



The Deck Chatter

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August 21, 2006

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President's Corner

by Yvonne Hale

Dear Tallahassee Pilots,
As we roll toward the holiday season (well, it sure seems that way :), I wanted to tell you a little about the PI convention. It was certainly an interesting meeting, with greater than 1200 persons in attendance, and 437 was the final tally in the voting body. That's a lot of Pilots, with great ideas, interesting and wonderful personalities, and lively conversation.

Important Dates

Sept 11 th	Board Meeting @ AmSouth Bank, 6pm	Oct 7 th	Project Lifesaver Jamboree!!!
Sept 18 th	Regular Meeting @ Julie's Place 6pm	Nov 2-5	Fall Council @ Sirata on St Pete Bch

About the Club

Yvonne Hale	President
Bea Mizell	President Elect
Cathy Jones	Vice President
Claire Mikko	Secretary
LaTanya White	Treasurer
Lucretia Thomas	
Valencia Salters-Jenkins	Director
Linda Summerlin	Director
Pam Manlev	Editor

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Meetings each 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Julie's Place located on North Monroe. Our focus is on brain related disorders, brain safety, youth projects and Pilot scholarship houses.

President's Corner continued...

I was able to participate (thanks to our governor Judy Finch) much more than I anticipated-as a first timer to the meeting we were "invited" to escort our new PI President, Bobbi Hudson, into the forum dressed as the BrainMinders Buddies. I got to be the Panda. It was a hoot, but even more fun were the Hogettes, all the incoming PI Governors. Only pictures can describe, so hopefully they can be printed and I will have some color copies at the meeting.

We learned more about the sale of the PI house-plans are underway for construction of a new 12,000 SF building in Macon on 4.56 acres to house both the PI Foundation as well as PI Inc., but it will be titled

under PIF to reduce taxes. We were shown an architect's rendering to date, but there was more discussion on some items Pilots would like to see, including a covered porch in order to exit a car without getting soaked from our summer storms. In addition, there will be a Heritage garden

camaraderie with other Pilots. However, there will be a mortgage to pay off. PI will move by August 31 into rented space until the building is built.

A new country was added in the last year, South Korea. In addition, the Japanese contingency was present in force, and dressed in beautiful kimonos at the installation ceremony. The Ukraine is interested in starting a club of 35 members, pending needed dollars. There was a net loss of 154 members, which is less than previous years.

There was discussion about the possibility of Anchor Clubs in elementary schools (President Bobbi started one at her school in Virginia). We heard about the Freedoms Foundation, promoting citizenship, of which PI is a Youth Program sponsor. We heard from Donna Young from the St. Jude Children's Hospital (a pediatric cancer center in Memphis TN founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas), where there is a pledge writing campaign to help obtain more sponsors/funding for the Hospital. A new treatment room will be named after Pilot International at the Hospital. We also heard from Chief Gene Saunders from Project Lifesaver about that project.

The Lifeline Scholarship is now named after Becky Burroughs, who left \$50,000 to Pilot for scholarship endowment. These scholarships need to be broadcast to the community



Our very own Yvonne Hale joins the BrainMinders act at the Pilot International conference

with a stream and trees and a PI History Room. So this will be a place for Pilots to visit and enjoy



The Hogettes make their debut at the Pilot International convention in Atlanta, Georgia

Some fundraising ideas were given such as: filling up the M&M minis containers with quarters, Innisbrook Wraps wrapping paper (I have the catalogs), Smoky Mountain Gourmet Coffee sales (I sent an email with this information to the Fundraising chair), Empties for cash (recycling toner cartridges), and I spoke with other Club presidents to see what their clubs are doing for fundraising and Projects as well.

Your new PI officers voted in at this meeting include Debbie Archer (1st VP), Sasue Ohta (Secretary), Pat Jarvis, (2nd VP/Secretary), Beverly Wilkes (Treasurer) and Danny Reesor and Mary Sue Stages as new PI Directors.

One PI by-law that was updated included the option of having a Leadership Development committee, separate from Club Ops, which is where the charge for leadership development had been. Among Service Club Leaders Conference members, the 2 US organizations which have a positive growth trend are the ones which give their members a "tangible benefit"-MENSA (prestige and expanding knowledge) and Toastmasters (speaking skills development). Leadership Development is PIs tangible benefit, and it needs to be emphasized. The rationale was that since leadership training and development is one of the identified Strategic Plan objective of PI, that having a coordinator who focuses on the development and implementation of workshops, materials, etc. will strengthen our leadership base on a Club, District, and International level. There is now a position of PI Leadership

Development Coordinator at the International level.

The 2007 PI Convention will be at the Sheraton on the River and the Marriott Waterside in Norfolk, with the 2008 at the JW Marriott in Phoenix and the 2009 at the Sheraton Marina in San Diego.

I am looking forward to a great year for the Tallahassee Pilots, and this meeting was no exception. Have a great August and September, and remember to participate in our Club's activities!

Sincerely,
Yvonne Hale
President, 2006-2007

Minutes

July 17, 2006

Attendance: Bea Mizell, Valencia Salters-Jenkins, Bridget Gonzalez, Annarene Wineglass, Vicki Johnson, Camy McGriff, Lucretia Thomas, Myra Blanchard, Lakecia Watson, LaTanya White Petway, Agatha Muse-Salters, Karol Schneider, Carol Wolfe, Dot McCaskill, Linda Puckett, Pam Manley.

The meeting was called to order by the President-Elect, Bea Mizell.

Invocation was given by Carol Wolfe and Pledge given by Valencia Salters-Jenkins.

Speakers at Meetings

The issue of having a speaker each meeting was discussed. By report of Bea Mizell who conducted an email survey, the consensus was that we enjoyed

the speakers. Bea raised the issue as we are always so rushed. If anyone has a name to nominate, please let Bea know. The movement was made to have a speaker quarterly and all were in agreement.

Club Ops

No report; Linda Summerlin is working on the Pilot Pals program. The Pilot Pals program will be a secret Pilot program and exchange gifts at the end of the year. Participation is not mandatory, but it can just be a commitment of your heart.

Fundraising

Karol Schneider reported for the committee. We will be doing a summer-themed basket – "Summer Fun". Now is the time for us to be purchasing items for it as summer items are going on sale. We have 2 items already. Start bringing your items as of the August meeting. Suggestions include sunscreen, beach umbrellas, beach towels, flip flops, etc.

Projects & Youth

Ideas were solicited as to how to involve Anchors in our activities. Bea suggested that we contact the sponsors via email. Karol suggested that we go to their first scheduled meetings. We also discussed that we exchanged our newsletters between Pilots and Anchors. Lucretia said that we could have an area newsletter contest for the club. Bea suggested that we also do a local scrapbook contest. Aucilla, Chiles, Leon, McClay.

Lucretia and Vicki will relay the ideas discussed to their chairperson. Bridget also suggested that we need to attend their installations. Annarene

will contact Rickards and Valencia Jenkins-Salters will contact Godby.

Cares and Concerns

Claire is doing well. Her broken ankle is being healed with screws and pins and a long recovery

Old Business

The Audit Committee will agree on a date for a meeting of the actual audit.

New Business

Those who are trained to change batteries need to be participating in the program in order to get the grant. We will get with Cathy Jones to ask for another training.

Treasurer's Report

LaTanya White Petway gave the report. Apologies were given as to the June Treasurer's report. The money raised from fundraising is actually goes to the next year. The new budget has a new look. Invoices were provided to members as to what is currently owed.

Announcement

Valencia is now a Mary Kay consultant and is offering classes and products. LaTanya has passed her "Bar" exam in bartending school.

The I Love Pilot Award will be presented at the next meeting by Lucretia Thomas.

The next Meeting is August 21st.
The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm



Fall Council Basket

Items are needed for the Fall Council basket which will be raffled off the weekend of November 2-5. The theme is "Beach Party" so stock up on all of those good clearance sales now!

News You Can Use

Dear Floridian,

Welcome to My Safe Florida Home! The response and feedback we've received about this new program has been overwhelmingly positive. In fact, more than 23,000 Floridians have contacted us through this website and our toll-free helpline to find out more about how they can make their homes safer against hurricanes.

We remain committed to our goal to serve as many Floridians as possible this hurricane season, by having My Safe Florida Home open for business within 60 days of its July 1 creation. In fact, we intend to meet that goal early, by accepting applications and scheduling the first home inspections during the month of August!

This website continues to be your best source for information, applications and updates on My Safe Florida Home. We are working diligently behind the scenes to develop the application, coordinate the inspection process, install necessary technology and train the staff needed to provide this valuable program to Florida's homeowners.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to serving you!



Tom Gallagher
Chief Financial Officer, State of Florida
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ABOUT THE FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM

To help Floridians identify how they can strengthen their homes against hurricanes and to reduce hurricane

damage exposure in our state, the Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program will offer free home inspections by qualified hurricane mitigation inspectors to eligible homeowners.

This is not an entitlement program. You must apply and obtain approval in order to receive the free inspection. Requesting or obtaining an inspection does not guarantee or automatically qualify you for a grant. Floridians whose homes have undergone a wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspection approved by the Department of Financial Services will then be eligible to apply for matching grants up to \$5,000.

A Floridian whose primary residence is a single-family, site-built home with an insured value of less than \$500,000 and who has a homestead exemption will be eligible to apply for a free home inspection.

A Floridian possessing a homestead exemption whose primary residence has an insured value of less than \$500,000 and is a unit in a residential building of up to four units will also be eligible to apply for a free home inspection. All unit owners in a residential building must agree to participate in the program to be eligible for free inspections.

Properties not eligible for free home inspections include mobile homes or manufactured homes, second homes, rental properties, apartments or businesses.

We will have information available by August to inform Floridians when they can begin to apply for free inspections.

FAQS

FOR HOMEOWNERS

APPLICATIONS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ THROUGH THE INFORMATION BELOW. FILL OUT THE CONTACT US SECTION ON THIS WEBSITE (www.mysafeflorida.com) FOR AN OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A FREE HOME INSPECTION.

STEP ONE: FREE HOME INSPECTIONS

To help Floridians identify how they can strengthen their homes against hurricanes and to reduce hurricane damage exposure in our state, the Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program will offer free home inspections by specially qualified wind-resistance inspectors to eligible homeowners. You must apply to the Program and be approved in order to receive the free inspection. Requesting or obtaining an inspection does not guarantee or automatically qualify you for a grant.

1. Who will be eligible for free home inspections?

- A Floridian whose primary residence is a single-family, "site-built" home and
 - who has a valid homestead exemption, and
 - whose home has an insured value of not more than \$500,000.
- A Floridian whose primary residence is a unit in a residential building of up to four units, and
 - who has a valid homestead exemption, and
 - whose unit has an insured value of not more than than \$500,000.

NOTE: All unit owners in a residential building must agree to participate in the program to be eligible for free inspections.

Properties not eligible for free home inspections include:

- Mobile homes or manufactured homes
- Second homes
- Rental properties
- Apartments
- Businesses

2. When can I request an inspection?

We will have information available by August 2006 to inform Floridians when they can begin to apply for free inspections.

3. How do I request an inspection?

By August 2006, we will begin to offer qualified homeowners options for applying for free inspections, including an on-line application that homeowners may fill out and submit electronically or by mail. Floridians who do not have internet access will be able to call our Department's toll-free consumer helpline – 1-800-342-2762 – to request an application be mailed.

4. Who can I use to do an inspection?

When your application is approved, the Department of Financial Services will notify you who will be available to perform the inspection. The new law requires the Department to assemble a group of qualified inspectors who have undergone background checks, have verified inspection experience and have received specialized training in strengthening homes against hurricanes.

5. What will the inspection report tell me?

The new law specifies that the inspection report must:

1. Outline what eligible improvements may be made to your home to increase resistance to hurricane wind damage.
2. Provide a range of how much each improvement would cost to do.
3. Explain what insurance discounts may be available for each improvement.
4. Offer a hurricane resistance rating scale that shows the home's current ability, and future ability with improvements, to withstand hurricanes.

NOTE: There are seven categories of improvements that are eligible for matching grant dollars. The inspector's report will detail each of these as they relate to your home.

6. Does obtaining a free inspection obligate me to make any repairs or upgrades to my residence?

No.

Birthdays!!

Carole Wolfe Aug 4th

Pam Manley Sept 18th

Lucretia Thomas Aug 9th

Valencia Salters-Jenkins Sept 25th

Bea Mizell Aug 20th

Lakecia Watson Aug 28th

Treasurer's Report

