

# THE VOLUNTEER

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## Governor's Message

Are we excited about Pilot??? Do we mention Pilot to everyone we come in contact with when we get the opportunity or do we create the opportunity???? If not, why not? Our organization is unique in its own way but it shares the same obstacles as other organizations.....finances, membership, just to name a few. We as members of this great organization need to "brainstorm" and find innovative ways to address these issues in order for our membership to grow and to have the financial base for our Clubs, Districts and PI must continue the wonderful work began in 19. As I stated in my first bulletin, this year promises to be one of challenges and changes. **Are we up to the challenge and are we ready to embrace change????**

Do not forget our Fall Council! Your DAC and the PC of Cookeville are working hard to ensure that you have a great time and carry home tons of information. Our walk on Saturday promises to be fun...fun...fun... along with gaining visibility for Pilot. You will be receiving your registration forms soon.

Congratulations are in order to the Pilot Club of Martin on being voted the "Best Civic Club in Weakley County". **Way to go Martin!!!!**

On a "not so happy note"...notification was received that we lost 3 Anchor Clubs in our District...Anchor Club of Lawrence County, Sullivan Central High School Anchor Club and the Morgan Count-Central High School Anchor Club. This is very sad since Anchors are our future.

If you have anything you want in the bulletin, please get it to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

PRESIDENT SUSAN HOFFMAN  
Pilot Club of Lenexa, Kansas  
Kansas-Missouri District

Hi Pilots....We're off to a great start....as we continue to work together to transform our organization...from Good to Great.....as we create new ways to share the Pilot experience with others....as we invest our time and energy to assist those in need....I know that you are all committed to making Pilot the best it can be....because WE BELIEVE!

Your leadership team is available for you....to work with you and assist you accomplish your goals.....Have a wonderful year...

Your friend in Pilot. Susan

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District Secretary  
Jean Kelley



Don't forget to send your Secretary's report to me each month and send copies to our Governor, Governor-Elect and Treasurer. If I can assist you, please call me.

On another note, please save your change for the "Special Kids" program in Murfreesboro and bring it to District Convention in April. We have been doing this for ten (10) years and I hope we can continue for ten more.

Jean



Greetings, Tennessee Pilots!

What a fabulous PI/PIF Convention in Louisville, Kentucky! The workshops, training, speakers, and events were all spectacular. Club delegates will be sharing lots of useful information with the clubs. I am truly delighted to be assigned as your ECR! Tennessee has many talented Pilots who continue to contribute to the betterment of our organization. Thanks so much to all of you for your contributions to our organization at the club, district, and international levels. I look forward to working with your outstanding DAC and with all of you. Many of you I have had the pleasure of knowing through the years, and I will always treasure those friendships. I look forward to forming new bonds of friendship with those I have not yet met. What a great Pilot year this is going to be!

Please send me your club newsletters so that I can read about your wonderful meetings and events and get to know your club membership better. Please remember to complete your Club PEP Report on the new form and submit it to Pilot International by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, we are asking that the immediate past governors, along with the DAC, complete the new District PEP Report and submit it to PI by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Just as the Club PEP Report can be useful to the Club in future planning, the District PEP Report can provide useful information for the incoming DAC. Pilot International is excited about receiving this information to determine progress on PI's Strategic Plan and to guide our leadership in formulating future plans for our organization. We thank you for your help and congratulate you on your many accomplishments.

Remember that the Safety Calendar Coloring contest deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>. By promoting brain injury prevention, we are not only saving lives, but we are also educating our future leaders on the importance of prevention. We have great data of our impact through BrainMinder presentation evaluations, but in many other ways, our impact is immeasurable.

Best wishes for a truly successful Pilot year. I am here for you, so please feel free to contact me at any time. I believe in Pilot. I believe in you.

Pilotly yours,

*Judy Langley*

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**Cares and Concerns:**

**PC of Anderson County:** Please continue to keep Lois Addington in your prayers. Kim Caldwell has been in the hospital and is now home. Please remember her as she continues to recover.

**PC of Hohenwald:** Please keep Marjorie Graves, Beryl Wynn and Verlin George in your prayers, as all continue to have health issues.

**PC of Chattanooga:** Our dear sweet Past Governor, Bertie Lou McMurtree, fell at her home and broke her arm. Please remember Bertie Lou in your prayers.

**PC of Shelby County**

Sympathy to Martha Sloan on the loss of her mother.

**Congratulations.....**

to the Pilot Club of Decatur, Alabama for chartering the Pilot Club of Lawrence County, Moulton, Alabama. The presentation of the Charter and Installation of Officers was held on August 14, 2010.

The PC of Shelby County on installation of new member....Wanda Roberson-Williams....welcome to Pilot.

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**



The humble heart honors others. Is Jesus not our example? Content to be known as a carpenter. Happy to be mistaken for the gardener. He serve his followers by washing their feet. He serves us by doing the same. Each morning he gifts us with beauty. Each Sunday he calls us to his table. Each moment he dwells in our hearts.....

If Jesus is so willing to honor us, can we not do the same for others? Make people a priority. Accept your part in his plan. Be quick to share the applause, And, most of all, regard others as more important than yourself. Love does. For "love...does not boast, it is not proud" (1 Corinthians 13:4 NIV)

In Pilot Love, Sue Grinder  
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## FOCUS FOR CLUB DIVISIONS



Each new Pilot year brings a new set of challenges and opportunities. A consistent plan helps provide the focus and direction for satisfying results at the end of the Pilot Club year. The divisions of the club help divide the tasks into portions that can be done in an orderly fashion and by a focused group of individuals. It is important to assign each of these areas to individuals whose talents are best suited for getting the best results. Again this year, the number one priority is membership. Membership is not just bodies. Membership embraces the operation of the club, good public relations, interesting programs and meetings, members who feel valued, training for leadership to benefit the club and members individually.

Pilot International's success begins at the grassroots, which is your club. Your club's successful leadership in maintaining and gaining members, improving programs, meetings, and community service reflects and ripples to create success for your District and Pilot International. The following strategies have been adopted for 2007-2012.

- 1. Leadership Strategy** – Create avenues for building strong leadership skills from the grass roots club to the International offices.
- 2. Convention Strategy** – **Goal 1.** Increase attendance by 10% each year **Goal 2.** Create a self-supporting PI Convention by 2012.
- 3. Visibility Strategy** – **Goal 1.** To increase public awareness of Pilot International clubs through a world-wide event and **Goal 2.** help clubs build confident public speakers
- 4. Membership Strategy** – **Goal:** Strengthen the Pilot International organization...
  - A.** Through the development of an E-Pilot and E-Club designed to meet electronic-age lifestyles.
  - B.** Assist clubs needing reorganization;
  - C.** Develop plans for transitioning more Anchors to Pilots
- 5. Pilot International Foundation Strategy** – To internally and externally strengthen the visibility of PIF through increasing the number of individual Pilot Donors to strategic alliances and partnerships with Dana Alliance, Project Lifesaver, Alzheimer Association, and others.

Promote teamwork and remind each member that assignment to a division does not limit a club member to working only in their assigned division of activity.

## DISTRICT COORDINATORS.....

### Membership Coordinator



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Remember that October is membership month. Have you started planning your Share Pilot event? It can be a breakfast, tea, or a reception. The event should be something that won't be too expensive for your club to foot the bill. Maybe members can bring food items to share to reduce costs for your club.

Send an invitation to the event with a brochure/flyer you've created about your club. Make sure it has information about your club's projects (funded and volunteer) and a listing of your members' names and information about Pilot International's mission.

If there is any way I can help you, please call on me.

**Dian**

### Fundraising Coordinator

**Renay Fernandez**  
**1620 Baker Lane**  
**Lawrenceburg, TN 3846**  
Hello Pilots,



I am looking forward to seeing all of the quilt blocks that everyone will be sending in soon.

The quilt blocks need to be 8 inches by 8 inches and they need to be on a white block. Pick a design that has a special meaning for your club. I would like for each club to ask for a \$1.00 donation for a chance to win the quilt I know the finished product will be beautiful and that it will be a gift that anyone would love to have. The tickets will be given out at Fall Council. The individual with the winning ticket does not have to be present to win. Please make sure that the tickets are completely filled out.

I think that everyone enjoyed the gift cards and these are not something that we will sit on a shelf and never use. If everyone likes this idea I would ask for each club to consider sending two gift cards for the Spring Council in 2011. I am a member of mybonuspoints.com and I open emails and receive points for each one that I open. I cash in the points for gift cards that I give to family and friends. This might be an avenue that your club would consider. I can send someone from your club an invitation to join and we will both benefit from the partnership. It takes me a few months to get enough points to cash in for a \$25.00 gift card.

My email address is

[Rny579@aol.com](mailto:Rny579@aol.com) I look forward to working with you this year. Let's make this a year to remember!!!

Renay



## Leadership Coordinator

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### " The Yarn Exercise

(Requires 5 balls of yarn)

Ask Club Members to form a circle. If you have a large Club, you may ask for volunteers to participate. Would not recommend more than 20 participants . . . and space can be an issue. You need enough space to create a nice design with the yarn.

Hand one person in the group one ball of yarn. Tell them to throw it to another person. Tell that person **to hold on to the yarn** and throw the ball to another person. Let them do this with one ball of yarn about 4 or 5 times.

Hand another person a different color of yarn. Tell them to get both balls going at once.

Let them throw them 4 or 5 times.

Introduce three more colors of yarn into the exercise and have all 5 balls going at once.

When a nice "web" has been formed . . . stop them . . . and have them stand where they are holding the yarn.

**Ask:** What do we have? (You will get several answers.)

**Then you should say:** "I think we have a beautiful design."

#### Other comments for you to make:

I noticed you started communicating more as I added more balls of yarn. Did it help to know someone was going to throw one of the balls to you before it came at you? Of course, communication always helps. Do you think someone who has never been a coordinator before might feel like she is having all 5 balls of yarn thrown at them at the same time the week before a big event? Would it help if we were sure we were communicating with them? Certainly!

Could any one of you have created this design by yourself? No, it takes all of us doing our part to make a beautiful and successful Pilot year.

What happens if just one person drops the ball (take yarn out of one person's hands and toss it into the center)? We lose our beautiful design.

So – if you need help this year, please ask. Don't drop the ball. Someone will help you. Communicate with each other and I am sure we will be developing many wonderful designs (projects and fundraisers) this year.



## Anchor Coordinator

Shannon Mercer  
PC of Hohenwald  
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I am in the process of contacting the Anchor Clubs in the District. We need to make sure that we are staying in touch with Anchors and that we help them with projects they are doing and that they are helping us with our projects. They are our future Pilots!!

I hope to have a District meeting of our Anchors in the Spring. If you have any ideas on this, please let me know.

Shannon

## PROJECTS COORDINATOR

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Please remember to showcase your projects. Send me news of your successful projects...what they were...how they were done...how many participated...so this may be shared with other Clubs.



Don't forget to check out our web site:  
[www.pilotndistrict.com](http://www.pilotndistrict.com)

District & club/president info update on website:

<http://www.pilotndistrict.com/District-and-Club-Info.html>

Also, our Face Book page, we now enough fans that Allison was able to reserve a unique URL for us:  
[www.facebook.com/TNDistrictPI](http://www.facebook.com/TNDistrictPI),

*Allison Sousa, PC of Lenoir City, is doing a fantastic job for our District web site and Face Book page. Thank you, Allison.*



Hello Pilots,

Fall Council will be here soon in Cookeville. The dates are October 1-3, 2010. I hope everyone is making plans to attend a fun filled weekend.

Don't forget we are selling Tennessee District T-Shirts. Short sleeves are \$10 and Long Sleeves are \$15. This is a fund-raiser for PIF and the District. We will be having a Power Walk on Saturday and we want everyone to wear their shirts. The shirts are green and gold. You can wear the shirts to all of your Pilot events afterwards too.

September is Foundation month. This is a good time to have a program about the foundation at your club meeting.

Sweetheart nominations and contributions is due on September 30, 2010 to Pilot International Foundation. Please take the time to recognize a member in your club for all of their work that they do for Pilot.

Postmark deadline for Grants are due on October 1, 2010. Please mail your applications to me at Cathy Kinniard, 27 Paris Street, Cookeville, TN 38501. If you are applying for a grant, please try to send to me earlier. This will give me time to review the application and contact you if an item is missing.

Don't forget, I am an email away if you need assistance. Please email me at [ckinniard@charter.net](mailto:ckinniard@charter.net). This is new, so may a note of this please! You may also call me at 931-526-6492 (home), 931-520-1414 (work) or 931-319-6321 (Cell). If I do not know the answer, I will find the answer for you!

I am looking forward to seeing you at Fall Council!

Cathy Kinniard  
PIF Representative



L to R  
Sallie Young, Treasurer  
Charlyne Parson,  
Gov-Elect  
Janet Williams, Governor  
Jean Kelley, Secretary

### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

**Your DCR (District Committee Representative) will soon be contacting you to schedule your DCR visit with your Club. We may need to ask that you change the date of your meeting to accommodate our schedule, if so, please try to work with us. We will attempt to keep all visits on your scheduled dates, but please know that some may need to change.**

**We look forward to visiting your Clubs and getting to know you better. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to tell us. WE ARE THERE TO ASSIST YOU!!**

#### Governor Janet

- PC Martin
- PC Dresden
- PC Anderson Co.
- PC Oak Ridge
- PC Shelby County
- PC Lawrenceburg
- PC Chattanooga
- PC Cookeville

#### Governor-Elect Charlyne

- PC Athens
- Athens Luncheon PC
- PC Cleveland
- PC Greeneville
- PC Lenoir City
- PC Knoxville
- PC Hohenwald

### FALL COUNCIL

Fall in the  of Middle Tennessee

Fall Council at the Baymont Inn in Cookeville, Tennessee, October 1-3, 2010. To make reservations call the Baymont Inn at 931-525-6668.

Fall Council registration will be \$65.00. This will include Friday Night snacks, Saturday Lunch and Saturday Dinner. Breakfast is included in your room, which will be \$75.23 (this includes all taxes). Cutoff dates are Sept. 15 for rooms and Sept. 1 for registration.

Make sure that you Club has a skit for Saturday night, since our entertainment will be each Club presenting their own "special talent."

Dress for the weekend will be business casual.

We are excited about our plans for the weekend.

The DAC and PC of Cookeville look forward to seeing you

**If you have questions, please call Lillian Derricks at 931-432-1449 or Susan Moores at 931-265-4066.**



## DATES & DEADLINES

### DISTRICT EVENTS

Oct. 1-3, 2010 Fall Council  
Baymont Inn, Cookeville, TN

April 14-16, 2011, District Convention,  
Doubletree, Murfreesboro, TN

April 19-21, 2012, District Convention,  
DoubleTree, Murfreesboro, TN

### PILOT INTERNATIONAL

PI Convention - Dallas, Sheraton Hotel (downtown)  
July 13-16, 2011 (Depart on the 17<sup>th</sup>)

PI Convention - Las Vegas, Bally's Hotel  
July 18-21, 2012 (Depart on the 22<sup>nd</sup> )

### CLUB DEADLINES:

August 15, 2010

Club approved Division Plans, Programs and Budget sent  
to District Governor w/copy to PI Headquarters

Postmark deadline for 2009-2010 Pilot Excellence  
Program (PEP) report to PI Headquarters. Copy to  
Governor, Official Visitor and Executive Committee  
Representative (ECR)

**If you have not done these, please do so asap.**

*Note: If any Clubs would like me to include the dates of their  
upcoming Fundraisers, Projects or any functions in the  
newsletter, please get this information to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
the month.*

**"Believe in the heart of Pilot....friendship and  
service"**

**Janet J. Williams  
Tennessee District Governor  
2010-2011**

**Sorry this is late, but my old computer decided to take a  
vacation. I now have my new computer up and going.**