

Press Release:



**The Pilot Club/District of _____ Celebrates Pilot International's
100th Anniversary by Touching 100 Lives**

The Pilot Club/District of _____ has been in existence since _____, but in the year 2021, Pilot International is reaching the milestone of 100 years of friendship and service in clubs and countries in America and around the world.

Pilot International was chartered on October 18, 1921 in Macon, Georgia, U.S.A. by Elizabeth Leonard and forty local businesswomen. 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 the 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 1,500 grants totaling more than \$1.5 million have been disbursed to Pilot Clubs to assist with service projects in their communities.

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 will take place at the Pilot International Annual Convention Leadership on July 7-10, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia; however, the Pilot Club/District of _____ recently celebrated this 100-year milestone on a local level by Touching 100 Lives in their local community. We _____ . *(describe activity)*

For more information about the Pilot Club/District of _____, please visit our website at _____; or contact _____ 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.)