



BrainMinders would not exist if it weren't for Pilots and the first brainstorm from Laura Keever, Sharon Slusher, and Frank Soldovere in October, 2000. As of today, we have over 340 Clubs reporting almost 14,000 Presentations to 531,000 children and adults.

Consider if each of those children had an area of influence of just 10 family members and friends. The exposure that BrainMinders has had so far could be over 5 million! Many of you started presentations from day one and some of you soon after. Most of those children were 4, 5, and 6 years of age. Today they would be 12, 13, and 14. If any of you have an opportunity to follow-up with those children... it could be fascinating to hear what they remember about BrainMinders and if they had an opportunity to use the advice from their BrainMinder buddies. We could all benefit if you sent in those observations or stories. It would be extremely helpful for evaluating our program and may even turn out to be great publicity that we can use for promoting Pilot International and your club.

Every year your Pilot Clubs make valuable additions to the program... expanding our capabilities and our entertainment value. We have a new BrainMinder Script for children. Many of our clubs requested a script recorded on a CD that they could use with their puppets and let the CD do the talking. We have the script but no recording yet. The script is on our website under Foundation BrainMinders II. We are hoping some of our talented Pilots might be inspired. We also have a new senior presentation called BrainFinders. It is designed for two Pilots to present to civic organizations, or a club meeting, senior center and anywhere you feel it may be appropriate. It is designed for fun and information.

This year we presented our BrainMinder™ Buddy Awards to:

- **Sherri Lynn Dunik and the Pilot Club of Pittsburgh, PA** – for Outstanding 2008-2009 BrainMinder Programs for Seniors and Children. Sherri continues to dazzle us with her great PR work in Pittsburgh, “Home of the Champions.”
- **Diane Stuckey and the Pilot Club of Dublin, GA** for Outstanding 2008-2009 BrainMinder Audio Scripted Program for Seniors and Children. CDs are available check your club mailing.

- Cammack Children's Center and the **Pilot Club of Huntington, WV** for Outstanding BrainMinder Program Presentations
- **The Pilot Club of Guntersville, AL** received an award because of their Outstanding BrainMinder Buddy Team BrainMinder Presentations to Seniors and Children.
- A BrainMinder™ Buddy Award to the **Pilot Club of Winnfield, LA and Mimi Wold** for their Outstanding 2008-2009 BrainMinder Community Program -The Speedo Project.
- **Terry Steffey and the Pilot Club of Miami, FL** for their Outstanding 2008-2009 BrainMinder Programs and Public Relations – they were featured in our Summer Pilot Log.
- BrainMinders™ Human Puppets of the **Pilot Club of Madison County, GA** for Outstanding 2008-2009 BrainMinder Programs for Seniors and Children.
- And finally, a BrainMinder Award was presented to **Kagoshima Pilot Club** for sponsoring, “Let's enjoy balloon volleyball.” This is a team effort with members volunteering to set up and play Balloon Volleyball with children and adults with disabilities every month.

The Pilot Club of Monroe, Georgia has used handmade three dimensional puppets representing all of the Brain Minder buddies to teach brain protection. Janice Lemonds and Susan Tackett, BrainMinder club coordinators, searched toy stores, clearance bins, donation shelters, seasonal markdowns, and even ebay for stuffed foxes, pigs, monkeys, and all the gang. Then they created a puppet from each one by slashing an opening and “unstuffing” them. A muslin mitten shaped sleeve was inserted inside and hand sewn to the slashed opening. Next a felt or fabric shroud/skirt was attached matching the exterior color of each animal.



When unable to find at least 3 of each stuffed animal needed, Janice designed and created a few from scratch, using furry fabric and odds and ends. Susan put a toy helmet on Gerald Giraffe, and Janice put a seat belt to snap on Penny Panda using one of her old belts. These puppets have been a hit as Pilots and Anchors have used them in Brain Minder lessons.

The children love the puppets! During the 2009 -2010 year, Janice and Susan plan to finish the phase 2 puppets and coordinate Pilots and Anchors using the puppets with seniors as well as children.

Heritage Center Donations

as of August 31, 2009

The following list represents donations received **May 1, 2009** through **August 31, 2009**. To make your contribution, visit **www.pilotinternational.org**—your support makes all the difference!



<p>Alabama PC of Decatur Dorothy A. Battle *Alabama District *Kay Chandler</p>	<p>Jo Ann R. Akers De Fluker Lynda Goodwin *Georgia District *Patricia Hesterly *Imogene M. Yongue *Pat H. Jarvis **Helen C. Winstead **Cindy Weaver</p>	<p>**Maxine Harris</p> <p>Louisiana Barbara A. Crow Louisiana District *Mary Sue Stages</p>	<p>Linda S. Covington North Carolina District *Laura D. Keever</p>	<p>Northeast Potomac Jennifer P. Mundy **Sharon E. Slusher</p>	
<p>Arkansas-Oklahoma Margaret A. Fallon Celia Thompson Arkansas-Oklahoma District</p>	<p>Japan PC of Kagoshima PC of Kumamoto Kazuko Kawada PC of Hiroshima Hiroko Hiyama Etsuko Arimura Chizuru Kawabata Masako Kaneko Kiku Kubo</p>	<p>Michigan-Indiana Margery A. Baumgardner</p>	<p>South Carolina PC of Aynor Norma S. Andrews Nell B. Beasley Virginia Hucks PC of Darlington Billie G. Stoudemire Carolyn D. Bishop-McLeod Judy Langley</p>	<p>Texas Glenda L. Clements Judith Finke Lori An Gobert Julie Fallin PC of Beaumont Brenda Rainosek *Judy S. Breaud **Mary Jane Morgan **Jeanene D. Merka</p>	<p>Total-to-date (Cash Gifts) \$1,505,998.00</p>
<p>Bahamas PC of Nassau Virginia Hall-Campbell Debbie Archer Bahamas District</p>	<p>Kansas-Missouri Susan A. Hoffmann</p>	<p>Midwest *Maryann B. Frazer **Maralyn A. Fries</p>	<p>Southwestern Alayna B. Schaffer Ulma L. Schaffer Rhona B. Espinoza *Barbara Dieterichs *Mary E. Merrell</p>	<p>Virginia Ann S. Lovingood Jennifer Overbay Fan G. Panton Virginia District Bobbie Hudson *Dorothy Franklin</p>	<p><i>* Donor has given between \$5,000 and \$9,999 (cumulative).</i></p> <p><i>** Donor has given between \$10,000 and \$59,999 (cumulative).</i></p> <p><i>***Donor has given \$60,000 or more (cumulative).</i></p>
<p>Florida Ann Freeman Virginia L. Bunde Nancy Bierema Shirley T. Pyle Anne E. Senz Winnie M. Brewer</p>	<p>Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia Barbara Jones Nanette M. Martin Jane Engle PC of Springfield Debbie L. Lawless</p>	<p>Mississippi Mississippi District Beverly Wilkes</p>	<p>North Carolina Fern C. Huband PC of Laurinburg Lauri Speed Amy L. Green Harriet H. Lendon Joyce H. Ferguson Violet Lutz Shannon B. Clegg Amy B. Hurst Carol S. Sanders Leann Wheeler</p>		
<p>Georgia PC of Atlanta Gwendolyn H. Yarbrough Louise Shimer</p>			<p>Tennessee Janey Tyner</p>		

How to Make Your Contribution to



Pilot International FOUNDATION

Your contribution can affect the future of children and adults with brain injury and brain disorders. To make a contribution to Pilot International Foundation, please obtain a contribution form from your PIF Representative or club president, or include the following information with your donation:

- The fund to which you are contributing, or purpose of donation
- For a memorial, provide the name of deceased and name and address of person to receive acknowledgment of donation
- Your name, address, and club name

You may also make a donation online at www.pilotinternational.org

(All contributions to Pilot International Foundation are tax-deductible.)

Pilot International Foundation P.O. Box 5600 Macon, Georgia 31208-5600

Grants & Scholarships Fund

■ Pilot International Foundation Program Campaign

The Grants and Scholarships Fund provides financial assistance for community projects and educational expenses for students studying in a brain related field. Clubs and individuals are asked to donate a minimum for \$250 to help the foundation reach it's goal of \$175,000.

In the 2008-2009 Pilot year PIF received \$136,093 in contributions toward the Grants and Scholarship Fund's annual goal. As of August 31 \$7,072 has been raised for the 2009-2010 year. The list below represents donations made between May 1 and August 31 to this special fund.

<p>Alabama PC of Huntsville</p> <p>Bahamas Debbie Archer Bahamas District Freeport Club Grand Bahama PC of Abaco PC of Nassau PC of South Abaco</p> <p>COED Elizabeth Layton</p> <p>Florida Jonda Erwin Ruthie Ratchford PC of Manatee County PC of Pensacola PC of Titusville</p> <p>Georgia Vickie Cheek Patricia Cooke Grace Crittenden Jo Farish Patricia Hesterly Pat Jarvis Lynette Johnson Betty Sartain Battlefield Club Ft. Oglethorpe Cedar Valley Club Cedartown Georgia District PC of Eastman PC of Heard County PC of Marietta</p>	<p>Japan Chizuru Kawabata</p> <p>Kansas-Missouri Anna Bell Jean Cavanaugh Sydney Craft Meagan Cramer Rose Hammerschmidt Donna Hypse Marcia Johnson Rhonda Knudson Arlene Scronce Cindy Sloan Karen Warner Cathy Waugh Joan Williams PC of Great Bend PC of Junction City</p> <p>Kentucky-Ohio-WV Marie Gravely Mary Mueller Louisiana Karen Cupit PC of Mansfield</p> <p>Michigan-Indiana Gayla Akers</p> <p>Midwest Maryann Frazer Jim Fries Maralyn Fries Mary Galloway Cedar Rapids Metro Club PC of Galesburg</p>	<p>North Carolina Cathey Blake Penny Crot Mary Anne Davis Penny Davis Roxane Dellinger Martha Doggett Janelle Ezzell Joyce Ferguson Myra Geer Luvina Glover Amy Green Julie Haigler Desi Harris Allison Higgins Pat Higgins Amy Hurst Erin Joyner Dianne Lambert Harriet Lennon Linda Lyon Ann Martin Mary Leech McDonald Beverly McKinney Cassandra Minges Betty Morgan Donna Ohmstead Janice Paris Jodi Powell Pamela Robinson Mary Jo Rose Carol Sanders Eileen Shanks Dee Stafford Roselle Tyson Leann Wheeler Faye Wilson Foothills PC of NC</p>	<p>PC of Asheboro PC of Cary PC of Charlotte PC of China Grove- Landis PC of Fayetteville PC of Gastonia PC of Marion PC of Rutherford County PC of South Brunswick Islands PC of Tarboro PC of Valdese</p> <p>Northeast Potomac Sharon Slusher Sharon Slusher PC of Greater Long Island Northeast Potomac District PC of Sayville PC of Valley Forge</p> <p>South Carolina Terry Lynn Cotton Virginia Hucks Billie Stoudemire Miriam Tucker Evening Club Sumter PC of Chester PC of Darlington PC of Greenwood PC of Hartsville PC of North Myrtle Beach PC of Seneca</p>	<p>Southwestern Barbara Dieterichs Lily Moore PC of Belen</p> <p>Tennessee Janet Williams PC of Chattanooga PC of Cleveland PC of Fayetteville/Lincoln County Tennessee District</p> <p>Texas Kathy Bork Carla Bryant Margaret Clapsaddle Glenda Clements Joyce Curry Laura Dean Lori An Gobert Joanna Horton Betty Howell Janice Hudman Joyce Leita Laurie McCollough Linda McCown Mary Jane Morgan Jan Ondrias Susan Riedesel Evening Club Baytown PC of Marshall PC of Odessa PC of Wharton PC of Yoakum</p> <p>Virginia Bobbie Hudson Jennifer Overbay</p>
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Memorial contributions to Pilot International Foundation honor the memory of friends, relatives, and acquaintances. A memorial card is sent to the family or other designee of the deceased advising them of the generous donation and identifying the donor. Memorial Contributions support the programs and function of the Foundation and enhance the work of Pilot Clubs around the world. The name of the deceased is listed first in bold followed by the contributors.

Memorials

■ Pilot Memorial Contributions
May 1 2009 to August 31, 2009

Lynn Alexander Becky Cannon Jack and Janice McKellar PC of Darlington Evening PC of Sumter PC of Aynor PC of Chester	Joyce Bowden Myrtle Curtis	Frank Gomillion Lynn Johnson	Anna Lites PC of Miami, OK	Namie Mullins Carolyn Allison	Janie Furr Roberts Tennessee District Past Governors
Rayvon Allen Lynn Johnson	John Brison Pat Jarvis	Lucy Grant Alice Hanes	Rose Louis PC of Peoria	Rose Newman PC of Bay City	Hattielene Rost PC of Decatur, AL
Gary Appleton PC of Clay Center	Donnie Brown Pat Jarvis	Mary Frances Hall PC of Anniston	George MacIntyre PC of Scarborough	Jeanette Nunnari PC of Pensacola	Bill Ruggles Nell Beasley
Harry Charles Bach East Valley Pilot Club	Robert E Bryan Pat Jarvis	Glen Hatterman PC of LaGrange	Liza Martin- Caruthers PC of Chattanooga	Michael O'Dell PC of Columbine Denver	George Rynes Patricia Cooke
Dorothy Baldock Sharon Slusher PC of Clovis	Carole Burdette Patricia Hesterly	Jason Hightower Winnie Brewer De Fluker Jennifer Overbay	Ruth McGill Barbara Brown Mary Galloway PC of Galesburg	John Ogle Sue Wiele	Samuel Sokol Dot Franklin
Leonard Banister PC of North Augusta	Ione Bush PC of Muncie	Mary Hodges PC of Blakely	Dorothy McKay North Carolina Past District Govs.	Constance Pearson Adele Lowe	Pam Speedy PC of New Albany
Polly Baranco Pat Jarvis Ruthie Ratchford	Mildred Canterbury PC of Huntsville	Margaret Holbrooks PC of Greenwood	Mary McLain PC of Huntsville	Kathy Perkins PC of Muncie	Carl H Stages Sr. Pat Jarvis Jennifer Overbay
Lowell Biddy Patricia Hesterly	Jo Cereceda Anita Cereceda De Fluker	Lorene Huffman PC of Houston, MS	Jean Milligan PC of Lenoir City	Mary Sue Phelps PC of Royston- Franklin Springs	Karen Telle Sue Wiele
Helen Bissel Tennessee District	Harvey Clements Texas District	Singleton Jackson Jo Farish	Evelyn J. Monk Estate of Evelyn Monk	Mildred Price PC of Chester	Erin Thonsgaard PC of El Campo
	Jane Dean PC of Pensacola	Viola Kinzer Lu Ann Hullman PC of Pratt	Ray Moore PC of Blakely	Dannie Lyle Redpath PC of Oxford	Sid Townsend PC of Scarborough
	Leston Earl "Luke" Draper Jennifer Overbay	Brenda League PC of Monroe	Marcus Mueller Sue Wiele	James H. Redpath PC of Oxford	Lois Y. Turner PC of Washington County
	Mary Gentry Dot Franklin			Clyde Ricker Carolyn Allison	

Eat More Chocolate! According to a study in the Journal of Internal Medicine, researchers found that eating chocolate at least twice a week lowered the risk of heart-related death following a heart attack by 66 percent.

The scientists examined the chocolate consumption of 1,169 first-time heart attack victims for one year and then followed them for eight years. They found that survival rates increased with higher chocolate consumption.

In Memoriam

For all Pilots reported to PI Headquarters as deceased between **May 5, 2009** and **August 30, 2009**.

Alabama

Luncheon Club Andalusia : Lela Cope
Luncheon Club Enterprise : Kathy Patterson
PC of Anniston : Mary F. Hall
PC of Decatur : Bettye Taylor
PC of Huntsville : Mary E. McLain
PC of Huntsville : Mildred M. Canterbury
PC of Jasper, AL : Mildred S. Myers
PC of Opp : Geraldine Robbins
PC of Talladega : Joyce Hubbard

Arkansas-Oklahoma

PC of Bartlesville : Helen L. Fesmire
PC of Muskogee : Juanita Jones
PC of Sand Springs : Mary J. Garrett

Florida

First Coast Club St. Augustine: Mary Schroeder
Halifax / Club Daytona Beach: Phannye B. Huger
PC of Ft. Lauderdale : Natalie Bush
PC of Jacksonville, FL : Vera C. Fraser
PC of St. Augustine : Gina Spiller
PC of West Volusia : Connie McChesney

Georgia

PC of Baxley : Marjorie H. Baxley
PC of Cartersville : Laura Summey
PC of Commerce : Wilda Harvil
PC of Dublin : Octovia M. Currie
PC of Eastman : Lura J. Hall
PC of Eastman : Winnie S. Hilton
PC of Hogansville : Fannie M. Cannon
PC of Hogansville : Sue Peadon
PC of Jones County : Sara G. Roberts
PC of Manchester-Warm Springs: Ann Spain
PC of Marietta : Addie M. Ray
PC of Monroe, GA : Brenda G. League
PC of Toccoa : Sara L. Hayes
PC of Vidalia : Jean G. McLemore

Kansas-Missouri

Little Apple Club Manhattan : Karen Mall
PC of Junction City : Lucille Bowen
PC of Lawrence : Elizabeth M Groh
PC of Pratt : Viola M Kinzer

Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia

PC of Lexington : Louise Griggs
PC of Columbus, OH : Elizabeth C. Biggert
PC of Zanesville : Mildred Lucas
PC of Zanesville : Rita Himmelspach

Louisiana

MAL Francis L. Yeldell

PC of Denham Springs : Joe Borde
PC of Mansfield : Elsie C Worthen

Midwest

PC of Fayetteville : Elizabeth A. Hall

Michigan-Indiana

PC of Jeffersonville : Edith Warford
PC of Jeffersonville : Jean M Arnold
PC of Jeffersonville : Shirley Nolot
PC of New Albany, IN : Nellie Staton

Mississippi

PC of Columbus : Geneva Kennedy
PC of Greenville : Cathryn M. Duncan
PC of Houston, : Lorene M. Huffman
PC of Louisville : Noma S. Foster
PC of Louisville : Virginia Ward
PC of Oxford, MS : Dannie L. Redpath

North Carolina

PC of Fayetteville : Earline P. Riddle
PC of Marion, NC : Massie J. Comerford
PC of Tarboro : Nina Fountain
Roanoke Valley Club Roanoke Rapids : Sallie C. Hudson

Northeast Potomac

PC of Valley Forge : Eleanor M. Wolfe

South Carolina

PC of Bennettsville : Dorothy N. Butler
PC of Darlington : Odessa Alexander
PC of Greenwood : Carolyn H. Massey

Southwestern

East Valley PC of Mesa, AZ : Lorna F. Wright
PC of Carlsbad : Cumi C. Boyd
PC of Carlsbad : Faye R. Burditt
PC of Clovis : Dorothy Baldock

Tennessee

PC of Oak Ridge : Helen L. Bissell

Texas

PC of Bay City : Margaret R. Newman
PC of Canyon Lake : Helen V. Backlund
PC of Cleveland, TX : Marie Carter
PC of Livingston : Diane Stephens
PC of Shiner : Gladys T. Kempe
PC of Terrell : Margaret B. Clayton
PC of Wharton : Bessie M. Roecker
PC of Yoakum : Ethel Taylor

Virginia

PC of Norfolk/Virginia Beach : Mary A. Gentry
PC of Portsmouth : Lucy O. Grant





Anne Love and Evelyn Bennett shared the limelight when the **Pilot Club of Bartlesville** honored the two women on their 50th and 49th anniversaries of membership in the local club.

Together Anne and Evelyn entertained Pilot members at the program meeting by recounting how "Pilot Club used to be" in contrast to the more relaxed rules of membership today. Evelyn also read off a list of former Pilot members

illustrating just how many female entrepreneurs Bartlesville once populated the Pilot Club roll call.

The **Pilot Club of Sayville** held a special raffle at its 34th annual Fashion Show in March, 2009, to raffle off two roundtrip airline tickets, valued at \$800., good for travel between any two domestic cities within the Southwest Airline System. The tickets were generously donated by Southwest Airlines. The proceeds of the raffle, more than \$2000., were designated to benefit the Association for Technology Dependent Children/Angela's House, a non-profit organization that assists families caring for children who are medically fragile, chronically ill or living with life-threatening illnesses, by coordinating an array of services which enable the children to remain in their homes. Two special residences (Angela's House I and Angela's House II) have been established to care for children who are dependent on medical technology for survival.

Pictured is Bob Policastro, founder of Angela's House, receiving the proceeds of the raffle from Pilot Club of Sayville



members, from left, Nancy Lowe, President Elect, Dolores (Dee) Fiederlein, President, Isa Zale, Director, Dolores Savitsky, Treasurer and Ellen Hathaway, Recording Secretary.

The **West Chambers County Pilot Club** recently presented a check for \$11,450.00 to Mont Belvieu Mayor Nick Dixon for the purchase of special needs playground equipment for the new Mont Belvieu City Park. The funds were part of a Pilot International Foundation grant, which was matched by the West Chambers County Pilot Club from money raised at our local yearly gala, and with additional funds from a Wal-Mart

Community Development Grant.

Through the generosity of many local businesses and residents the Gala funds come from the proceeds of the silent and live auctions, corporate sponsorships, and dinner and raffle ticket sales. It is truly a community effort through the donations we receive and the support and help from BHISD. Past projects have included purchasing a wheel chair accessible van for the county, playground equipment for the Primary school for special needs students, providing bicycle helmets to children during BrainMinder presentations, and the purchase of a generator for a local family to help care for their daughter at home with a traumatic brain injury.



West Chambers County Pilot Club President Debbie St. Clair and members presents the City of Mont Belvieu Mayor Nick Dixon with a check for \$11,450.00 the purchase of special needs playground for the new Mont Belvieu City Park. The money is a combination of a PIF grant matched by the WCCPC and also with a WalMart Community Grant.



The **Pilot Club of Hartwell, Georgia** is spreading the word about their Fall Festival Depot Day 2009. Save the date: November 1, 2009 in Hartwell, Georgia. If you are in the neighborhood you'll see a display of antique cars, have a chance to grab a gift in the craft displays, enjoy some Georgia Mountain food and fun plus you may even win a door prize! This is a great fundraiser and team builder.

■ Thanks in part to the **Pilot International Alabama District**, along with the Pilot International Foundation, the new Camp ASCCA Golf & Yacht Club was officially dedicated on July 14, 2009, and named "Pilot's True Course" in honor of Pilot sponsorship. Campers with disabilities will be able to enjoy a leisurely 9 holes of accessible miniature golf.

Annually, Camp ASCCA serves over 8,400 individuals, including children and adults with mental and physical disabilities, including those with developmental delays and brain-related disorders. Visit www.campascca.org.



Alabama Pilots who attended the golf course dedication ceremony are (left to right): Jo Ray (Andalusia), Alabama District Governor Elect Sherre McGinnis (Gadsden), Helen Bowlen (Gadsden), Dr. Isabel Oldshue (Tuscaloosa), Camp ASCCA Board member Carolyn Davis (Andalusia), Carolyn Hammond (Gadsden), Linda Price (Tuscaloosa), Elogene Hughes (Tuscaloosa), Pam Jones (Roanoke) and Helen Bowlen (Roanoke).

■ On August 5, 2009, **3 Alabama District Officers and 21 Pilot Club members** from around the state attended Pilot Day at Camp ASCCA. The group took tours to see the activities the campers were doing and to interact with some of them as well. Many of the clubs also sponsor campers to attend camp.



L-R in photo: Lou McMillan, Liz Jackson, Maggie Perron, Jessica Morehead, Bette Kelly, and Lillian Bell

■ **Pilot Club of Alpine, TX** members volunteer weekly at

the Sunshine House, where they are responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels to area residents.

This summer, Pilots Bette Kelly and Liz Jackson took along some extra help on their routes. Bette's granddaughter, Jessica Morehead, and Bette's mother, Lillian Bell, joined in the fun. Liz Jackson's mother, Lou McMillan, and Liz's daughter Maggie Perron went along for the ride, as well.

"Encouraging volunteerism at an early age will be the key to successful communities tomorrow," says Jackson.



■ **Johnnie Cooper, Pilot Club of Huntsville, AL** served as a Guardian accompanying WW II veteran Lacy Weston from Gadsden, AL, on Honor Flight Tennessee Valley # 7 to Washington, D.C. on April 25th. Honor Flight Tennessee Valley is a non-profit organization dedicated to transporting Tennessee Valley veterans to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C., free of charge. Veterans from all over the United States are being honored in this way. This flight consisted of 125 WW II veterans, including 3 women, 33 guardians, 13 EMT personnel, 2 doctors, press and Honor Flight organizers and coordinators. Ninety-two volunteer guardians met them at Washington National, so each veteran was accompanied by a guardian. Mr. Weston was in a wheel chair, so Johnnie pushed him throughout the trip. They became great friends and communicate regularly, exchanging photos and information about the trip. Everywhere they went people met them waving flags, shaking hands, and honoring these veterans.



Pictured is Jim McGhee, Communications Coordinator, Florence Collins, President of the Pilot Club of Dothan, Donald Wilkins, WWII Veteran and Mike Schmidt, newly elected Mayor of the city of Dothan.

■ **The Pilot Club of Dothan** had three distinguished speaker at their July program meeting. Mr. Donald Wilkins, a WWII Veteran, spoke about his trip to Washington D.C. aboard the Wiregrass Honor Flight. Also at the meeting was Mr. Jim McGhee, Communications Coordinator for the Wiregrass Honor Flight and Mike Schmidt, newly elected Mayor of the City of Dothan. The Wiregrass Honor Flight is raising funds for 2 additional flights and a donation was made to them to help send more veterans to visit the memorial.



L-R – Mickey Lindsey, Sharon Stratton, Christy Wood

■ **The Pilot Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee** initiated a new project recently called “Welcome Home.” Club members volunteered their time to prepare baskets of homemade goodies and household items. The baskets are donated to help Ridgeview Mental Health Center’s Transitional House residents who are moving into their own homes. These residents are adults with serious mental illness and are homeless. The residents live at the Transitional House for three to six months receiving mental health services and gaining independent living and vocational skills to maintain a successful life in their community when they are ready to move out.

Pilot Kay Hamilton says, “Our Pilots visit them in their new home to wish them success in this new phase of their life. We provide each person with a “Welcome Home” basket and a \$20 gift card to allow them to purchase something for their new home. We have been able to do this so far for 12 adults, both men and women. The experience is so heartwarming and positive and allows our members to have a personal glimpse of how brain disorders can affect someone’s life.”



■ **The Pilot Club of Cambridge, Ohio** celebrated its 60th Anniversary with the Pilot Club of Zanesville, OH (original club sponsor in 1949) and District Governor Barbara Jones. *submitted by Tammy Lawson*



■ **The Pilot Club of Pensacola, Florida** pulled out all stops for their Annual Pilot Pancake Festival. Club members and celebrity guests enjoyed participating in this profitable fundraiser for their community.



■ Leanne M. Hansard & Diane M. Dunn write, “**The Pilot Club of the Halifax Area, Inc.** was joined by representatives of Osceola Elementary, Turie T. Small Elementary and South Daytona Elementary Schools on August 11, 2009 at our business-luncheon meeting. These three schools were presented with a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 for each school. This donation was provided by a bequest left by a cherished member who passed away January 6, 2008, Carmen I. Henle. Carmen was our Pilot sister for many years; she was also a Principal at Osceola Elementary School and in her honor we give back in her name, as Pilot International and Education was her life.”

Did you know?

The Pilot Colors... Green symbolizes life and vigor and Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose.



Members of the **Pilot Club of Troy, AL** visited Pilot International Headquarters while in town for the Cherry Blossom Festival. The festival is annually ranked in the top 100 festivals in the United States.



The **Pilot Clubs from the Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia District** made a special trip to Macon and Pilot Headquarters. The group had a luncheon and tour of the Pilot Heritage Garden and headquarters as well as a tour of the "Cherry Blossom Capitol of the World".



The **Pilot Club of Bay City, TX** received a Certificate of Appreciation from the 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery based in Iraq, for their contributions of 13 large boxes of goodies for the troops. The presentation was made by Chaplain Captain Tim Reynolds who operated a free store, "Soldier's Blessing Store... a little PEACE of Home." L-R Barbara Smith (Soldier's Angels rep.), Myrna R. Pontiff (Tim's aunt), Tim Reynolds, and Patriotism area leaders- Ethel Williams and Lyndelle Bova.

The Pilot Club of Huntsville, AL

is very proud to have received another donation from Kiwanis Club of Huntsville Golden K for Project Lifesaver.

In Huntsville and Madison County, Project Lifesaver is administered by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Members of The Pilot Club of Huntsville maintain hands-on participation, making monthly visits to each client to replace batteries.

The program is averaging 25 clients; many are children. Project Lifesaver, the Pilot Club of Huntsville and Madison County Sheriff's Department are currently on five billboards on major arteries in Huntsville.



Club President Sheila Sizemore stands proudly by a new display board decorated by Thelma Freeman and Sonya Nix.

The **Pilot Club of Cullman, AL** successfully hosted their 17th Annual Administrative Professionals' Luncheon the proceeds benefitted their Field of Dreams, Project Lifesaver, BrainMinders, Special Olympics, Pilot Light House, and the Margaret Jean Jones Center. The Mardi Gras themed party atmosphere, "Let the Good Times Roll" attracted more than 260 women and a few curious men. The Wallace State Jazz Band added to the atmosphere and over 50 door prizes were awarded.

The **Pilot Club of Winnfield, LA** President Theresa Hendrix (R) and Gov. Elect Mimi Wold proudly display the Louisiana plaque the club created to welcome De Flukey, Director of Communications and Marketing for Pilot International as an honorary member on August 13, 2009 for exemplary service.



In the News...



Jean Cavanaugh, former Pilot KS-MO District Governor, receives 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the Barton Community College Foundation

■ The Distinguished Service Award was created in 1981 by the Barton Community College Foundation to recognize individuals who have shown genuine regard for, and have performed outstanding service to Barton Community College. From the very beginning as a school girl growing up in Lohrville, Iowa, education and service has been a passion of Jean Cavanaugh. In Great Bend and surrounding communities Jean Cavanaugh is known not only for her financial generosity, but also for her dedication to volunteerism in service to her community. Jean is a former governor for the Pilot KS-MO District, as well as a former president of the local **Great Bend Pilot Club**, and has spent countless hours volunteering in schools and with various Pilot service projects. We are proud to have former Pilot Governor Jean Cavanaugh honored in our local community with the Barton County Foundation Distinguished Service Award. *submitted by Carol Dellinger*

■ For the 27th year, **The Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa** in conjunction with the Tuscaloosa County Schools sponsored Project HELP (Helping and Encouraging Learners by Pilot), a four week tutorial summer school program helping students reinforce their studies and social skills. This year four teachers and four helpers worked with 60 K-5th grade students. The program was initially started in 1982 with a \$1,000 grant from Pilot International Foundation (PIF) *submitted by Jane Davis*

■ **The Pilot Club of Cleveland County, NC** is a regular in their local newspaper. The club recently submitted three newspaper clippings published in a few short months. The articles mentioned the club's meeting times, location and a list of accomplishments from club news, member news and check presentations to community projects: the Abuse Prevention Council, a new library at North Shelby school, and the Cleveland County Brain Injury and Trauma Support Group. Each article also extended an invitation to anyone who would like to visit a club meeting.

■ **Battlefield Pilot Club of Fort Oglethorpe, GA** their special project raised \$1250 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Members Louise Otting (L) and Bettye Dunwoody (R) recently visited the Pilot Exam Room at St. Jude in Memphis, TN.



Marshall University student Molly Elizabeth Grove of Bunker Hill, W.Va., was the first recipient of the Dorothy Goodman Memorial Scholarship, a fund made possible by a \$10,000 gift from the Pilot Club of Huntington.



■ The Pilot Club had received a bequest of \$10,000 from Mrs. Dorothy Goodman, who received her Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Marshall College in 1940. She was a reporter for the Huntington Advertiser from 1942 to 1961 and then director of information for the Cabell County Board of Education from 1961 to 1978. She also was very active in the community, including service to the **Pilot Club of Huntington, WV**.



■ Karen Hodson, Director of the Shawnee Mission Pilot Club reports, "Since our September training of eight Police Departments here in the KC Metro Area, I have heard from them all expressing their enthusiasm about the service and especially the cost savings element for their departments. The GREAT news is that two of the larger Police Departments in the Metro area have trainees returning to their departments to report and requesting consideration for their own equipment, reaching out to huge retirement home complexes for a share in the cost and training for at least 50 more officers in each of their departments.

Our Pilot Club has initiated an excitement in the community of Police Departments and we are proud. We know this is only the beginning as we have prepared a local contact sheet with the Pilot Logo and coupled with the PLS International brochure, the PD's have agreed to have these in their squad cars. It is amazing how often the officers come in contact with wanderers and can give these two items to the families/care givers when they return the wanderers home. Since the Sept. training I get a call a week inquiring about this service."



Projects

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I just returned from my tenth Pilot International Convention where we cheered on our new leaders. San Diego was a beautiful setting and we had just the right mix of education and inspiration. Some of us “seasoned” Pilots worked on committees that kept the convention running. I worked on the Information Committee with two Pilots I had never met before, and after five days I had two new friends. Just like at home when I work on our club projects.

President Pat’s theme, Celebrate Pilot – Past-Present-Future, reminds us to take a good look at our current projects. Perhaps it’s time to look into the past and have your Projects Division rededicate your club to a project that was successful a few years back. Maybe you gave up that project for lack of enough volunteers. If so, try to partner with another organization to get help. In helping

each other you’ll gain friends for Pilot’s future, maybe even some new Pilots.

We hope you get your exercise on Brain Power Walk Day, Saturday, October 3. If your district or club hasn’t made plans for its own walk yet, there’s still time to join someone else’s walk and carry signs advertising your Pilot Club and BrainMinders™. In Milwaukee we have two other brain-related walks on the first Saturday in October to which we have been committed for years. We will participate in both and spread the Pilot word wearing our Pilot shirts and carrying signs advertising BrainMinders™.

By all means, take pictures when you walk for Pilot and send your press releases to all media. Don’t give up. Just when you think no one looks at your communications you’ll receive a call like we did. This year after sending out our convention photo and news release we were invited to be interviewed on a local TV show called The Morning Blend that broadcasts to the greater Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. Our reward for perseverance was five priceless minutes of TV time to talk about Pilot and BrainMinders™.

Please email me and tell me about your club’s favorite projects and successes.



Membership

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Fellow Pilots, by now we are well into our fiscal year, and we continue to “Celebrate Pilots: Past, Present, and Future.” Delegates who attended convention in San Diego were challenged by our newly installed President Pat Jarvia and Executive Director Peggy Davidson to focus on increasing our membership.

As of July 31, 2009 an analysis indicated a considerable decline in Pilot membership. The question is, “What are we going to do about this membership decline?”

May I suggest that each club appoint a public relations person to spearhead getting the word out that Pilot is the service organization of choice. Let us set goals for our districts and clubs to recruit as many members as we possibly can. Visibility is key, so let’s wear our Pilot Pins which may create the opportunity for us to share with some inquiring individual what Pilot is all about.

Also, let’s carry Pilot information in our handbags to distribute at every opportunity including leaving copies in business establishments that we might be visiting.

I invite all Pilots to sign on to our “Constant Contact Email List” at our website and from there you will get the latest news and information about our membership incentives. You can also sign up for specific mailings that will be sent directly to your email box.

Read more details about our membership incentive for 2009 on page 13. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to win a roundtrip ticket to Nassau, Bahamas for a weekend, which includes your hotel accommodations Bahama District Pilots are eligible to win a round-trip ticket to the 2011 Convention in Dallas, Texas plus complimentary registration fee to the convention.

You can make it possible by sponsoring five (5) new members. Each time you sponsor 5 new or reinstated members your name will be placed in the drawing which will take place in Louisville, Kentucky at the 2009 Convention.

Remember, RECRUIT, RECLAIM, RETAIN and you will be REWARDED for your efforts. This is an achievable goal and together we can do it! Let’s grow our membership!



Fundraising

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Money, money, money! We all need it. We all want to make lots of it for our clubs. The question is how? There's your normal way, garage sale, bake sale, selling food at an event, selling flowers, etc. the list goes on. But what if what you have been doing isn't working as well anymore. Then let's take a minute to think about it. I recently read an article by Paul Barksdale, "Fundraising for Clubs", who wrote:

What club's need is a way to create revenue that will last, while benefiting the giver at the same time. Something that will keep them giving over and over again with little or no effort on their part." Wouldn't that be great! He also offered some suggestions when a club discusses their fundraising ideas, which he thinks are the most important aspects to consider when looking for ways to raise funds for your club or organization.

- Must provide a benefit to everyone that participates
- Must be able to be done on-line as well as off-line

- Must provide a product or service that is valuable and accepted by the community
- Must enforce a positive image for the club or group
- Must provide participants with on going benefits
- Must require minimal effort by the participant.

Remember, it's about the benefits you are providing your donors more than what you are actually getting in return. Okay, easier said than done, but remember, we must change with the times. During the fundraising workshop in San Diego, Sherry Johnson provided ideas about online fundraising. It's the wave of the future. The younger set were raised around computers, they "tweet", "text" and do a majority of their business online. Let's show them that even a local Pilot club is online and ready for them. Checkout the Document/Resources area on www.pilotinternational.org for a copy of Sherry's information, or do a search on the internet for "fundraising". There are several links to organizations that provide online donation assistance and ideas. In future articles, I will share with you more ideas and suggestions. I also welcome your feedback, send me what is working for your club, or how you changed a fundraiser and it is now better than ever. Email me at babb@everestkc.net. We all benefit when we all share with each other.



Leadership Development

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Welcome to Pilot year 88! What part will you have in our history book? There are so many opportunities to practice your leadership skills, learn new ones, and encourage others on their leadership development route. Do you need to refine an area of your leadership style? Do you need to branch out into areas not yet explored? Don't just sit there—do something!

Wasn't convention great? It's so much fun seeing all my best friends at least once a year and adding new best friends, also. Isn't it amazing that our conversations pick up like we saw each other just the day before? Pilot friendships are the best and long lasting, too. One can never have too many friends and attending Pilot events affords us the opportunity to add to our list of "NBF's". The training, the enthusiasm, the workshops, the leadership development (how about that Robert's Rules seminar?), the fun, and the memories make the fundraising necessary to raise

the funds to send a delegate worth every sale. Every Pilot can remember their first Pilot International convention—they are indeed memorable!

The Pilot Club of Rutherford County, North Carolina had nineteen of their members attend their District Convention and eight attend the International Convention! According to President Joyce Ferguson, the Club has never had to "re-cycle" a President, their members are always ready and willing to take a leadership role. The Club helps encourage members to attend by designating the funds raised from their twice yearly garage sales to pay registration costs for those who wish to attend conventions. Do you think there is a connection between attendance at the conventions and being ready to serve in a leadership capacity?

Part of the theme chosen by newly installed President Pat Jarvis is "Celebrate the Past". Hope you did that with a Founder's Day program in some way. In an article by columnist Joe Fitzgerald, he wrote "our past doesn't have to be our future, too". Some Clubs and Districts are now face to face with the membership numbers and are bemoaning the harsh truth of Clubs and communities having fewer persons to "achieve universal awareness and prevention of Brain-related Disorders and Disabilities". Let's work in the present to ensure our future. Pilot offers personal training and leadership development as we "further our humanitarian efforts through charitable, education, and research programs in communities throughout the world".



Anchor

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Looks like hieroglyphics to you? It indeed IS NOT! This could be a common message shared by teens via their cell phones. “See you at the Library tomorrow for meeting at 3 – talk to you later”. These text message abbreviations have become a big part of the language of our newest generation. Text messaging via cell phone has become so common, especially among teens, that it has a language of its own.

Perhaps Pilots need to tap into this form of communication for teens – Anchor teens – and begin to discover the benefits of this simple, quick, and immediate method of connecting with Anchors.

With a bit of thought and consideration, you might be able to send last minute reminders of

joint Anchor/Pilot projects, meetings you expect them to attend, or changes in plans for various service projects or fundraisers. From conversation with Anchors and Advisors – specifically, in Anchor Clubs who are not school sponsored -- I’ve found that texting has become the premier form of sending meeting, project, responsibility reminders and even “fun” news to

Anchors -- like, sharing the District Anchor Convention Award winners with club members as they are announced at convention. It’s inexpensive, it’s effective! Truly, school rules dealing with cell phone usage are pretty rigid, and it has to be that way. Students must adhere to these rules. But you can be sure that come lunchtime or on the way out the door at the end of the school day, checking text messages is high priority for many teens!

A few seasoned Pilots might be a bit apprehensive about initiating the practice of “texting” Anchors. On the other hand, I’m willing to bet there’s at least one Pilot in your Club that would be happy to set up a “Text Messaging” Committee, if you will, with a demonstration as to how it works and identify the situations where it might be helpful. It’s becoming increasingly important that Pilots are technologically up to speed with our younger generation. Why would a young adult want to

pay dues to be part of and commit time and energy to an organization whose members aren’t contemporary when it comes to communication tools and skills.

Thoughts and ideas on Effective Communication with our Anchors will be the theme for my contribution to the Pilot Log this year. It’s been said, “Communication works for those who work at it”. I urge you to do just that -- “work at it” -- evaluating current communication tools, then implementing new or different ways to stay in touch with your Anchor Club and Advisor. This commitment could certainly reap big rewards!

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION FACTS



Pilot International and the Freedoms Foundation are dedicated to effectively communicating to young people the principles upon which our nation was founded and balances of rights and responsibilities of its citizens in an increasingly diverse society.

Since 1965, the educational offerings of the Foundation have challenged participants to explore their role as citizens today and in the future. Thomas Jefferson wrote, “The key to the success of America would be an informed and active citizenry.” Freedoms Foundation’s programs aim to achieve this goal.

There is an urgent need for our youth—the leaders of yesterday, today and tomorrow—to embrace the values and practices essential to responsible citizenship in a free society, beginning with a solid understanding of the principles upon which American government was founded.

Foundation Applicant Requirements:

- Member in good standing with an Anchor Club or nominated by a Pilot Club
- High school student in grades 10, 11 or 12
- Show demonstrated leadership
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Peggy's postscript

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The Pilot Ship... Steering a True Course Ever...

San Diego was a great place to have a convention and the

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina were the perfect hosts. We thank them for all they did for us. They truly went above and beyond the call. Thank you!

While we did not have the attendance we had hoped for, it is understandable that we will always have to navigate some obstacles and challenges. Pilot International has survived depressions and wars and will continue to steer a true course.

A ship is a perfect analogy for Pilot International. When the Executive Committee voted to build a new headquarters it was with a vision to sail into a wider, greater world of service and friendship. Your headquarters staff is the busy engine room providing a consistent and constant core of services,

and assistance to the Captain, Officers, and passengers (members).

The ship follows the course set by the Captain and the officers who work to attract the passengers to ride again and again. Every District and Club is a part of this busy crew working to please their membership and attract more members because members are the only fuel that will keep the ship running and on course.

Yes, these are challenging times, however, they are also times of opportunity. This is not a time to give up on a vision for Pilot's future. It is a time to attract new members. Members who want to meet the challenges in communities now seeking more volunteer services than ever. If you doubt it can be done ask the clubs on page 12 how they attracted new members.

I challenge each of you to keep the Pilot ship on course by sharing the gift of Pilot membership. You can make the difference in someone's life today.



Best of the Best Winners

Projects that Make a Difference Workshop- hosted by Janey Tyner - Projects Coordinator

see project suggestions at www.pilotinternational.org/resources/documents

PC of Dublin, GA - BrainMinders & Seniors Presentation

PC of Winnfield, LA - The Speedo Project - Stroke Education

PC of Suffolk, VA - Handmade items for area Nursing homes

PC of Cochran, GA - Georgia Child Identification Program

Fundraising for the Fund of it- hosted by Sherry Johnson - Fundraising Coordinator and Trustee Mary Jane Morgan

PC of Denham Springs, LA - Fundraiser for Special Needs Playground

PC of Peoria, IL - Annual style show & silent auction to benefit PARC

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PC of Suffolk, VA - Queen's Luncheon and Fashion Show

PC of Nara, Japan - Charity Bazaar

Club Operations for Real People and Valuable Meetings hosted by Rita Spriggs - Club Operations Coordinator

PC of Nara, Japan - Lecture and Social Hour for Membership

PC of Great Bend, IN - Meeting Cameraderie

Anchor Scholar

Kaila Nelson, a recent graduate of Sullivan East High School, Bluff City, TN won *the Pilot Club of Bristol, TN* Memorial Scholarship for 2009. As the Anchor Club Vice President Kaila served as chairman of the Special Needs Committee. She was valedictorian of her Senior Class with 4.0 GPA and an AIMS Scholar.



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