

The Wave



Florida District Publication
December 2014

December, where has the year gone? I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This edition of the Wave is chuck full of pictures from Fall Council. As you can see a great time was had by all. The picture below shows the 350 Survival Kits we put together for the Brain Injury Association of Florida for the TBI camp they hold each year. You will also see the exhibit boards each club provided. What wonderful fund raisers and projects you all do. If you were at Fall Council I hope you picked up a new idea or two.

Congratulations to our Florida Clubs included in this edition for all that you do for your communities.

Christmas is fast approaching and another year is about to end. Please take time to reflect on all the good we as Pilots have done this year. As you think back remember the smile you might have put on the face of a Special Olympian or the caregiver you brought a Pick Me Up to. As you reflect, I am sure it will put a smile on your face as well and my friend that is the best present you will ever receive. My wish for you is to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until we meet again, remember, we do make a difference!

Nancy Bierema
FL District Governor 2014-2015



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE FLORIDA DISTRICT

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Lt. Governor Debbie Thompson

Happy Fall to One and All,

The cool weather is a pleasant change but that doesn't mean Pilots are cooling off, no sir! There is a lot of activity going on out there! Way to go!

I hope everyone enjoyed their time at Fall Council and maybe learned some new tricks, on or off the track! How's your club doing with the survey monkey reports? Better now? How about Portalbuzz? Have you been able to update or correct your club membership roster? It sure makes life easier, right!

It was a difficult time for your DEC thinking about our two very important friends who weren't there because they were caring for their very own special someone. We were often very sad and waited the extra minute thinking someone else would show up for the meetings. Our hearts and prayers were with them all weekend. Caroline and Terry we missed you terribly.

I am still making club visits and will come see you whenever you want. We can talk about leadership, membership, Pick Me Ups and Portalbuzz. In other words, we can talk Pilot!

How about that new Scholarship House??! Wow what a wonderful opportunity we have. I'm so excited I can hardly contain myself. Hats off to the PSHF Board.

I hope you are all having a most successful year and look forward to our meetings.

In Pilot Friendship,
Debbie Thompson, Lt Governor

PSHF



This year 14 young ladies (only 13 pictured because Lesley arrived late Saturday) from the three Scholarship Houses were able to attend Fall Council (State Fair) thanks to the generous donations from our Pilot Club members. Attending from Florida Gulf Coast University were Hannah Garnes, Rachael Coulanges, Crystal Marietta and Migdalia Pina; from Florida State University were Julianne Humphreys, Ronnie Juras, Irma Leandre, Kaylee Denmark and Ugochi Iruoma; and from University of Florida were Nhung Phann, Lauren Mcduffie, Katie Groves, Elizabeth Rocky and Lesley Jackson. During the weekend, they sold tickets at the Flea Market, participated in a pie eating contest, played games at the midway, worked at the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation (PSHF) marketplace table, sang karaoke, danced, and spoke to us about what it means to them to be a resident at one of our Scholarship Houses, bringing tears to our eyes. During the weekend, \$4,000.88 was raised for PSHF from the flea market, silent auction, marketplace raffle and midway games. Oh, and Sandy Ingram, PSHF Director, was lucky enough to be able to be in a pie eating contest, too!

On Saturday President Charlotte proposed a new project for the Florida District – sponsoring the Williams House at the University of Florida, a young mens' scholarship house. Because there were no objections from Pilots for this project, President Charlotte announced the project was a go. The cost for the District will be \$115,000 for the house and over the weekend over \$55,000 was raised (\$40,000 from the Billie Pustai estate) and donations from Pilots. Thank you Pilots for your generosity.



Fall Council 2014 in Ocala



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Everyone had a great time at
the Florida
District State Fair



PILOT CLUB OF PANAMA CITY



Sherly Morden of Second Chance of NW Florida recently spoke at the program meeting of the Pilot Club of Panama City. She informed the club that Second Chance is in the process of moving to new facilities on 11th Street where they will be able to enroll more clients with traumatic brain injuries. James Durham, a client of Second Chance, spoke about his motorcycle accident in San Antonio, TX, which left him with a traumatic brain injury. He spoke of his near-death experience, his miraculous recovery, and his desire to help others.

Each year the Pilot Club of Panama City, Inc. recognizes the Charities it supports with monetary donations at its program meeting in July. This year the club made donations to Second Chance of NW Florida, Adam Arias Scholarship Fund/FSU Panama City Campus, St. Andrew Bay Center, Bacot Academy, Girls, Inc., and Special Olympics.



Pictured left to right: Ron Sharpe, Cathy Howell, St. Andrew Bay Center; Sherl Morden, Second Chance of NW Florida; Shannon Shiebe, Erica Howard, FSU/PC Campus; Shirley Sweet, president, Pilot Club of Panama City



The Pilot Club of Panama City honored one of its member's daughters recently for achieving the rank of Pvt. in the United States Marines. Christina Egan completed basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina. She was home for 10 days and has returned to North Carolina for further training. The Pilot Club recognizes these special people who serve their country to make us free.

Pictured left to right: Christina Egan, US Marine; Ashleigh Day, sister; Mark Mayer, friend; and Angela Sweet, mother.

To celebrate the Pilot International Walk, Shirley Sweet, president of the Pilot Club of Panama City, Inc., and her daughter Angela attended Panama City's October Fest where they handed out brochures about Pilot and invited prospective members to club meetings.

Pictured left to right: Shirley Sweet, president; Angela Sweet, member; and Pvt. Christina Egan, US Marines, Angela's daughter



PILOT CLUB OF PANAMA CITY



Sandy Ingram and the Pilot Club of Panama City hosted the Founders Day program at Sandy's home recently. Pilot Clubs in the Northwest Region (Pensacola, DeFuniack Springs, Quincy, Marianna, and Tallahassee) were invited to attend. Founders Day is celebrated around the world to remember the founding of Pilot International in Macon, Georgia, in 1921. The Pilot club of Panama City was organized in 1930.

Those present enjoyed a Luau and a Founders Day skit by Sally Brincefield. Students from the Pilot Scholarship House at Florida State University led the Congo line and participated in the limbo.

Seven centerpieces and two other items were auctioned off at the end of the event which raised \$515 for the Pilot Scholarship House Foundation

Picture: Group of Pilot Club members at the Luau.

The Pilot Club of Panama City, Inc. recently held an Anchor officer installation ceremony at Girls, Inc. which was chartered by the club in 1974. The agenda included the singing of the National Anthem by the Girls, Inc. choir, remarks by Bill Husfelt, superintendent of Bay County Schools, and Niki Kelly, the new director of Girls, Inc. The Anchor sponsors were recognized for their willingness to provide leadership to the Anchors as they pursue service and friendship in our community. Installed were: **Arnold High School:** Ashton Wilson, president; Sophie Amar, vice president; Taylor Hancock, secretary; and Katie Griffiths, treasurer. **Bay High School:** Morgan Espanola, president; Hannach Lewis, vice president; Amber Leachman, secretary; Abby Dingus, treasurer; Katie Duncan, historian; and directors Heather Young, Michael Clutch, Amelia Mathewson, Tara McCormick. **Mosley High School:** Brynn Ledman, president; Grant Kinsaul, vice president; Tierra Naputi, secretary; Rice Martello, treasurer; Kathryn Richardson, historian. **Rutherford High School:** C.J. Page, president; Allison Thigpen, president-elect; Thomas Riley, secretary; Kayllen Wilson, treasurer; and directors Cuong Nguyen, Andre Wallace, and Logan Lee.

First picture, left to right: Sue Petty, Mosley High School Anchor Sponsor; Jan Hurst, Arnold High School Anchor Sponsor; Leanne Laird, Bay High School Anchor Sponsor; and Jennifer Alvis, Rutherford High School Anchor Sponsor.

Second picture: Anchor Officers attending the ceremony



PILOT CLUB OF PANAMA CITY

Pilot Club of Panama City members attended the Florida District, Pilot International, Fall Council recently in Ocala.

Pictured left to right in back: Beverly Shean, Sue Krauss, Shirley Sweet, president, and Leslie Lee.

Seated left to right: Sandy Ingram and Linda Johnson



Each year the Pilot Club of Panama City, Inc. participates in the Veterans Day Parade. The club salutes those who are currently serving in the military and the veterans who have kept our nation free. Several students rode in the back of the truck and threw candy to the crowd.



First picture, left to right: Beverly Shean, Jean Hughes, Susie Bunch, Shirley Sweet, president, and Barbara Prentiss.



Second picture left to right: Madison Stansberry, Rusty Thompson, Ashleigh Day, and Emily Cabarle

FLORIDA ANCHORS

Anchor Club members from Arnold, Bay, Mosley, and Rutherford high schools recently represented their clubs in their homecoming parades. The four Anchor clubs are sponsored by the Pilot Club of Panama City, Inc., whose main focus is on brain-related disorders in Bay County.



First, Pictured from Arnold High School: Taylor Hancock and Austin Peffers Second, Pictured from Mosley High School: Brynn Ledman and Rice Martello Not pictured: Bay and Rutherford High Schools



PILOT CLUB OF TITUSVILLE

On Thursday, September 4, The Pilot Club of Titusville hosted a Root Beer Float party for members of Joe's Club Senior Care Center in Titusville. Ten (10) members of the Pilot Club turned out to serve root beer floats and snacks to 26 members at Joe's Club. The Pilots also visited with the group and sang songs with them. Joe's Club is a program of the Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation. It provides caregivers relief from the constant supervision and personal care of caring for someone they love especially those affected with Alzheimers and Dementia. "



On Saturday, September 20, 2014, the Pilot Club of Titusville volunteered at the 5th Annual National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) Stand Down in Titusville, FL. Pilot members volunteered to pass out supplies including boots, backpacks, sleeping bags and other items for homeless vets in the area. Over 200 vets came out on a rainy day and participated in the Stand Down. Pilot members also accompanied the vets to medical and social service tents



PILOT CLUB OF NAPLES

The Pilot Club of Naples had a very busy calendar since the last issue of the WAVE.

The major fund raising event of the year was held on Labor Day Weekend: the 10th Annual Pilot 5K Run/Brain Power Walk and Kid's Run. It was the best year for sponsorships and a great year for publicity and participants as well. With over 650 runners, walkers and volunteers, it was a success that the Pilot Club of Naples can be proud of. This is an "all hands on deck" effort with each Pilot member contributing time, sponsorships or in kind donations. Project Lifesaver was represented by Angela Larson of the Collier County Sheriff's Office demonstrating the equipment and technology. Safe Kids had a table offering safety information. Making up the 45 sponsors featured on the official t-shirt were new sponsors such as Trek Bicycle Store, Sam's Club and Fit to Run. This event has become the 5K for high school athletes to prepare for regional competition.



Kreuscher of Safe Kids partners with the Pilot Club of Naples.



The traditional group photo representing the 10th year of the Pilot Club of Naples 5K Run/Brain Power Walk and Kid's Run

The Buddy Walk on October 25th was a first time event for the Pilot Club of Naples. Collier County Parks and Recreation organized the event and asked for helmet fitting for children with Down's syndrome. Special design Strider bikes were on hand to help the children work on balance. This will be on the calendar again because it was a most worthwhile feeling of making a difference for these kids.



PILOT CLUB OF NAPLES



What could be more Patriotic than working the polls on Election Day? The Pilot Club of Naples has been working the polls for the Adopt A Precinct program for 8 years. This is high visibility with members wearing Pilot shirts and the Precinct sign that Pilot Club of Naples is volunteering their time to Adopt A Precinct. The reimbursement check from the supervisor of elections for time and effort benefits the club.

BrainMinder Puppets have a new stage!

From left to right: Mary Ellen Koy, Terri DeBaun, Elyse DiPiro, Suzan Berg and Suzanne Lester set up the stage for the first time. Suzan Berg and her husband made the portable stage when she saw the need. A new Pilot like that is a real jewel to find. The Pilot



The Pilot Club of Naples could not be more proud to have coverage and the cover photo in the current Fall issue of the Pilot Log. Partnering with Safe Kids has been a very good move for Pilot International and we embraced it. Safe Kids focuses on preventable injuries, the #1 killer of kids in the United States. Globally, a child dies from a preventable injury every 30 seconds. We can *Do More, Care More, Be More* partnering with Safe Kids.

RIVERVIEW PILOT CLUB



The Riverview Pilot Club "DO-er's" joined in the fight against Alzheimer's! Even though rain and puddles decorated the day of September 24th the "DO-eR's" and the Titusville Anchors were determined to make a difference once again this year at the recent Walk To End Alzheimer's in Melbourne FL. The team enjoyed a warm breakfast and the shelter of the Pacesetter Tent and hope to raise enough money again this year to enjoy the same luxury next year! Making a difference in the community and serving others is our passion! We appreciate all the support we receive that allows us to serve others!

SPACE COAST PILOT CLUB & PILOT CLUB OF TITUSVILLE

Members from two Pilot Clubs in the Titusville area - The Pilot Club of Titusville and The Space Coast Pilot Club - sponsored and attended the 9th Annual Candlelight Memorial held on October 4 at Joe's Club in Titusville.

Joe's Club is a Senior Care Center that is part of the Brevard Alzheimers Foundation. This wonderful event was held to show support to the caregivers of those affected by Alzheimers & Dementia as well as to remember those who have lost their fight to this terrible disease.

Practicing the ABC's of Pilot, both Pilot Clubs joined forces to decorate Joe's Club as well as prepare and serve the food. Pilots enriching our community - Do more, Care More, Be More



Members of the Pilot Club of Titusville AND the Space Coast Pilot Club help set up for the dinner at Joe's Club. This event was a joint event supported by both clubs.

Pilot Club members from Space Coast Pilot Club & The Pilot Club of Titusville prepare for the Candlelight Memorial ceremony at Joe's Club.



Members of the Pilot Club of Titusville prepare the luminaries for the Candlelight Memorial ceremony at Joe's Club (Left to Right) Carrie O'Berry, Esther Porta - Past President, Jonda Erwin, President, Ruby Myers & Billie Jo Strickland

Members of the Space Coast Pilot Club, including Shearer Kennedy (center) prepare dinner for the Joe's Club Candlelight Memorial service.



SPACE COAST PILOT CLUB



Annual fundraiser was held on Saturday November 15th.



PILOT CLUB OF TITUSVILLE



October is membership month for Pilot International and the Pilot Club of Titusville is pleased to welcome seven (7) members - 2 new members and 5 transfer members. The Club welcomes: Hillary Arena, Carrie O'Berry, Dianne Patterson, Robin Porta, Janette Robinson, Debbie Smith, and Sherri VanBuskirk. The new members have already gotten involved on committees and volunteered for projects.

PILOT CLUB OF SOUTH BREVARD



Members of the Pilot Club of South Brevard Participated in the Alzheimer's Walk on September 20, 2014 at Wickham Park

Pictured are:

Dennis Tebbe, Pat Tebbe, Jane Cox, Denise Santi, Annette Parker, Jo Reid, and Joyce Hibbard

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PILOT CLUB OF HALIFAX AREA



\$1500.00 Scholarship Check presented by Sylvia Popowski, President of the Halifax Area to Kay Burniston, Executive Director of the Daytona State College Foundation.

PILOT CLUB OF FORT MYERS



Four members of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers attended Fall Council as well as residents of Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Back, Cindy Lopez, Front, Betty Busbee, Linda Hessler and Janet Davenport.

GULF TO LAKES PILOT CLUB

Crest School playground phase one Ribbon Cutting and our presentation of our \$3000 donation toward the next addition to the playground. They were very thankful for all of our previous donations that made phase one possible. Thank you GTLPC members for making this a reality!



PILOT CLUB OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY



**Our 2014 Sweetheart
Anita Tudino
Congratulations Anita
President Stefani Tye is presenting
Anita with her Certificate**

On Saturday, October 25, 2015 we held our Fall Trading Trash & Treasures. We had 41 vendors, and our own tables which included a "treasure" table, our sausage & biscuits / hot dog table, a coffee station and our famous bake sale. We netted over \$1200 of which \$532 was from the bake sale alone.



Members from the Pilot Club of St Lucie County help out at the annual kick-off for "Be a Santa to a Senior" held at Butterfield's St Lucie West. This event is sponsored by St Lucie County Council on Aging, Home Instead Senior Care Seacost National Bank and Butterfield's Pharmacy and Medical Supply. St. Lucie Council on Aging's goal this holiday season is to provide a Christmas wish to 250 seniors who receive Meals on Wheels. This is the third year the Pilot Club of St. Lucie County has participated and the club members look forward to start of their holiday season with this annual event.

1. Pilot Club members from left to right are: Charley Moses, Stefani Tye, Linda Hagedorn, Barbara McKenzie and Muriel Cowell



PILOT CLUB OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Pilot Club of St. Lucie County held their Fall Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday November 16 at Spanish Lakes Country Club. We had 140 people in attendance including 3 members from the Pilot Club of Fort Pierce and Governor Elect Mary Jane McMillen. All of the cooking is done on grills out side of the kitchen. The sauce is started at 9am and the spaghetti is cooked beginning at 3:30 as we served it. Included with the dinner was spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, dessert (apple pie or cake), coffee and tea. Many door prizes are awarded and a 50/50 is held. A great time is had by all that attend. Pictured are members: Charley, Anita, Muriel, Lorraine, Carolyn, Stefani, Barbara and Linda.



The Pilot Club of St Lucie County has added Wreaths Across America as a new holiday project. Our club was able to donate 10 wreaths to be placed at Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell on December 13, 2014. This year is the 9th year Florida National Cemetery has participated in the annual wreath laying ceremony. What began in 1992 with a few wreaths placed at Arlington National Cemetery, has become what is felt to be one of our nation's finest tributes to our fallen hero's. The mission of the group is simple: Remember. Honor. Teach. In 2013, Wreaths Across America and volunteers laid over 540,000 memorial wreaths at 900 locations



PILOT CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE



Claire and Mallory were on hand and brought Bomb-Pops to the residents of Clare Bridge to celebrate Flag Day.

Pictured: Claire Mikko, Bonnie Warren, Mallory Davis



The end of June, Annarene, Mallory and Claire presented BrainMinders™ at the “Because We’re Happy Enrichment” Camp. They were able to teach 33 students about “playing safe, playing smart.” They also demonstrated the “egg (which the kids named Charlie) in the helmet” and gave them safety items and information. July 11th, Annarene and Claire were back at their camp to fit and distribute 19 bicycle helmets.



Charlotte, Claire and Jane presented Anchor Officer training for their three Anchor Clubs. At the training the Anchor Officers learned everything they need to know to have a successful year. Pictured are Charlotte, Ashley Araya, Chiles High School Anchor Club President Elect.

Anchor Presidents or club officer attended the September meeting to let us know about their plans for the year and how we could help them. Pictures Jeanne Martin (Leon High President), Meghan Chellman (Chiles High School Vice President) and Rachel Rivers (Maclay School Vice President)



PILOT CLUB OF TALLAHASSEE

Annarene, Claire and Carol worked the registration table and stayed around to serve lunch at the Alzheimer's Project, Inc. Caregivers Appreciation Day, an opportunity for caregivers providing care for loved ones with Alzheimer's and other dementias to take time for themselves and relax! Over 100 caregivers were treated to a day of pampering, good food and also had the opportunity to speak with an Elder Care lawyer.



Annarene fits a helmet on a student at the Gretchen Everhart School, which accommodates approximately 200 students with severe to moderate mental handicaps. Charlotte, Carol, Claire and Annarene fit 63 students with helmets. The Gretchen Everhart School is named after a past Pilot Club of Tallahassee club member.

Princess Jane Furlong, Charlotte and Claire represent the Pilot Club of Tallahassee at the Florida District State Fair, also known as Fall Council.



The LaVerne Weddle Pilot Scholarship House young ladies prepared and served a Thanksgiving feast for Pilot Club members. Jane, Carol, Pam, Janie, Claire and Charlotte, Pilot Club of Tallahassee, were there to partake at the feast and to visit with the 21 Scholarship House ladies. We are always willing to be participants at this annual event!



Claire and Carol presented the top three Veterans' Essay Contest awardees at Springwood Elementary School, Tallahassee with their certificates, medals and monetary awards. Isabell (3rd place), Mariah (2nd place) and Rayahna (1st place) wrote about family members who are/were veterans. They are pictured with their teachers, Ms. Vaughn, Ms. Blake, Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Lynch. This is one of the two Patriotic Essay Contests our club sponsors each year for 4th graders at the Tallahassee elementary schools.



President Carol initiated Janie Ross, sponsored by Claire Mikko, into the Pilot Club of Tallahassee at the November meeting. Janie works for the Brain Injury Association of Florida (BIAF), sponsors of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Camps.