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Message from our President



This past month has presented challenges that we have never seen the likes of before. The impact of COVID-19 has been felt by all whether its a new way to work or learn, loss of business or work, how we shop, or how we

interact with one another. For every story you hear of shortages and hoarding there are five more of communities coming together to help each other. As we continue to adapt to our every changing environment, let us be part of the solution and not the problem. Let us rejoice in the small victories, lend a hand to a neighbor in need, and encourage one another because together we are stronger.

Mallory

Stay Healthy: Six Tips for Avoiding Cold and Flu: get a flu shot; wash your hands - a lot (wash for 20 seconds - sing "Happy Birthday" twice while scrubbing the backs of your hands, between your fingers and under your nails); use an alcohol based hand sanitizer, if you can't get soap and water; avoid getting close to people who are sick; keep your surroundings clean; keep a healthy lifestyle (adequate rest, good nutrition, control your allergies). ~ Reprinted from Webmd

FUTURE EVENTS

April 13 - no meeting; however, we will have a Social from the comfort of your own home - more information to come

We had a jam-packed full schedule for the months of March and April, now all have been postponed. We hope that life will get back to normal soon and we will go back to life the way it was and be able to continue with our volunteer work in the community.

Pilot Birthdays



Pilot Anniversaries

Yvonne - 15 years (Tallahassee)



Pilot International

The **Executive Committee** voted to cancel all 2020 Pilot International District Conventions, and in consideration of the emergency presented by the coronavirus, to waive the PI Bylaws requiring postal mail voting and allow all District business to be done via email. From President Deb Hayes: "...this is also an opportunity. We, as human beings and as Pilots, have the chance to use social media to stay connected to one another, even when we can't be in the same room. We can use technology to hold virtual meetings. As Pilots, we can individually support our local businesses, and do pick me ups for our elderly neighbors and those healthcare workers who are truly on the frontlines of this battle. And most importantly perhaps, we can show one another the friendship that is the very heart of being a Pilot through phone calls, texts, emails, and even old-fashioned snail mail cards or notes.

As for our Pilot International Convention, for now we are cautiously going forward with planning; hoping for the best, but also preparing for possibilities we could not have imagined a few short months ago. Know that our primary concern is, and always will be, the safety of our members and our staff, and what is best for our organization.

No one's life is the same now due to the far-reaching and long-lasting effects of COVID-19. We are steering our riverboat through turbulent and uncharted waters. This is not the voyage we expected or planned, but with your patience and support we will get through this with a True Course Ever to the calm waters that will inevitably eventually come. As Maya Angelou said, "Every storm runs out of rain."

Sail on."

Let's hope the world medical concerns end soon and we will be able to continue with our normal lives, including Pilot International Convention in Atlantic City, NJ."



Once we received the check from Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) for our **matching grant** - this year was sensory equipment for Gretchen Everhart School, we are required to submit the Pilot International Founders Fund Grand Evaluation Form. The form was completed in February but we were waiting for the press release to be published in the Democrat. To date, that has not happened, so the form was submitted to PIFF in March, which will complete our requirement. If we did not

complete and submit the form within a year from receiving the money from PIFF, we would be ineligible for a grant next year. So, now is the time to start thinking what we want to work on next year and submit a matching grant request for.



We donated the Cloud Nine mattress and the Building Blocks with the Matching Grant funds



Pilot Scholarship House Foundation



The annual Pilot Scholarship House Foundation (PSHF) meeting is held at the Florida District Pilot Convention. Because the District Convention has been cancelled, the Foundation meeting is also cancelled. Because there is only one candidate for each of the offices, candidates will be declared elected by acclamation of the PSHF president. The **newly elected** are: Nancy Bierema, Pilot Club of Ocala, Treasurer; Connie Jones, Space Coast Pilot Club, One year Director; Ann Moreau, Pilot Club of Quincy, Two Year Director; and Julie Thompson, Pilot Club of Palatka, Two Year Director. **They will be joining:** Barbara McKenzie,

President, Pilot Club of Fort Pierce; Suzanne Lester, President Elect, Pilot Club of Naples; Mary Jane McMillen, Secretary, Pilot Club of South Brevard; Shirley Pyle, Director, Pilot Club of the Halifax Area; and Delores Spooner, Director, Pilot Club of Quincy. Together the newly elected and they existing officers will make up the PSHF Board. On March 26, the PSHF Annual Report was emailed to all Florida District Pilot members.

Florida District



Because of the medical situation of our country and the world, the Florida District Convention has been cancelled. Per Governor Diana: “The Florida District Pilot International DEC has closely monitored all the developments around the COVID-19. Regarding our District Convention wait-and-see concerns have come to an end. We had many things to consider, Pilots health, safety



and our hotel commitment which included a large cancellation fee. Pilot International has asked all the Governors to cancel their 2020 Pilot International District Conventions, and in consideration of the emergency presented by the coronavirus to waive the PI Bylaws requiring postal mail voting. The Districts can conduct all District business including voting on the budget, Standing Rule changes, and the election of District officers electronically.

A few days truly can make a difference. The State of Florida and CDC relations continue to change. Lake Mary Marriott has cancelled out contract without fees so it's with abundant care and concern that we have cancelled Florida District Convention April 24-26, 2020. We know this is disappointing to everyone and will try to make this up to you at Fall Council.”

The **2020-2021 District Executive Committee** is: Beverly Shean, Pilot Club of Panama City, Governor; Charlotte Edenfield, Pilot Club of Tallahassee, Governor Elect; Ann Freeman, Space Coast Pilot Club, Secretary; Missy Ridgway, Pilot Club of Ocala, Treasurer; Barbara Keck, Pilot Club of St. Lucie County, Director; and Sharon Nooney, Port of Jacksonville Pilot Club, Director. Congrats to our new officers.

Memories - pictures from last year's convention:



Member Spotlight, Mildred Parrish



Mildred Parrish, was a member of our Pilot Club several years ago and was our club's president in 1955. After serving in many Pilot offices locally and at the District level, she went on to become the Florida District Pilot International Governor in 1959-1960. Jane Furlong was able to obtain information on Mildred and we thought sharing her "life" in the Deck Chatter would be the best way for those of us who did not know Mildred, could learn about her.

Mildred was born February 12, 1916 in Blountstown, Florida. She was the youngest of nine children and her mother died when she was three years old. Around the age of five, she contracted polio. After her mother's death, Mildred's sister, Lillie Mae (Pie), who was 14 years her senior, took on most of the responsibility of raising Mildred.

In 1932, she was invited live at the home of Dr. Mode Stone, in order to further her education. She attended 12th grade at Leon High School, graduated and went on to attend the Florida State College for Women, the University of Florida and the University of Missouri (where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism), followed by returning to Tallahassee and earning an advanced degree from Florida State University (FSU). After graduation, she took and passed the Florida teacher's examination and was awarded a teaching certificate. She served FSU as the first director of the Alumni Association, as a one-woman director of publications, public relations guru, student recruiter, fund raiser and alumni coordinator. During her tenure of 15 years in this position, she reported directly to Dr. Doak Campbell.

Her final 12 years of her working career were in helping to develop the North Florida Community College in Madison. She taught there and was the Director of College Relations and Publications. Following that time she also served as a trustee at Chipola. For her work with the young community college system, she was awarded the University of Florida Blue Key (for outstanding leadership and service in Junior College.)

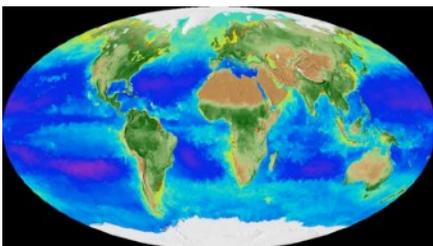
During her working years, she was very involved in Pilot Club International, which is a network of volunteers working to help make communities a better place to live. She took on a number of leadership roles with that and other civic organizations.

Mildred loved her family. Although she never married she had a wealth of family relationships through nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews. She was strong willed, independent, determined, highly intelligent and very private; yet, she was also a person of deep compassion, patience and willingness to forgive. She was extremely humorous in a very subtle way. She had an elegant way of pretending not to know something or hesitating and then expressing a very wise, well-informed thought.

In her 90th year, she was recognized by the university - she received the Commitment to Excellence Award from the Emeritus Society of the Florida State University Alumni Association.

~Excerpts copied from the Message at the Funeral Service for Mildred Parrish, by Tom Stallworth

Next month will feature an additional article on Mildred and her recognition for the Alumni Association



"We are all family. The planet is our home." ~Louise Hay"

"Remember this. Hold on to this. This is the only perfection there is, the perfection of helping others. This is the only thing we can do that has any lasting meaning. This is why we're here. To make each other feel safe." ~Andre Agassi



Club Happenings

What we do and Where we've been



Honor Flight Fundraiser - Marvin Goldstein Concert at Tallahassee Community College



Fitting then distributing bicycle helmets at the two **Soul Santa** events



The **Charter Ceremony of the Walton Middle School Anchor Club** - with Governor Elect Beverly Shean and Northwest Lt. Governor, Gail Hill