother Nature has definitely interfered with our recent meeting plans! However, this team of Pilots doesn't let that stand in the way.

Tremendous progress continued within each division and we are right on track with our scheduled events. My experience as President has allowed me a bird's eye view of all the work that goes on beyond our meetings. The Theater event has baskets ready to be raffled, food ordered and Pilots assigned their roles for that day. The Brain Awareness displays at 6 libraries have the necessary pamphlets, give-away items and posters all set.

Plans for a successful Anchor and District workshop are well underway. We are definitely an efficient, ambitious and productive group of women.

Some of our members have recently been recognized in a special way. Both Gail Braverman and Lisa Caselles were nominated for District officers for 2019 - 2020. Gail has declined the nomination and Lisa has accepted the nomination.

Both women should feel honored to have been thought of so highly. Eileen Swanberg has been invited to be a key speaker and host a workshop at the Pilot International Convention. And, having both Lynda Benanti and Sue Kahl as District Officers this year has certainly given Patchogue Pilot Club a great deal of exposure within Pilot International. We have much to be proud of.

Linda Pickford, President



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| March 6     | Executive Board Meeting<br>Linda Pickford's home<br>1 Katie Drive Medford 6pm  |
| March 10    | Theatre Benefit<br>Theatre Three<br>412 Main St.<br>Port Jefferson, NY<br>Food Prep/Set up at 11:30<br>General Set up at 12:00<br>Play Ticket distribution in lobby 12:15<br>Performance at 3 pm<br>Please plan to stay for cleanup following the performance. |
| March 11-17 | Brain Awareness Week   |
| March 12    | Business and Program Meeting<br>Social 6pm<br>Dinner 6:30 pm<br>El Matador Restaurant<br>680 Medford Ave<br>Patchogue  |

## **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**

### **Club's Discretionary Fund**

Why do we have a 50/50 raffle at our monthly meetings? About 12 years ago our club voted to start a Discretionary Fund, funded by the 50/50 raffle. In our Club's Policies it states that "A discretionary fund shall be maintained to assist club members with payment of dues and registration fees to attend conventions." We have also used these funds for a Pilot to attend other Pilot functions. It enables members to meet Pilot expenses when their own funds don't quite cover them. Monies are disbursed when a Pilot notifies the Treasurer they would like to utilize the fund. The Pilot's name is never revealed and it is meant to be a gift not a loan. We help our community with our fundraising efforts but help our own Pilots with our 50/50 raffle (3 for \$2).

Fran Wiener, Treasurer

### **From PIFF**

The PIFF Division met at President Linda's house on February 23, along with Linda and President Elect Joann Neal where we all pitched in to make 4 more display boards for Brain Awareness Week. We also compiled boxes of the handouts and giveaways to accompany our displays. Thanks to the efforts of the division members, we will be having displays at the Center Moriches, Longwood, Patchogue-

Medford and South Country Libraries, as well as at Lorraine's church in Center Moriches and at Oasis Integrative Medicine in Rocky Point, where Eileen works.

Many great ideas were bandied about regarding where we can expand for next year!

Joan Dunne and Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chairs

## **From MEMBERSHIP DIVISION**



- Nancy Best March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Kathy Daly March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Eileen Sribnick March 20<sup>th</sup>

Please look over the revised New Member Tip Sheet which is attached. We plan to discuss this at our next meeting and welcome your input.

Cathie O. and Eileen Sribnick, Co-Chairs

## **Thought For the Month:**

"Our ambition should be to rule ourselves, the true kingdom for each one of us; and true progress is to know more, and be more, and to do more."

Oscar Wilde

## From PROJECTS DIVISION

The Projects Division purchased arts and crafts and dessert goodies for the young women at the Mercy Center home. Mercy Center provides independent living homes and programs for runaway/homeless teens. Mercy Ministries provides a safe, structured home environment that teaches young women the skills they need to go out in the world and be responsible adults, responsible parents and productive community members.

Club members Anna, Dorothy, Linda and Lori spent some time one evening helping make shadow boxes and creating (and of course eating!!) ice cream sundaes. (Write up contributed by Lori LaRocco).



L to R: Anna Schilb, Dorothy Terwilliger and Linda Tabatchnik



The next project will be the Club's participation in Day Haven's Annual Day of Renewal for Caregivers. It will take place at Jefferson's Ferry on Saturday, April 6th. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the March 12th meeting. Club members will help with registration, workshop setups, escorting guests to chair yoga and distributing goodie bags at the end of the day. This year we will give each attendee the book My Two Elaines about a woman's journey with Alzheimer's. This purchase was made possible with the \$200.00 Pick Me Up grant from Pilot International coupled with the Club' allocation in this year's budget.



Two Pick Me Ups were given this month. Each recipient received a \$50.00 gift certificate to Giovanni's, paid by the club.

The first went to a woman in Bellport who is caring for her sister; the second went to two daughters in Medford who are caring for their mother.

Dorothy and Sue, Co-Chairs

### **From FUNDRAISING DIVISION**

Our Theater Benefit is just a week away and we are busy wrapping raffle baskets and getting all the details in order. A big Thank You to all the members who donated items for the raffle. The baskets are impressive.

This year we have two special raffles, one of which is for an Apple Watch. The other is for a Dooney and Bourke Bag.

Keep your fingers crossed that we have decent weather next Sunday!

In May we are hoping to hold a yard sale, so please set aside any items you would like to provide for that sale.

Gail B. and Jeanne W., Co-Chairs



L to R: Colleen Turner, Anchor Advisor, Kathy Daly

The Anchor activity for the month of February was the creating of Valentine's Day cards for the clients and residents of Bellhaven Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care located in Bellport. Colleen Turner and Jenn Simmons had the Anchors begin the project at their monthly meeting, and they continued to work on these holiday cards during their lunch periods also.



And what a pleasant surprise that Sue recognized a Pilot from the Greater Long Island club – Ruth Szuminsky.



Jenn and Colleen and hoped that several of the Anchors would be available to help distribute the Valentines personally, but the spirit of St. Valentine called to the Anchors. So Colleen, Sue Kahl and I delivered the cards to Bellhaven at their annual Valentine's Day party.

We had such a fun time, and plan to continue some participation with the Anchors at Bellhaven.

Kathy D. and Lisa, Co-Chairs

is the responsibility of the Hospital's staff to answer the call bell whenever they see it lit.

Linda Tabatchnik

## **News from Long Island Community Hospital:**

- New billboards have been installed at the Service Road approaching Long Island Community Hospital and over the trestle in Sayville and signs have also been installed at bus stops to advertise the Hospital.
- February was American Heart Month. Cardiovascular disease remains the number one cause of death for both men and women claiming 2,200 lives per day.
- Given the rise of potential mass causality events at public gatherings and the potential for loss of life from uncontrolled bleeding prior to the arrival of trained personnel, Long Island Community Hospital introduced a *Stop the Bleed* education program to the community. Educating the public on how to stop or control bleeding is now as important as teaching CPR. Training for administration and faculty has begun at local schools.
- The Hospital has implemented a Hospital Emergency Incident Command System that addresses weather or any number of other situations that threaten the operation of the Hospital. Michele Miller, Director of Emergency Preparedness and EMS, will meet with each department to review emergency procedures.
- Long Island Community Hospital will continue its sponsorship with the Long Island Ducks and the Amphitheater at Bald Hill.
- This year's major fundraising event for the Hospital, *Swing Into Spring*, will take place at Land's End in Sayville on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The Donaldson Family of Donaldson's of Sayville Subaru and Volkswagen will be honored.
- As part of the Hospital's on-going Patient Safety Essentials Program, a *No Pass Zone* policy went into effect in all patient areas. It