

April's Gems April Jones, 2012-13 President

Happy Spring to my Pilot Friends!

Can you all believe Spring is here?! If you are like me, I am ready for some spring weather so we can go out in our yards -- like Mr. Biggs recommended at our meeting -- and start planting our flowers. I love Spring Time!!

Words cannot express how appreciative I am of all the hard work and dedication of club members to our Martin Pilot Club Spring Pageants. I just want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for making the weekend a huge success. We had an unbelievable weekend making almost \$1500 more than our budgeted amount of \$4500.00; AND this was with us doing our own program and paying to have it printed. Yipee!!!!!!!! The entire club was well represented all weekend, putting their best foot forward. This weekend definitely takes everyone working together, and as always, the Martin Pilot Club all pulled together and pulled off a fantastic event. Thanks Again!

The next exciting event is our Pilot Club District Convention. Governor Lynn has done a great job serving our Tennessee Pilot District and we are looking forward to a great convention. Several Martin Pilot members are planning on making the trip to Murfreesboro, as our club will be the host club for the Tennessee District Convention. I know we will have a great time and I am looking forward to seeing our great Tennessee District friends.

The month of April is Autism Awareness month and we will be having a very special speaker at our meeting to help us to better understand this misunderstood condition. I would like to encourage each of you to come.

I sure look forward to seeing you all this Tuesday at 6:00!



April 2013

This Month:



Meeting is Tuesday. April 9; 6:00 pm

> Location: First United Methodist

Program for the month: Autism Awareness



March Birthdays:

Tina Hall April 8

Joan Bucham April 10

Emily Shore April 11

Erica Moore April 14

April Jones April 16

Jill Brigance April 24

Email newsletter items to Karen Lewallen at <u>lewallen@frontiernet.net</u> by Wednesdays prior to meeting date.

Next Meeting Date Tuesday April 9, 2013

Cancellations need to be to

Karen Lewallen 587-2318 lewallen@frontiernet.net

No later than Sunday, April 7, 2013

Also, for our new members, please remember to pay for your meal at each meeting. Envelopes are available for this purpose.



Membership

Please note further down in the newsletter the flow chart for the correct procedure to invite a prospective member to a club meeting.

The dues change to \$100 was approved at the January meeting. Please consider starting to make monthly payments toward your dues to help ease into the full payment due by the June meeting.

We will again this year have our "Early Bird" incentive. If you pay your dues in full by the May meeting, your name will go into the hat for a drawing at the June

\$Fundraising

If you still have any outstanding cookbook monies, please bring those to the March meeting so we can begin to close this fundraiser. It has been an overwhelming success with \$3200 in profits; so, GREAT JOB TO EVERYONE!

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If you haven't already heard, this year's pageants are in the books and they were a wonderful success this year! So far we have cleared a profit of \$5600. Great work to everyone involved!!!

Projects

If you have not done so yet, please take a moment to click on the above link and take our survey. We would truly like to hear from everyone!



In accordance with information requested by Pilot, we will begin to keep track of service hours contributed by our members back to the community. Mia will have a spreadsheet available at our monthly meetings for you to enter how many service hours you have had during the month. Service hours, a/k/a volunteer hours, include any activity(s) you have done during the month for your church, Pilot, another service organization, or on your own.



REMINDER: Looking ahead, dues for the 2013-2014 club year will be due at the May meeting. The amount will now be \$100. If you would like, you may pay monthly installments to help with your cost.

There will be an <u>"Early Bird Incentive"</u> for dues again this year. If you pay your dues in full by the May meeting, your name will go into the hat for a chance to win a special gift drawing!

Final chance to pay dues will be the June meeting. After that date there will be a \$10 late fee added to your dues.

If not paid by June 25 when dues are mailed to PI and TN District, your name will be removed from the Pilot Club of Martin roster.

If you wish to remain a member, and pay after June 25, there will be a \$25 reinstatement fee added to your dues.

Check your payment envelopes each month-- your balance due is updated after each meeting and is on the envelope.

Statements will be mailed in April. These include your dues balance and any other outstanding balances you may owe.

All outstanding balances need to be paid in full before year-end, June 30.

Thank you all for your cooperation in getting our finances in order!



<u>Pilot Club of Martin</u> <u>Procedure for Sponsoring and Inviting New Members</u>

Sponsoring Member fills out Prospective Member Form on person to be presented for approval Forward to Board for approval, two weeks before club meeting After Board approval, Board forwards prospective member form to Membership Coordinator and informs sponsoring member if prospect approved Member then invites prospect to meeting If prospect attends meeting, then club votes on acceptance If prospect is approved, Membership Coordinator <u>then</u> sends letter of invitation to prospect along with Pilot info sheet and Member Info sheet If prospect decides to accept membership, she fills out Member Info form and returns to Membership Coordinator Prospect/new member is then responsible for paying dues and fees to Treasurer