

**The Pilot Club of _____ Celebrates 100 Years
of Pilot International Service and Friendship Around the World**

The Pilot Club of _____ has been in existence since _____, but Pilot International is reaching the milestone of 100 years of friendship and service in clubs and countries in America and around the world.

The first meeting of Pilot International was held on October 18, 1921 in Macon, Georgia, U.S.A. The establishment of this organization was the idea of Elizabeth Leonard. She and forty local businesswomen signed the charter. The name “Pilot” was inspired by the mighty riverboat pilots of that day who represented leadership and guidance.

Pilot Principles: Friendship and Service

Motto: “True Course Ever”

Colors: Green (life and vigor) and Gold (sincerity of purpose)

Emblem: A riverboat pilot’s wheel with eight spokes

First Pilot President: Lucy B. Allen, elected at the organization’s first convention in 1922.

Ruby Newhall, President of Pilot International in 1949, was instrumental in establishing Anchor Clubs, Pilot’s youth service organization arm. We have recently re-established Compass Clubs for college-age students.

Pilot International Foundation (now called Pilot International Founders Fund) was established in 1975 to further Pilot’s humanitarian efforts. Since the Pilot International Founders Fund grant program began in 1977, nearly 1,200 grants totaling more than \$1,883,000 have been disbursed to Pilot Clubs to assist with service projects in their communities. Also, 1,145 scholarships have been granted, totaling over \$1,338,000.

Pilot International’s mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others.

A grand celebration took place at the Pilot International Annual Convention Leadership on July 7-10, 2021 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. The Pilot Club of _____ will be celebrating this 100-year milestone on a local level by _____.

(describe activity)

For more information about the Pilot Club of _____, please visit our club’s website at _____; or contact our President, _____, at _____. We are currently seeking new members who wish to join a great organization of friendship and service to make an impact not only in their local community, but also in the world. Also, please visit our international website at www.pilotinternational.org.

(Photos will accompany this press release.)