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Submission deadline for the SUMMER 2022 edition of the Pilot Log is July 15, 2022.

Bicycle Safety Month
The phrase "all systems go" originated during the space launches of the 1960s. Still commonly used today, it has several different meanings including: 1) a state of readiness for immediate action, 2) everything is ready for an event to begin, 3) everything is ready, so a certain task can proceed as planned, and 4) people are very busy with a particular project, or that you expect there will be a lot of activity in a particular field. Regardless of which definition you choose, the 2022 PI Convention is all systems go!

It is hard to believe that more than 500 Pilots, Anchors, Compass members, Navigators, and Co-Pilots will converge on Rochester, New York very soon. Many hours have been devoted to countless phone calls, emails, texts, and meetings to ensure that the convention schedule does not disappoint.

I am especially pleased that our service project relates to our focus area of supporting those who care for others. Our goal is to prepare pick me ups for the patients, caregivers of patients, and staff of Golisano Children’s Hospital. Items included in the bags are being selected from an approved wish list and purchased in bulk for better pricing. The hands-on service project will be completed by convention attendees, but all Pilots, Clubs, and Districts can participate. Sponsorships to provide for the patient and caregiver gifts are being offered for $50 each. You may access the sponsorship form on the Pilot website.

We have had a wonderful response to the two PIFF fundraisers, An Evening at the Eastman and Sunset Dinner at Casa Larga Vineyards and Winery. These are exceptional opportunities to see two of Rochester’s most notable attractions, enjoy the fellowship of Pilots, partake of delicious food, and support the Founders Fund. Tickets may be purchased until June 13.

Clubs and Districts have worked diligently this year to grow Pilot. A 16-month decline in membership was reversed and since October, 2021 we are experiencing gradual gains each month. Efforts have also resulted in the chartering of Pilot, Anchor, and Compass Clubs. The newly chartered clubs will be recognized in Rochester. Pilot International award-winning clubs will also be recognized.

Without question the Anchor Summit promises to be a “too good to be true” experience, but it is true! We are excited that the Anchors will join us for our service project and enlighten us with their panel presentation and cultural exchange. In addition to the leadership training and engagement with Pilots they will enjoy a trip to Niagara Falls, an afternoon at Seabreeze Amusement Park and waterslide, and an evening at a minor league ball game with holiday fireworks after the game.

The Executive Committee approved a registration fee of $250 for Compass members. We are hopeful that several will take advantage of the opportunity to meet with Pilots and learn more about Pilot.

We are thrilled to bring back the Navigator program this year. An unbelievably fun schedule has been planned for them. They will surely leave Rochester with lifetime memories! Some of the Pilots assisting with Navigators this year actually attended conventions as Navigators!

Visit the Pilot International website and select 2022 Convention & Leadership Conference. You will find information on all the events planned, the registration forms and hotel reservation information.

Convention is always an exciting time, and especially so this year. The 2022 Pilot International Convention will bring to a close the celebration of Pilot’s first 100 years. It will also launch the beginning of our next 100 years.

Thank you for Believing in the Possibilities this year because we have gone Forward Together.

In your service,

Collett Cross
2021-2022 President
Pilot International

Pictured L to R: Convention Chair Carol Riddell and 2021-2022 President Collett Cross.
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WARM THE HEARTS OF CAREGIVERS OF PATIENTS

The 2022 Pilot International Convention service project will warm the hearts of caregivers of patients in the Golisano Children’s Hospital in Rochester.

Pilots will gather together Thursday afternoon, June 30 to assemble activity bags for children and gift bags for teens/caregivers. Items included in the bags are being selected from an approved wish list and purchased in bulk for better pricing.

The hands-on service project will be completed by convention attendees, but all Pilots, Clubs, and Districts can participate. Sponsorships to provide for the patient and caregiver gifts are being offered for $50 each (Mail-In or Online Forms). All sponsors received by May 16 will be included in the Convention Program.

Website: https://pilotinternational.org/serviceproject2022
Welcome!

We are excited to announce our 2022 Annual Convention Keynote Speaker, Jennifer Johnson.

When you report the news for 17 years in a city the people there continue to call you “TV news lady” even after you switch careers but that’s okay because it’s a career Jennifer Johnson is proud of.

A journalism career is what brought Jennifer to Rochester, NY. Once a three-sport varsity athlete while growing up outside of Boston, MA she became sick at age 16. For the next five years she battled Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), now also called Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME). She was too sick to go to school for her junior and senior years of high school and was tutored at home. For years the public had little sympathy for ME/CFS patients. A 1994 Boston Globe article about Jennifer's battle helped take away some of the stigma. Seeing how information can lead to understanding and tolerance made her want to be a journalist. She graduated from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University and began her career reporting in Nebraska where she was also a volunteer firefighter.
Once in Rochester Jennifer reported on all stories but really liked covering medical stories, especially ones about the patients, families and staff at UR Medicine Golisano Children’s Hospital. Soon this work would become personal. Midway through the pregnancy with their second child Jennifer and her husband Vinnie Esposito learned their baby had a defect called a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH). The case was severe and the baby was given small odds to survive after birth. They researched and consulted with hospitals across the country and were relieved (and honestly surprised) to find that Golisano Children’s Hospital had the specialized equipment and experienced team their baby would need.

Grace was born in the fall of 2011, underwent several surgeries, spent time on a heart-lung bypass machine and went home after 72 days in the NICU at which time Vinnie and Jennifer became caregivers – managing around the clock care and a team of doctors, nurses, therapists and medical supplies. Grace was brave, fearless and always happy despite her challenges. Through TV coverage, her story inspired many to support Golisano Children’s Hospital - a place Vinnie and Jennifer credit for saving their daughter again and again. But it wasn’t meant to be. Grace passed away at the age of 16 months after complications from her 5th surgery.

The community continues to act in Grace’s name by supporting the new Golisano Children’s Hospital tower completed in 2015. “Grace’s Garden” is next to the entrance to the children’s hospital and one of the 44 private NICU rooms is dedicated in her name thanks to fundraising partnerships with the local ABC TV station and Rochester-area Kiwanis Clubs.

You learn a lot being the parent of a medically-fragile child. You also learn a lot being a grieving parent. Jennifer began advocating on behalf of families like her own and soon realized there was so much work to be done on this front that it could be a full-time job. The leadership at the hospital agreed and she started there in the fall of 2019 in the newly created position of Director of Family and Community Outreach. Jennifer is working hard to bring the voices of families with diverse backgrounds, diagnoses, outcomes and experiences into the decision-making process at the hospital. Still, priority one for Jennifer and Vinnie is family time and raising daughters Avery (12) and Luciana (who turns 8 during this convention).

Jennifer is so grateful for this opportunity to connect with you all! On behalf of the Golisano Children’s Hospital community she sends a heartfelt thank you for your interest, generosity and compassion and says “Welcome to Rochester”!
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

COURTNEY STANLEY

Courtney Stanley is recognized globally as an award-winning changemaker, keynote speaker and event emcee, and acclaimed creator of the women-inspired podcast, Dare to Interrupt. Courtney has spent more than a decade helping professionals, entrepreneurs and organizations engage in game-changing, impactful conversations that empower individuals to tap into their true potential, improve team and culture dynamics, and drive meaningful change.

With a background in experience design, business and leadership studies, Courtney helps people from all walks of life lean fiercely into the power of leading with empathy, advocating for themselves and others, and seizing “silver lining” opportunities to grow personally and professionally. Her mission to empower ambitious professionals through vulnerable, meaningful dialogue has resulted in changed behaviors and altered approaches to leadership on stages throughout North America and internationally.

COURTNEY BELIEVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT EVERY PERSON HAS THE POTENTIAL TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND THOSE AROUND THEM, IF THEY ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR STRENGTHS, USE THEIR VOICE, AND TRULY EMBRACE THE PRACTICE OF ACTIVE EMPATHY.
Keynote Speaker

SETH DICKINSON

Seth Dickinson is a proud seventh-generation Mississippian from Mantachie, Mississippi, and is the son of a rural county Sheriff and a registered nurse. Seth graduated from the University of Mississippi with degrees in Public Policy Leadership and Sociology in 2018 and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 2021. Seth has worked as a policy analyst and lobbyist in Washington D.C., as a community development advisor for towns in rural Mississippi, and as the Law and Policy Associate for the Mississippi Governor’s Office. Currently, Seth serves as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Seth is a survivor of a massive brain aneurysm and hemorrhagic stroke that left him paralyzed at the age of 18. Through his recovery, Seth used his faith and the fortitude of the state of Mississippi to inspire recovery. He has relayed his story of hope and inspiration in churches, civic groups, and schools in every county of Mississippi. In addition to his work in politics, law, and policy, Seth enjoys gardening, golfing, and publishing research on Mississippi history, healthcare policy, and higher education.
ANCHORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

History of Pilot and Anchor Clubs

Pilot International (Pl) was founded in 1921 on the principles of "Friendship and Service." Since that time, Pilot clubs have provided a great deal of service involving young people in this great organization.

The Pilot Club of Gainesville, Florida organized one of the first youth service clubs. The early youth clubs were successfully organized in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and the Tennessee-Virginia Pilot Districts. The clubs were modeled closely after their sponsoring Pilot club(s). Some of the original club names included Pilot-Teen Club, Piloteers, Wheel-ettes and Anchor Club.

Anchor Club was the original name of the Morganton, North Carolina youth club. The name was adopted at the 1952 Pilot International Convention when Pilot International took a big step forward and formally created a youth division. Thus, Anchor Clubs were born.

Anchor Clubs take on many forms. Some clubs are affiliated with high schools, middle schools and even elementary schools, and some are community-based clubs. All members share common values that our Anchors hold dear and that is, they serve because they want to make a difference.

All Anchor Clubs are sponsored, either by a Pilot Club, a Pilot member, Pilot District or the Executive Committee of Pilot International and enjoy multi-generational service opportunities and friendship. Pilot International provides opportunities for service through national projects, initiatives and scholarships for Anchor members. The Anchor Leadership Summit is held in conjunction with the Pilot International Convention every summer. There are several designated Anchor districts and Anchor Club members within those districts may attend the District Anchor Conventions. The District Anchor Conventions provide leadership resources through workshops, speakers and activities.

The Anchor program provides service and leadership opportunities for members that will prove to be invaluable as they transition into the role of a college student. Just as important, forming bonds of friendship in the Anchor program is not only gratifying but fun! Anchor Club members and Pilot club members work together to Do More. Care More. And Be More!

- Anchor members have unparalleled opportunities to engage in leadership roles and activities, gaining valuable leadership training.
- Members care more for others through their numerous service opportunities with local and national partners.
- Members develop and find their true course through doing, sharing and participating in the full ANCHOR experience.

Start a Club

Contact us today to find out how you can start your very own Anchor Club at your school, homeschool, in your community or organization.

Website: https://www.anchorclubintl.org/
Email: youthdevelopment@pilothq.org

Members from the Anchor Club at Leon High School braved the cold weather to pick up trash along Mahan Center Boulevard assisting Big Bend Hospice. Big Bend Hospice has adopted this stretch of road for several years as part of Keep Tallahassee Beautiful Adopt a Street program. Fifteen other Anchor Club members picked up trash at Leon High School and the surrounding area. Afterward, members painted a mural along the bus ramp area as part of a Leon High School tradition.

Anchor students use skills learned at Marianna High School, Florida District, to make our community a better place.
ALABAMA DISTRICT

Anchors complete two on-site service projects

The 36th Annual Alabama Anchor District Convention was held on Saturday and Sunday, March 5th and 6th, 2022, at the Birmingham Marriott. Besides conducting a little business, the Anchors participated in two on-site service projects: filling 60 canvas bags with school supplies for the students at Unles U and painting camping-themed canvas bags for the campers attending the upcoming TBI Camp. The group also enjoyed a presentation on Unles U, a university in Vestavia Hills for young adults with special needs who have aged out of the K-12 system that creates a college-type experience where these students can continue learning life skills.

The banquet speaker was Derrick Tennant with the Love Chromosome, who gave a very entertaining and inspirational presentation. Suzanne Kendra and Janey Sanderson installed the 2022-2023 Alabama Anchor District Officers: President Cera Fortner, Guntersville High School; Director Anna Rae Broom, Handley High School; and Secretary Katelyn Collins, Guntersville High School. The after banquet activity was an amazing one-armed magic show by Derrick.

The Closing Session included the presentation of the following awards: Community Service 3rd place Hokes Bluff; 2nd place Guntersville High, 1st place Guntersville Middle; School Service 2nd place Guntersville High and 1st place Guntersville High; Safety and Security 3rd place Hokes Bluff, 2nd place Guntersville High; and 1st place Guntersville; Brain Related Service 2nd place Guntersville Middle and 1st place Guntersville High; Pick Me Up 3rd place Guntersville High, 2nd place Guntersville Middle, and 1st place Hokes Bluff; Small Club of the Year Guntersville Middle School and Large Club of the Year Guntersville High.

BAHamas district

Anchors render powerful service

The Bahamas closed out the District year with their highly anticipated District Anchor Conference. This was a two-day event under the theme: Anchors in Action: Rendering Powerful Service. This event was nothing short of amazing. The first night was dedicated to only the Anchors as a virtual meet and greet. Also, Anchors had the opportunity to plan a PSA. On day two, both Pilots and Anchors were welcomed for a day filled with exciting breakout room sessions, a panel discussion led by Anchors, District Awards, and a stroll down memory lane with a PowerPoint presentation showcasing their hardworking Anchors and Anchor Advisors in "action" rendering services.

Additionally, with more than fifty percent representation on both days, it is safe to say the Anchor Conference was a success.

Congratulations once again to the following clubs on their achievements:

ACOL - 1st place club with the most service hours and Pilots support of Anchors.

ACOMSSCA - 2nd place club with the most service hours and 3rd place for Pilots support of Anchors.

Congratulations are also extended to Anchors Journey Bannister 1st place - Anchor with the most service hours, Tonia Thompson - 2nd place - Anchor with the most service hours, and Savannah Ritchie - 3rd place - Anchor with the most service hours.

Team spirit award winners are as follows: Alegandro Moncur - ACOL, Bynaj Rolle - ACOMSSCA, Kaiden Moultire-Moss - ACOAC, and Joshua Thompson, ACOARHS.

The District extends a heartfelt thank you to Madam Governor and to all Pilots and family members for their continued support.
GEORGIA DISTRICT

Youth leadership in action

The Anchors chose a luau theme, so on Friday night they had a hula hoop contest and a limbo contest. They had several Pilots that participated as well. On Saturday the Anchors elected new officers. President Hannah Justice from Franklin County High School, President-Elect Spencer Burdett from Roswell High School, Convention Chair Emma Grace Jarvis from Elbert County High School, Secretary Brennyn Timmons from Bainbridge High School, Northwest Region Chair Kate McRae from Milton High School, Northeast Region Chair Chancey Davis from Franklin County High School, East Central Region Chair Noah Bennett from Gatewood School, Southeast Region Chair Rebekah McCord from West Laurens High School, and Southwest Region Chair Makenzie Antis from Bainbridge High School. They are all looking forward to next year’s convention to see what this group of officers has in store for their District.

The Anchors participated in several service projects. One was to collect pull tabs and breakfast items for the Ronald McDonald House. The luncheon speakers were from Ronald McDonald House, and they were so excited to receive the items that were collected. The Anchors also assembled toiletry bags for Veterans. The District awarded three $500.00 scholarships this year. The winners were Jackson Dollar, West Laurens High School, Willow Fisher Rabun County High School, and Chelsey Williams, Dodge County High School. West Laurens High School received the following awards: Scrapbook, Anchor Club of the Year, and Community Service Award. Franklin County High School brought the most pull tabs.

Thanks to all the Pilots that helped with workshops and attended convention. If you have never attended Anchor Convention you should plan to attend next year.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

Anchors learn leadership superpowers and serve residents

Mississippi District Anchor Clubs gathered in Fulton for their annual state convention. Friday night, the clubs gathered at Trinity Baptist Church where they met the featured speaker for the weekend, Derrick Tennant, had dinner and played games.

Saturday morning, the group gathered at Itawamba Community College where they elected and installed new officers and heard Tennant speak.

Tennant was pursuing a career in sports when he experienced a brain bleed, and the resulting surgery paralyzed him on his left side. Tennant completed years of therapy but still walks with a limp and is unable to use his left arm.

Tennant, who incorporates magic and comedy into his motivational speeches, discussed attempting things that are supposed to be impossible and how choosing to be generous and to love is his superpowers.

After Tennant spoke, the group had lunch at Itawamba Crossroads Ranch with the residents of the ranch before working in the prayer garden as the Anchors finished their convention serving others.

“We all have challenges, we use those challenges as motivation,” Tennant said in an afternoon visit with residents at the ranch. “When you use it as motivation sometimes you find out that the things that people said is impossible you can do.”
TEXAS DISTRICT

Service, fundraising, and TBI Camps

The 39th Annual Texas District Anchor Convention was held on February 18th & 19th in Tyler Texas. The theme was “Luau’s & Leis, It’s the Anchor Way”. Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Texas Anchor Officers and the Texas District Anchor Committee who spent months planning an event that many in attendance said was the best they had ever been to!

The ingenuity of this group was displayed in many forms throughout the weekend. Texas Governor Kelli Alexander and the Anchor Officers used a QR code for several documents to save on paper and printing costs. The Anchor officers, President Aiden Hord, Vice President Maritza Patton, Secretary Alexa Flores, and Treasurer Brianna Alderman did a fantastic job prepping and decorating for the event. The convention brought together 11 Anchor clubs with 126 people in attendance.

The Friday welcome luau included introductions, dinner, and announcements. After dinner, Texas Anchors conducted their service project. They made over 30 tie blankets and sock dolls for the East Texas Crisis Center.

The night was not all work and no play, as they ended the evening with “Minute to Win It” games and impressive rounds of the limbo.

Saturday started with a breakfast buffet and Anchors watching their t-shirts being made on site! Business was conducted and all in attendance enjoyed hearing from Blake Hyland, a TBI survivor and Texas TBI Camper. He and his family are truly an inspiration! Texas Anchors were proud to announce they raised enough funds to be recognized as a 250 Club with Pilot International and a 100 Club for the Texas TBI Camps. Great job Anchors!

The evening was one to remember as the incoming officers were installed, and outgoing officers gave their closing remarks. DJ, Chris, possibly the most anticipated guest, ampéd up the celebration with a dance party to conclude the weekends fun.

Texas Anchors Do More, Care More, and will most certainly Be More! The future of Pilot International is looking bright, and we cannot wait to see what these young people accomplish next!

FLORIDA DISTRICT

Marianna High School wins Anchor Club Helmet Fitting Video Contest

Congratulations to the Marianna High School Anchor Club for winning the Anchor Club Helmet Fitting Video Contest. Their video was creative and educational. The video will be used to teach our communities around the globe how to properly fit helmets. In honor of their hard work, Pilot International rewarded them with a $100 cash gift. Watch the video on any of Pilot International’s social media platforms, The Helmet People webpage, or the Anchor International website.
Let's explore Rochester, New York at the 2022 Anchor Leadership Summit

RegISTRATION IS OPEN!

- 2022 Anchor Summit T-Shirt & SWAG
- Excursion to Niagara Falls
- Seabreeze Amusement Park/Water Park
- Red Wings Baseball Game at Frontier Field (Hardball Café)
- Postgame Fireworks at Frontier Field
- Anchor Cultural Exchange
- Anchor Leadership Activities & Speakers
- Tickets to President’s Breakfast and Installation Banquet
- 2 Additional Lunch Meals and 2 Additional Dinner Meals

Registration Deadline: May 31, 2022.

https://www.anchorclubintl.org/summit

$250
What an exciting year! Time has flown by! Our Anchors have been working incredibly hard in communities around the world to instill leadership by chartering new clubs and districts and by showing compassion and love for those in great need. Next stop - Rochester, NY for Pilot International Convention & Anchor Leadership Summit!

Be certain to take time for the Anchor Cultural Exchange! Be ready for Anchor/Pilot photography moments, and to engage in conversation at Opening Ceremonies. And of course the Anchor Panel Discussion. Thank you in advance for sharing stories from your own life, giving our young people the chance to absorb the infinitesimal knowledge we as Pilots have that will support their growth as global citizens. You just never know whose life you may affect just by being you. Opportunities await to connect with our fantastic Anchors at Convention!

A very very special THANK YOU to our phenomenal Pilot International Anchor Committee - Missy Ridgway, Heather Thompson, Kerrin Daniel, Tammy Dalton and their passion and ‘out-of-the-box’ ideas and expertise for this year’s Leadership Summit. And a huge thank you and hugs for the most memorable Anchor Summit ever.

Erma Bombeck is one of my favorite people and has inspired me throughout my years. I have this in my home as a reminder of God’s personal mission for my life through Pilot: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'."

It is our hope that you have been able to be part of the wonderful experiences with Anchors and young people in your area. As we continue to involve our youth and Anchors and support their strong leadership qualities to the great purpose in Pilot we hold dear, please visit - http://www.anchorsclubinti.org for more information in growing youth leadership, and beginning an Anchor Club.

It’s been incredible to be your PI Anchor Coordinator!

Enjoying the journey!

Kim
NAVIGATORS ON THE MOVE IN ROCHESTER

Three jam-packed, fun-filled, memory-making days are planned to welcome Navigators (ages 5-12) to Rochester for the 2022 Pilot International Convention. The cost is $200 which is only $10 more than the cost in 2006!

The registration fee includes:

- Supervised activities from 8:00 – 4:30, Thursday - Saturday
- Breakfast and lunch, Thursday – Saturday
- Installation Banquet, Saturday evening
- Admission/Transportation to the Strong Museum of Play (Lunch at the Museum)
- Admission/Transportation to Red Wings Minor League Baseball game (Lunch in private suite)
- Pool and Pizza Party at Hyatt Regency Hotel
- Service Project
- Other special activities

A schedule of activities will be sent when registration is received at Pilot International Headquarters.

Registration is open!
PILOT INTERNATIONAL
2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Buy your raffle tickets
Benefit Pilot International
Be our BIG winner!!!

BELLEVUE BIG BENEFIT RAFFLE

Pilot International is pleased to announce the Bellevue Big Benefit Raffle. Buy your tickets NOW or at the 2022 Pilot Marketplace for a chance to win your registration for the 2023 Convention in Bellevue, Washington, June 28 – July 1, 2023. The winner will be announced at the 2022 Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference in Rochester, New York. You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets are $5.00 each or 3 tickets for $10.00.

https://pilotinternational.org/raffles
"LET US PUT SOME PEP IN YOUR STEP"

JOINING PILOT IS...

What made us join Pilot? Did we join because our friends are members? Did we join because we want to help our communities, our veterans, and ensure our children’s safety? We all have our reasons, and we feel good about our decision to be a Pilot. It’s all about service and friendship. Many of us believe membership should be shared.

How do we go about sharing? Pilot International created a Pilot Expansion Committee to start programs which will mentor and encourage clubs to increase their membership. What other way to best support and serve our communities while developing deep and lasting friendships?

When analyzing the entire Pilot organization, we find there are clubs, which are thriving, growing, and supporting their communities. We also have clubs with 10 or less members and while many of these clubs make a huge contribution to their communities, we would like to encourage these clubs to share their altruistic experiences and grow their memberships. Again, why not share the joy of serving others and developing meaningful friendships?

So how would the Pilot Expansion Program (PEP) work? Members of the Pilot Expansion Committee will mentor clubs that want to participate in this year long program by seeing what tools might work to increase their membership. The process involves:

1. Assigning a committee member to act as a direct mentor to the club.
2. Having discussions with the District Governor and the Club President to determine what they think would be needed.
3. Committee member acting as a mentor will report to the entire Expansion Committee which will function as a “Think Tank”.
4. Expansion Committee together will produce specific and unique ideas for that particular club’s needs.
5. If possible, the Expansion Committee Member/Mentor will attend any functions the club determines valid to increase their membership in their specific community.
6. Following up with the District Governor and Club President to measure the progress.

The PEP Committee will kick off this program in Rochester at the Council of Leaders with an interactive presentation. The same presentation will be made to the entire body at Convention as well.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Convention where we hope to put some PEP in your step!
MY LOVE AFFAIR WITH PILOT INTERNATIONAL

Written by Dot Franklin

My love affair with Pilot began 50 years ago when I received an invitation from the Pilot Club of Norfolk to attend a "Share Pilot" meeting. Until that meeting, I knew very little about the Pilot organization. I accepted their invitation. The members were warm and friendly. Each had a part on the program - sharing their knowledge of Pilot and why they had joined Pilot.

There was a common thread in their responses as to why they had become members of Pilot - that thread was their commitment and dedication to the principles of Pilot - "Friendship and Service." After the meeting I realized that Pilot members are a very special group of people who have great compassion for people in their communities who need a lift up. That was the purpose of their service projects.

I had a big decision to make. My job was demanding. Did I have the time to devote to a service organization? If I accepted their invitation, I would make a vow to become an active and involved member. After much soul searching my answer was I will make the time. It will pay the rent for the space I occupy on earth. I kept my vow. As club president I attended my first PI convention in 1975. The convention was held in Houston, TX. I attended workshops, made new friends from other states. It was a learning and fun experience.

In 1976, I was nominated and elected Governor-Elect of the VA District. My first official visit was to the Pilot Club of Portsmouth. As I prepared for the visit, I asked myself what can I bring to the members. The club was chartered in 1948. The members were very knowledgeable. Knowing this was my first official visit, they made every effort to put me at ease. I left that meeting with many new friends.

The next year was exciting and fulfilling. As Governor I represented our District at the PI convention. At the memorial service all governors were white. During a business trip to Arizona, I visited the town of Scottsdale. In a small shop, I found a beautiful white knit dress.

During the years between 1978 and 1981, I was appointed to serve on several committees and divisions. These appointments enhanced my knowledge of Pilot and the opportunity to meet Pilots from other districts and to grow my list of Pilot friends.

In 1981 I was nominated and elected PI Director for a two year term. As Director, one of my duties was to serve as ECR to District Conventions. Each visit to another district provided an opportunity to learn more about Pilot and to add to my list of Pilot friends.

During my years as an officer on the Executive Committee (EC), I had the opportunity to travel to countries where Pilot clubs were located. I learned the history of these countries and enjoyed their cultural treasures.

I moved up the ladder on the EC and in 1988-89 I had the honor and privilege of serving Pilot as President. Each president selected a theme - the theme for that year was "Set Sail for Service". Since I live in the city by the sea where the world's largest naval station (known as the mother of all naval stations) is located, I thought a nautical theme would be appropriate. It was amazing to watch the creative ability of Pilots as they worked with the theme. PI presidents could also select a special project. It was suggested that the special project should be one that treated children with pediatric aids. We learned that St. Jude Children's Research Hospital provided such treatment. Our Pilots jumped on board and over a two year period raised over $250,000.00 for St. Jude Children's Hospital. The 1989 PI Convention was held in Anaheim, CA. Danny Thomas was our special guest. He was charming and funny. The Pilots loved him. He told the story about his early struggles to support his family. He prayed to St. Jude (the saint for hopeless souls) asking for help and promising to build him a shrine if his prayer was answered. That shrine is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Danny always said "no child should die in the dawn of its life."

Even though the Pilot Club of Norfolk no longer exists, I am still a Pilot - a member of the Pilot Club of Portsmouth. My love affair with Pilot has continued for 50 years. After all these years, it seems like only yesterday that I received that invitation. Time passes quickly when you are a member of an organization whose purpose is to serve others and you're having fun doing it. In 1971, I was given a gift that I will cherish always.

79th Virginia District Convention
The Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa celebrated their 100th Anniversary on March 19, 2022. The club sends thanks to everyone who made their 100th birthday so special, including Pilot International President Collett Cross, Pilot International Secretary Lisa Patterson, Alabama District Governor Beverly Wilkerson, John Faile with the Tuscaloosa City Council, and Julie Love who emceed the event.

During the event, Beverly Wilkerson presented a Certificate and the Resolution from the Alabama District to Club President Cindy Shrum.

**PILOT CLUB OF TUSCALOOSA HISTORY**

The Pilot Club was organized on March 22, 1922 at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and became the fourth club chartered by Pilot International. Notable on the international level of service during the beginnings of Pilot was club charter member Carrie B. Allen and later international presidents Lula Flinn Estes and Hester Bingham. Carrie B. Allen was also the first Alabama District Governor (1929) and later the Field Representative for Pilot International; four other members have followed in her footsteps as District Governor.

The club has as a long tradition of service in the community. The current focus of Pilot International is brain related disorders: using puppets or stuffed animals as a teaching tool, and members have taught young children to “protect their brain for life” in the BrainMinders™ program. Currently, member Beverly Kissinger serves on Pilot International BrainMinders™ Committee as their artist and Amelia Carroll directs local efforts. The club supports the Alabama District Project at Camp ASCCA in the state of Alabama. Camp ASCCA holds a camp every weekend. Alabama District’s TBI Camp is held one weekend in April every year via camper scholarships. Camp 2023 will be held April 14-16.
Continuing the theme, Pilot International has partnered with Project Lifesaver. With Pilot International’s help the club contributed the initial funds to buy the start up equipment for the local program in cooperation with the Sheriff’s office and Caring Days. The locator devices and search equipment help the trained rescue personnel find clients quickly who have wandered away from a safe environment.

The club has used matching grant funds from the Junior League of Tuscaloosa to buy helmets for the Police Athletic League (PAL) to give away with bicycles they refurbish.

It has partnered in a number of ways with local agencies and charities including:

- Caring Days
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at DCH
- Salvation Army
- Safe Kids Tuscaloosa – Car Seat Program and Safety Fair
- Local Schools – 5th graders – Patriotic Essay Contest

Adding young people is a continuing goal of the club. Project Help was originally developed and funded by the club to assist at-risk grade school children in the summer. Spearheaded by Jane Davis, it became self-sustaining and was a viable program for over 25 years until it was replaced by other summer programs.

Scholarships are given locally by the club to worthy University of Alabama CHES students and to Shelton State GED students. The club has also sponsored area nursing students at the University who have won scholarships from Pilot International. The club has been successful with their sponsorship of local students in the statewide competition for the Pearl Sparks Nursing Scholarship given by the Alabama District of Pilot International.
The Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa’s 100th Anniversary celebration included a video presentation by David Hudson, BrainMinders™ Artwork, a display board, scrapbooks and other memorabilia from Past Pilot International Presidents.

2021-2022 Club Officers:

President: Cindy Shrum
President Elect: Virginia Wimberly
Recording Secretary: Amelia Carroll
Corresponding Secretary: Ken Blanchard
Treasurer: Beverly A. Kissinger
Directors: Clara Lamb, Starr Hudson
Immediate Past President: Starr Hudson
It is hard to believe we are almost through our 100th year of celebrating Pilot International and Believing in the Possibilities. We have gained many new members this year and I hope each of you continue with diligence to keep those new members coming. Remember as we RECRUIT members it is very important that we give them the resources and mentoring they need in order to be able to RETAIN them. As Pilots we need to make sure we encourage each and every member whether they are new or a seasoned member. Make everyone feel wanted, important, and that they have a place in your club, be it big or small; it takes everyone working together as a team to make a successful club.

When your members feel WELCOME and a part of your club, when they have had new member orientation, and when they have been mentored, your chances of having to RECLAIM them will be much less.

Always remember the many helpful and informative resources available to you regarding membership on the Pilot International website. Listed under Top Member Resources you will find Dictionary of Terms, Membership Guide, and the Membership Information Form. Also, available under Council of Leaders Training and Workshops within Top Member Resources are PowerPoint presentations that will be very beneficial to your club.

It is a good idea to read the Code of Ethics at Pilot Club meetings. This is a very powerful way to share with the new members, as well as keep ever present with veteran members, what we cherish and celebrate as Pilot International.

Keep up the GREAT work that has been accomplished this year and always continue to BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITIES!!!
Would you follow you?

Written by Debbie Ray
2021-2022 Pilot International Leadership Coordinator,
Texas District
Pilot Club of Nacogdoches

John C. Maxwell posed the question, “If you wouldn’t follow yourself, why should anyone else?”

Just because you are in a leadership position doesn’t mean others necessarily want to follow you. You need to earn your leadership position, work for it, be an active participant, and take responsibility for what you do and say.

Leaders who display traits like respect, empathy, appreciation, embracing new ideas, openness, and patience are those that others will likely follow. Leaders who are passionate about the needs of others stand out. These leaders are concerned with what they provide to others more than their own needs. Their ego does not supersede their focus of serving others. It’s the character of the leader that places others before him or herself that makes others want to follow.

Out of many features, what character traits do good leaders possess that will create a following of people who will support them?

- Be vulnerable and share your weaknesses

Staying vulnerable as a leader is the foundation for inspiring a following. No matter how long you have been a member, you are still learning, making mistakes and growing. When leaders are honest, share their weaknesses and admit their mistakes, they elevate their position. Others learn from the mistakes of leaders, especially when they admit them. Share how you overcame or corrected that mistake. Be real. Stay modest when you look back at those following you; remember that you were once the one following someone else.

- Be empowering by lifting others

To empower someone is to make them stronger and more confident, giving them authority to do something, to contribute to their ability and satisfaction. The word empower may be a bit overused, but it still carries substantial weight when it comes to good leadership. A leader who empowers others to succeed or reach their full potential will develop loyal team members.

- Be appreciative and recognize others

No one gets to the top by themselves, and no leader stays on top without the help of many others. Good leaders are keenly aware of this and make it a priority to show appreciation to the people that hold them up on a daily basis. Human desire for recognition is strong. Everyone loves a pat on the back, a shout out or “good job.” Good leaders make the effort to give others the limelight, to share the stage. Sometimes, the smallest appreciation and recognition goes a long way; simple things like a handwritten note or a mention in a newsletter. The best of leaders do this often because showing appreciation is a form of humility and empowers others to be more productive and feel more satisfaction.

How would you answer the question: “Would you follow you?”

We must work together for Pilot International to continue our success and to thrive in our next 100 years.
Shine on Pilots!

Written by Tiffany Glass
2021-2022 Pilot International Projects Coordinator,
Bahamas District Pilot Club of Nassau

Securely buckled in, Pilots took flight – excited and ready to serve in the 2021-2022 Pilot year! We soared half-way through our year and then glided into the third quarter - encouraged to keep our fire to serve burning brightly even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now we are on the home stretch!

Pilots, did you commit to making a difference? Were you able to improve our organization’s visibility? Did you take advantage of the month of March by highlighting our signature program called BrainMinders™? Were you able to utilize our helmets from the Helmet People Project?

I do hope you were able to create suitable occasions for members of your community to share in the wonderful experience of Pilot. If not, there is still some time to provide opportunities for the membership to do more!

Make a commitment to do another Pick Me Up.

Promote and create an initiative based upon one of the brain-safety educational programs; namely the BrainMinders™ Buddie skits, BrainMinders™ “Be Mindful” campaign or “What Where You Thinking?” BrainMinders™ program.

Pilots, continue to look for avenues where you can provide service and spark a fire in everyone who is impacted by the committed work of Pilot.

I would like to applaud all Project Coordinators and by extension the entire membership for the service that you give and the work that you continue to do to educate the community on the importance of taking care of their brain. Continue to SOAR and let the light of service SHINE in the heart of each and every Pilot.

Pictured - Bahamas Projects Division BrainMinders™ Initiatives
Learn from each other
FUNDRAISING IDEAS

Don’t miss 2022 Pilot International Annual Convention & Leadership Conference in Rochester, New York this summer. Attendance provides many opportunities to meet fellow Pilots across the country and from around the world. The time spent learning from each other from projects to successful fundraisers is invaluable to advance your local club.

Book Swap
Host a book swap event, where participants give a small donation to enter. They bring their own used books and can trade with other readers to get a book that is new to them.

Panera Bread
Panera Bread hosts fundraising nights for a variety of nonprofits, including religious groups and sports teams. Once you schedule an event, a designated percentage of sales from your local Panera will be donated to your organization.

Chipotle
Host a Do Good With Burritos event at your local Chipotle, and receive 50% of the evening’s profits. Chipotle will also provide you with a digital flyer to make advertising easy.

Applebee’s
Applebee’s will help you host a Flapjacks Fundraiser during non-dining hours, where supporters can purchase breakfast meals to support your cause.

Yankee Candle
With a Yankee Candle fundraiser, your nonprofit earns 40% of the sales. Supporting sellers sign up with your organization to sell candles and raise funds.

Chili Cook Off
Have volunteers enter the contest, and cook up a designated amount of chili. Voters then sample each chili and vote for their favorites by donating to your cause.

Gala
Provide dinner and entertainment in exchange for a ticket. Be sure to balance ticket prices with the cost of the event itself, and to have a brief speech on the work your organization is doing.

Flower Bulbs
Selling flower bulbs in spring can be an easy way to raise money for your nonprofit.

Used Books
If you are looking for fundraising ideas that don’t require initial purchases for your organization, you can ask supporters to donate used books to sell.

Wreath Sale
During the holiday season, make wreaths, which supporters can purchase to decorate their homes.
New Members
Reported to Pilot International from February 8, 2022 - May 2.

ALABAMA
Linda Bolton   Decatur
Sonja Morgan   Luncheon Enterprise

BAHAMAS
Keora Brown-Archer   Abaco
Okita Parks   Abaco
Sandra Gibbs   Abaco
Timincia Adderley   Abaco
Viline Baptiste   Abaco
Joaquim Missick   Sunset Grand Bahama
Melissa Sears   Sunrise Grand Bahama

FLORIDA
Arthur Dees   Defuniak Springs
Patricia Harvell   Defuniak Springs
Carolyn Maurer   Fort Pierce
Dana McClelland   Gulf to Lakes, PC Citrus County
Jessica Triplett   Jacksonville
Marjorie Appleby   Naples
Courtney Noble   Riverview
Deanna Flurh   Riverview
Jennifer John   Riverview
Kelly Mahr   Riverview
Sandra Moffitt   Riverview
Elia Hydor   Space Coast Club Titusville
Charlene Harper   Titusville
Debra Smith   Titusville
Karen Hudson   Titusville
Melodie Jackson   Titusville
Robin Futch   Titusville
Mary McLean   Treasure Coast Club Vero Beach

GEORGIA
Cindy Williams   Adel
Sharon Locklear   Adel
Linda Meadows   Adel
Stephanie Stalcup   Adel
Cindy Jones   Adel
Julie Calhoun   Adel
Karen Price   Adel
Bonnie Slaney   Adel
Christy Stille   Adel
Mary Mobley   Adel
Nan McNeill   Adel
Marlene Veal   Adel

HEARTLAND
Brandi Rice   Albia
Katherine Homolka   Albia
Maritta Schloemer   Albia
Shelley Hopper   Junction City
Linda Riley   Little Apple Manhattan
Sandra Stith   Little Apple Manhattan
Susan Meigs   Pratt

JAPAN
Koichiro Ono   21 Tokyo
Komei Saki   Akita
Yoshitaka Sugita   Oita
Misakai Hashimoto   Sakura Tokyo
Masae Kozai   Takamatsu

KY-OH-WV
Eileen Kaye Halstead   Charleston
Frances Schmitt   Greater Kanawha Valley
Robert Flinchum   Huntington
Natasha Lemley   Jackson County
Rhonda McCutchen   Jackson County
Tamara Spangler   Jackson County
Sharon Veale   Springfied
Sheila Skinnerhorn   Springfield

LOUISIANA
Ashley Slaughter   Denham Springs
Erica Whiddon   Denham Springs
Toni Freeman   Denham Springs
Carolyn Toney   Denham Springs

MICHIGAN-INDIANA
Sallena Lualen   Jeffersonville
Laurel Wahl   Madison
Pamela Zehren   Madison
Rielly Wilber   Madison
Tracey Carter   Madison
Vicki McCord   Madison
Vicky Schimer   Madison
Myra Fraley   Muncie

MISSISSIPPI
Abbie Bell   Fulton
Connie Graham   Fulton
Janet Chumney   Fulton
Kam Loden   Fulton
Keitha O’Brian   Fulton
Mary Barrett   Fulton
Michelle Ponce   Fulton
Nyanza Steward   Fulton
Renae Bennett   Fulton
Wendi Stone   Fulton
Allison Powell   Houston
Patricia Robbins   Houston Community
Dedra Luke   Louisville
Susy Jones   Louisville

NORTH CAROLINA
Dwala Hardin   Foothills
Shannon Watt   Kannapolis
Angela Chase   Morganton
JoMarie Coburn   Morganton
Margaret Marriot   Morganton
Mary Stagg   Morganton
Karen Grimsley   Scottish Laurinburg

NORTHEAST POTOMAC
Kathleen LaMonica   Patchogue
Nancy Rocker   Patchogue
Riley Bauer   Valley Forge
Robin Tekely-Rose   Valley Forge
Susan Latch   Valley Forge

SOUTH CAROLINA
Debby Allford   Clarendon
Amanda Smith   Evening Sunneter
Jacklyn Wells   Evening Sumter
Tara Street   Evening Sumter
Cynthia Walters   North Myrtle Beach
Margaret DeMarzo   North Myrtle Beach
Pamela Gilbert   North Myrtle Beach
Spencer Yates   Orangeburg

SOUTHWESTERN
Janice Chapman   Albuquerque
Jeanne Sturtevant   Albuquerque
Ileine Madrid   Belen
LAURIE BEE
Laura Brooks   Athens
Claudia Corp   Hohenwald
Skyeann Allison   Oak Ridge

TEXAS
Catherine Moeller   Baytown
Kathy Stuehrenberg   Cuero
Peggy Mayer   Cuero
Laura Sanders   Dallas
Ana Rodriguez   El Campo
Chrisy Freeman   El Campo
Ester Latapie   El Campo
Tom White   El Campo
Valerie Coffman   El Campo
Kelli Moore   Evening Nacogdoches
Kathleen Sison   Lake Houston
Lucy Hottman   Lake Houston
Patricia Bielstein   Lake Houston
Pamela Fletcher   Mineola
Hollie Atherton   Nacogdoches
Ronald Hollins   Quinlan
Melinda Kurtz   Shiner
Sharon Hamman   Shiner
Tammy Lee   Shiner
Teila Ortiz   West Chambers County

VIRGINIA
Olesea Edge   Dan River Region
Debbie Karibian   Luncheon Danville
Evelyn Riley   Luncheon Danville
Margaret Julian   Portsmouth
Patricia Pullum   Portsmouth
Salonia Timberlake   Portsmouth

INTERNATIONAL MEMBER
Kathryn Bachelot
GARY AND PAT JARVIS: DONOR PROFILE

Why did you charter/join your club? And how long have you been a member?

**Pat:** I joined the Pilot Club of Elberton in 1976. I had seen many articles in our local newspaper so when asked by my elementary school 4-H leader to join Pilot, it was an honor.

**Gary:** I joined as a charter member of the Pilot Club of Cherokee County, GA in 2005.

Cherokee County is my home county, and I was honored to be a part of this charter. In 2007, I transferred membership to the Pilot Club of Elberton and have served there since that time.

What is your favorite part of being a member of your club?

**Pat:** The motto of Pilot is “Friendship and Service.” The friendships that have been a part of Pilot are a great way to serve. When working on a project with Pilot members, there is much laughter and just good times. There is nothing like being together with such good friends.

What is your favorite club project and what makes it so wonderful to be a part of?

**Gary and Pat:** BrainMinders!

**Pat:** Having worked many years with students who had brain related disorders, this was a natural fit for me. BrainMinders was introduced when I was Governor of GA District, 2001-2002. The children are so attentive to the puppets and often when they see us outside of school will talk about them. This program teaches them to keep their brains safe.

Take a peek into why Gary and Pat Jarvis benefit from serving with Pilot International.

“The friendships that have been a part of Pilot are a great way to serve.”
“Through the efforts of the Pilot International Founders Fund, many clubs have had the opportunity to make an even larger impact on their community.”

Why is it important for you to attend the PI Convention – what is your best take away from being with all the other Pilots/clubs?

PI Conventions offer much information to assist officers which in turn assist clubs. There is also much sharing between clubs which helps us gain new information regarding service projects as well as fundraisers. And, while this is most important, the friendships that are made across the world are invaluable. From the US to the Bahamas, to Japan, to South Africa. In the past, friendships from Singapore, Canada, and South Korea, were forged. Friends from these countries will never be forgotten.

How does your District support your club?

Our District supports our club by sponsoring Region Workshops for officer training as well as information and training at District Conventions. Our Regional Lt. Governor is only a phone call away when the need arises.

How does your community benefit from Pilot?

Our Community benefits from Pilot through our service projects and fundraisers. Pick-Me-Ups have also been a valuable asset in remembering individuals or groups who should be remembered. When the pandemic created a need for closing restaurants, we continued with our chicken salad bag lunch fundraiser and we were able to provide lunches for over 800 people in our county.

What new initiative could Pilot support that would further your clubs/districts goals?

While not a new initiative, when clubs supported St. Jude Hospital, we found a common goal throughout Pilot. While it’s important to support our local clubs and districts, a larger focus would bring more recognition for Pilot. We made a large contribution for new equipment as well as a room when the Chill’s Care Center was opened. Something of that order may bring much needed recognition as we continue to face difficulty in membership.

What would you like other Pilot/clubs/districts to know about your club, its challenges or successes?

Our local club enjoys success with our projects and fundraisers as we work together to make life easier for others. Consideration for others within the community as well as our club has been a major component for success. One of the biggest challenges we have had is publicity. We have a community newspaper and only so much can be covered. We have had more coverage this year than in the past.

Lastly, why do you feel it is important to give to Pilot?

Pilot has had much to offer me in growth as a person and in leadership training. Giving back is the way to ensure that all Pilot/Anchor/Compass members have the same opportunities. Having served on the International Awards Committee several times, I have seen the amazing work of our clubs. Through the efforts of the Pilot International Founders Fund, many clubs have had the opportunity to make an even larger impact on their community. As a Pilot, I want to be a part of giving clubs this opportunity. Not only clubs receive funds, as we also sponsor scholarships for our students—here and throughout the world. No matter the amount, every penny counts and goes to assist our service.
COMPASS CLUBS
BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN ANCHOR AND PILOT

Written by Janice Clark
2021-2022 Pilot International Compass Coordinator
Alabama District
Pilot Club of Prattville

What an enjoyable year this has been for me to be the 2021-2022 Pilot International Compass coordinator. I have learned so much about Compass and all the fine young leaders that are willing to serve.

My first experience with Compass was when I was Governor-Elect and attended the chartering for the Troy University Compass club in 2019. I met so many dedicated young leaders. Magdalene Skaziak, the first president of the Troy University Compass club, said in one of her interviews that she wanted to charter the club because of her passion for helping others and wanted to be an advocate for children and adults with disabilities and brain-related disorders. Due to the desperate need to help children and adults in the Troy and Pike County area, the first Compass Club at a University became a reality.

Pictured: Magdalene Skaziak, the first President of the Troy University Compass Club.
I also met a quiet young man by the name of Dalton Keel. He was about to begin his service as Director. Dalton would go on to serve as Treasurer of the club. This club has been highly active since inception largely due to the leadership of both these individuals. They completed many projects on campus, such as the Valentine’s store, selling candy, cards, and flowers for Valentine’s Day. They handed out water to incoming students for publicity. Covid interfered with their planned projects, but they still maintained their zeal. The club members volunteered for several worthwhile causes in our district, including the Alabama District Traumatic Injury Camp held annually at Camp ASCCA. I saw first-hand their assistance and interactions with all the campers. This spoke volumes about the Troy Compass servants hearts. I know they will be back this year to help with all activities.

To my delight, and the members of the Prattville Pilot Club, Dalton Keel mentioned to a member that after graduation he wanted to continue his service as a Pilot.

Because Dalton is gainfully employed and lives one hour and a half away, he drives to our meetings on Saturday morning. Dalton has never missed a meeting and became a valuable member of our club. He will assume the office of Secretary for the 2022-2023 Pilot year. Dalton’s presence has been a boost to our club and we are so excited to have him as a member. This is a success story and we look forward to many more. We want Anchors & Compass members to grow and continue their service in Pilot.

That is what Compass is about, bridging the gap between Anchor and Pilot and Dalton is a prime example. With his dedication and heart for service, look for him on the International level one day!

Please keep Compass in the forefront of your plans and goals for your district going forward. We do not want to lose these energetic young leaders.

Learn more about Compass Club International by visiting: https://www.compassclubintl.org/
**50 Years of Pilot Service**

**Pilot Club of Harrisonburg, Virginia District**

The Pilot Club of Harrisonburg had an amazing celebration honoring two members of their club who have been in the Pilot Club for 50 years! They explained, “We are so lucky to have Pam Bell and Roberta Shaw Hottinger (Bobbi) in our club!” They were also extremely glad their family and friends joined them for the festivities.

Pictured Front to Back: Bobbi Hottinger, Pam Bell,

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**A Pilot ABC Gift**

**Pilot Club of Jacksonville, Florida District**

Pick Me Ups are to support community caregivers. The Pilot Club of Jacksonville supported a group of caregivers at K9’s for Warriors. Homemade cookies and dog biscuits were baked and delivered Friday, March 18th, to the K9s for Warriors facility located at 114 Camp K9 Road, Ponte Vedra, FL. Delivering the homemade love were Pilot Club of Jacksonville members Dianne Werner and Carolyn Barrett.

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**Friendship and Service**

**Pilot Club of South Brevard, Florida District**

The Pilot Club of South Brevard was pleased to announce a new member, Trish Kern. They were delighted to have her join, and they look forward to more folks being initiated soon. They were thrilled to have so many events including two Brainminders™ activities at the Life Care Center of Melbourne and the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Caregivers Support Group in Palm Bay. They also had a Bunco fundraiser at Lamplight Village, a Sunset Riverboat Cruise, and a Humane Society Pick Me Up, where they donated items for animals and a thank-you basket for the employees. The club was excited to have elected their new officers and they are looking forward to another excellent year!

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**Beds for Volunteers**

**Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County, Alabama District**

The Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County recently volunteered building 60 beds in Moulton with the Moulton Lions Club and many other volunteers. The beds were built for the Hartselle Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. It is a wonderful organization that builds beds and provides pillows, blankets, sheets and comforters as well for those children in neighboring counties that do not have a bed to sleep in. In addition to helping with the build, the Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County presented President John with a $400.00 check.
St. Patrick's Day Dance Memory Unit
Pilot Club of Muncie, Mi/IN District

The Pilot Club of Muncie, Mi/IN District, held its annual St. Patrick’s Day Dance in the Memory Unit, at Muncie Estates, Muncie, IN.

Pilots provided decorations, nail polishing, dancing partners and snacks to help enjoy the afternoon.

Pictured: Myra Fraley, admiring resident’s nails and Kathy Brinson, dancing.

VFW Donation
Pilot Club of Cullman, Alabama District

The Pilot Club of Cullman donated $2000.00 to local VFW 2214 for Stellate Ganglion Shot for PTSD.

Pictured: Stephanie Dye, President of the Pilot Club presenting the check to Brian Monk, VFW 2214 Post Commander.

Robotic Cats for Dementia Clients
Pilot Club of Tallahassee, Florida District

The Pilot Club of Tallahassee, Inc. received a $1,224 matching grant from Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) for robotic pets for the Alzheimer’s Project clients. With the funding from PIFF, the club was able to donate 20 robotic cats. It is hoped that the cats will help dementia clients fight isolation and loneliness. The robotic cats improve the dementia client’s mood and reduce instances of depression because the client now has a companion that can provide interaction. The cats respond to petting, hugging and motion, much like real pets. On February 28th, the cats were presented to the staff of the Alzheimer’s Project and on March 2nd, we presented Ms. Helen Hall, an Alzheimer’s Project client, with her own cat.

Back to the 50’s Sock Hop
Pilot Club of Lufkin, Texas District

The Pilot Club of Lufkin, Texas organized a Back to the ’50s Sock Hop on the Saturday before Valentine’s Day. This was a fundraiser for the club. During the evening, we crowned a King and Queen of Dance. The photo cutline is as follows:

The Pilot Club of Lufkin, Texas crowned a King and Queen of Dance during its Back to the ’50s Sock Hop on Feb. 12. Left to right are LaTonia Sanders, President of the Lufkin club; King of Dance Texas TBI camper Tommy; Queen of Dance, Krista Spano, member of the Wharton Pilot Club and guardian of Tommy; and Anya Lundberg, fundraising division coordinator for Lufkin.
Pilot Club News

**Brain Awareness Week**

**Pilot Club of Great Bend, Heartland District**

Great Bend Pilots held a proclamation signing with Mayor Cody Schmidt for Brain Awareness week March 14–20, uniting efforts of partner organizations worldwide like Pilot International and the Pilot Club of Great Bend to bringing awareness to people of all ages by raising consciousness on issues about brain related diseases and illness (Autism & Alzheimer’s) as well as injury prevention and brain safety to help prevent traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Year-round the Pilot Club of Great Bend supports the overall service focus of Pilot International; brain safety, brain research, and assistance to those with brain-related disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease, chemical dependency, traumatic brain injuries, cancer, autism and other developmental, emotional and mental disabilities.

Public outreach and education serve as a cornerstone to promote understanding of the brain and nervous system. Increasingly, Brain awareness efforts are taking place year-round. Compelling stories about the impact of neuroscience research is being shared with educators and the public.

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**Infinity Game Boards**

**Pilot Club of Decatur, Alabama District**

Through a Matching Grant from Pilot International Founders Fund, the Pilot Club of Decatur was able to purchase two 32” Infinity Game Boards for the Bill Steward Center in Moulton. The Bill Steward Center mission is to provide support and services for adults with development and/or physical disabilities, that recognizes their strengths, dreams, and preference for each individual; to empower each individual to live, work and recreate in their community with dignity and independence. Each game board has 36 games and additional games can be downloaded. The Pilot Club of Decatur will continue working with the Bill Steward Center to help individuals learn and interact on these Game Boards. With 50 years of service in their community, the Pilot Club of Decatur continually looks for opportunities to help and support our area.

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**Helmets and Bikes**

**Pilot Club of Macon, Georgia District**

Pilot Club donated helmets to Wellspring Wellness Center. Wellspring Wellness Center’s purpose is to provide therapy services through a physical and spiritual investment in both children and their families in a Christ centered environment. Each adapted bike is custom made based on the child’s individual needs and costs around $4000.

Pictured L to R: Pilots Dyann Moore, Surelle Pinkston, Pat Vickers, Beth Bryan Managing Director of Wellspring Wellness Center, and Cynthia Pitts.
On Saturday, January 22, 2022 the hybrid Charter Ceremony, installation of Officers and Initiation of new members for the Sunset Pilot Club of Grand Bahama was conducted at the Oceansblue Restaurant, in Freeport, Bahamas. Charter President Franklyn McCoy, received the official Club Banner and Gavel from Bahamas District Governor, Karen Ferguson-Bain. President Franklyn begins with a rich club legacy of outstanding accomplishments as the 1st. Pilot Club chartered within the 100 years celebration of Pilot International organization; 1st. CO-ED Pilot Club on the island of Grand Bahama, Bahamas District and being the 1st. male President of a Pilot Club on the island of Grand Bahama.

It was an honour to have our Bahamas District Administrative Council (DAC), Club Presidents and Past Governors in attendance, including PIP Debbie Archer. We acknowledge and extend a special thank you to all who logged on, joining the historic ceremony via zoom. We were privileged to have via zoom, Pilot International President Collett Cross who presented the Club’s Charter and Pilot International President-Elect / Executive Committee Representative (ECR) Rhona Espinoza, who installed President Franklyn and the Executive Board. President Franklyn’s sponsor is Pilot Toni Hudson-Bannister from the Pilot Club of Lucaya.
Looking for something to do on Friday night in Rochester?

Spikes and Mittsy invite you to play ball at 7:05 pm, Friday, July 1, at Frontier Field when the Rochester Red Wings play the Worcester Red Sox.

The Hardball Café at Frontier Field is the premier suite for viewing Red Wings baseball. The covered area located on the first-base suite level, includes bar tables, stools, and a drink rail with a great view of the game. It also features cable TV, private bathrooms and all the great benefits of a group outing.

This special outing event includes an all-you-can-eat perfect game buffet including:

- Char-Grilled Black Angus Burgers
- Jumbo Char-Grilled Zweigle’s Hot Dogs
- Chicken Fingers with Honey Mustard
- Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce
- Vegetable Tray with Ranch
- Pasta Salad
- Macaroni Salad
- Popcorn
- Potato Chips
- Soft Drinks

Following the ballgame enjoy a spectacular holiday fireworks display.

Enjoy the game, great food and fireworks with Pilots, Anchors, and Compass members for only $70 per person.

Transportation is included, but is not handicap accessible.

There is a limited number of tickets available. Get yours now!

Spikes and Mittsy want to see you there!
District Conventions

Thank you for attending the 2021-2022 Pilot International District Conventions.

See you in Rochester!
Memorial contributions to Pilot International, Inc. honor the memory of friends, relatives, and acquaintances. Memorial contributions support the programs and function of the Founders Fund and enhance the work of Pilot Clubs around the world. The name of the deceased is listed first in bold followed by the contributors.

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Shirley Pyle
Maryann Frazer
Judy Langley

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Nell Beasley

Ann Martin
Jim Martin

Barbara Moellman
Mary Mueller

Charlotte Bowers
Pilot Club of Toccoa

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Janna Dillon, Heartland District, 1998-99 Governor (formerly Kansas-Missouri District)
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Beverly Wilkes
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Cathy Schultz
Libba Robbins
Marie Gravely
Deborah Archer
Pat Wallace
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Vickie Green
Marian Smith
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South Carolina District Past Governors
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Nell Beasley

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Vivian Mussatto
Pilot Club of Jacksonville, IL

We apologize for our mistake.

Patricia Clauson
Pilot Club of South Bend
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**Honorariums**

**AL District Secretary Shauna Robertson** for her official visit  
Pilot Club of Heflin, AL

Amy Hurst  
Pilot Club of Kannapolis

Amy Martin, HQ Staff Member  
Shirley Pyle

Betty DuVall King  
Patti Davis-Bennett

Beverly Shean  
Alabama District

Beverly Wilkerson  
Alabama District

Beverly Wilkes  
Patti Davis-Bennett

Carol Riddell  
Patti Davis-Bennett

Carolyn Carter  
Patti Davis-Bennett

Claire Wells, HQ Staff Member  
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Virginia District

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Gail Massey  
Patti Davis-Bennett

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Patti Davis-Bennett

Janice Yielding  
Patti Davis-Bennett

Jeannie Todd  
Patti Davis-Bennett

Joseph Cunningham  
PA & JPA

Ms. Jerry Barnes  
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Pilot Club of Bishopville  
Judy Langley  
Debbie Hays  
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Libba Robbins  
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Michelle Bliss, HQ Staff Member  
Shirley Pyle

*Pansy Morgan*  
Pilot Club of Danville, VA  
(Received on 3/25/22)

Pat Gwyn, KY-OH-WV Governor-Elect  
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Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa, celebrating their 100th Anniversary  
Sherre McGinnis

Pilot Club of Twin Cities  
Vickie Green

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Pilot Club of Danville, VA

Susan Hoffmann (Past International President)  
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Tara Woodward  
Patti Davis-Bennett

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Bobbie Hudson  
Joanne Mason

Darlene Adams  
Cathy Moorehead

Dolores Savitsky  
Mollieann Gray

J.D. & Margot Jordan  
Vickie Green

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Michelle Black

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Pat Wallace  
Dot Franklin

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Maureen Durham

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The Westin Charlotte

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Oklahoma City, OK
The Omni