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to influence positive change in communities
throughout the world.

TO DO THIS, WE:
come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service.

WE FOCUS ON:
• preparing youth and young adults for service.
• encouraging brain safety and health.
• supporting those who care for others.

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Submission deadline for the SPRING 2019 edition of the Pilot Log is March 1, 2019.
Dear Pilots,

We have often been encouraged to develop our “elevator speech” so that we can easily describe Pilot International to those who are interested. We are fortunate to have a mission statement that explains our purpose and how we go about fulfilling that purpose. Lately, another question has been coming to my mind. Who are Pilots?

This question is important to consider as we look forward to expanding our clubs, our current districts and our organization to areas where Pilot currently does not have a presence. It is crucial to identify the attributes of our members.

We can look at the typical characteristics that are profiled – age, gender, race, education, income, or location. Yet these characteristics don’t necessarily describe the things that really matter about a Pilot. They may tell us who our membership is at the surface, but they do not take us deeper to who they really are.

Any expansion of Pilot International should allow us to add new members who continue the legacy that was started in 1921 in Macon, Georgia. According to history, Elizabeth Leonard decided that a group of women could accomplish much by putting their services and talents together for the community’s common good. Consider the traits that these ladies had that led them to create an organization. I thought of: determined, brave, visionaries, risk takers, civic-minded, servant heart, concern for others, not willing to accept status quo, and leaders. It’s characteristics like these that really tell us who are Pilots.

Membership drives allow us the opportunity to scan our communities for others who want to come together to create positive change. We must also look to new areas whether it’s another town in our district or somewhere outside our district – or even country. This is how we can grow. We must find others who share our common purpose and introduce Pilot to them. We must support and encourage them for the growth to last.

I urge each of you to prepare answers to two questions. First, we must know “What is Pilot International?” Second, we need to know “Who are Pilots?” The answer to the second question may focus our vision as we look outward to reach new possibilities.

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

Karen Cupit
Pilot International is proud to be under the capable leadership of President Karen Cupit this 2018-19 fiscal year. From Crowville, Louisiana, Karen has been a Pilot since 2002 – 17 amazing years of service and friendship at the local, district and international levels! Among many elected positions, she has served as club president, district governor, and now as our international president.

Karen earned a BBA in Accounting from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. For 25 years, she has worked for the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury, where she currently serves as Assistant Treasurer. Karen is active in First United Methodist Church of West Monroe, Louisiana. In addition to her Pilot volunteer work, she enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time with nieces Meredith and Maggie. She is ‘owned’ by two furry cats Jack and Sam.

**What was your first Pilot experience?**

My club sponsored the local Junior Miss scholarship program for many years. They had already started preparing for the 2002 program when I joined in February. I immediately started attending practices and other events.

The Junior Miss program was held in March. I attended my first district convention in April and my first PI convention in July. I think we can say I jumped right on in there!
Why did you join Pilot?

I developed a heart for service early on. Beginning in 4th grade, I was part of the 4-H organization. Our leaders taught us how to serve in our community. We were also able to develop leadership skills. I was a member of 4-H, as well as other clubs, throughout high school.

After college and entering the workforce, I knew I wanted to get involved again in volunteer service. My cousin was a member of Pilot and introduced me to the organization. I liked the brain injury focus along with the opportunity for leadership development. The club also seemed to have plenty of service opportunities. I didn’t join immediately, but I did join. I am really glad that I did.

What are your three goals as President this year?

I believe our organization will benefit greatly with New Member Orientation and Mentorship Programs. There is lots to learn about our clubs, districts and the international organization. We shouldn’t leave our new members to figure it out by themselves. I believe these programs will allow us to retain more members and attract more members willing to serve in leadership roles.

Our organization must take a serious look at expansion. New clubs can be chartered in current districts. However, we also need to determine how we grow in areas where we do not currently have clubs. This cannot be done haphazardly. We need a plan before we venture into these areas.

We’ve chartered one Compass Club - let’s follow that with more!
Pilot International empowers brain injury survivors and their caregivers

A major focus area for Pilot International is promoting brain health and safety. In a strategic move to expand our impact, Pilot is collaborating with the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) to further the education and empowerment of brain injury survivors and their caregivers.

The Pilot International Brain Injury Fundamentals Scholarship was established in 2018 to expand Pilot’s efforts for promoting brain-safe practices, injury prevention and mindful behavior; as well as for supporting those who care for brain injury survivors.

An amount up to $5,000 per year is dedicated to funding individual scholarships for the BIAA’s Brain Injury Fundamentals Program. Awards up to $250 per person are offered with this scholarship fund.

The BIAA Fundamentals program provides training with certificate for care staff and individual caregivers for providing the best level care to people living with brain injury. The topics covered include cognition, medical complications, medication safety and management, as well as the physical and emotional burden faced by families coping with brain injury.

Pilot Clubs everywhere are encouraged to promote this scholarship opportunity to caregivers of brain injury survivors. Together, in collaboration with BIAA, we will educate, empower, and enhance the care for brain injury survivors.

More information is on the BIAA and Pilot International websites:

https://www.biausa.org/professionals/acbis/acbis-fundamentals/acbis-fundamentals-certification

https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/
Dear Pilots,

Your response to Pilot International’s second annual Giving Tuesday campaign was energetic and generous. Giving Tuesday happens once a year, but the gifts make a difference for a lifetime. Our Giving Tuesday campaign benefits our Endowment, which helps ensure the sustainability and legacy of Pilot International in future years. A healthy endowment also provides an income stream from interest. With that we are able to fund unique projects that improve the lives of individuals and communities around the globe.

Thank you for being part of the Pilot International family. Your gifts are not just about writing a check. They are about all the time and talent you pour out to transform our communities and our world into better places.

With grateful hearts,

PI Headquarters

Over $9,685 Raised!!
About Our Campaign

Pilot International extends its heartfelt thanks to all members and clubs for their efforts to make our 2018 Fall Membership Drive successful. We added 147 new members between September 4 and November 30, with 30 of those under age 40. In addition, we chartered two new Pilot Clubs and six new Anchor Clubs. Congratulations on a successful Membership Drive!

Campaign Winners

Doris Rusk, PC of Cullman, Alabama and sponsor for Cold Springs Anchor Club won the Convention Registration.

Susan Kay Danner from the Muncie, Michigan-Indiana District won the $50 Pilot Store Credit.

Jean Stacy from the West Point, Mississippi District won the $100 Pilot Store Credit.

Janet Thompson from the Denham Springs, Louisiana District won the $150 Store Credit.

Table 1: 2018 Fall Membership Drive Total
MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR UPDATE

My Dearest Pilot Friends,

I want to wish each of you a service-oriented, friendship-filled New Year!

I was thinking about our tagline – “Do More. Care More. Be More.” The recurring thought of “CARE” stayed in my mind and how we might be able to use caring with our membership efforts. Let me share some ideas with you...

Our “C” should be CONNECT and COMMUNICATE. We should be able to CONNECT with our prospective members and COMMUNICATE the benefits of membership in Pilot International. We should also be able to CONNECT and COMMUNICATE with our current membership to help them understand the importance of what we do and why we do it.

Our “A” should be to ATTRACT new Pilots. I feel we may need to move from “recruitment” because, in a professional sporting sense, you recruit new members to your team but they may only be there for a few years before they move on or get traded. We don’t want that in our clubs! We want to ATTRACT members like magnets! (And hold on to them!)

Our “R” should be to RETAIN our dedicated members and REVITALIZE our clubs. With the push for new members, we sometimes “forget” our dedicated Pilots and their unwavering service. We need to find ways to keep them CONNECTED to Pilot. By REVITALIZING our clubs, we design ways to make the club relevant to our membership. New meeting times or places, varied meeting schedules, new projects, new fundraisers, creating new committees – just a few ways of REVITALIZING our Pilot Clubs.

Our “E” should be to EDUCATE and ENCOURAGE. We need focused Membership Orientations to EDUCATE each Pilot on his/her responsibilities and rights as a member.

We need to EDUCATE our communities about the mission and vision of Pilot International. We must ENCOURAGE our members to “think outside the box” with projects, fundraisers, and growth ideas. We must ENCOURAGE our members to use their individual strengths for the collective good.

Dearest Pilot Friends, make time to show how much you CARE about BEING a Pilot and DOING more for our clubs, district, and our international organization. True Course Ever.

In the Bond of Friendship and Service,

Joseph Cunningham, M.A.Ed.
Membership Coordinator
The Pilot Club of Patchogue - Northeast Potomac District

Summary of Project:

The Pilot Club of Patchogue’s project, entitled “Down Memory Lane” provided head-phones and MP3 players for 22 residents at McPeak’s Assisted Living in Patchogue, New York. The music devices have personalized music for each resident. The repertoire of familiar music is providing a sense of engagement that improves the quality of life for the participants who suffer from dementia and Alzheimer’s disease.

The residents at McPeak’s Assisted Living facility reacted positively to the MP3 players personalized with programmed music. Residents were clapping, swaying, and nodding their heads, smiling, laughing, tapping their feet, and singing to the music. The residents became more focused on one another and became more involved in their surroundings.

The Pilot Club of Wichita - Kansas/Missouri District

Summary of Project:

Supplies, veterinary services, and training were supplied to the Midwest Battle Buddies to train 10 veterans alongside their dogs. The vets with PTSD were impacted in huge ways. Several reported never leaving the house before they had their precious service dog. Others were aided in physical ways as their dog helped them to get up after a fall or to pick up things they had dropped. Others reported being awakened from nightmares. The dogs provide peace of mind and confidence to the veterans.

Midwest Battle Buddies veterans and their service dogs in training came to a club meeting where they ate a Pilot cooked dinner. They presented the program and Pilots learned about PTSD and the positive effects of having a well-trained service dog. We hear a lot about PTSD, but to hear actual sufferers describe their conditions was very moving. Hearing their stories and knowing we were able to help provide them with a dog and the training was very powerful.
Pilot International invests in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding a plethora of academic scholarships each year. Pilot believes these education investments advance its mission of influencing positive change in communities around the world.

The KC International Scholarship, funded by a private donor, was established in 2017 to offer assistance to international students pursuing careers that further the mission of Pilot International. The KC Anchor Scholarship supports graduating high school seniors who have actively participated in community service through an Anchor club.

The Pilot International Founders Fund offers six additional scholarships to benefit graduate and undergraduate students. They are the Pilot International Scholarship, Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship, Marie Newton Sepia Memorial Scholarship, Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship, Bob King Memorial Scholarship, and the Anchor Achievement Scholarship. The Bob King scholarship is funded by the Co-Pilots’ fundraising efforts.

Awards are based on community service, leadership roles, career direction, academic success, and application content. Awards are for a single academic year at a time. Applications for the 2019-20 academic year must be postmarked by March 15, 2019.

For a list of scholarships and applications, please visit our website at https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/.
SAVE THE DATE

Where?
At the beautiful Sheraton Grand Chicago

When?
July 3-7, 2019

When do I register?
Early Bird: January 28-March 1, 2019.
Registration Closes: May 24, 2019.

Can I register online?
Yes! An online registration link will be made available when registration opens.

How much is registration?
Early Bird: $325
Regular: $350
Co-Pilot: $250
VISIT CHICAGO

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THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Getting to Chicago is easy. With 2,815 daily nonstop flights, you can get to Chicago from nearly anywhere in the world. Once you’re here, expansive public transportation and thousands of taxis make it a cinch to get around.

SIGHTS TRULY WORTH SEEING

Adults and children alike are wowed by Chicago’s awesome attractions. Here, you can walk out onto the water of Lake Michigan with a visit to Navy Pier and its many rides, restaurants, theaters and shops. Visit The Ledge at Skydeck Chicago in the Willis Tower, and you can practically walk on air more than 1,000 feet in the sky.

360 CHICAGO offers its own variety of breathtaking views of the city and lake. And perhaps Chicago’s most out-of-this-world experience is right back at ground level in the form of Millennium Park. The Park’s Cloud Gate sculpture (“The Bean”), Pritzker Pavilion, Crown Fountain and other fascinating features are like nothing you’ve ever seen. Of course, the same could be said for the city as a whole.
FOR ENTERTAINMENT, WE’RE YOUR KIND OF TOWN

With incredible venues ranging from intimate neighborhood clubs to historic music halls, Chicago is the prime tour stop. From classical to heavy metal, you’ll find it here on any given night. And every summer the sounds of Lollapalooza, the Blues Festival, Taste of Chicago, Pitchfork Music Festival, The Stars of Lyric Opera and many more fill the air. Maybe you’d like something a little more theatrical? From glitzy pre-Broadway debuts to more intimate local productions, we’ve got it all, including five Tony Award®-winning theater companies and the legendary comedy of The Second City.

Want to catch a game? Sports fans in heaven wish they’d died and gone to Chicago. The Cubs and White Sox, the Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Sky, Fire and more keep fans on the edge of their seats. Catch any game, and you’ll see the passion for yourself.

CHOOSE CHICAGO

HOW MANY CITIES ARE HOME TO SO MANY DIFFERENT WORLDS?

America has long been considered a melting pot. And without a doubt, Chicago is one of the main ingredients that goes into it. From Chinese New Year to the Puerto Rican Pride Parade, Chicago celebrates just about every day. With 77 unique neighborhoods representing more than 100 countries, there’s a little something for everyone, and traditions are shared with Chicago’s citizens and visitors alike. Find out why Chicago is the most magnificent city.

Who has been talking about Compass Clubs??? Anyone??? How are you doing in regards to searching out new members to start a Compass Club? Any success stories to share? I would love to hear them and share them in future articles, so please send them to me. I know there are a few clubs possibly in the works, so I look forward to more updates soon. Are you still struggling on where to begin? Remember, you do not have to host a Compass Club on a College Campus, you can, but it is not required.

If you already have Anchors that you are involved with consider meeting with them before their school year wraps up within the next few months. Ask to be a guest speaker at an Anchor Meeting or event and give a presentation on Compass Clubs and how the graduating Anchors can work to charter a new club. Keep in mind it only takes 5 members to start a Club and we as Pilots are there to guide them in being compliant per our Pilot By-Laws. Graduating Anchors are the perfect fit for Compass since they already have a passion for service and Compass will allow them to continue their love of helping others as they pursue a higher education or become involved in the workforce. These young adults can meet through the advancements of modern technology and not necessarily have to be in the same location for their meetings – the opportunities are endless for this age group, help them to explore the possibilities of a non-traditional club and see the freedoms they can have to continue to serve their communities and be the difference.

Look at other volunteer groups and organizations within your community and see if you can locate a number of young adults that would fit into the Compass ages of 18-26. This age group likes to stay busy and make a difference, so they may be interested in something new, which will give them an outlet to provide more community service projects with their peers.

There are many possibilities out there, we just need to be brave enough to ask the 18-26-year-old that we more than likely already know. If they are interested in this type of service, then provide them with a helping hand and the support to get started – you just might be surprised at what they are capable of accomplishing.

There are Compass Club marketing pieces available through Pilot Headquarters that can be used to promote Compass Club in your areas. If you are interested in these pieces, please contact Susan Woodard the Anchor/Compass Specialist for more details.

I look forward to seeing which Compass Club will be the first to Charter in 2019 --- will that Club be in your District? Reach out today to a family member or friend in this age group and start that conversation with someone you know personally. If you can get them excited about Doing More, Caring More and Being More in your community then they will go find another 4 friends to step up and make it happen!! Who is going to Charter Compass Club #2 and the first in 2019 ---- it could be you or your Pilot Club!!

Missy Ridgway
2018-2019 Compass Coordinator
Email: mhridgway@gmail.com
NEW MEMBERS

ALABAMA
Ashley R Standeffer
Sandy Taylor
Connie Schartung
Grace Westlake
Decatur
Luncheon Club of Morgan Co.
Luncheon Club of Morgan Co.
Luncheon Club of Morgan Co.

FLORIDA
Mary Ann Jackson
Sharon Ann Millis
Janet Elam Bryant
Carol White
Betty Bell
Dottie S Johnson
Kristen R Decker
Megan E Sumner
Tiffany N Trimm
Cindy Flachmeier
Berna H Gunnerson
Mary Ann Jackson
Cathy Kershner
Trish Rice
Lynn E Smith
Karen H Wedekind
Maria D Williams
Kathryn M Christmas
Leila J LeVan
Debbie D Friedrich
Mary Jane Rugala
Joyce Jamro
Susan Schadt
Dianne Neveras
Donna Kay Atkinson
Stephanie Ann Smith
Emma Perez
Sara Platz
Teresa Valdespino
Nell H Carnley
Riverview
Halifax Area
Halifax Area
Palatka
Palatka
Palatka
Palatka
Palatka
Riverview
Riverview
Riverview
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Riverview
Riverview
Gulf to Lakes
Jacksonville
Titusville
Gulf to Lakes
Jacksonville
Treasure Coast Club Vero Beach
Treasure Coast Club Vero Beach
Space Coast Club Titusville
Miami
Miami
Miami
Miami

GEORGIA
Perry Parrish
Shona Bales
Karen May Scott
Taylor Lord Armour
Adel
Eatonton
Washington County
Washington County
Jones County
Monroe
Monroe
Eastman

INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT
Jean Eular
Joseph Toe
Erving Koffa Togba
Siamon Kwain
Cynthia Leytee Dahm
Ovates K.S. Gontor
D Nimhne Saletti
Chris Wontor Lamah
Hadja Saran Diane
Cletus B Toe
Chiedi E Nyenmoh

JAPAN
Miyoko Nagata
Satsuma

KANSAS-MISSOURI
Kathy L Davis
Andie K Dean
Great Bend
Pratt

KENTUCKY-OHIO-WEST VIRGINIA
Teresa Hager
Oretta Keeney
Christina A Gossett
Leanna S Thompson
Jackson County
Charleston
Jackson County
Jackson County

LOUISIANA
Verna Jones
Cindy Moore
Julia Fury
Jana Yarbrough
Bobbi Jo Guerin
Tammy Jo Williams
Brenda Dungan
Janet Thompson
Holly Harper
Leesville
Twin Cities
Twin Cities
Twin Cities
Denham Springs
Denham Springs
Denham Springs
Denham Springs
Richland
NEW MEMBERS

CONTINUED

**MIDWEST**
- Linda Hardin
- Cindy Moore

**MISSISSIPPI**
- Jennifer Beam
- Maggie Minor
- Lindsey Cockrell
- Abbey C. Parks
- Celese N. Bullock
- Amber Cross
- Allie Marie Wallis
- Kelli Hopkins Hill
- Mandi Robertson
- Elizabeth Behm
- Kaysie Barnes
- Jody Spence Gray
- Belinda A Luna
- Sherrie M. Huggins
- Betty D. King
- Jean Stacy

**MISSISSIPPI**
- Muscatine
- New Albany, MS
- Mantachie
- New Albany, MS
- Tippah County, MS
- Tippah County, MS
- Tippah County, MS
- Tippah County, MS
- Tippah County, MS
- Tippah County, MS
- Tippah County, MS
- West Point

**SOUTH CAROLINA**
- Page Spivey
- Jo-Ann Reap
- Linda Davis Pearre
- Yvette S. Green
- Erin Richardson
- Patricia Jones-Meyer
- Emily Bohn
- Chandler Thomas
- Lauren Baker
- Nancy Smith
- Pam Reis
- Ann E. Owens

**SOUTH CAROLINA**
- Aynor
- Evening Sumter
- Seneca
- Clarendon
- Marion, SC
- Columbia
- Bennettsville
- Bennettsville
- Bishopville
- Bishopville
- Aynor
- Darlington

**TENNESSEE**
- Kasi Ross
- Betty Jo Bowers

**TENNESSEE**
- Oak Ridge
- Oak Ridge

**TEXAS DISTRICT**
- Nikki Weisser
- Celeste Benoit
- Laura McGinnis
- Karen Clifford
- Sarah L Watkins
- Karla Green
- Lisa Lacobee
- Pamela A. Holbrook
- Raegan A. Jernigan
- Monica Rodriguez
- Joanne Patterson
- Kelly L Zbranek
- Terri R Ferguson

**TEXAS DISTRICT**
- Lake Houston
- Lake Houston
- Lake Houston
- Lake Houston
- San Jacinto
- Dallas
- Livingston
- Livingston
- Lake Houston
- Lake Houston
- Wharton
- Wharton

**NORTH CAROLINA**
- Audrey L Jones
- Joy P Griffin
- Margaret McGee
- Brandi N Cross
- Lois Murphy
- Barbara Herring
- Cindy McCarty
- Amanda K. Davis

**NORTH CAROLINA**
- Tarboro
- Monroe, NC
- Laurinburg
- Laurinburg
- South Brunswick Island
- Raleigh
- Raleigh
- Raleigh

**NORTHEAST-POTOMAC**
- Lorraine Dechert

**NORTHEAST-POTOMAC**
- Patchogue

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In November, Raleigh Pilots prepared Pick-Me-Ups for staff at the Ruth Sheets Adult Day Care Center in Raleigh.

They packaged chocolate-covered pecans, peppermint foot soak along with a mug and cocoa. A personal note with the Pilot and Pick-Me-Up logos was included.

Pictured: Elizabeth Stock completed a gift bag.

St. Augustine Pilots hosted the Anchor Club of St. Joseph Academy for stuffing Halloween candy bags. These were gifted to the Wolfson Children’s Hospital.

Pictured: The Anchor Club of St. Joseph Academy, sponsored by the Pilot Club of St. Augustine, assembled over 140 Halloween gift bags for patients at the Wolfson Children’s Hospital.

Vicki Sellner is the new Club Ambassador for the Pilot Club of St. Augustine. She was honored in October when the club's membership area hosted a dinner at the home of Rayma Thomas. Rayma was assisted by Kay David and Liz Whalen.

Pictured: Membership Social Club
Evelyn Williams was recognized as Pilot Club of Baytown Outstanding Pilot Member at its October 2018 meeting. Evelyn is a 28 year member of the Pilot Club, sponsored in 1990 by Donna Walker. Evelyn was born on April 8 in Atlanta, Georgia. She was working with the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce when she met the love of her life, Lindon Williams, an oil and gas salesman out of Texas. After a three month long-distance courtship they married and 25 year old Evelyn moved to Texas. Politics were an integral part of their life. Evelyn’s husband was in the legislature for 20 years. He served as Justice of the Peace after the death of Judge Morrison. After the term ended, he was elected to that office. He suffered a fatal heart attack while serving that office and our dear Pilot sister finished out his term as Justice of the Peace. She is a true servant at heart.

Evelyn and Lindon have two sons, Lindon, Jr., and Gerald Williams, and two grandchildren, who are the apple of her eye.

Evelyn is not only a 28 year member of Pilot Club of Baytown, but also belongs to her local garden club, and is active in Senate ladies clubs in Austin. She is a member of Memorial Baptist Church. As we would all suspect, Evelyn has a tribe of friends. She feels she has been blessed with good health and uses her strength to care and nurture them.

Pilot Club of Baytown Welcomes Governor Debbie Ray of Nacogdoches, Texas, & Celebrates Pilot International Founders Day

Texas District Pilot Governor, Debbie Ray, of the Pilot Club of Nacogdoches, made her official visit with the Baytown Club on Founder’s Day. Governor Debbie advised that the Baytown Club is recognized throughout the organization as an outstanding club. She advised the Baytown Club of recent changes and upcoming plans of the Texas District and Pilot International and encouraged participation by Baytown members. Debbie congratulated Gail Wilson, Texas District Governor Elect, of 2019-2020 of the Baytown Club.

To celebrate the birthday anniversary and the Pilot legacy, the Pilot Club of Baytown requested a panel of seasoned Pilots to describe activities of earlier Pilot Club of Baytown years. The experience of the Pilot panel was 15 to 51 years of Pilot service. This proved to be very interesting and a lot of fun as fundraisers described evolved from smorgasbord, to spaghetti dinners, to barbecue to the current Yellow Rose Gala and Christmas Home Tour.
The panelists reminisced on the travel experiences and friendships made with other Pilots. Some of the early service projects the panel described include: furnishing the chapel at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital; helping form the Cerebral Palsy Center (now known as the Bay Area Rehab Center); joining with the Evening Pilot Club in 1982 to provide Lifeline; sponsoring Latchkey Kids Program; erecting the Veterans Monument at City Hall; donating a bridge at Bicentennial Park, providing a Red Cross van; sponsoring Civic Night; coordinating Alzheimer’s Association Walks; sponsoring Lee College Foundation’s education scholarship program and ‘Take a Seat’ program at its Performing Arts Center; purchasing a TV system for the Sterling Municipal Library for the ESL adults in its literacy program; donating bedroom furniture to the New Horizons Shelter facility, and many other projects and services.

Pictured below: Pilot Club of Baytown Celebrates Pilot International Founders Day, October 23rd – 97 years ago was the first official Pilot Club meeting. A panel of seasoned Pilots described activities of earlier Pilot activities to the Pilot membership and guests. Pictured are Evelyn Williams (joined Pilot 1990), Janet Hall (joined Pilot 1967), Helen Gerlich (joined Pilot in 1998), Joy Warford (joined Pilot 1998), Judy Wheat (joined Pilot in 2003), Clarissa Martinez (Vice-President and program narrator).
Anchor Clubs enjoyed an energetic start to their school year, with six new Anchor Clubs chartering!

We are excited to see what these new clubs bring to the Pilot International community.

Anchor Clubs everywhere are challenged to rally around Pilot International’s collaborative partnership with the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA). Pilot has committed $5,000 annually to fund training for caregivers of brain injury survivors. Anchors can support this important cause by sponsoring local fundraisers for this scholarship fund.

What are ways your Anchor Club can raise funds for this BIAA scholarship initiative? Perhaps look to crowdfunding; sponsoring a ‘dress down’ day at school; bake sale; selling candy bouquets at Valentines; or decorating car windshields for spirit days. Be an ‘Anchor for Brain Injury Survivors’ and use your imaginations!

The finish line for this challenge is April 30, 2019.

New Anchor Clubs:

Sidney Lanier High School Anchor Club (AL)  
October 3, 2018

Athens Anchor Club (TN)  
October 21, 2018

North Babylon High School Anchor Club (NEPOT)  
October 23, 2018

IMPACT ECHS Anchor Club (TX)  
October 23, 2018

Straughn High School Anchor Club (AL)  
November 8, 2018

Cold Springs High school Anchor Club (AL)  
November 15, 2018
Why did you charter/join your club? And how long have you been a member?

Gary: After many years of working with Pat in Pilot (as a Co-Pilot), I joined Pilot in 2005. My membership helped charter the Pilot Club of Cherokee County in an area in which I grew up.

Pat: My former 4-H Club advisor, who was someone I respected greatly, invited me to a Share Pilot meeting in 1976. I was so impressed with the service aspect and the friendliness of the club that I joined that night.

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

Gary: I enjoy supporting our officers in the Elberton Club in all our projects. My favorite project is the Chicken Salad Fundraiser. It is enjoyable to get together to cook, assemble and deliver the normal 600 meals by noon.

Pat: Our services are “hands-on,” such as assisting with special needs in our local schools and community and contributing needed items to the police and domestic shelters. Seeing the smiles on the faces of all those recipients gives me the greatest gift.

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

Pat: As a retired school psychologist, I stress the need for brain safety and brain health. Presenting BrainMinders in our local schools is my favorite project. The interest, enthusiasm and interaction from the students when the puppets “talk” to them is priceless. The new scripts fulfill a need to address present concerns of our students, such as how to combat bullying.

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

Gary: I always leave a convention with a very positive attitude and with a true feeling of friendship extended from all Pilots. During my 2017-2018 health issues, Pilots from everywhere sent prayers and best wishes. At the 2018 PI Convention I am sure over half the PI membership greeted me, hugged me and wished me well. My Pilot and Co-Pilot friends made me feel like a celebrity this year. For many years, I have assisted Co-Pilots in selling the Calcutta tickets and teasing so many Pilots, raising numerous funds for Pilot International.

Pat: The Pilot International Convention provides training for District and local officers and appointees. Guest speakers give insightful information on a variety of topics, which helps us become better members but more importantly, better people. To meet once a year, know each other on social media, and interact is a great part of Pilot’s friendship that can never be replaced. As a Pilot friend once remarked, Pilot International Convention shows us the bigger picture of what we do in our own clubs.
What new initiative could Pilot support that would further your clubs/districts goals?

Gary: An initiative that would somehow bring in some younger members would be a big help. Most of our members are senior citizens and have to reach deep for energies to help with projects. Of course, they all do all they can but all clubs can use younger members.

Pat: While not a new initiative, the cooperation we had with St. Jude’s Hospital was of special interest to me. At one time, we helped to sponsor the building of a new wing and were present at the dedication. Cancer affects so many children and this would be one way of assisting with this healing process.

What would you like other Pilot/clubs/districts to know about your club – your club’s challenges—your club’s successes?

Pat: The comradery among members is one of our greatest assets. A challenge we have is membership growth, but it is an initiative we are working to improve.

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

Gary: Every highly successful service organization needs funds and work force to operate and give. PI deserves our support for operation and projects, support includes time from each of us to help in ways we can.

Pat: While I may not be able to personally assist members affected by disasters or participate in all projects, I can contribute by donating monetarily to PI. Scholarships assist our students in attaining educational pursuits and Safe Harbor gives to Pilots worldwide who have experienced personal disasters such as floods, hurricanes, and/or personal losses. While I may not be able physically assist with disaster-relief or community projects, I can contribute by donating. This is a way we all work together to develop our Friendship and Service.
Pilot International warmly welcomes its first members ever from Monrovia, the capital city of Liberia. Monrovia is located on the Atlantic Coast at Cape Mesurado and is Liberia’s most populous city. Ten Monrovians have taken on our ‘international’ Pilot membership status. We are grateful to our COED district for their efforts over the past several months to make this happen.

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Don’t try to do it all yourself! For some of us, this may need to be repeated often (myself included).

You may be physically able to do everything by yourself, but occasionally we take on too many things and stress about getting it all done because we feel that it’s all on our shoulders. We must allow others to step in and help out, this is why a lot of clubs have multiple tiers of board members, advisors and/or division coordinators. There are plenty of people willing to help out, you just have to ask.

When leading, you have to be willing to teach, coach, mentor and delegate. This includes tasks that you have done so many times you know all the steps by heart and it would be so quick for you to take care of it; you have to be willing to teach those tasks and steps to others for our organization to continue to succeed.

It also helps to be open to ideas from others. There may be a project or fundraiser that the Club or District has done for years upon years successfully, and that’s wonderful; but sometimes additional input or ideas from others may help achieve a higher success on that project or fundraiser.

John C. Maxwell said, “One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination.”

While at an International Leadership Conference a few years ago, I had the opportunity to hear Patrick Lencioni speak and attend a workshop he was facilitating on the book he wrote called “The Five Dysfunctions of a Team: A Leadership Fable.” If you have read it, you know that it is ‘team focused’ and pertains loosely to team sports; however it can be applied to any ‘team’ whether that be membership or business related. If you have not read the book, I highly recommend checking it out.

Wishing a Happy New Year!

*Mindy Morgan*

Leadership Coordinator
In my last article, I wrote about giving your fundraisers a “wellness check” to identify areas of improvement. If you did this, you may have decided that your fundraising strategies are working well for your club. Or you may have discovered that one or more of your fundraisers are not in the best of health. If that’s the case, you don’t necessarily need to stop conducting the less-than-successful fundraisers; you may just need to change some aspects to get a better outcome. Here are some examples:

If you’re hosting a luncheon, but the meal cost is eating into your profits, try changing it to a “tea” with light appetizers instead. This will lower your costs but still allow you to provide some refreshments for your audience.

Don’t be afraid to change the venue. Some people aren’t comfortable attending an event at a country club; you may be able to increase your attendance by shifting to a church or community center. If your fundraiser involves selling an item (pecans, cheese, etc.), talk with your club members individually to get their thoughts. Some members are not comfortable speaking their mind during a meeting (especially the meetings when we approve the Plans of Work). Ask the member why he/she isn’t more involved with the sales; the member may have another idea of what might engage more participation from your club.

If you conduct a raffle, try using gift cards or cash instead of a tangible prize. Money is appealing to a lot more people than a diamond necklace.

Embrace technology. Look into using a website or swiper (Square, for example) so you can accept credit card payments. With fewer people (especially the younger generations) carrying cash or using checks, it may be worth your while to pay the small fee required to receive money electronically.

Again, these are just some suggestions. If your fundraisers are successful, great! And if you make some changes and discover that maybe the old way was better, that’s fine, too. You’ll learn what works and doesn’t work for your club. But never let the excuse “it’s always been done this way” stop you from making changes to improve. Change is inevitable and is often needed to keep your fundraiser successful.
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- **Eleanor Wynell**
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- **Greg Roberson (Husband of Pilot Carolyn Roberson)**
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Is there a specific group of people or a cause you are passionate about? Look for projects that relate to your passion and interests. You may also just want to perform particular community service activities that allow you to do hobbies you enjoy, like baking or handcrafting.

Some people prefer to participate in community service activities that have a quantifiable impact, for example, activities where you know the specific number of persons served, monies raised or, or cans of food you collected. This is in contrast to activities that don’t have such clear numbers, such as creating a garden or serving as a volunteer.

As we enter this New Year, let us continue to give of our time, treasure and talents. Remember those that do not have the same privileges as others. Pilots should include projects that Anchors can be a part of, including the ABC of Pilot (Anchors, Brain Safety & Health and Caregivers) and if it is successful please share it with the other clubs in your area or email it to me your International Coordinator at ethel.laing@gmail.com to share Internationally.

Ethel Laing
International Coordinator

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