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IMPORTANT DATES

June 1

Deadline to pay early bird registration fee for PI / PIF Convention in Dallas, TX

July 1

2010-2011 Club Treasures submit PI Dues

July 13 - 16

PI / PIF Convention in Dallas, TX

Make plans to attend!



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Governor's Message

North Carolina Pilots are **AWESOME!** The 72nd NC District Convention was a great success with 27 of our 28 clubs being represented. Our total voting strength was 80 which included our 5 district officers and 17 past district governors. Our total convention attendance this year was 118.

Our Executive Committee Representative Judy Langley was so helpful in making our weekend run smoothly. Thank you for all that you have done for the North Carolina District this year. You have been a great friend.

WOW!!! Friday night was a busy time. We had the Club Banner Ceremony, a beautiful patriotic thought, a great meal and oh yes, we solved a murder mystery. What a great evening to continue our project to honor Pilot International Foundation's 35th anniversary. (SEE PIF REP SHANNON'S REPORT-PG 4)

Tim Clifford, Director of Development and P.A.T.H. Instructor, HORSEPOWER Therapeutic Learning Center was our Keynote Speaker on Saturday morning. Tim shared wonderful information about HORSEPOWER and how they work with people with disabilities using horses. He told us that “our Pilot clubs share a common mission with HORSEPOWER, service to the community.”

During our business sessions, NC Pilots passed the 2011-2012 District Project (Camp Carefree) and the proposed District Budget. Our 2011-2012 District Officers were also elected.

On Saturday afternoon, Club officers took part in a “Council of Leaders”. All officers attended the same session. This was to allow each officer to learn the responsibilities of each office. Workshops on varying subjects were offered for all other Pilots.

Saturday night was a beautiful night filled with good food, great entertainment (Dee Ann's children Ashley and Andy) and a lovely, meaningful installation service. Shannon Clegg and the Pilot Club of Fayetteville made this a special night for Dee Ann, the incoming DAC and NC Pilots. My husband Ronald and Dee Ann's husband Donnie almost stole the show when Ronald presented Donnie with a cookbook to use next year as Dee Ann does her “Pilot Stuff” and he has to take care of himself. Donnie was thrilled with the cookbook written by the late Dale Earnhardt's mother Martha.

Chaplain Barbara McKeever's Remembrance Service on Sunday was so wonderful that I have included it in this bulletin. Barbara has inspired us all year with her messages.

You have “cherished your visions and ideals” this year. You have listened to “the music in your hearts” and made a difference. You have made the North Carolina District of Pilot International a stand out in our organization. You have “Believed” in the “visions and dreams” and have made them realities.

Thank you for your support and encouragement this year. It has been a privilege to have served as your Governor this year.

Mitzi



Susan Hoffmann
President, Pilot International
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Pilot International
Foundation

Dear Pilots,

Best wishes and sincere congratulations to all new Pilot Club Presidents and their boards! The good works and generosity of Pilot members and clubs this year has been exemplary, despite the residual of economic hardship that has lingered universally. **I am so proud to be among you!**

I commend the DAC/DEC for your efforts in taking your respective Pilot Clubs to the highest levels of achievement and recognition this year. Your encouragement elevates all of us within the organization, and I personally cannot thank you enough for your help. We expect great things from the incoming DAC/DEC leaders, and I know from talking to many of you, that we will not be disappointed.

So, then...as we enter another year of Pilot, we strive to climb to new heights of service achievement, build even stronger clubs and districts, and continue to stay in the forefront of the charitable work that is so beautifully characterized by Pilots' extraordinary acts of kindness.

I hope to see all of you in this summer in Dallas where we will introduce some exciting new ideas to help our organization grow and continue as a force for good in our communities. You won't want to miss this conference!

Continue to keep our valiant Japan clubs in your hearts and prayers. The road to their country's recover will be long and arduous, but our Pilots there know that we will continue to stand by them for the duration. After all, for nearly 90 years, friendship and service – among ourselves and to the world -- is what we are about.

Forever in Pilot friendship.

ECR Message from Judy Langley

What a fabulous North Carolina District Convention! If you missed it, be sure to find out about it from others who attended, and make your plans **now** to attend your next district event. What a fun and informative way to expand your Pilot horizons! Thanks, Pilots, for your grand hospitality! Like you, I made memories and friendships to last a lifetime! Congratulations to the outgoing and incoming DAC and appointees and to the dedicated committees for hosting a truly great convention!

- **TEXAS-citing news in Dallas at the PI/PIF Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference:**



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- A fresh new Opening Ceremony featuring singer/songwriter - Melody Guy and Susan Hite
- Speaker Dr. Hart of the BrainHealth Center in Dallas will share research information on the memory and Alzheimer's

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- and, of course, Workshops – on Leadership, Anchors - Freedom's Foundation, Grants and Scholarships, Planned Giving, Brain Related, Susan Hite, etc.
- Our PIF Fundraiser will feature – a Larry Gatlin Performance – Coffee and dessert follow the performance – limited reserve seating \$125 (\$80 deductible) and \$90 (\$45 deductible)
- **"Rock Your Country"**- is the President's Banquet theme - all are encouraged to dress to represent their country, locale or country western....whatever you choose to rock on.
- The Spring issue of the Pilot Log will have more detail, it will be out in May.
- **The PIF Walk** will be a sweet treat as Pilots trek over the Dallas streets through the enclosed sky walk from the Sheraton to the Plaza of the Americas complex. Yes, there is a big ol' Texas-sized skating rink and they do rent out skates in case the Walk hasn't tuckered you out. There's a special surprise waiting for you at the skating rink! Immediately following the walk many of the food court and local restaurants will welcome a visit from your entourage. Please plan to join us for this special walk benefitting the PI Foundation. \$25+ donation participates in the walk - \$50 + donation receives a walk T-shirt
- **The Website Task Force will be unveiling:**
 - Be prepared for a fresh new look that you'll love!
 - It will be more intuitive and easy to find information quickly and efficiently.
 - It will be informative for our members, also attractive for enticing prospective members and interested persons.
 - It will be the home for sharing great stories that define our mission and vision.
 - Our members and clubs will find all of the essential tools they need to recruit and mentor a new member; also, how to hold a Share Pilot event, Brain Power walk, etc.
- **This year the 2011 PIF Extravaganza will definitely be the hot topic in the Big D.**
 - Will all of the eligible entries be closed before we even get to Dallas? The Extravaganza is limited to only 2,000 entries.
 - Your \$150 contribution to the Foundation will automatically qualify you for the opportunity of winning one of the following prizes:
 - A Brand New 2010 Ford Mustang... it is sweet!
 - A Luxury European Vacation for two – 10 days, includes airfare and hotel accommodations in London, Paris, Rome or your own customized itinerary.
 - His or her Golf Clubs, Large, Flat Screen TV, one of two 64G/3G Wi-Fi Apple iPads, Luxurious Mikimoto Pearls, or a set of Longaberger Baskets.
 - By limiting the number of entries we have increased the odds of winning to 1 in 80 entries.
- **Constant Contact is helping the Pilot International organization become more green and economical.** It is important that every club has at least one or two people committed to Constant Contact communications. All Club mailings will now be dedicated to Constant Contact. When you receive these emails please open them and pass the information along. Currently our Constant Contact analysis reports that we have an average open rate of 41-49%. Please help us by reading your Constant Contact mail. Thanks!
- **If you tweet when you walk then you'll definitely find us on Twitter - piheadquarters and like us on Facebook pilotinternationalheadquarters – Great places to share our service and friendship!**

Our Pilot organization is dynamic, and you are awesome Pilots! Congratulations to the newly elected Club Officers as you look forward to your installations and your progressive plans for the coming year. Can't wait to see you in Dallas!

Pilotly,

Judy

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**Shannon Clegg
North Carolina District
Pilot International Foundation Representative**

Hello Pilots!

What a wonderful time we had in Greensboro at the 72nd NC District Convention.

We started this Pilot year with a project to honor Pilot International Foundation’s 35th anniversary. In honor of this celebration, I asked each of you to consider donating \$35 or more to PIF. It was exciting to see the donation sheets come in and get to write the ‘really big’ check on Sunday. Our total donation from our 35th Anniversary project was \$7,534!

I’ve said it over and over again; NC Pilots are a giving group. Your generosity is beyond words. Our Foundation thanks each of you for every dollar that you give. Each dollar builds upon the next and all is welcome.

To date, here are the giving levels of NC Pilots to the Pilot International Foundation:

Annual Fund	\$ 5,463	
Brain Related Disorders/ Research Fund	\$12,000	
BrainMinders Fund	\$ 300	
Disaster Relief Fund	\$ 662	
Endowment Fund	\$ 2,007	
Grants & Scholarships	\$ 7,082	NC will be represented as a 250 District!!
Heritage Center	\$ 6,552	
Pacesetter	\$ 4,920	
Sweetheart	\$ 594	
Donations as of 5/2/11	\$39,580	

Don’t forget to make your donation for the PIF Extravaganza! There’s no need to be present at the 2011 Annual Meeting & Leadership Conference in Dallas to win! You can send your tax-deductible donation in now for only \$150. There are a lot of great prizes to be won! You can see more at this link:
<http://www.pilotinternational.org/html/convdonation.shtml>

Thank you North Carolina Pilots for all that you do in the name of our Foundation – PIF!

Pilot International Foundation...celebrating 35 years

Shannon

2010 – 2011 District Awards

Anchor Club of the Year

Freedom High School
sponsored by PC of Morganton

Margaret Cronan Safety and Health

PC of Fayetteville

**Outstanding Brain Injury or Disorder
Project**

PC of Fayetteville

Outstanding "BrainMinder" Program

PC of Laurinburg

Most Original Fundraising Project

PC of Fayetteville

Best Newsletter

PC of Wilmington

Most Original Project

PC of Wilmington

Most Service Hours given by a Club

PC of Monroe

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to our District Awards Committee and to our District Scholarship Committee! You each had a difficult job to do and you did it wonderfully! Thank you for serving our District this year.

**2010 – 2011 District Scholarship Awards
\$1,000 Scholarship Winners:**

**Steven Klocke, II – Sponsored by PC of Lincolnton
Adison Ball – Sponsored by Pc of Kannapolis**



2011 – 2012 CLUB OFFICER FORMS DUE

Please submit your 2011 – 2012 Club Officer forms to Dee Ann Stafford as soon as possible

The new forms are now posted on the Pilot International website (www.pilotinternational.org).

Forms were due at the beginning of the month and will be used to update officer listings on the district website and for many other projects throughout the year. Please make sure that all email addresses shown on form are legible as most district correspondence will be sent to these addresses. Thank you for your submission!



Effective immediately, we will begin transitioning the district email account to Governor-Elect Dee Ann and her DAC. If you need to email me personally, please use my email account (tutterow1946@yahoo.com). You may continue to use the district email account for all official Pilot business.

Thanks! Mitzi



Dear Mitzi and North Carolina Pilots,

Thank you so much for your grand hospitality. Billie and I enjoyed being with you in Greensboro. It was a truly wonderful convention. Special thanks to everyone who made it a success.

Thank you, also, for the musical box. "Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina," especially among Pilot friends. The donation to Pilot International Foundation in my honor touched my heart. The foundation is very dear to my heart and makes such a difference.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. You are truly wonderful Pilots impacting your communities and our world.

In Pilot Friendship and Service,
Judy Langley

Let's Start Believing for More

Linda Covington, PI Leadership Coordinator

A famous mountain climbing resort in the Swiss Alps caters to businesses that encourage their employees to hike up the mountain trails together. The goal is to build camaraderie and to teach teamwork. Although it is about an eight-hour trek to the summit, anyone with normal walking ability can ascend to the top.

Each morning, the hikers gather at the base of the mountain for a pep talk before starting the climb. Usually, the group is so excited they can hardly wait to head up the slopes to have a group picture taken and to celebrate their victory.

They hike for several hours before taking a break. Approximately halfway up the mountain stands a quaint alpine restaurant. About noon, the weary hikers trudge into the restaurant, peel off their hiking gear and plop down by the fireplace to have a cup of coffee or drink some hot chocolate, and eat their lunch. With the mountain as their backdrop, the hikers savor the warm, cozy, picturesque setting.

After they are full and comfortable, less than half of the hikers choose to continue climbing to the top of the mountain. It isn't because they aren't able; it isn't because the climb is too difficult. Their reluctance to continue is simply because they are satisfied with where they are. They lose their drive to excel, to explore new horizons, to experience vistas they've never previously imagined possible. They have tasted a bit of success and they think . . . THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH!

Many times we do something similar. We leave our District or PI conventions or fall workshops full of good ideas and excitement about new projects or growing our club. We're fired up and we go after it . . . but, over time, we get lazy . . . we get complacent . . . and we get comfortable right where we are. Where we are may not be a bad place . . . but we know it is not where we need to be. If we're not pursuing excellence . . . we're not moving forward as much as we need to be.

We need to remember this:

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

"Progress always involves risk; you can't steal second base and keep your foot on first." Frederick Wilcox

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today." Franklin Roosevelt

*"We have two ends with a common link;
With one we sit, with one we think.
Success depends on what we use . . .
Heads we win; tails we lose."*



**FROM REMEMBRANCE SERVICE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION – MAY 1, 2011
BY DISTRICT CHAPLAIN BARBARA MCKEEVER**

Throughout this Pilot year, "BELIEVE" has been our motivational catch word! Like a cheer at the football game, believe has given us a focus and boost as we worked, planned and executed our Pilot business. It inspired us with that intangible spirit---that positive attitude that makes things happen. Believing is so important, for it is what we believe that makes us who we are.

In one of my favorite restaurants in Nags Head...Sam and Omie's...their logo is "Everybody needs something to believe in....I believe I'll go fishing." Perfect for their spot on the shore. I like "Everyone needs something to believe in...I believe in Pilot!"

What we believe is different for each of us. It is what makes us unique. It's when we put our beliefs together, that the results are amazing.

According to the dictionary, believe means an acceptance that some **THING** is true and valid...with or without proof.

Some beliefs are concrete. We are certain that they are true. I believe, for instance, that I am an American, a native of North Carolina, I am getting old...and I have the long form of my birth certificate to prove it. These beliefs are born from facts. But there are also enigmatic beliefs...not quite so clear...for we have no proof that they are true. Yet we have faith that they are correct. We feel strongly that they are true. Like our Apostle's Creed, which some of us recite each Sunday, sets our Christian beliefs. They require faith.

Young children "Believe" in the Easter bunny, Santa Claus and a tooth fairy. We believe in the "essence" of what these things signify.

Pilot beliefs give us opportunities to do something worthwhile. It is belief that has proof for we see the good we do. We focus on those who need us, rather than on what **WE** need. More than ever, we need to **BELIEVE IN PILOT.**

During this past year our Clubs made many important contributions to North Carolina.

Camp Carefree touched our hearts and the lives of people who live with brain related disorders. If you don't believe what we did at Camp Carefree made a difference, just ask a camp attendee or one of our volunteers who spent the weekend there.

Project LifeSaver gave us opportunities to help with debilitating brain disorders like Autism and Dementia. If you don't believe we made a difference, ask a caregiver who rests easier knowing a loved one can be found if he or she should become lost.

With BrainMinder activities and our engaging Puppets, we have shown hundreds of young children the value of protecting their brains for life. If you don't believe we make a difference, just watch the faces of these young people as Martin, Fiona, Gerald and their Buddies act out these important messages which many have never heard. And be sure and check out those sparkling eyes when we talk about activity books and a new box of crayons! Remember the thrill of getting your own new box of crayons?????

Each Club has its own signature contributions to its community. Multiply that by our 405 clubs in Pilot International, and **BELIEVE** what we do matters! It matters that we believe.

This past year we have gained some new members. We welcome them. We get really excited about new members for they bring fresh ideas, more helping hands and new beliefs.

Sadly, we have also lost Pilots...some by resignations and others by their passing. It saddens us when we have to say goodbye to members of our Pilot family. We remember them for their talents and friendships.

We are beginning a new Pilot year. We have elected new leaders for the coming year. As we work together, let's remember that our Code of Ethics challenges us, "to cherish our visions and our ideals...for visions and dreams are the seedlings of reality." And they are the things in which we **BELIEVE.**



In North Carolina Pilot's thoughts and prayers:

Sherry Johnson, PI Director and North Carolina's 2009-2010 ECR
At the passing of her mother Marie Nantz on May 9th
Sherry's address is P. O. Box 899, Quitman, TX 75783

Excerpt from "The McDowell News" May 1, 2011 (Pilot Club of Marion)

The McDowell County Sheriff's Office and the local Pilot Club officially launched Project Lifesaver in McDowell Thursday with a demonstration of the program and the registering of its first client.

Individuals enrolled in Project Lifesaver – generally adults and children who tend to wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome, dementia and other related cognitive conditions – wear a small transmitter on their wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. Each transmitter has a number.

Lt. Lynn Greene and Deputy Brian Walker of the Sheriff's Office demonstrated the equipment Thursday at a meeting with the local Pilot Club at Marion's First Methodist Church.

Twenty-three agencies within a 100-mile radius of McDowell County have Project Lifesaver, meaning participants can travel to these areas and still be found by trained professionals using this technology.

"The more agencies we have participating in his program, the better it will be," said Sheriff Dudley Greene, citing that Rutherford, Burke and Asheville authorities have either signed up to join or already have the project in place.

Members of the Sheriff's Office and the local Pilot Club teamed up to research Project Lifesaver about 1 ½ years ago, according to the sheriff. The Pilot Club promotes awareness and prevention of brain-related disorders and improves the lives of those affected by such disorders through education, volunteerism, financial support and research.

The sheriff said about \$5,000 worth of equipment has been purchased with inmate housing revenue. More will have to be added as the program progresses. Pilot Club members have raised approximately \$2,000 to help those who aren't financially able to participate in the program.

"This program is going to be beneficial for years to come," Dudley Greene told club members. "It wouldn't have happened if not for you."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PILOT CLUBS OF MARION AND GREENSBORO ON THEIR RECENT PARTNERSHIPS WITH PROJECT LIFESAVER.