



I'm a New Member ... Now What????

If you're trying to come up with a fresh approach to answer the "Now What????" question, you aren't alone! All of our clubs are trying to bring our new members on board as enthusiastic, involved, contributing members. You already have several excellent training tools available that you may not have thought of.

As a club, you have plenty to do ... Why should you have to try to create educational materials from scratch? Take advantage of the materials that are readily available from the District and from Pilot International. Why else are they there, if not to help YOU???

Your Club's Tools

Personal Notes

A. Your club's own yearbook is a fine way to –

- Introduce current members' names
- Explain your club's divisions and their purpose
- Share the general organizational structure
- Share general information about Pilot
- Introduce current projects and fund raisers
- Share your club's own proud history!



So how would you go about using this? One way might be to have a brief session between the sponsoring member and the incoming new member to look through the copy of the yearbook they'll receive when they're installed. Or, how about this for multiple new members or for club "refresher" training? Have a sort of yearbook open book "scavenger hunt" style quiz for a program on the evening the new member(s) are installed. Put together a list of questions, and encourage members to come up with the answers by finding them in the yearbook. After allowing time for everyone to answer, go over the questions and answers as a group.

B. Your club's newsletter is a great tool, as well. Possible ideas:

- Ask new members to share information about themselves in a brief write-up.
- When new members join, share a few back copies of the club newsletter with them as part of their initial packet of information.
- Encourage your new members to read your newsletter when it comes out.

By the way, when it's time to make new appointments, the newsletter is an excellent place to put a newer member to work doing something that contributes to the club's efforts.

District Tools

Your District offers a several options to help new members learn more about Pilot, and to feel more a part of the overall organization.

- Fall Workshops offer your club great training, as well as a way to make friends all over the District!
- The District Convention each spring provides excellent insight to Pilot's governing structure by way of

the business meeting. It also provides more opportunities for training. And don't forget – it's also a great added opportunity for friends from across the state to get together!

- The District Newsletter is just full of all sorts of timely Pilot information. Your new members and your current members should be encouraged to read it. Make sure that both your new members and your current members know how to locate it on the District Website.



- The NC District website is a wonderful place to find all sorts of useful, needed information about Pilot. The website is:

www.pincdistrict.org

Your district officers, coordinators and committee chairs come from all over the District. Please make it a point to take advantage of their capabilities. They serve as a bridge between Pilot Headquarters and your club. They're here to assist you.

By the way, if you're having any trouble pulling up either the District website or the International website, do a search on Google. Enter Pilot International NC District --- I was able to pull it up easily this way.

Pilot International Tools

Be sure to take full advantage of the information made available to our clubs through PI Headquarters & the PI Website!

- Membership pins
- The *Pilot Log* magazine
- Pilot International Foundation
- Anchor Club information
- Lots of ideas for programs



- New Member Packets
- Club Manuals, Bylaws, Officers' Manuals & Forms
- An entire staff of friendly people at your disposal to answer questions!

Pilot International's website is: **www.pilotinternational.org**

If you haven't made use of the PI Website, you're missing out on a fantastic tool. While your club may have only a single printed copy of a Pilot Manual, you don't have to hunt down your President to use that manual. Everything you see listed on this handout is available to you on the Website – including contact information for all of the staff members, if you need their help.

One last tip, & this one is about the Pilot Log. This is a quarterly publication for all members issued by Pilot International. When you receive your first Pilot Log after your new members have officially joined, take the trouble to ask them if they received their copy. If they didn't get theirs, follow up by asking your Treasurer to contact Headquarters on behalf of the new member to verify that HQ's records have been updated.