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Submission deadline for the FALL 2022 edition of the Pilot Log is November 30, 2022.

Join our new Facebook Group
Pilot International recently announced a new Pilot International Official Facebook Group to help Pilot, Anchor, and Compass members:

- Start conversations
- Share their Pilot stories
- Share Club/District news
- Engage with other members using discussions
- Exchange ideas
- Ask questions
- Build relations with volunteers and friends of Pilot International
- Upload files and media
- Add your Club/District event
- Welcome new members

Join the #SpreadingPilotSunshine Facebook Group by visiting:
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For a list of all Pilot International Official websites and social media platforms, please visit:
https://www.pilotinternational.org/websites-and-social-media/

President’s Letter

A Clap Clap Woohoo!

That’s the only way to describe the 2022 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference. From Monday night’s Opening Session of the Council of Leaders to the beautiful installation of the 2022-2023 Executive Committee. More than 650 attendees enjoyed outstanding speakers, workshops, teambuilding exercises, rekindled friendships, off-site events, service projects, cultural exchanges, youth presentations, marketplace wares, and all as we celebrate the greatest gift in our lives—Pilot!

My first Pilot International Convention was in Denver, Colorado, in 2001. I was awestruck by the big stage, the inspiring speakers, and the caring Pilots that saw my deer in the headlights look as I navigated my way around the convention-scheduled events. I felt so blessed to be a part of something bigger than anything I had ever experienced. I have never missed a convention since— I was hooked for life!

As Pilots, Anchors, and Compass members, we make incredible impacts in our communities. We give selflessly of ourselves, all in the name of making a difference. We pour into our communities sunshine and love. We do this because we love what we do.

Spreading Pilot Sunshine. This is our mantra, and I challenge each of us to dig deep, spread Pilot sunshine, and share our Pilot story. That’s where my membership challenge comes into play. For every person you bring into Pilot, your name will be placed in a drawing for a trip to the 2023 International Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM or a $500.00 cash prize. The drawing will be held at the 2023 Pilot International Convention in Bellevue, WA. The other challenge is adding the hashtag #SpreadingPilotSunshine to all your social media posts so that when our friends see this hashtag, they can search it and see all the beautiful posts with that hashtag. See what all of our members are doing around the world in the name of Pilot! Finally, I would ask you all to wear your Pilot shirts on the first Saturday of the month and purposely share your Pilot story with someone that day. YOUR Pilot story. The WHY of your love for Pilot. Let’s get our membership to 777-seven thousand Pilots, seven thousand Anchors, and seventy Compass members.

Enjoy this beautiful Pilot Log, celebrating our organization! Celebrating YOU. We have a lot to accomplish, and we will achieve our goals. That’s what we do. That’s who we are. We ARE Pilot.

I love you all. I am so blessed to serve as your President. Now let’s SPREAD SOME PILOT SUNSHINE.

Rhona Rhea Espinoza
2022-2023 Pilot International President
Rochester, New York. The 2022 Pilot International Convention service project warmed the hearts of caregivers and friendships and life-changing community service. The 2022 Pilot International Convention service project found Pilot sunshine through beautiful, forever friendships and life-changing community service.

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Scholarship Applications

Pilots proudly support the Pilot International Founders Fund, which exists to further the organization’s educational and humanitarian activities through the disbursement of grants and scholarships to support cause-related programs and activities.

Applications are due to Pilot International Headquarters on or before March 15, 2023.

To get started completing your Scholarship application, please visit: https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/

Pick Me Up Grant 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.

The Pick Me Up program is designed to brighten the day of caregivers by providing random acts of kindness in recognition of the care or service they provide for others. Clubs are eligible to receive one Pick Me Up grant each Pilot year, not to exceed $200.

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

Order for Veterans

Pilots and other local ones can honor a Veteran by placing an order to purchase a brick in the Pilot International Heritage Garden.

Remember, each 4x8 brick is $100.

To get started, please visit: https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/Brick-Order-Form.pdf

Pilot First Saturday

Pilot International to the First Saturday of every month. Wear your Pilot gear to show your Pilot Pride! Then post your pictures to your social media platforms using the hashtag #PILOTFIRSTSATURDAY

Activities & Events

International Care & Kindness Week

During International Care & Kindness week, Pilot, Anchor, and Compass members are encouraged to engage in numerous activities to emphasize and encourage kindness, caring and general good will to all.

From distributing International Care & Kindness Week promotional materials, to giving “Little Pick Me Ups” to strangers, family and friends, to encouraging families (including their own!) to “Get Real” and put their devices down during mealtimes. Pilots spread the news that caring for one another means really engaging with one another.

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

Giving Tuesday

Mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday 2022 on November 29th. Remember, this is a great way to kick off the season of giving. Last year, Pilots exceeded our goal of $25,000 that benefited the Goals for Grants & Scholarship Fund.

This year, check to see if your employer will match your Pilot International Giving Tuesday donation to DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT.


Post Convention Cruise

BOOK NOW AND SECURE YOUR CABIN

Join your Pilot International friends on an unbelievable Post Convention cruise to Alaska out of Seattle.

The Discovery Princess is ready to welcome and serve onboard.

Pam Chavez is happy to assist you in booking now and securing your cabin.

The cruise will depart out of Seattle the day following the 2023 Annual Convention & Leadership Conference in Bellevue, Washington, June 28 - July 1, 2023.

The Discovery Princess will also have the Helmet Matching Grant Program available to clubs during the Post Convention Cruise.

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

The Helmet Matching Grant Program allows clubs to participate in Pilot’s Signature Project. Matching Helmet Grants will award $300 for the purchase of 25 helmets. Clubs will be responsible for purchasing 25 additional helmets for $12 each for 30 to complete the matching grant criteria.

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

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Rhona was born in Albuquerque, NM, and remembers being very contented and happy as a child. She loved playing with her dolls, and many photos of her growing up have her holding them lovingly. Her family called her Goldilocks because her hair was light and curly. She is the oldest of three siblings, as she has two younger brothers. They were brought up close and had many fun adventures with cousins on the many acres of land she still lives on from a Spanish Land Grant where her ancestors came to live in 1878. Her grandparents had the most significant impact on her life, and she had a special relationship with each of them.

Rhona went to St. Mary’s Catholic School, as did her father and grandfather. Her class size was small, and these friends met in first grade are still her closest friends. She went on to Belen High School and played football. She was named Most Spirited in her class all four years of high school and was President of her class, Pep Club, National Honor Society, and many other youth organizations.

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Rhona continued working for her family business and never went back to teaching. This is something she regrets but is thankful for the many beautiful memories shared working for her father and grandfather. In 2009, the family sold the car dealerships. Rhona retired for a year and watched her new granddaughter, Gracie. Rhona says this was one of the best years of her life as, to this day, she and Rudy enjoy a special relationship with Gracie as they do with all their six grandchildren. (Number seven, Baby Eli died only three weeks after his birth). They are hers and Rudy’s sunshine.

In 2010, Rhona, a Greater Belen Chamber Board member, was asked if she would be interested in a recently vacated position as Executive Director of the Chamber. Rhona and her office manager and very supportive boards have taken the almost defunct Chamber of 45 members to a thriving County wide Chamber of over 300 members. In 2014, she became the Executive Director of the Belen Main Street Partnership and has written grants totaling over 2 million dollars for downtown revitalization projects.

In her journey through Pilot, Rhona has been blessed to serve as Governor three times, Pilot International Leadership, Fundraising, Membership and Projects Coordinator, and twice as Inspirational Leader. In 2016, she was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by President Shannen Clegg. She was elected to the Pilot International Executive Committee in 2017 and has served as PI Director for two years, PI Secretary, PI President-Elect, and now President of Pilot International.

During the 2021 PI Convention in Rochester, Rhona challenged our members to get our memberships in Pilot, Anchor, and Compass to 777. Seven thousand Pilots, Seven thousand Anchors, and Seventy Compass members. She believes that when we share our Pilot story, use a consistent hashtag on our social media posts with a further incentive that each time you bring in a Pilot, your name is placed in a drawing for a trip to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in 2023, and we will accomplish this 777-membership goal.

Rhona believes that Pilots are the most generous, selfless, and beautiful human beings on earth. As the stocking she gives each attendee at her installation states, “You are my Sunshine,” she believes each Pilot, Anchor, and Compass member is sunshine in their volunteering. And that’s why Spreading Pilot Sunshine is her mantra. And you will find Rhona doing the Clap, Clap, Whoosh when she speaks about Pilot!

Members and guests gathered in Rochester, New York, June 29-July 2, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency and Joseph A. Florenco Rochester Riverside Convention Center for the 91st Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference. The 2022 Pilot International Convention was full of great energy and equipped its attendees to take back to their clubs and districts. Approximately 650 Pilots, Co-Pilots, Anchors, Compass members, and guests participated in various convention activities. A special thanks to Pilot International's amazing Headquarters, Anchors, Compass members, and guests who volunteered their time and talents to encourage future leaders. We had 21 Past Pilot International Presidents enjoy attending the 2022 Annual Convention & Leadership Conference.

The 2022 Pilot International Executive Committee was commended as an outstanding leadership team and were thanked for their leadership.

- Director, Beverly Shean
- Director, Lisa Palmquist
- Director, Joseph Cunningham
- Director, Susan Kahl
- Treasurer, Nicki Dawkins
- Secretary, Lisa Patterson
- Vice President, Holly Baker
- President-Elect, Rhonda Tepomora
- 2021-2022 Pilot International President, Colleen Cross

Collett Cross announced, "There is a special group of Pilots that I will forever be indebted - the 2022-2023 Governors. I want to recognize and thank each Governor for their diligence and dedication to their district and to Pilot International. These Governors made many personal sacrifices throughout the year for the betterment of their District, Club in their District, and Pilot International. They gave us the greatest gift they have to give. They gave us their time!"

2021-2022 District Governors

- Beverly Wilkerson, Alabama District
- Karen Ferguson-Bain, Bahamas District
- Jano Akuna, COED District
- Charlotte Edendfield, Florida District
- Robin Williams, Georgia District
- Barbara Sheffield, Heartland District
- Tami Uchida, Japan District
- Jan Flinchum, Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District
- Glenda Dowden, Louisiana District
- Gail Gayla, Michigan-Indiana District
- Sheila Allen, Midwest District
- Patti Davie Bennett, Mississippi District
- Diet Harris, North Carolina District
- Karen Beck, Northeast Potomac District
- Donna Skipper, South Carolina District
- Teresa Scott, Southwestern District
- Lindsey Wayland, Tennessee District
- Kelli Alexander, Texas District
- Kathy Clancy, Virginia District

Rick Warren said, "Time is your most precious gift because you only have a set amount of it. You can make more money, but you can't make more time. Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time."

Following the introduction of the 2021-2022 District Governors, the Northeast Potomac District was recognized and thanked for their 69 years of service since the last convention was held in the Northeast Potomac District.

Inspirational Message

2021-2022 PI Inspiration Leader Celeste Sherer delivered Pilot International’s Inspirational Message and words on inspiration. One of Celeste’s favorite stories is of Ubuntu. He was an Anthropologist who proposed a game to a group of tribal children. He placed a basket of fruit near a tree and made them stand 100 feet away. He challenged them to race to the tree and whoever reached the basket first would get all the fruit in the basket. When he said, Ready, Set, Go... Do you know what these small children did? They all linked arms together and ran towards the tree, reaching the tree together. They divided the fruit among them and shared the fruit and EVERYONE enjoyed it! When the Anthropologist asked them why they shared the fruit, they said ‘Ubuntu’. Which means: ‘How can one be happy when all the others are sad?’ Ubuntu is in their language means: ‘I am because, we are!’ Celeste explained, “Time is a wonderful illustration of Forward Together. When we link arms and race toward our goal, our club, district, and international goals, we ALL reap the rewards. When Pilot Club Friends join arms, and race toward our goal of uniquely serving our communities, we ALL reap the reward of a better community.”

Flag Ceremony

1976-1977 Past Pilot International President Betty Duvall King from the Pilot Club of New Albany, Mississippi District, presented a beautiful flag ceremony that made each of us proud and inspired. Whatever Betty does in her work in Pilot inspires us! The presentation of colors is always an inspiration to us all. The parade of nations that comprise our International Organization represents the scope of Pilot.

Past Pilot International Presidents

- Betty Dowell King, 1976-1977
- Janice Waton, 1993-1994
- Nancy Hendrick, 1998-99
- Diana Kungroo, 1999-2000
- Laura Keeve, 2000-2001
- Sharon Shute, 2001-2002
- Maryann Frazer, 2004-2005
- Cindy Weaver, 2005-2006
- Debbie Archer, 2008-2009

Pilot International business consisted of approving the 2022-2023 budget, electing officers, and passing two by law amendments to remove the Initiative Fees paid by each new member from the budget. (Bylaw Article VIII.). The other Bylaw revision to the first sentence in Bylaw Article XXXIII: A Compass Club is a community-based organization for high school students or young adults up to the age of 26 (Japan District – age of 28).

The Pilot International conventions for several years. Pilot International had the Anchors the opportunity to express themselves in various areas of youth and society. The winner of the 2021-2022 International Essay Contest, Kaylee Hill, is a member of the Hokes Bluff High School Anchor Club, of the 2021-2022 International Essay Contest, received a 1st place award and a $1000 scholarship.

Friday was full of outstanding workshops, and the Anchors enjoyed a day in Niagara Falls! A special Clay Clap Woosh to all the presenters! The energy was electrifying. That evening Pilots had a chance to attend a Red Wings baseball game with the Anchors or a Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) Fundraiser. It was a beautiful evening and an even more beautiful venue.

Saturday, the Convention’s final day, was a day of recognition as individuals and clubs were recognized for their accomplishments during the awards presentations. Each year our leaders have the opportunity to take part in the United Nations International Youth Day pageant contest. The United Nations International Youth Day is celebrated each year to recognize efforts of the youth movement in enhancing global society. It also aims to promote ways to engage youth in becoming more actively involved in making positive contributions to their communities. Anchor International’s Essay Contest gives Anchors the opportunity to express themselves in various areas of youth and society. The winner of the 2021-2022 International Essay Contest, Keirah Hill, is a member of the Hokes Bluff High School Anchor Club. The Florida District. The Anchor Panel discussion has been a highlight of Pilot International conventions for several years. Pilot International had another amazing group of Anchors with us this year. Pilot International did not want to miss the opportunity for them to shine! The participants on the panel were Joseey May, Florida District; Harris Riddell, Mississippi District; Hannoch Justice, Georgia District; Victoria Cuellar, New York.

Thursday afternoon, Pilot International keynote speaker Jennifer Johnson told her heartfelt story of her family’s trial as her daughter Grace was born with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia and died 16 months later. Her story included joining Golisano Children’s Hospital of Rochester as an advocate and raising nearly 3 million dollars for the hospital. Convenant hospitalizing the attendees put together 1500 packages for the local Golisano Children’s Hospital. Many attendees enjoyed an Evening at the Eastman, a Pilot International Funders Fund (PIFF) Fundraiser. It was a beautiful evening and an even more beautiful venue.

With a background in experience, leadership studies and business, Courtney Stanley helps people from all walks of life learn how to take their passion to the next level by creating a foundation for helping them move forward. For more information about the business, visit www.courtneystanley.com or call 585-792-7222.

Riverside Convention Center for the 91st Pilot International Convention held in Rochester, New York, June 29-July 2, 2022.
State of the Organization

Afterwards, the State of the Organization was presented by 2021-2022 Pilot International President Collett Cross. During the 100-year celebration in Atlanta last year, 2021-2022 President Collett Cross stated that Pilot was going to exist for another 100 years. Pilots must work together to increase members in clubs and increase clubs in districts. Clubs were asked to work toward a three to five net gain in membership and each district was asked to work toward chartering a new club. Pilots embraced this challenge and set goals to increase membership. Many clubs did add three or more members. Since July 1, 2021 and as of June 20, 2022, Pilot International gained 542 new members. Unfortunately, 772 members were lost during this same period of time. We have approximately 100 less members now than we did at the beginning of the year. As a result of the pandemic, Pilot experienced a 16-month decline in membership from April, 2020 until September, 2021. Collett happily reported that the downward trend turned around and since October, 2021, Pilot International had a net gain of 3,550 members. Pilot International currently has approximately 3,550 members.

Our membership was dangerously close to dropping below 5,000 members. Pilot International is encouraged by the upward trend and is optimistic that it will continue. Anchor Clubs, especially the school-based clubs, were greatly stimulated last year by the pandemic. Many were not allowed to meet or even collect dues. Fortunately, that has not been the case this year and Anchors are back stronger than ever.

Congratulations to the four new Anchor Clubs that have been chartered:

- Milton High School Anchor Club, Georgia District
- Central Eleuthera High School Palmie Point, Bahamas District
- Carrolton High School, Georgia District
- Milton High School, Georgia District

Thank you to the Pilot International Districts for helping grow Pilot through Anchor. We have 6,448 Anchors in 200 Clubs. Compass has also grown this year with the chartering of the second Compass Club in the Bahama District. The addition of this club brings our number of Compass Clubs to 6 with 60 members.

Congratulations to the Bahamas District! They chartered an Anchor Club, a Compass Club, and a Pilot Club.

We have continued to make our Japan District Pilot friends. They have chartered two Clubs in the Japan District. The Texas District chartered two Pilot Clubs this year with one being chartered on June 30.

Contributions

In addition to being the most caring people in the world, Pilots are the most generous. Contributions received on Giving Tuesday totaled $43,568.80 which exceeded our goal by almost $19,000. These contributions were designated to the Fund for Grants and Scholarships. In observance of our 100-year anniversary, Envision 100 was announced in Atlanta last year with a goal to raise $50,000 to award 100 grants and scholarships to 2022-2023. Pilot International is pleased to report that together we will grant 100 Grants & Scholarships to the 2022-2023 Pilot Year. $17,305.00 was the total amount contributed. We have 305 individuals donating to Envision 100. Of the 305 donors, 100 of them were first time donors. 88 of those first time donors were outside of Pilot. Pilot met the challenge and identified 100 new donors in true fashion. Thank you for accepting this challenge! Pilot International's mission to influence positive change in communities throughout the world is accomplished through our scholarship, award, and grant programs.

Since 1953, one year after Anchor Club International was established, $1,458,092.66 has been awarded in Scholarships. 38 recipients received scholarships this year by the I22 applications, $40,500 was awarded in the 2021-2022 Pilot Year.

Since 1985, Pilot International has awarded $1,932,265.63 in Matching and Emergency Response grants. In 2021-2022, Pilot International funded 17 Matching Grant totaling $55,299.99. Two Emergency Response Grants totaling $8,873 were funded for the Pilot Club of Ft. Pierce, Florida District and Pilot Club of Lancaster, NE/POT District.

Pilot awarded Pick Me Up Grants to 22 clubs totaling $4,308.50 and Helmet Grants to 15 clubs totaling $3,750.

Contributions honoring Club Ambassadors support the Safe Harbor Fund. Safe Harbor grants assist Pilots who are impacted by disasters. Only one grant was awarded this year. Thanks to the 210 clubs that honored 221 Club Ambassadors, $7,638 was contributed this year and is available when needed.

If you had the opportunity to visit Pilot International Headquarters last year, you saw the beautifully sculptured tree in the donor room displaying the names of individuals, clubs, and districts who generously support Pilot International. The Pilot Club of Ft. Pierce, Florida District contributed $11,324.80 to the Pilot International Endowment Fund.

Pilot International's mission to influence positive change in communities throughout the world is accomplished through our scholarship, award, and grant programs. The President’s Circle is the designation for individuals who contribute $1,000 or more each year and 51 Pilots attained President’s Circle status this year. Pilot International depends on Pacesetter Clubs for their contributions to the General Fund which allocates funds to where they are most needed. Clubs contributing $10 per active member are recognized as Pacesetter Clubs.

We were pleased to announce that we have 216 Pacesetter Clubs this year with contributions totaling $42,435. Our endowment fund, which exceeds one million dollars, assures that Pilot International can be sustained for another 100 plus years. These funds are invested with Raymond James Investment Bank.

Pilot Expansion Program (PEP)

Saturday afternoon, 2016-2017 Past Pilot International President Connie Williams, excitedly joined the stage and announced the Pilot Expansion Program. Members of our Expansion Committee started off asking themselves why they joined Pilot. There are lots of reasons and each of us has our own.

Joining Pilot is:

- Serving our communities
- Supporting our veterans
- Ensuring our children’s safety
- Supporting our first responders
- Helping those with disabilities
- Helping those with disabilities

The list is endless. There are so many reasons we joined Pilot. Connie said, "If you want to grow your club, just ask yourselves why you joined. What is joining Pilot to you? Members were asked to return home to their club and ask the members why they joined Pilot. The reason they most often said was that they joined Pilot to help others. Our Expansion Program is made up of 5 Phases. Each Phase will last 1 Pilot Year (1 July – 30 June).

Phase 1 – A mentor from the PEP Committee will be assigned to each club with 10 or less members who would like to volunteer their club for this program. Each PEP will be assigned to work with only 2-3 clubs in order to give the clubs personal attention. Every three months the clubs will be analyzed and if suggestions are not working it will be revisited.

Phase 2 – Reclaim disbanded clubs. During this phase we will review each district club directory to contact the Governing Board of those districts to determine a point of contact from the disbanded club. Members from the PEP Committee will contact and work with the point of contact to begin the reorganization of their club.

Phase 3 – Work with Japan and other countries to expand our international footprint. One Pilot Expansion Program Committee member will be assigned to each club that volunteers for this program. The mentor will meet with the District Governor and Club President. After the mentor meets with the Governor and President, they will gather information from them regarding what the club had done in the past to increase membership; such as Share Pilots, Club projects, Club fundraisers anything the club did to increase membership. The assigned Expansion Committee mentor will come back to the entire committee and discuss what they know about what the club did to increase membership and the committee will recommend changes.

The Expansion Committee mentor will meet either via Zoom, or in person with the entire club. The mentor will assist/attend fundraisers and projects in support of the club. The direct mentoring with this club will last for an entire year. As a committee, they want to help by providing members, clubs, and districts with tools that can help them grow their clubs.

Afterwards, Rhona’s Rays of Sunshine Sponsors sang a song and presented her with beautiful gifts and charm bracelets full of charms from their districts.

Rhona’s grandchildren and many other children enjoyed the Navigator program with great activities throughout the convention. The Anchor Club Cultural Exchange was inspiring and so much fun! Thank you to Gail Garza, who led her team with the Navigators, and Kim Smith, who led the team with the Anchors.

Saturday morning was also a time to honor Pilot Friends, Co-Pilots and families who feel like family who have passed since last year through the end of May 2022. Celeste explained, "We may not have known each other very well, but these dear people personally, but we saw each and every one of them honor and respect for the contributions they have each made to our organization.”

The 2022 Annual Convention and Leadership Conference banquet and installation brought sunshine to Pilots, Co-Pilots, Compass, Anchors, Navigators, and guests from across the globe. Rita Powers, 2021-2022 Pilot International President Collett Cross, led the ceremony and welcomed guests to the Sunflower Soutce’s Installation Banquet.

Rita explained, “Sunflowers are a symbol of loyalty, longevity and adoration. So this evening as we install the new international Officers that will lead this organization, let us all join together to celebrate our loyalty to Pilot. Let’s embrace the longevity and the strides made of those that went before, by providing service to so many and making a difference in communities around the world.”

Afterwards, Past Pilot International Presidents were honored and commended for their continued service and dedication. Following the installation dinner, 2021-2022 Pilot International President Collett Cross announced the 2022-2023 Pilot International Executive Committee.

2021-2022 Pilot International President Collett Cross thanked Wayne Tiffin and the Co-Pilots for their continued Calcutta fundraising efforts. Shirley Pyle, the 2021-2022 Pilot International Founders Fund Chair, expressed her gratitude.

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Jean Brown-May, 2022-2023 Inspirational Leader from the Virginia District, gave the invocation. Jean said, "Many years ago, the remarkable Mahatma Gandhi once said, ‘You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty,’ and then more recently Author Joseph Campbell said, ‘One way or another, we all have to find what best fosters the flowering of our humanity in this very contemporary life, and dedicate ourselves to that’. I believe that every one of us in this room tonight does that and the success that will come your way. Stay the course and you might find yourself pleasantly surprised on the journey that you are on.”

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- Heartland District Governor, Linda Beyer
- Japan District Governor, Yuki Kimura
- Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia District Governor, Patricia Geyn
- Louisiana District Governor, Kim Nation
- Michigan-Indiana Governor, Debbie Hays
- Midwest District Governor, Karla Sikes
- Mississippi District Governor, Barb Atkins
- North Carolina District Governor, Dorothy Tyson
- Northeast-Potomac District Governor, Karen Dobson
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The 2022 Pilot International Convention service project was designed to honor the memory of the children’s hospital in Rochester.

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Another of my priorities is creating a Marketing Pilot Taskforce from our organization’s talented pool of Pilots. This priority, of course, is closely related to our membership growth challenge. How can we better market our unique organization so we aren’t the best-kept secret in service organizations? When we can show our communities the outstanding and selfless work we do through better marketing, they will want to know more about our focuses and how they can get involved. A part of this marketing Pilot priority will be using the hashtag: #SpreadingPilotSunshine on all the Pilot related posts our clubs and districts share on social media. Also, I would like for us to continue wearing our Pilot shirts on the first Saturday of the month and with an added request that it would be to share Pilot with community members on that day purposely. We all have a unique and beautiful Pilot story. This is our testimony. How has Pilot impacted your life? If you haven’t put together your Pilot story, I challenge you to think about it and begin sharing it. And don’t forget that we ARE THE HELMET PEOPLE. And our BrainMinders program has proven to be a very effective marketing tool.

As the Executive Director of two non-profits, I see the great opportunities for revenue development that we have not aggressively pursued. Therefore, a task force vital to revenue development and strengthening our financial future will be focused on legacy giving and pursuing grant opportunities available to non-profits such as Pilot. Many members of our organization have these skills. Please contact me if interested in serving on this vital task force. It’s the low-hanging fruit that we have not taken full advantage of. The Envision 100 program, which has proven to be highly successful, will be continued with perhaps some different focuses.

The work of the Pilot International Expansion Committee is an exciting new program that I know is going to prove to be a massive benefit to the many clubs in our district that are struggling to grow. I thank Past President Connie Moore and the Expansion Committee for a brilliant, well-thought-through program. This program will be launched this year, and we can all appreciate the significant progress they will make this year. I thank you.

In scripture, a passage states in Proverbs 29:18, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” I want to apply this to our Pilot organization. Without a vision for Pilot, our organization will cease to exist. We must all catch the vision, embrace it, believe it, and live it. And when we do, our organization will grow and flourish.

I challenge each of us to Spread Pilot Sunshine everywhere we go, share our Pilot story, and fill social media with all the wonderful and heartfelt sunshine we are spreading. I know, I know, I know we will grow and flourish this coming year, and it will be so contagious; it will continue so we can witness our children, our children’s children, and beyond will have a Pilot story to share.

I want to thank the Pilot Club of Albuquerque for sponsoring the buttons and membership challenge cards for us. Two thousand and fifty-four have been purchased, and sixty-six have sold. We all will turn these back to your clubs and districts. I want them all to be taken back to your clubs and districts. Wear the pin as a reminder of the challenge!! And the hashtag for the year.

I wish each of you the very best. I am so honored to serve you as President. It has been a joy and blessing to get to know Rhona’s Rays of Sunshine through our monthly zoom calls this year, and we will continue to brainstorm on accomplishing the many focuses of our organization. I love you all! I look forward to working with the incoming Executive Committee and congratulate you. We have such a great task ahead of us, but when a group loves a Pilot like I know each of them does, it will be a light burden and a blessing. I speak for each of the newly elected Executive Team in saying thank you for entrusting us with the governance of our organization. We commit to giving our work 100 percent of our effort.

Now let’s get to work...

New for an adaptation of the Clap, Clap, Rick Flair: Clap, Clap, Woooohoo!!! Clap, Clap, Woooohoo!!!

Rhona Rhea Espinoza

2022-2023 President
Pilot International
Spreading Pilot Sunshine

Written by Kelli Alexander
2022-2023 Membership Coordinator
Texas District, Pilot Club of Winnsboro

I am so excited to be your Membership Coordinator for the 2022-2023 year. We have kicked off the year with a GREAT time at Pilot International Convention in Rochester, NY. I am looking forward to a fantastic year and can’t wait to see Pilot, Anchor, and Compass grow throughout the year!

President Rhona has chosen the theme, “Spreading Pilot Sunshine” for the 2022-2023 Pilot year. She has challenged us to grow our organization using the number 777. This number represents reaching a goal of 7,000 Pilots, 7,000 Anchors and 70 Compass Club members.

The number 777 is sometimes known as “God’s number” because it symbolizes significant biblical concepts. Multiples of seven show up throughout the Bible in ways that connect God’s work with fullness, completion, and perfection. When I think about these words, I can’t help but think how that is exactly what we do as Pilots, Anchors, and Compass Club members! We work hard to fulfill good purposes and we do it with absolute perfection and we complete the task before us! Triple sevens in scripture show that which has been divinely ordained is being perfectly fulfilled. I believe wholeheartedly that the work that we do within our organization is “divinely ordained”.

President Rhona has sweetened the deal by giving us an exciting incentive! For EVERY Pilot member you bring in, your name goes in a drawing for a trip to the 2023 International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico, OR a $500 Cash Prize! Clap, Clap. Woo-hoo!!! The drawing will be held at the 2023 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference (PICON) in Bellevue, Washington.

Remember to help promote Pilot by using hashtags when you post on all of your social media. A few examples are:

#SpreadingPilotSunshine; #PilotClub; #AnchorClub; #CompassClub
#Friendship; #Service; #DoMoreCareMoreBeMore.

Don’t forget to wear your Pilot, Anchor and Compass shirt/gear on the FIRST Saturday of each month and tag Pilot International using the hashtag #PilotFirstSaturday! We will talk more about the importance of branding in the next edition of the Pilot Log.

Let’s get busy Spreading that Pilot Sunshine throughout our communities! If I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Fill your life with friendship, service, and stories to tell!

Spreading Pilot Sunshine
June 25 - July 1, 2023
Bellevue, Washington

For those seeking an elevated experience, Bellevue, Washington encompasses the restorative power of the outdoors, the excitement of world-changing ideas, and the sensory exploration of fashion, art and dining. We are a premier destination built by futurists, that places every visitor on the verge of creativity, innovation, and style—where the allure of aspiration touches everyone.

Situated between two lakes on the edge of the Cascade Mountains, Bellevue’s unique location at the center of three national parks, is well-positioned for access to the restorative power of the outdoors, placing extreme value on wellness and self-care. Visitors from across the globe will be inspired by the best retail shopping venues in the region, the proximity to Seattle and Woodinville Wine Country while enjoying hiking, skiing, kayaking, just outside the urban core.

Bellevue continues to be recognized globally as one of the nation’s best places to live and is increasingly being sought by Fortune 500 companies as their home. The city is a hub of tech talent embracing diversity as a core strength. As a minority-majority city, Bellevue attracts thought leaders from across the world.

Rooted in the spirit of the Pacific Northwest, Bellevue, Washington offers a curated collection of elevated experiences that puts you on the edge of innovation, art, culturally inspired cuisine and style.

Bellevue, Washington encompasses the beauty of the outdoors, the excitement of world-changing ideas, and the exploration of fashion, art, and cuisine.

Visit Bellevue hopes Bellevue’s dynamic Pacific Northwest energy inspires and invigorates Pilot International’s 2023 Convention. They know you will love the attractions, cuisine, and activities within just walking distance of the Hyatt Regency Bellevue.

They’ve selected the best activities, included tours, and provided inspiration to help you celebrate Bellevue’s hospitality and explore the beautiful Puget Sound region during your stay.

Visit the Pilot International Bellevue Preview webpage to explore:
https://www.pilotinternational.org/conventionpreview/
WHAT'S THE NEW BUZZ IN THE WORLD OF BRAINMINDERS?

The Pilot International BrainMinders Committee met at convention in Rochester. We sincerely thank Pilot International President Rhona Espinoza for asking everyone to continue serving on this committee. This will be our sixth year working together as a team, and we welcome everyone’s ideas. You may contact Kerri Daniels, Marian Smith, Beverly Fosstor, Lisa Pelgrum, Beth Gepeland, or Chuck Lange with questions or suggestions. You can also contact Lilia Smith at Pilot International Headquarters who handles BrainMinders orders.

One new and exciting project the committee is working on is the development of BrainMinders stories. It is our dream to publish storybooks for children! All Anchors are encouraged to work on creating and submitting stories for this international project. More information, along with guidelines, will be shared with District Anchor Coordinators and on the website. Anchors can develop stories individually, in pairs, or in groups. The initial deadline is January 1, 2022. We can’t wait to hear from our Anchors!!

Email your submissions to brainminders@pilotinternational.org.

In the meantime, with school starting back up, it is a great time to make BrainMinders presentations. Be sure to submit your service hours online.

Pairing Helmet Safety and Helmet Giveaways with BrainMinders is always a hit! Did you know there are three new fabulous colors of helmets available through Pilot International?

Get your Pilot and Anchor fired up, your BrainMinders “on” and share that BrainMinders SUNSHINE wherever you go!

Webpage: https://www.pilotinternational.orgbrainminders/

Compass Clubs are a wonderful way to spread Pilot sunshine to young adults in our communities. They offer an exciting way to keep Anchor members in our organization and to welcome individuals to a world of volunteer service as new members.

At our recent Pilot International Convention, several questions were asked about beginning new clubs. Let’s take a look at getting started.

The first thing you need to do is download the Compass Club Manual from the website. This manual gives you the information you need to get started.

Have you found potential Compass members? Many times we talk about Compass members as former Anchor members. They are very well can be, but they can also be individuals who have never heard of our organization before. They just need to be high school graduates up to the age of 26 (28 in Japan). Remember that a new club can be chartered by another Compass Club, Pilot members, Pilot clubs, Pilot districts, or Pilot International. All you need is five (5) members to charter the new club!

Compass members can be found similarly to how one-half of the dues set for Pilots. It’s best to work with our existing and new Compass Clubs.

Reach out to me if I can be of any help!
**Powerful Pilot Projects**

Written by Toni Hudson Bannister

Pilot Clubs of Lucaya & Sunset Grand Bahama
Bahamas District

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Albert Einstein

Pilot International has over 100 years of strength, commitment, historical success, and a vibrant and active membership. In the Pilot Club and Districts, the lives of hundreds of thousands of people have been impacted. This has been accomplished through the projects and initiatives that remain the heart of Pilot.

Our Pilot projects are powerful. They continue to demonstrate that "small things done with great will can change the world." - Mother Teresa

Pilot tends to be about doing small things with great will. What is a Project? The answers to these simple questions will put into perspective the value of empowering others to be the change they wish to see in the world. Whether you realize it or not, you do have the power to change the world. So, use it to make a difference.

Be

- Part Project and Partnerships should be Pilot worthy. Since Pilot membership is a bond of caring, sharing, developing the whole person, and service to the young and adults, encouraging brain safety and health, and supporting those who care for others. Such projects would be beneficial to the community and the person's business. First, your Pilot Club or District can determine a project that is coming up.

Be

- Realized - A key characteristic of a powerful project is helping to keep successful projects. A well-thought-out Pilot Club or District project plan will ensure the tangible support of Pilot International.

Be

- Results - Created on a key characteristic of a powerful project is helping to keep successful projects. A well-thought-out Pilot Club or District project plan will ensure the tangible support of Pilot International.

Be

- Inclusive - What is attainable, what is needed by most our community, and what resources are available to you to obtain success. John Wesley's quote echoes what Pilots are to aspire to do. "Let the poor and powerless person never stop hosting meaningful projects because of limitations, available resources, or ignorance. It's all doable. If you have the will, the know-how, and the fearlessness, you can do anything in the ways you can, at the pace you can, at the rate you can, even if that rate is longer than ever you grew." Set attainable goals and periodically check their progress. Due to at least one goal, your Pilot Club and District can continuously grow.

Be

- Open-mindedness is a Pilot virtue that should be embraced. Navigating and exploring different opportunities and experiences, specifically during the COVID-19 pandemic, Nonprofits, Pilot Clubs have continued to show resilience, innovation, and being encouraged a wonderful recipe for the ideal Pilot experience, those who serve as leaders, and especially those involved in planning and preparing powerful Pilot projects.

Be

- Engaged - Engaging each other and those we meet in the forefront of the perfect powerful Pilot project. The founding of Brainmind in particular is one of the ways that Pilots have successfully and exhaustively addressed all of these of our Pilot ABC’s.

Be

- Connecting with your clients/community is paramount. Establishing long-term Pilot relationships with special groups and forming lasting partnerships is what the Pilot principles of leadership and service are all about. These are interwoven and fundamental to each other.

Be

- Next step - Engaging others to be the change they wish to see in the world. Whether you realize it or not, you do have the power to change the world. So, use it to make a difference.

Be

- Professional – As good leaders, rises up as leaders and continually develops them.” - John C. Maxwell

Be

- Encourage – Encouraging others and being enlightened about Pilot International, they are more experienced the “should-a, could-a, would-a do it!” are more than just catchphrases. These are action plans for your Pilot Club or District for this Pilot year, aiming to Spread Pilot Sunshine everywhere.

Be

- Aiming to involve one or small group of Pilots. T - together, less stressful in organizing a project for any of us. We can do it right before the meeting so we are prepared to show it on your screen. If someone purchased multiple tokens to make, sure to pass them out to everyone who is using a Zoom, you can share your screen to show the wheel and when it spins. Learn to do it before your next meeting. You may advertise via email, newsletter, social media, or maybe just calling or texting your club members and friends! Make sure to tell them what $50/50 Raffle ticket for, how much tickets are, how much are tickets, and how much are raffle tickets. In that point, your team will need to delegate one person to handle and keep track of all of the incoming raffle money, such as your club treasurer.

**50/50 Raffles**

**Virtual 50/50 Raffle:** Step-by-Step

As some of you may know from hands-on experience, 50/50 raffles are a great way to raise money for your Pilot Club. For a small fee, you help people purchase tickets to your raffle. However much you raise, half goes to the winner (hence the 50/50). However, did you know you could still do your 50/50 raffles online? Follow these steps to show your club’s way to create a $50/50 raffle at your next fundraiser or club meeting.

1. Plan to have an online 50/50 raffle or your next club social or fundraising event. You’ll need an approach from your membership or executive board, make sure you get it before you do your raffle.

2. Make sure you’re set up how people will pay to enter the 50/50 raffle. One popular way of receiving payment is to set up a club account for PayPal by setting up https://www.wildhogs.com/C preferably set up a paypal account such as Venmo, Zello, or Cashapp by texting or posting it on your facebook, blog post, or whatever social media you use.

3. You can ask members to send physical checks in the mail or in person. If you have a nonprofit club, you can ask them to pay via Venmo or Zello, where the money will go directly to the club. Don’t overcomplicate it; pick a maximum of 2 ways a person can pay and make it so all are set before you advertise.

3. Advertise your $50/50 raffle before your next meeting. You may advertise via email, newsletter, social media, or maybe just calling or texting your club members and friends! Make sure to tell them what $50/50 Raffle ticket for, how much tickets are, how much are tickets, and how much are raffle tickets. In that point, your team will need to delegate one person to handle and keep track of all of the incoming raffle money, such as your club treasurer.

**FUNDRAISING**

Written by Amanda Valdespino
2022-2023 Fundraising Coordinator
Pilot Club of Miami
Florida District

Funding the 1-3-4-5 plan involves setting up a club account for PayPal by setting up https://www.wildhogs.com/C preferably set up a paypal account such as Venmo, Zello, or Cashapp by texting or posting it on your facebook, blog post, or whatever social media you use.

1. Create a Virtual 50/50 raffle step by step.

2. On your Zoom platform, open a new window with the raffle name and eBay link.

3. If you have an eBay account, sign in. If not, create an account.

4. Click the "List a Item" button.

5. Fill in the form.

6. Click "Submit".

7. Copy and paste the eBay URL into the chat box.

8. Ask people to bid on the raffle.

9. After the raffle is over, give the winner gift card or PayPal.

10. Keep track of your funds and expenses.

**Leadership**

Written by Lori LaRocco
2022-2023 Leadership Coordinator
Pilot Club of Patchogue
Northeast Potomac District

"The biggest single impact we have on the world is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, rises up leaders and continually develops them." - John C. Maxwell

Each of your Pilot Club comes back from our Pilot International and Leadership Convention, refocused, motivated, and ready to serve in our Districts and Clubs this year. In your District, you can assist our Pilot Executive Committee, Past Pilot International Presidents, Coordinators, Anchors, and Compass member share positive, informative, exciting, and educational presentations that focused on developing leaders to have a clear positive vision for our futures that will:

- Help excited the imagination of Pilot
- Help to find, train, and unlock the potential of our leaders
- Help to Pilot to have a successful year
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Pilot Club News

Proclamation Alzheimer’s Awareness Day

The Pilot Club of Dallas, Almoa District, presented a Pick Me Up for the Director of Meals on Wheels. In order to provide a nutritious meal for their clients, the Pilot Club of Dallas provided food donations, which included ingredients such as eggs, milk, and bread. The Director of Meals on Wheels was very grateful for the assistance and expressed gratitude to the Pilot Club for their generosity.

Pick Me Up for Drivers of Meals on Wheels

The Pilot Club of Darien, Almoa District, hosted a Mental Health Day event at their club location. The event focused on raising awareness about mental health issues and addressing the stigma associated with seeking help. The club provided educational materials and resources for members and guests, highlighting the importance of mental health and well-being.

5th Annual Touch-A-Truck to benefit Brain Injury Awareness

The Pilot Club of Darien hosted their 5th annual Touch-A-Truck event to raise awareness and funds for brain injury awareness. The event featured various vehicles for children to explore and interact with, including fire trucks, police cars, and ambulances. Attendees had the opportunity to climb aboard different vehicles and learn about the important work these organizations do.

Mental Health Day Event focusing on Brain initiatives

The Pilot Club of Darien emphasized the importance of mental health by organizing a mental health awareness event. They invited professionals from local mental health organizations to speak about the different resources available for individuals struggling with mental health issues. The event aimed to reduce stigma and encourage people to seek help.

Thank you to Pilot International members, Clubs, and Districts for submitting your Pilot Log news. Although the specific log submission period is limited, we appreciate all contributions, as they are essential for keeping our community informed and connected.

Pilot International stands poised to positively impact the lives of individuals and communities worldwide through its focus on health and well-being. Thank you to all who contribute to our mission of spreading global sunshine and making a difference in the world.

Pilot International and its members are called to do more. Care more. Be more. Therefore, our new service area includes Brain Safety & Wellness in Caring for Families in Times ofneed. Our service model features a diverse group of people who care for their communities and want to make the world a better place. We are proud of our multi-generational membership and our dedication to service in our communities worldwide. In essence, Pilot is a family that cares for each other and our communities around the world. Our Pick Me Up program is an extension of the many ways we care.

We hope the list below provides your ideas for Pick Me Ups. Always remember, Pilot International is here to help. For questions, please contact pickmeups@pilotinternational.org.

- The Pilot Club of Hinsdale, Illinois District, will provide educational materials on brain health and safety to local schools.
- The Pilot Club of Central Pennsylvania, Northeast Potomac District, will host a community health fair featuring brain health workshops.
- The Pilot Club of Flint, Michigan District, will connect local businesses with brain health organizations for philanthropic donations.
- The Pilot Club of Seattle, Washington District, will organize a brain health awareness campaign in partnership with local hospitals.
- The Pilot Club of Toronto, Ontario District, will distribute educational brochures on brain health to local libraries and community centers.
- The Pilot Club of Atlanta, Georgia District, will offer brain health screenings at local health fairs.
- The Pilot Club of San Diego, California District, will collaborate with local schools to promote brain health education.
- The Pilot Club of Houston, Texas District, will host a brain health summit featuring experts in the field.
- The Pilot Club of Dallas, Almoa District, will provide brain health workshops for local seniors centers.

Pilot International stands poised to positively impact the lives of individuals around the globe and promote awareness for the challenges they face every day. We are committed to supporting and empowering caregivers by providing needed resources and small gifts to brighten their day, also known as Pick Me Ups. Pilot International and its members are called to do more. Care more. Be more. Therefore, our new service area includes Brain Safety & Wellness in Caring for Families in Times ofneed. Our service model features a diverse group of people who care for their communities and want to make the world a better place. We are proud of our multi-generational membership and our dedication to service in our communities worldwide. In essence, Pilot is a family that cares for each other and our communities around the world. Our Pick Me Up program is an extension of the many ways we care.

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Chizuru Kawabata
Pilot Club of 21 Tokyo
Japan District

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

I joined the "Pilot Club of Tokyo" 30 years ago. Then I transferred to the "Pilot Club of 21 Tokyo" which was chartered in 2000. The deep cut common purpose and mission that I can easily understand and no referendum have attracted me. I had been seeking my future path in those days. I though I would continue to do essential charity related work in this service organization.

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

We work regardless of age and, at the same time, study the natural human beings. The significance of the activity can be shared.

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

My favorite club project is the annual Charity Event. I am always impressive by the children with Down Syndrome who are scootered and dressed in dancing on the stage at the event.

Why is it important for you to attend the Pilot International Convention – what is your heart beat away from being with all the other Pilots club?

It is essential to share the results among Pilots who have been working towards the same goal for a year. It is an excellent opportunity to spend time with other members, which can surely become one relationship and make it more fruitful to be a Pilot. I, too, forget about any daily troubles while participating in Pilot International Convention and miss the essence of Pilot Life.

Marking the formal inauguration of the Pilot Club of Tokyo, Japan charter night was held June 1931 at the Tokyo YWCA. 

The Tokyo Club was capably organized by Mrs. Mary Chapman Carter, former member of the Pilot Club of St. Peter's Florida.
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July 28 - July 1, 2023
Bellevue, WA
Hyatt Regency Bellevue

July 17 - July 20, 2024
Denver, CO
Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center

July 16 - July 19, 2025
Charlotte, NC
The Westin Charlotte

July 11-18, 2026
Oklahoma City, OK
The Omni

ANCHOR CLUBS

The Anchor program provides service and leadership opportunities for members that will prove to be invaluable as you 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.

COMPASS CLUBS

Compass Clubs provide young adults and professionals with the opportunity to be a valuable part of their community. Members serve as volunteers in community service projects, develop leadership skills, and advance personal and professional goals.