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The Little Memo



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at the South Country Library. This meeting will begin at 6pm. Please feel free to bring a bagged meal for dinner to this meeting. At this meeting, our convention delegates will tell you all about the awards luncheon, the workshops, and any other news from the NEPOT Convention. There will also be time at our meeting for divisions to meet and begin working on plans for the upcoming year. Please bring any notebooks or other files you may have from the division you served on this year to pass on to the division's new members.

We have many events to participate in before we end this year in Pilot. Be sure to check the announcements for those dates.

Linda Pickford, President

From FUNDRAISING DIVISION

The Fundraising Division is busy planning for our June 8th Yard Sale at Lynda Benanti's home. Please gather any saleable items for this fundraiser.

Also in the planning stage is our Craft and Vendor Fair, tentatively scheduled for mid-November. We would like to see this event grow into a major fundraiser for our club and are now seeking alternative venues. Feedback from participants included concerns about accessibility in terms of stairs, parking and visibility. We are hoping to find an alternative hall in which to hold the fair.

If you know of any place in our area that would accommodate our needs, please let us know as soon as possible. We would like to secure the space and start reaching out to craftspeople and vendors.

Gail B. and Jeanne W., Co-Chairs

MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| May 14 | Business and Program Meeting 6 pm South Country Library 22 Station Road Bellport |
| May 21 | Friendship Night 6 pm Mediterranean Manor 303 East Main Street Patchogue |



**Happy Mothers
Day!**

From PIFF

In case you did not see it on Facebook, Eileen Swanberg, Linda Tabatchnik, Sue Kahl, Jeanne Weingarten, Kathy Daly and Ann Fitton all met at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office on April 23rd to make the official presentation of our check for the **Project Lifesaver** bracelets. It was due to our dedicated work with fundraising, diligence through the process to obtain a matching grant from Pilot International (the Emergency Response Grant) and another matching grant from the Northeast Potomac District that we were able to provide funds to purchase 5 transmitters.



We got to meet with our Suffolk County Sheriff, Errol Toulon, Jr. and Deputy Sheriff Brian Stoothof, who came to our September meeting to explain the operation of the program and to answer our questions. Sheriff Toulon thanked us for providing real support for the program and acknowledged the deep caring Pilots demonstrate to our community.



The bracelets have been purchased by the Sheriff's Department for distribution to families with a cognitively impaired members whose families are trained in how to maintain the bracelet and how to mobilize the response of the Project Lifesaver responders from the Sheriff's Department. Our gift promotes both the safety of the most vulnerable in our community, and peace of mind to their family. When one of our bracelets helps the Sheriff's Department find someone who has wandered, we will be notified by the Sheriff's Department that one of our bracelets helped save a life.

Joan Dunne and Eileen Swanberg, Co-Chairs



- Dorothy Terwilliger May 18th

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If you are **bringing a guest** or **cannot attend the Business meeting**, please contact **Joann Neal** on the day before the meeting.

Leave a message at 516 818-1515 or

Email joanneal237@gmail.com



With the school year winding down, and students preparing for end of year activities and finals, our Anchors have stepped back a bit. Of the 34 Anchors in the club, 24 are graduating this year. This year was a learning year for Colleen and Jenn, since they were new HS advisors. They have been busy all year “drafting” students to join the organization for next year, including incoming freshmen. They feel better prepared and ready to have the Anchors become more involved in community and school affairs and activities, and build the Anchor “portfolio” so they can comfortably apply for the awards and recognition that other Anchor clubs enjoy. So next year will be an exciting building year for the Anchor Club.

I did participate with a group of Anchors when they got together after school to make lunches for one of the local soup kitchens at St. Francis de Sales - The Patchogue Neighbors Soup Kitchens.

Our Pilot club funded the supplies for the students to prepare 80 turkey and cheese sandwiches, drinks and snacks. It was a lot of fun - like an assembly line! Several of the Anchors had done this lunch preparation in past years, and they made it a great cooperative effort.

Colleen and Jenn have been investigating the Anchors working with Canine Companions and the Brainminder puppet shows also. They are very appreciative of the support and help that we Pilots extend to them and to the club.



From PROJECTS DIVISION

The highlight this month for the Projects Division was our Club's participation in Day Haven's Annual Day of Renewal for Caregivers. Our members registered attendees, escorted them to chair massages and helped with set up and clean-up of art activities. But paramount was the interaction with the Caregivers. Our members had the opportunity to listen, understand and offer empathy as Caregivers shared their stories. We always come away with a feeling of awe at the trials and tribulations some people must endure. As the attendees left, each was given a wrapped copy of Martin Schreiber's My Two Elaines, which chronicles his wife's battle with dementia.



Three Pick Me Ups were given this month:

- A \$50 gift certificate to Tony's to a Bayport Mom caring for a son with throat cancer.
- A \$50 gift certificate to Olive Garden for a Centereach wife caring for her husband with Alzheimer's.
- A \$50 gift certificate to a Sayville daughter caring for her terminally ill Mom.

Dorothy and Sue, Co-Chairs



JUNE

- June 8th** **Yard Sale**
- June 11th** **Monthly Meeting including
Installation of new Officers

Annual Dues Deadline**
- June 14th** **Divisions Plans of Work for 2019-20
are due**
- June 19th** **4:30pm Budget Meeting
South Country Library 4:30 pm**
- June 26th** **6:00 pm Executive Meeting for
Board and incoming Coordinators at
South Country Library**
- NB:** **No June 5th Executive Board meeting**

Thought For the Month:

“Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers. “
Bern Williams

Long Island Community Hospital

- Long Island Community Hospital conducted a Patient Safety Essentials program focusing on the policies and solutions for effective communication with patients and families. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability and require hospitals to ensure effective communication with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Patients and/or caregivers may obtain a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Request form that allows them to choose the methods of communication and translation that works best for them.
- Melissa Sloan-Vogt, RN, Clinical Manager, has been certified by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, as a Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse. This certification will enhance the collaborative efforts of the Hospital's Palliative Care and Hospice programs and help ease the transition to Hospice for those patients who have made the decision to forego further treatment options.
- Under the guidance of Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Debra Grimm, all hospital employees have been assigned to groups and will take part in the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Culture of Safety Survey. The groups will look for any safety concerns that can be immediately corrected with staff education or forwarded to the proper channels for remediation.
- Thanks to the Development team, led by Vice President and Chief Development Officer Rachel Schnabl, and the Swing Into Spring Committee chaired by Gabrielle

Corsetti, the Swing Into Spring event raised over \$140,000 for the hospital. Close to 300 attendees joined to honor the Donaldson Family of Donaldsons Subaru and Volkswagen of Sayville.

- The Development team announced the award of a \$340,000 annual grant from the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. Long Island Community Hospital was one of only five hospitals statewide to receive the funding following a competitive application process. This grant will provide critical funding to allow the Emergency Department and the hospital's Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Treatment Program to increase accessibility to buprenorphine induction services to qualifying patients, increase the opportunity for patients induced to engage in treatment, supply patient families with essential support services, and implement an in-house Peer Recovery program. Hospital ED visits for opioid overdose rose by 30% across the country from July 2016 through September 2017.
- The Diabetes Self-Management Education & Support, led by Maria Curcio, the Diabetes Wellness Education Services Coordinator, has been awarded Education Recognition by the American Diabetes Association. This is the fourth consecutive receipt of the award. Diabetes affects one in every eleven Americans with a new case diagnosed every twenty-three seconds, of which 18,000 are children. Diabetes self-management education & support services facilitate the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for optimal diabetes self-care for those with diabetes. Studies have documented that self-managed education and support is associated with improved glycemic control, weight loss, improved quality of life and reduced mortality risk.