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Convention Wrap-Up

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Welcome Pilots,

From the opening session until the installation of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee, the 2021 Pilot International Convention and 100 Year Anniversary celebration was an incredible experience for more than 650 Pilots, Co-Pilots, Anchors, one Compass member, and guests. Having missed a convention last year, Pilots were overjoyed to reunite with Pilot friends in Atlanta this year.

I attended my first Pilot International Convention in Atlanta in 1979. I didn’t even know enough to take my Pilot pin to wear! My most vivid memory of that convention was seeing and hearing the excitement as Pilots greeted each other. Obviously, I never dreamed that I would return to Atlanta 12 years later and be installed as Pilot International President!

Pilot International has existed for 100 years because of friendships like those I witnessed in 1979 and like those we experienced during the 2021 convention.

The celebration of our 100-year anniversary will continue throughout the coming year; 2021-2022 will also be a year of preparation for the next 100 years. What we do or do not do this year will determine the path that Pilots who come after us will follow.

You have elected club, district, and international leaders. We accept the responsibilities you have entrusted us with; however, every Pilot must be committed to doing everything he or she can to ensure the Pilot principles of Friendship and Service are valued and preserved.

During the convention, I announced that Forward Together ~ Believe in the Possibilities is the focus for 2021-2022. The reason for this focus and the plan to achieve is described on pages 22 and 23.

I ask each of you to embrace this focus by believing in the possibilities and commit yourself to work with others that together we will move Pilot forward.

We honored the past throughout convention; it is now time for us to envision the future. We must see the invisible and do the impossible!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. I will proudly and humbly represent Pilot to the best of my ability.

Enjoy this issue of the Pilot Log and start making plans to be a part of the 2022 PI Convention in Rochester, New York. In your service,

Collett Cross
2021-2022 President
Pilot International
HELMET GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Helmet Matching Grant Applications will be reviewed quarterly by the Helmet Grant Committee. If you haven’t applied before, now is a great time to do so. The deadlines for each quarter are on or before:

- September 15th
- December 15th
- March 15th
- June 15th

To get started, please visit: https://www.thehelmetpeople.com

PICK ME UP (PMU) APPLICATIONS

Pick Me Up (PMU) Grants are to be used to fund projects which are planned but have not yet been completed. Did you know that doing something meaningful not only brings joy to the recipient, but it will also increase your happiness? Providing a PMU not only provides the caregiver with a sense that someone cares about them, it also gives Pilot International greater visibility in your communities.

To get started, please visit: https://www.pilotinternational.org/member-resource-category/pick-me-up-resources/

SELECT YOUR CLUB AMBASSADOR

To celebrate Founders’ Month, Clubs may honor one or more members by designating her/him as the Pilot International Club Ambassador. This candidate should: 1) Be active in an assigned role within the club. 2) Promote and support Pilot International and its activities. 3) Be active in a project that addresses one of Pilot International’s core areas of service focus: Brain Safety & Health, and/or Supporting Those Who Care For Others. 4) Be faithful in attending meetings and give generously of his/her time to assist with service projects and fundraising activities.

The name of the Pilot International Club Ambassador and a minimum donation of $25 should be sent to Pilot International and postmarked by September 30th to ensure listing in the Winter issue of The Pilot Log.

Contributions honoring Club Ambassadors benefit the Safe Harbor Fund which provides financial assistance to Pilots when they suffer loss from natural disasters. The Ambassador guidelines, Ambassador certificate and contribution form can be found on the PI website under Top Member Resources.

To get started, please visit: https://www.pilotinternational.org/member-resource-category/ambassador-resources/

HERITAGE GARDEN BRICK ORDER FORM

September 15th is the quarterly deadline to order bricks. Remember, each 4x8 brick is $100. Here is the brick order form for your reference: https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-Brick-Order-Form.pdf

FALL WORKSHOPS

Your Fall Workshop may not look the same as in years past; however, a lot of planning has taken place for it. Whether it’s “in person” or “virtual”, please make a special effort to whom you haven’t seen since last year’s Fall Workshop. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with your Pilot friends across the District learn new things, grow in your Pilot knowledge and continue your Pilot journey! Districts are reminded to celebrate Pilot International’s 100th Anniversary in some special way during your Fall Council/Fall Workshop.

GIVING TUESDAY

Although it’s a few months away, mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday 2021 on November 30th! Remember, this is a great way to kick off the season of giving. Last year, YOU helped us exceed our $15,000 goal by over $6000!
Carol explains, "Because of you, Pilot has a strong foundation and a heritage of which we are proud." Past Pilot International Presidents, two by two, begin walking up to the stage. Carol thanks Past International Presidents for their Tuscaloosa, for your outstanding service to Pilot and for being here for our celebration.

Carol Riddell, 2021 Pilot International Convention Vice Chair, joins the stage to announce the two Pilot Clubs celebrating 100 years of Pilot Friendship and Service in 2021-2022.

Carol explains, "The first meeting of the Pilot Club of Macon – and Pilot International – was held on October 18, 1921. We welcome the two Pilot Clubs celebrating 100 years of Pilot Friendship and Service with your Pilot friends," 2020-2021 PI President Peggy Benton announced.

You keep Pilot International on a True Course Ever.

Thank you, Executive Committee, for your leadership. You keep Pilot International on a True Course Ever.

We were delighted to welcome 26 Past International Presidents to the once in a lifetime event. Thank you, Executive Committee, for your leadership.

The Executive Committee members have served their districts well through virtual meetings and/or in-person meetings. They did not let COVID slow them down. They adjusted to the situation.

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Betty DuVall King, 1976-1977
Phyllis Mayne, 1985-1986
Sue Treutwell Basin, 1890-1991
Nancy Lee Bowen, 1992-1993
Janice Watson, 1993-1994
Joanne Horton, 1996-1997
Lily Moore, 1997-1998
Nancy Henrick, 1998-1999
Diana Kingree, 1999-2000
Laura Keever, 2000-2001
Sharon Slusher, 2001-2002
Cindy Weaver, 2005-2006
Judy Breaud, 2007-2008
Debbie Archer, 2008-2009
Pat Jarvis, 2009-2010
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Beverly Wilkes, 2011-2012
Winnie Brewer, 2012-2013
Judy Langley, 2013-2014
Sherry Johnson, 2014-2015
Shannon Clegg, 2015-2016
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Faith Stamps, 2017-2018
Karen Culp, 2018-2019
Debbie Hays, 2019-2020

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2020-2021 Pilot International Governors

2020-2021 President Peggy Benton soon calls the 2020-2021 Governors to the stage to recognize their hard work and dedication to their districts and to Pilot International.

Jennifer Clark – Alabama District
Tiffany Glass – Bahamas District
Melanie Zimmer – COED District
Beverly Shean – Florida District
Susan Hardin – Georgia District
Sheila Evans – Heartland District
Koko Nakajima – Japan District
Marie Gravely – Ky-OH-WV
Linda Brady – Louisiana District
Teresa Begley – Michigan Indiana District
Rebecca Jones – Midwest District
Michelle Ellis – Mississippi District
Kim Smith – North Carolina District
Lisa Caselles – Northeast Potomac District
Celeste Sherer – South Carolina District
Nancy Schmierbra – Southwestern District
Dana Sehner – Tennessee District
Linda Vadasvik – Texas District
Jean Brown May – Virginia District

PI Inspirational Leader Shirley King delivered the PI Inspirational message. Shirley served as 2011-2012 South Carolina Governor and was a mentor. Shirley is now an active member of CSRA Pilot Club, Georgia District. Shirley shares her love for Pilot with the Georgia District and the South Carolina District.

As a Pilot, you are a leader. You are a guide. You are a friend. You are a servant. Ghandi once wrote: The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. When you joined Pilot International, you made the choice to do more, care more and to be more in the service to your community. And Yes, You chose the Code of Ethics as your GUIDE!

The ceremony concluded with a thank you message to the 100th Anniversary Donors from 2020-2021 President Peggy Benton. She concludes, “It is through Pilot donations that we can carry out the mission of Pilot International. The generosity of Pilots is immeasurable and greatly appreciated.”

Peggy also recognized the 100th Anniversary Committee for working for five years planning this celebration at Convention and special activities throughout the year 2021. Peggy explains, “They have done amazing things at our PI Headquarters. Donations were designated for the Heritage Library, the Donor Recognition Room, the new Archives Room and the Heritage Garden. These ladies took on the task of raising money and making the improvements we needed. Those taking the tour of our gorgeous Headquarters on Friday are in for a real treat. Thank you Laura Keever, Judy Langley, Beverly Wilkes, Ann Adams, Connie Moore, Debbie Arche, and Pat Jarvis for all your hard work.”

Also, thank you to our 2021 Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference sponsors and entertainers listed below for their amazing performances. The amazing speakers made a lasting impression on the Anchors while meeting with them.
Pilot members finished Wednesday night Opening Ceremony by continuing the celebration with a piece of delicious 100 Year Anniversary cake and a beverage. The longevity and success of Pilot for 100 years is a result of the leadership of many devoted Pilots. The vision of Pilot’s Founders is truly remarkable. Women had only been able to vote for three years yet these founding women foresaw not a local organization, not a state organization, not even a national organization, but an international organization in their future.

Derrick and Julie Tennant entertained and inspired the audience on Thursday morning. We were motivated to Do More, Care More, and Be More as they shared their journey and the impact it has had on their lives. Pilot business consisted of approving the 2021-2022 budget, electing officers, and passing a bylaw amendment to allow for an electronic and/or postal vote when a Club meeting, District Meeting, or an International Convention cannot be held (Bylaw Article XXXVI) on Thursday, July 8.

Pilot members also attended Council of Leaders (COL) titled, “All I Really Need to Know about Pilot I Learned in COL,” held for District Leaders. COL was designed to provide nuts and bolts training for District leaders that can be shared during their Fall council/Workshop. Districts are reminded to celebrate Pilot International’s 100th Anniversary in some special way during their Fall Council/Fall Workshop and to share their pictures with PI Headquarters by email to: communications@pilothq.org.

## FUNDRAISERS

Much appreciation is expressed to the Pilot International HQ Staff, Convention Planning Committee, Executive Committee, Districts and Individuals who donated items/funds for items, EXPO Vendors, the Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) Committee and those who participated in all the fundraising activities at the 2021 Annual Convention & Leadership Conference. Together, we raised $13,720 through Calcutta, $6,555 through the Hotlanta Silent Auction, Hotlanta Raffle, and Beat the Odds Raffle; and $18,320 through the performance by the TAMIS!

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

Each District enjoyed a luncheon and a meeting time on Thursday or Saturday. Valuable fellowship and information were shared as Pilots gathered by District. Photographer Melodie Purcell captured these special group meetings on camera.

## WORKSHOPS

Friday offered many opportunities for Pilots to gain valuable information through workshops. The topics included:

- ANCHORS’ TIPS ON USING SOCIAL MEDIA
- BRAINMINDERS™ UPDATES & BRAIN-O FUNDRAISER
- FIDGET BLANKETS
- LEADING PILOTS INTO THE NEXT 100 YEARS
- MEMBERCLUBS
- SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS
- HOW TO START AN ANCHOR/COMPASS CLUB
- MENTORING
- REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS
- ZOOM, POWERPOINT & GOOGLE
- ALL ABOUT HELMETS
- DESIGNING NEWSLETTERS & BULLETINS
- MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: WAYS TO SECURE OUR FUTURE
- RAISING FUNDS OF THE FUTURE: INNOVATIVE IDEAS
- SERVICE PROJECTS SHAPING OUR FUTURE

The wide variety of topics provided Pilots many choices throughout the day.
Pilots had many options to occupy their day on Friday. Approximately 250 chose to tour PI Headquarters and our beautiful Heritage Garden. The Pilot Club of Macon graciously provided refreshments. Past International Presidents guided Pilots throughout our lovely building.

Thank you for being part of the Pilot International 100th anniversary of Friendship and Service with your Pilot friends.
Satuday, the final day of convention, was a day of recognition as individuals and clubs were recognized for their accomplishments during the awards presentations. Victoria Huggins joined the stage to educate and inspire us to be advocates for those with Alzheimer’s and to join the cause to end Alzheimer’s. Victoria Huggins, in her keynote address, reminded us of the difference we make in the lives of others through our support of brain safety and health and support of those who care for others.

2020-2021 President Peggy Benton announced Pilot International has two Lifetime Achievement winners. Debbie Hays, 2019-2020 Pilot International President, presented the first award to Carol Sanders and congratulated her for all of her achievements.

2020-2021 President Peggy Benton also honored another special Pilot, Shirley Pyle, with the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award. Peggy explains, “This person’s passion for Pilot shows in all she does. She loves the Pilot International Founders Fund and fundraising. She has definitely learned the art of fundraising. In addition to her love for Pilot, she enjoys going to the Daytona International Speedway. Her love for nature shows in most of her Facebook posts. She’s frequently featured in her pictures. This Pilot has many outstanding qualities but one of the most precious is her kind heart.” It takes many dedicated Pilot volunteers working for Pilot...

Pilot International’s Hundredth Anniversary Service Project Commemorates One Hundred Years of Service in the Macon Community

Pilot International’s Hundredth Anniversary Service Project relates back to the organization’s early beginnings. Soon after Pilot was organized, a school bond proposal failed due to lack of interest in the community. So, as their first civic project, Pilots secured enough petitions to call for another vote. Pilots encouraged people to vote and the bond issue passed. To honor the first service project by the Pilot Club of Macon, the Hundredth Anniversary Service Project was selected to parallel the original project’s focus. It was decided that Pilots would donate school supplies for children in schools in Bibb County School District, Georgia.

Clubs, groups, and individuals within the Pilot organization generously contributed a total of $21,805 for classroom supplies. This allowed us to purchase enough supplies for 429 classrooms in 16 priority-needs schools. Bibb County School District Communications Specialist Jeremy Timmerman provided the names of the schools with the greatest need for school supplies. Senior General Manager of Office Depot James Allen assisted with the bulk purchase of school supplies, storage of these supplies, packing of the 429 boxes, and delivering the boxes to PI Headquarters. On August 27, 2021, Hundredth Anniversary Committee Chair Laura Keever, Committee Member Judy Langley, and 2020-2021 PI President Peggy Benton were joined by the 2021-2022 Pilot International Executive Committee to deliver the boxes of school supplies to each school.

From 1921 to 2021 and beyond, Pilots improve the lives of others in their communities through outstanding service projects, not only in the United States, but also globally where Pilot Clubs exist.

Additional 100th Anniversary Donors

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- Akita Pilot Club
- Akron
- Andalusia
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- Athens
- Atlanta
- Aynor
- Battlefield
- Bay City
- Baytown
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- Great Bend
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- Greater Toledo
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- Sayville
- Scott County
- Scottish Laurinburg
- Sendai
- Seneca
- Shiner
- South Bend
- Springfield
- St. Albans
- Sumter
- Takasaki
- Tallahasee
- Tarboro
- Toccoa
- Toyama
- Tuscaloosa
- Twin Cities
- Valdes
- Valley Forge
- Washington County
- West Chambers County
- Wharton
- Wing Hiroshima
- Winfield

**Districts**

- Alabama
- Bahamas
- KY-OH-WV
- Louisiana
- Michigan-Indiana
- Midwest
- North Carolina
- Northeast Potomac
- Virginia

**Special Groups**

- NEPOT Past Governors
- 2019-2020 Governors & President Deborah Hays

- Brentwood High School
Why do we have Pilot ABCs?
Individuals unfamiliar with Pilot International often assume we fly planes. After Pilots explain that we do not fly planes, we are often asked what do we do. We sometimes give our elevator speech which includes our principles, mission, and two focus areas.

With the reinstatement of Compass Clubs and promotion of Pilot, Anchor, and Compass as equals in Pilot International, the ABCs were redefined to be a marketing tool that define what we do as Pilots.

Citing the ABCs is another concise explanation of who we are and what we do.

Advocating Leadership and Service in Youth and Young Adults
The purpose of Pilot’s service is to be fully committed to the promotion and encouragement of youth development and leadership through our Anchor and Compass Clubs.

Youth Development & Leadership may include but are not limited to:

- Create, promote, support, and sustain quality program service initiatives in our Anchor and Compass Clubs.
- Leadership development opportunities for Anchor and Compass Clubs.

Brain Safety and Health
The purpose of Pilot’s service focus is to promote and encourage awareness of brain safety and health and to improve the lives of those affected through education, prevention programs, volunteer activities, financial support, and research.

Brain Safety and Health may include but are not limited to:

- Prevention of Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI): Head injuries caused by accidents
- BrainMinders™: Keeping brains safe
- Safety Fairs and Bicycle Rodeos
- Healthy Lifestyle Programs to keep brains safe (healthy eating, drug/alcohol awareness, exercise)

Caring and Supporting Families in Times of Need
Pilot International is an organization that cares. By caring and supporting families in times of need, Pilot International and its members show that we CARE MORE.

Caring for Families in Times of Need may include but are not limited to:

- Pick Me Ups to support community caregivers (i.e. Caregiver Recognition Luncheon with speaker or by recognizing a group of Caregivers at a specific location)
- Provide equipment for assisted living or hospice facility, emergency and response providers
- Support of any program that helps families in need
- Develop a program to kick off International Care and Kindness Week.

BrainMinders™
The BrainMinder Committee wishes to express our sincere thanks to Kyle Jones and Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church for their service in developing the videos for the BrainMinder™ program. The committee decided to create these videos during the pandemic to allow our clubs to continue to work to spread the message, “Protect Your Brain for Life”. This service was provided without cost to us. Pilots from the CSRA club along with Judy Langley and Peggy Benton were the puppeteers.

Beth Copeland, committee member, presented this plaque to Kyle Jones in Augusta, Georgia.
To add to the excitement 2020-2021 PI President Peggy Benton announced the meaning of Envision 100. She explains, “Since this year marks Pilot International’s 100 years of friendship and service, we would like to celebrate by having a significant impact on our communities and by helping numerous students for the next 100 years. The Envision 100 Initiative’s goal is to “Envision 100 – Celebrating 100 years …Charting a course to award 100 Grants and Scholarships.”

Our mission is to award 100 Grants and Scholarship that will positively impact communities and scholars throughout the world. We hope to do this in two phases. The first phase, Envision 100, is the fundraising phase. This is where we need your help through donations. The second phase, Impact 100, is the awarding of the 100 grants and scholarships to assist Pilot Clubs with their service projects and to help students who choose to continue their education.

Our goal to be able to provide these 100 grants and scholarships is $150,000. We know it is an ambitious goal. We also know how generous Pilots are. Become a part of this historic initiative and assist our 2021-2022 Goal for Grants and Scholarships fundraising goal of $150,000. Help make the future brighter for our communities and scholars. We know that we together can achieve this goal. Learn more about Envision 100 by visiting the Pilot International website: https://pilotinternational.org/envision100
Vision Statement
written by 2021-2022 President Collett Cross

Vision Statement – Wow! That sounds very lofty, however, if you google vision statement you will find that “a vision statement is a sentence or short paragraph that succinctly describes goals”.

We need to help each other with this one. I think we concentrate on our own clubs and fail to think about individuals we know in other locations who would be excellent Pilot members.

If that goal is achieved, we can add 19 Clubs this year. Some of you, I hope not many, are sitting there thinking, “Well, that won’t work.”

Second, I have asked each Governor to work to charter a club in her District, and hopefully not lose any of the existing Clubs. Yes, I do not think it is impossible that everyone in this room could sponsor a Pilot next year, but it may not be realistic. However, some of us can. I have asked the Governors to strive for a net gain of three to five members in each of their District’s clubs. I believe that is a very possible, very realistic, and very modest goal. Can we talk?

First, we need to have net gains in members of individual clubs. The more members we have, the more we can accomplish for Pilot. Also, many hands make light work. Can we talk? If you know anyone in your own world who is not a Pilot, please raise your hand.

Council of Leaders District Vision Boards

This past year many Clubs and Districts challenged the pandemic through creative and innovative thinking. When “doing business as usual” was not an option, Pilots explored doing things differently or doing different things. We are only limited by our own thoughts and actions!

In 1901, a Minnesota newspaper reported that President Theodore Roosevelt wanted his warships on the move, and that they would rust and rot if left in the harbor. Twenty-seven years later, a professor by the name of John A. Shedd solidified Roosevelt’s sentiment into a pithy, memorable quote to share with the world, reminding us that great experiences are sometimes found over the horizon. Just as ships are meant to sail the seas, so too are we meant to explore new ideas and experiences.

Some of us remember Joan Rivers. Others of you are saying, “Joan who?” She was a comedian and talk show host who coined the catchphrase, “Can we talk?” I’m not Joan Rivers, but can we talk for a few minutes this afternoon? I want to see some body language and prefer that it be positive, but want it to be honest expressions of how you feel.

Put our beliefs into action! We accomplish only what we believe we can accomplish and commit ourselves to doing. I think that might be called “walking the talk”. Can we talk? Remember the story, “The Little Engine That Could”?

We don’t need to be a reservoir; we need to be a river.

In order for these goals to be accomplished, we must believe that we can do it and put our beliefs into action! We accomplish only what we believe we can accomplish and commit ourselves to doing. I think that might be called “walking the talk”. Can we talk?

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True Course Ever
100 Years of Pilot International

"Welcome, Pilots and guests, to an evening of remembrance & celebration, as you witness the history of the individuals who will lead our organization during the 100th year anniversary of Pilot International. This evening, we will honor the 2021-2022 International President Peggy Benton as she takes the helm of Pilot International.

Peggy Benton is a member of the Pilot Club of Mantachie, Mississippi, and has been a dedicated member of Pilot International for many years. She has contributed much to Pilot International at the club, district, and international levels, and has reached the pinnacle of Pilot leadership with her election as President. Peggy Benton is expected to promote the Pilot principles of Friendship and Service and to inspire our members to greater volunteer achievements. Through her efforts, she will work to strengthen our organization and ensure its growth and development.

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As the gavel is passed to Collett, the Past International Presidents are also bidding their support to her as she serves as President. To borrow from Dr. Seuss, "You are a community full of plans to be sure, oh, the possibilities we have today, to make our world even greater in the future." To borrow from Dr. Seuss, "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose," and you are the Pilots who will decide where you go in the next 100 years. Therefore, give your very best, so that Pilot will be better because you have been a member and have served others. We look forward to hearing from the Executive Committee group of leaders inspired us to challenge ourselves to change our ways of doing things, etc. had to be developed differently.

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Farewell to 2020-2021 PI President Peggy Benton

Excerpt taken from the State of the Organization Address

During a challenging year, Pilots found new ways to meet, raise funds and serve their communities. They let Pilot be the one to guide them. Through the generosity of Pilots, we were able to award 12 matching grants totaling $24,296.82. The Scholarship Committee awarded 39 scholarships totaling $53,000. Clubs continued to support those who care for others through Pick Me Ups. 20 clubs were awarded Pick Me Up grants totaling $9840. Helmet grants were awarded to 8 clubs for a total of $980. Your donations to the Goal for Grants and Scholarship Fund allows us to continue serving our communities through matching grants and supporting our future scholars through scholarships.

The total raised for Giving Tuesday was $16,350. This was the best year yet for Giving Tuesday. We exceeded our goal of $10,000 by $6350. We could not do this without the help of our members. Thank you! You are truly amazing.

The PI Power Hour was added this year. The Power Hour provided training and updates on Pilot International. Topics included MemberClicks, Virtual Fundraising, Pick Me Ups and Helmet Grants, Matching Grants, Scholarships, Pilot and Anchor Awards, BrainMinders™, District and PI officer nomination procedures, ordering helmets, and a PI Convention overview. We are pleased with the success of this training and plan to continue it next year.

Pilot Headquarters has had a facelift. Much work has been done both inside and out. The 100th Anniversary Committee asked for your help and you responded. Thanks to your generosity the grounds and Heritage garden are beautiful. New markers of Pilot milestones have been put in place in the garden. We have a new Archives Room where Pilots can enjoy looking at Pilot history in a comfortable setting. In the Heritage Library visitors can look at Pilot memorabilia including a pictorial walk through history.

The Donor Wall in the Donor Room is amazing. Andy Brinkley, the owner of Andy Brinkley Studios in Connelly Springs, North Carolina, designed the tree sculpture on the wall. Andy specializes in sculptures made of brass and copper.

The leaves on the tree are copper frames. The names of donors for each level are in these frames.

“I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their hard work and dedication this year. I could not have done it without them. My club, the Clarendon Pilot Club and my South Carolina District have shown continued support during my tenure on the Executive Committee. Thank you all. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank my husband, Larry Benton, for the support he has given me not only this year but during my six-year tenure on the Pilot International Executive Committee. He has been there for me throughout my entire journey.”

- 2020-2021 Pilot International President, Peggy Benton
Atlanta did not disappoint! We had an extraordinary group in the capital of the Peach State consisting of thirty-nine Anchors, eight Advisors plus three Pilot chaperones representing ten Districts.

Anchors led their own leadership workshop, held team building activities including the service project and a lot of singing and dancing kept them entertained! They connected with each other, shared ideas, made friends and had a lot of fun. The speakers were a big hit with Julie Tennant being made an Honorary Anchor. Derrick Tennant stayed and entertained everyone with magic tricks while the Anchors worked on their service project and welcomed Julie to join in the fun. She even joined us for game night! Victoria Huggins gave a wonderful speech on her experiences working with Alzheimer’s. The Varsity was a fun trip to a true Atlanta icon and the World of Coke was a hit proven with a lot of Coke store bags in tow as we walked back to the hotel.

Awards were given to very deserving Anchors, Clubs, Advisors and sponsoring Pilot Clubs. We are very proud of these incredible people who inspire us every day. Anchors led their own Leadership Workshop to discuss the characteristics of a leader. Their ideas were shared and created a great deal of interaction. Lisa Palmquist presented a personality workshop, “Are You a Squiggle” which gave the Anchors insight into their personality traits and how they reflect their leadership skills and decision-making qualities. Team building came in many forms—the service project, games, and full-on interaction with all Anchors participating together.

Magdalene Skaziak from the Compass Club of Troy University spoke to the Anchors about her experiences with Compass. She has been involved with Anchor and Compass for eight years now and has led her Compass Club to enormous success.

Once again, we conducted a workshop for Pilots entitled “Anchor’s Tips on Using Social Media” and it was very well received. We are happy that this will be a permanent workshop at Convention for years to come.

Our service project was creating artwork from plastic bottle caps. The Anchors created five beautiful pieces of art that will be donated to local schools in Macon, Georgia, where Pilot began one hundred years ago. Everyone loved this project, and many took caps home with them to share the idea with their own clubs.

Cultural Exchange was again a huge hit. Each District had wonderful displays of their culture and shared with everyone and learned even more about their new friends. They were thrilled to have President Collett Cross visit and experience the fun as well.

The group of Anchors we had were indeed special...they connected immediately, interacted so well and made friendships that will surely last a lifetime. This was most evident on Game Night with the singing and dancing...even the Advisors joined in the fun!

Overall, Atlanta gave us some wonderful learning, inspiration and great times. I am looking forward to the next Summit and hope to see MANY of you in Rochester!!

**Please note that due to unexpected time constraints, the Anchor Panel that was scheduled at the end of the Awards Ceremony did not take place. All efforts will be made to ensure that this favorite event will take place in Rochester.**
One of the highlights of Summit was hearing Grant Mahlmann read his winning essay, which commemorates the United Nations International Youth Day. Grant is a member of the Anchor Club of Brenham, Texas, has recently graduated, and will be attending Blinn College in Brenham, where he will be studying accounting to pursue a career as a Certified Public Accountant. In his essay, he shares his outlook on technology in today’s world, which has become so prevalent in recent times.

Youth and Technology in a Changing World

In today's world, technology is integral to everyone's lives, especially to teens and young adults that utilize the internet in so many ways. It is undeniable that technology has both positive and negative influences on youth. The same device that can be used to spread awareness of a cause can also be used to spread harm. Without a doubt, technology causes the loss of concentration among adolescents by distracting them. Socializing on the internet makes them prioritize themselves to be constantly on their phones. With numerous amounts of different social media platforms and ways to communicate online now, adolescents are focusing their attention on the connections they make on the internet. However, because of their constant presence on the internet, they can communicate and spread awareness of events and projects far easier than before. Just a simple click or tap can make people more informed on current events and the state of their community. The positive effects of technology greatly outweigh the negatives as it allows for everyone to expand their impact and service to their community.

In my personal experience with technology, it has been a useful tool to further both my education and my community service. Because of how the COVID pandemic has affected the ways people get together and communicate, technology has been there to unite us. We can connect with our friends through text messaging, social media, and emails to help each other with projects and service activities. Clubs and organizations have relied on the use of various social media platforms and learning management systems, such as Google Classroom. Throughout this year, organizations had to effectively use these platforms to make their members aware of service projects and fundraisers to benefit the community. For example, in the National Honor Society, we were able to send emails to raise funds to bring the Imagination Library program to the Brenham community. With the use of emails, I was able to receive donations for this cause and bring the program to my community. The National Honor Society organization also let us help both students and the teachers at my high school through the Mentor Assist Program. The objective of which was to assist teachers during the time of increased technology usage in the classroom and remote learning during the COVID pandemic. Simple club fundraisers have also been impacted using technology. As a member of Anchor Club, I was able to sell tickets to family members by using Facebook and Instagram for our drive-thru meal fundraiser since I could not sell the tickets in person or door to door. With just a quick picture and a post on social media, I was able to sell more tickets than I could have by going around and selling them in person. Not only the means of fundraising has improved, but the gaining of new club members has also been impacted. Usually, I participated in Cub Prideland for Anchor Club, where a room of people with club banners and members promote an organization to incoming high school freshmen. This year, however, due to the lack of contact we can have with people, my club decided to participate in our first-ever promotional video for prospective members of Anchor Club for my high school. None of this compares to the learning management system we used to post about the new service projects, events, and activities that needed to be done in my National Honor Society organization. With the effective use of Google Classroom, we were able to be fully informed on when community service activities and fundraisers were happening and how one could participate and donate to those causes. It is usually hard for me to keep track of all the upcoming fundraisers and service projects I need to participate in, but the use of this learning management system aided me in being more organized.

Technology can help me expand my future service in my community by making me aware of each new service activity and event. Last March I participated in the March Brainminders Puppet Show, which is usually done by going to various schools to teach children about brain safety. However, due to the limitations this year, we cannot go to the schools to give a live performance of the show, but due to the benefits of technology, we can make a video of the performance to show to the children. This would not have been possible without the use of technology. It’s not only community service that is affected by the use of technology, but the learning environment both at high school and college has been drastically changed also. Now and in the future, I have had to utilize Zoom and online education platforms to complete assignments and exams for my college courses. I would have never believed that I would be taking virtual exams and learning new material without seeing my professors every school day. I am truly grateful for all the community service and volunteer activities that I have been able to participate in with the use of technology. In a changing world, technology will make people more aware of their communities and learn more with the aid of online educational systems that bring the classroom to everyone’s homes. The influence of technology on today’s youth is immeasurable, and it will continue to grow every generation, only to further expand everyone’s impact on their communities.

Grant Mahlmann

Celebrating All Anchor Awards Winners
Membership Recruitment
Securing Our Future
Written by Jayne Lackey
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By now each club should be well on the way to the beginning of a most exciting year of Pilot International, our 100th Anniversary.

A major goal for this important year is to increase our membership numbers. In order to gain new members, our first step must be RECRUITMENT – which is the action of finding new people to join an organization or support a cause. As Pilots we have the organization AND we have the cause. We are on the "true course ever." As you think about recruiting members take the time to go back and ask yourself, "Why did I join Pilot, what caught my attention, or who in the club caught my attention?" Would those same things still be apparent to prospective members today, or do we need to make changes so Pilot will still be attractive in today's world and the society we currently live in? Understanding that EVERY CLUB is different and there is NO set rules that work for all clubs collectively, we must search out what works best for each community environment in which we live.

One of the first misconceptions we have is we may think it obvious that if someone wants to be a Pilot and volunteer that he/she is just going to come to a meeting (if we have published our meeting time and location in numerous places) and join BUT, as is most often the case, that is far from the truth. More likely, that person is waiting on us to ASK if she/he would like to join with us for our cause and volunteer in the projects of Pilot; JUST ASK. One simple idea would be to have every member ask at least one person to your next meeting; you may be surprised at the outcome.

Pilots must be the ones to extend the invitation to attend meetings or a Share Pilot (I hope you still have Share Pilot meetings; they can be very productive). Better yet, invite prospective members to come and participate in a service project and let them see first hand what goes on during that time and see the teamwork that takes place during such an event. It's one thing for us to talk about our service projects, BUT it is altogether a different experience to actually participate in one.

You MUST be visible. Visibility is crucial in promoting your club. Use your social media outlets, both club and individual members, to promote upcoming meetings, activities and fundraisers AND always follow up with pictures of the activity so potential members can see what your club has going on and all the excitement created during the event(s). If your community still prints a daily or weekly newspaper, make sure you send photos of your activities, projects, pick-me-ups, new members, awards, any news regarding your club for print. The more avenues you have to share what your club is doing, the greater visibility you have in the community. These avenues of visibility will open up opportunities as you encounter people who will say to you, "I saw your picture in the paper (or on social media) the other day doing -------;" therein is your chance to open up that conversation and invite that person to visit at the next meeting or attend an activity. Don’t give up if at first they say no; try, try again!!

Always be prepared when you are talking with a prospective member for the "I can’t" response. I know when talking to prospective members they may, and most do, have a misconception that they MUST participate in EVERY project your club takes on. Such a misconception results in an immediate response of "I don’t have time to do all of that." BE PREPARED to let them know that each member is not expected to do everything that the club participates in. Each member does what he/she is able to do when possible. Let them know that Pilot members have different areas that each feel more comfortable working in, and that flexibility in participation helps make our clubs work stronger as a team effort.

By joining together, we indeed make a difference by using everyone’s skills and talents for good. We are meeting needs in the community, as we work together for a cause we believe in, and as we Do More, Care More and Be More for Pilot International. Go recruit those new members and let’s start this 100th Anniversary year moving Forward Together as we Believe the Possibilities!
Effective Leadership
Written by Debbie Ray
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Pilot Club of Nacogdoches

"I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."
- Robert McCloskey

As we emerge from a year of separation into a year of activity, now is a great time to revisit how to best communicate with your team.

Effective leadership begins with effective communication. When communication is given successfully it creates understanding, strengthens relationships, and improves teamwork. As you begin this new Pilot year, let’s focus on using communication tools to help your club move forward together.

Personal communication occurs through several paths – verbal, non-verbal, and listening. To be effective, each path must be clear, transparent, and customized to the recipient. You need to understand your message entirely, note make of the essential points, and prepare your message ahead of time. As you begin crafting your message, think about the desired outcome and what action you would like the recipient to take. Decide how you will communicate the message, and use the reminders below to assist in effectively communicating with your club members. This will require advance preparation, but some effort before you speak will result in better results afterwards.

Verbal Communication
When speaking aloud, make sure you are speaking at a moderate to slow pace, using a clear voice. Avoid using common filler words like "Um", "Almost", or "like". An effective message is concise, so don’t use 20 words when 10 words would do. Be specific in your language and emphasize the goal you want the team to achieve. If people don’t understand or aren’t aware of your expectations, they will fall short, so the more specific you can be, the better.

Non-Verbal Communication
Your body language is the process of communicating through facial expressions and movements. The impact of non-verbal communication is often underestimated. What you imply with your body is as important as what you actually say with your voice. An effective speaker uses open body language by having uncrossed arms and legs, faces fully toward the audience, and avoids distracting movements like twitching, tapping, or shaking. Try to control your facial movements by keeping a calm, neutral expression.

Listening
Communication is a two-way street, so effective listening is just as important as effective speaking. When you are receiving feedback from members, your verbal communication should show empathy by making direct eye contact with the speaker and keeping your facial expression calm and focused. Attempt to limit the distractions in your environment by putting away electronics and sitting in a quiet area to limit foot traffic. When appropriate, you can rephrase the feedback to ensure you’re hearing the message correctly.

Outside the Box Fundraising
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Luncheon Danville Pilot Club

Double Good Popcorn Sales Fundraiser
The Club sold gourmet popcorn through DoubleGood.com. All the sales were virtual, so the Club did not have to pre-buy a certain amount, nor did they have to deliver them. The company has set up a website for your club where participants can purchase the popcorn and have it directly shipped to their address. Other members of the club were also able to set up their own “pop-up store” and set monetary goals. Double Good also has an app that you can download so you can set up a store and see how your fundraiser is progressing. The Club had a limit of 4 days to sell the popcorn each time they did it. The Club sold popcorn in October and again in March (before Easter). There were no expenses, Net profit: $2,285.

Virtual Facebook Live Raffles Fundraiser
Club members elected to host Facebook Live Raffles. Members donated $100 worth of gift cards in amounts ranging from $10 to $50 each. Cards were packaged together to create 20 “bundles” with values between $25 - $100. Also had $100 CASH and $100 with of scratch-off lottery tickets. Chances were sold (3 chances for $20 OR 8 chances for $40). Winners did not have to be “online” to win. In addition to cash and checks, the Club established PayPal and CashApp accounts to collect electronic payments. Treasurer kept track of how many entries each donor was entitled to, and that number of entry tickets were entered into the drawings. On day of event a limited number of masked Pilots met, the wall behind them decorated for the occasion. At start time, connected LIVE on Facebook, one at a time each card package was announced (with amounts increasing) and a winner drawn. The winning card bundles were delivered by Pilot who sold the ticket OR mailed US postal service. Expenses were none (gift cards, cash and lottery tickets all donated). Net profit Mingle & Jingle $3,773 and the COVID Comedy $2,077.

While fundraising can be a challenge for some Clubs these ideas might spark enthusiasm in your Club to try “outside the box” fundraising.

Thank you, Shirley Pyle, for presenting an awesome Fundraising Workshop at the 2021 Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference. Pilot Clubs were highly creative in developing virtual fundraisers during the pandemic and continued to raise funds for Club Projects. Listed below are a few of the exciting virtual options for fundraising.

Beauty from Within Fundraiser
This was a virtual make-up class designed to teach females to love themselves with all their flaws and to be authentically themselves. It was hosted by Make Up Artist, Pilot Kaylisa Kemp CEO of Beauty From Within. It was created an Event Page on Facebook inviting people to acknowledge whether they would in attendance. Participants used their own make up, information regarding which make-up items required was sent to participants prior to the event. Participants were asked to share their before and after photos and Tag the Pilot Club of the event. Video was sent out via Instagram and Facebook counting down the start of the event. Participants were also given the opportunity to purchase a digital make-up guide by artist Kaylisa Kemp, designed to strengthen their knowledge of the applications and skills learned. There were no expenses to the club.

Virtual Bingo Nights Fundraiser
Hosted bingo nights on Zoom for the months of September, October, December, and March. The Club charged $20 which included 4 rounds of bingo and 8 cards to play. Also charged $5 if participants wanted to enter for the $50/50 raffle at the end of the night. Cards were purchased through MyFreerollingCards.com which also included a digital bingo caller and a way to send cards online. Payment was accepted through PayPal, Venmo, or check. Bingo nights typically took 4 hours and included bingo nights, music, and fun facts or jokes made by hosts. A PowerPoint presentation was also included with each bingo night that explained Pilot, the rules of the game, and what patterns would be played each round. Most of the bingo nights were themed (Halloween, Christmas, and St. Patrick’s Day). Club expenses were $10 to purchase 100 cards (first 30 are free) Net Profit: $830
Hi! Just a quick introduction - I hail from the great state of North Carolina, having served in Pilot since 2012 in the wonderful Pilot Club of Greensboro NC. I have had the honor of helping to charter two NC Anchor clubs and our NC Anchor District, and most recently became the Past District Governor in North Carolina.

Now it’s time to move to the fantastic opportunities in store to bring depth of knowledge, leadership, fun and friendship to the young students, kids, and teens awaiting our request to be part of our awesome organization! Think about when you feel empathy for a situation you hear or are part of; send a card/text/call of comfort to family, friends, or strangers, post encouraging thoughts and messages on social media, or are compelled to pick up litter on your lawn, the beach, or public place - This is Service! You are setting a positive example for those around you, without even realizing it. And we all know that someone will always be watching, so let’s add the young people in our midst to our equation to Do More, Care More, Be More. They have vitality, ideas, and want to make the world a better place.

How do we make the approach? With much of education devoted to service learning and its importance for the people involved and their communities, we have the perfect “in” to approach school systems and youth organizations with our unique and dynamic projects, our mission to increase youth leadership, and that scholarship opportunities abound. Our current Anchors can tell you that they thrive using Instagram and other social media outlets to meet, collaborate, and service their communities. And they love to volunteer!

We currently have more than 200 Anchor clubs with over 4200 members across 19 districts which include Bahamas, Japan, and South Africa. Thank you for your leadership for the success of our active Anchors! Ready to give more young people the opportunities of volunteering and service that we already enjoy? Let’s make it happen! I am excited to work with each of you to forward our mission!

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**Why Compass Clubs?**

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

Greetings, Pilots. My name is Janice Clark, a member of the Pilot Club of Prattville, Alabama District.

It is my pleasure to serve as the Pilot International Compass Coordinator for 2021-2022.

What a wonderful organization, Pilot International. We have three areas for service, Anchor, Compass, and Pilot. Why Compass Clubs? Compass is the Young Professionals division of Pilot International. Compass is a community-based service organization that affords the opportunity for men and women ages 18-26 and Japanese young adults, ages 18-28, to participate in service projects that benefit their communities. Compass Clubs assist in developing leadership skills to aid in advancement of personal and professional goals. Compass is the steppingstone for young professional adults to advance to membership in Pilot International. Pilot Club of Prattville, Alabama district, is the first club to welcome a former Compass member who wanted to continue his service in Pilot. Our club is excited to have him as a Pilot for many years to come.

Compass was given new life in 2018. Although we started slow, Compass is gaining traction and hopefully Compass Clubs will be chartered in every District. As of this writing, we have five clubs. Alabama, Florida, Texas, and the Bahamas are on board. Anchors are your best resource; they will want to continue their service with other young adults and professionals. Look around your community...do you have a college, University, technical school? Your Chamber of Commerce will be a great help in getting the word out! Young adults bring so much to the table, technology, new ideas, enthusiasm, and a willingness to serve.

Compass Clubs are sponsored by another Compass Club, Pilot member(s), Pilot club(s), Pilot districts, or Pilot International. A new Compass Club can be formed with a minimum of five (5) new members! Complete an “Intent to Charter” and submit to Pilot International Headquarters. Once it has been approved, the club sponsors can proceed with forming the club. Pilot International will issue the new club’s charter after receiving membership forms, dues, initiation fees, and insurance fees for the charter members.

The goal is for Compass Clubs to be successful in all areas - growth in membership, cooperation, unity, service, caring for one another and enthusiasm. All the above will help them in the future to become strong leaders and kind people with servant hearts.

To learn more about Compass club, visit the Compass website, www.compassclubintl.org.

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**Anchor Helmet Fitting Video Contest**

Anchor clubs will create a 3-5 minute helmet fitting video that will show the proper way to fit helmets.

The video will consist of a brief introduction of their Anchor Club/District and what members do as Anchors. Tell why they are making the video by promoting brain health and safety by using the Pilot International Helmet Guide as reference. You will also mention the mission of The Helmet People Project.

Add credits at the end of your video.

GET CREATIVE!

**Prizes:**

1st Place  
$100 cash gift for your club  
AND  
you will be featured in the Spring Pilot Log.

2nd Place  
$75 cash gift for your club

3rd Place  
$50 cash gift for your club

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**Anchor Club**  
**Written by Kim W, Smith**  
**2021-2022 Anchor Coordinator**  
**North Carolina District**  
**Pilot Club of Greensboro**
PILOT CLUB OF PRATTVILLE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Pilot Club of Prattville in Alabama is pleased to share that on May 10, 2021 they initiated a new member, Jeanette Neese and welcomed Dalton Keel who transferred from the Troy University Compass Club.

The Pilot Club of Prattville meets on the second Saturday of each month in the lunchroom of the New Hope Academy on Water Street in Prattville (at 9 a.m.). Ms. Neese is on faculty at New Hope Academy and heard about the Pilot Club when the club moved their meeting to the school when the previous meeting place (a local restaurant) went out of business.

Dalton graduated from Troy University in December 2020. He lives in Alexander City, Alabama and works in Wetumpka, Alabama. He chose to transfer to the Pilot Club of Prattville because we have a Saturday meeting.

PICTURED: Scottish Pilots Barbara Mack, Debbie Wike and Nancy Adcock present hand scrub and notes of appreciation to Paula Love, Director of the Scotland Cancer Treatment Center.

WALKER CADDIES

The Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County, Alabama District, have been busy with Walker Caddy presentations. Riverside Senior Living, Westminster Assisted Living, The Terrace at Priceville and Summerford Health and Rehab were the recipients of these Walker Caddies that velcro right on to the resident’s walker for them to carry around their personal items.

Great job Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County!

PILOT CLUB PARTICIPATES IN THE 5TH WOMEN IN MILITARY DAY

On March 5th the Pilot Club of Athens, Tennessee District, had the great honor to participate in the 5th Women in the Military Day in McMinn County. After a beautiful program of lady veterans speaking about their experiences and some still on active duty lunch was served by both Pilot Club of Athens and DAR to approximately 60 in attendance.

Pictured L-R: Cathy Brown, Linda Gray, Carolyn Allison, TeAnna McKinney, Carol Plemons

PICTURE OF PICK ME UPS DELIVERED

Pilot Club Of Akron, KY-OH-WV District, put together 100 Pick Me Up bags for the staff at Hope and Healing (Battered and Rape Crisis Center) in honor of Pilot International’s 100th Anniversary. They also received $120 from Pilot Internationals’ Helmet People project to purchase 10 helmets as part of their Brain Safety and Health focus. Warren Ski and Pedal Party Club were given free bike helmets, information on rider safety, instructed on the correct way to wear helmets, and Brainminders™ information to share with their children/grandchildren.

PICTURE OF PICK ME UP FOR THE SCOTLAND CANCER TREATMENT CENTER

The Scottish Pilot Club of Laurinburg, North Carolina District, recently provided a Pick Me Up for the staff at the Scotland Cancer Treatment Center. Personnel were pampered with hand massages in appreciation for the empathetic loving care they provide our community.

Pilot International has a Pick Me Up Program that recognizes caregivers. The Scottish Pilot Club received a grant from Pilot International to supplement the project to do something extra special for the nurses, medical providers, social worker and support staff of the Scotland Cancer Treatment Center. The activity coincided with National Nurses’ Week and National Hospital Week.

This Pick Me Up was personal to the Scottish Pilots for the care our members and their families received through the years. The professionalism and special touch of the staff supported our entire Club because we consider our members family. When they cared for one, they cared for all of us.

The Scottish Pilot Club has been a member of Pilot International, Inc. for 30 years.

PICTURED: Scottish Pilots Barbara Mack, Debbie Wike and Nancy Adcock present hand scrub and notes of appreciation to Paula Love, Director of the Scotland Cancer Treatment Center.
PILOT CLUB OF HOHENWALD

The Pilot Club of Hohenwald, Tennessee District, recently donated $1000.00 to the Lewis County Public Library and Archives expansion campaign, “Building for the Future—Preserving the Past.” Making the donation is Tennessee District Governor Lindsey Wayland surrounded by fellow members of Pilot Club of Hohenwald. Receiving the donation is Jaimee Troutt of the library. The Library and Archives is a long-term partner with Pilot, helping to support Pilot’s focus on brain safety and health by providing resources about dementia and meeting space for community education programs and for the Lewis County Alzheimer’s Support Group.

WOUNDED WARRIOR RETREATS

The Cope Foundation in Panama City sponsors Wounded Warrior Retreats for all branches of the military several times a year. No retreats were held last year due to COVID-19. This year the Foundation held mini-retreats in March, April, and May for 4-5 couples to relax and decompress. This is four days of fun and comradery with other wounded warriors provided free of charge. The Pilot Club of Panama City, Florida District, donated pamper baskets which were raffled off at spa day for the caregivers. After taking the summer off, the Cope Foundation will resume the retreats in August.

PILOT CLUB OF ATHENS BIKE RODEO AT MOOFEST

Pilot Club of Athens, Tennessee District, held a bike rodeo in conjunction with the MooFest Festival. Eight Pilots participated and Athens Anchors Service Club presented a Brainminders™ story with the assistance of puppets. Also, Tennessee State Trooper Travis Ryan’s presented a talk on Bike Safety. Each child was given a Pilot Helmet and goody bag with Brainminders™ activity book, sticker & bookmark, and rack card. The Tennessee Highway Patrol gave stickers, pencils, and coloring books. Volunteers helped with bike safety checks. Kids were able to ride the obstacle course in a marked of section of downtown.

ALABAMA DISTRICT OF PILOT INTERNATIONAL HOSTED THEIR 7TH ANNUAL TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CAMP

With the help of a PIFF Grant, the Alabama District of Pilot International hosted their 7th Annual Traumatic Brain Injury Camp at beautiful Camp ASCCA. Campers and Caregivers were treated to a weekend of fun and fellowship at camp. Scrapbooking, bingo, talent Shows, movie night and multiply camp activities were enjoyed by all. This camp was made possible with a $5000 Grant from Pilot International Founders Fund, contributions from all Alabama Pilot Clubs and other donations. 2022 Camp is already being planned for the weekend of April 8, 9, and 10th.

TREASURE COAST PILOT CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Members of the Treasure Coast Pilot Club, Florida District, recently held their first annual dinner and dance at the Moose Club in Vero Beach. The well attended event included a silent auction, a catered dinner and dancing. Funds raised from the event were used for scholarships going to Indian River County high school students for continuing education and to recognize achievements of students in the ROTC program. Receiving scholarship awards were Alondra Munoz, Ashanti Brant and Kadden Funnell. ROTC recipients were Lina Peralta and Shyanna Nowell.

HATS FOR CANCER

The Pilot Club of South Brevard, MI-IN District, have been hard at work the last few months completing multiple projects for the community. They decorated hats for “Hats for Cancer”, which were donated to a local cancer resource organization. They also had a Spa Day and a BrainMinders™ puppet presentation at Greenwood Place Assisted Living Facility. They have been collecting plastic caps for an elementary school and providing food donations for the Salvation Army. Although they have been keeping busy, they are working on some new projects that they are excited to announce in the future.
The Helmet People through Pilot international is a signature project designed to bring more awareness about brain safety. The Helmet People goes along with BrainMinders™. By having the helmet project, Pilot International hopes to reach as many youth as possible by selling Pilot helmets, helmet people stickers, and rack cards. The Helmet People consist of dedicated Pilot members who work together to bring more awareness and information to the clubs throughout Pilot international about helmet safety.

At the 2021 Annual Convention & Leadership Conference, The Helmet People had a working to help Pilot members receive more information and to provide examples to take back to their clubs about the helmet. The plots were able to share how their clubs promote helmet safety. Pilot also had the opportunity to see a helmet fitting demonstration.

One way to involve children during this COVID-19 world is by having a helmet coloring contest. This allows the clubs a way to get their names out in the community and teach the children (and their parents) how important protecting their brain is.

The newest item of FUN is the helmet people have been working on as an activity package for two different age groups.

- Helmets, stickers & stick with safety rack cards can be ordered by visiting www.thehelmetpeople.com
- Please note Pilot International Headquarters has a limited supply of single helmets for sale

www.thehelmetpeople.com

The PC of Darlington, South Carolina District, participated in helmet distribution by handing the children helmets, showing them the proper way to wear them, and giving the parents handouts that gave them more information about correct helmet fitting.

The PC of Miami, OK in the Heartland District of Pilot International provided helmets to the Miami Head Start Program. They had the opportunity to pass out 113 helmets to the four year olds of Miami and their parents.

They had the opportunity to pass out 113 helmets to the four year olds and teachers. They were able to help the children try the helmets on and see their smiling faces.

Make sure you don’t forget; Pilot International has the quarterly Helmet Matching Grant to help any Pilot Club/District receive helmets to pass out in your community.

Elberton PC, Georgia District, Back to School Carnival with brain safety program and bike helmet giveaways.

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

I joined the Pilot Club of South Bend in January of 1995, so I have been a member over 26 years. I initially went with my neighbor who invited me to go to Pilot. I had never heard of Pilot Club nor had I ever heard of many of the women. I was much older than her (white hair) and most of the rest seemed to be named Peggy. We have had at least 3-4 in the club at times but we were like people, and as I had grown up in Girl Scouts, I liked the idea of doing service, so I kept coming back.

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

The friends I have gained. Some of my closest friends are Pilots. Many of my closest friends are people I have met through my opportunities to serve on the District and International levels. They often live hundreds of miles from me (which makes getting together for lunch quite difficult but they are only a phone call or a text away, and they have shared my best and worst times.

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

The next one. This year, our club is emphasizing visibility through service, so we are doing Pick Me Ups almost every month, and we will also be sponsoring an essay contest for high school seniors from the topic concerning community service and Pilot International. I love it when our club tries new things; it keeps us fresh and attracts new members.

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

I LOVE CONVENTION! It is my opportunity to see my friends and the friends who are like my family. I always get new ideas from convention and return home excited for the new year and the opportunities it will bring to serve our community in new ways. But I must admit, last year when we couldn’t have the convention, it was the time with my dear friends that missed the most. I have often said, there are many venues in which to do service, but the friendships we make through Pilot is what makes us unique, special, and the best.

How does your District support your club?

The Governor’s Bulletin lets us know what each of the 6 clubs in the District is doing so that we can support each other. Also, our District provides great training and information at Fall Council and Convention. Our officers are a great resource for our clubs, and we all work together on gaining membership.

How does your community benefit from Pilot?

The Pilot Club of South Bend was chartered in 1949, so we are fast approaching 75 years. We have participated in many projects and activities over the years. The Pilot Club of South Bend sponsored the local Safety Town, served an annual dinner at a local respite camp, sponsored a nursing scholarship, worked with the local Alzheimer’s Association on the annual walk, worked with our local homeless shelter for years, and for many years we have assisted and supported Children’s Dispensary, a local non-profit which assists children with social and cognitive impairments with various social, educational, and recreational activities.
Memorial contributions to Pilot International, Inc. honor the memory of friends, relatives, and acquaintances. Memorial Contributions support the programs and projects of the Fraternity and enrich the world of Pilot Clubs around the world. The name of the donor is listed first in bold followed by the beneficiary.

Memorials are contributions made to Pilot International to honor a Pilot or Pilot Club. For donations in excess of $25.00, a card is sent to the beneficiary naming them of the generous donation and identifying the donor. Memorials support the programs and projects of the Fraternity and enrich the world of Pilot Clubs around the world. The name of the donor is listed first in bold followed by the beneficiary.

Welcome New Members

Pilot Club of Turbo, North Carolina District, welcomes two new members and guest speaker Ron Elkins from Hogoboom Hemp.

Sowing the seeds of Pilot one member at a time.
Future Convention Dates

June 29-July 2, 2022
Rochester, NY

June 28-July 1, 2023
Bellevue, WA

July 17-20, 2024
Denver, CO

July 16-19, 2025
Charlotte, NC