

# THE VOLUNTEER

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Now is the time to unleash our passion for Pilot and woe be unto those who aren't ready for us. Unleash your vast and limitless powers....and watch what you bring forth. Unleash your mind! Break free from the old, boxy, limited ways of thinking and radiate your genius throughout the community, the world and your lives. Stop holding back your compassion, your insight, your laughter, your wisdom, your boundless capability for living. Warn them if you will, for when the reins are cut and the leash comes off, the power most definitely goes on.

**Unleash the power of Pilot!**

Convention News

July 13 - 16<sup>th</sup> is the official date however, you are encouraged to come early and stay late. Our hotel is in the heart of downtown Dallas on Olive Street. The Sheraton is offering a special convention room rate of \$139 single/double, for Pilots and their entourage.

If you are flying... you may want to check out the rates for service into Dallas for the DFW airport or Love Field. Love Field is only minutes away from the hotel - you may be saving time and maybe a little money.



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*....that love and kindness changes lives*

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We are tracking the massive humanitarian disaster caused by the recent 8.9 earthquake off the Japanese coast (the largest in the country's history), and its subsequent tsunami. Life in Japan has come to a halt with most transportation and communication modes shut down. PI Headquarters has been in touch with its Japanese translator, Kikuko Kubo, who reports news as she receives it of our Pilot Clubs there. Some clubs cannot be reached at this time, but she believes the Pilot Clubs of Fukushima, Morioka, Sendai, and Ichinoseki have been directly affected. Osaka and the southwest are presumed okay. Okinawa has been impacted by the tsunami, although the extent of the damage and an accurate death toll is still unknown.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

District Convention is right around the corner. Have you made your reservations at the DoubleTree and sent your registration in to Annette? I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in attendance for the convention and especially for the fundraiser on Friday night. I hope this will prove to be one of the most successful, informative and fun District conventions you have attended, not that all are not successful, fun and informative. I am issuing a plea from the DAC to attend this most important event. Please stress to your members how important the District Convention really is, especially to those who have never attended.

It takes every Pilot to make our Clubs, our District and our International organization successful. Don't just be a member in name only, get involved, meet new friends and be a vibrant active Pilot.

## Check out our new "Secondary Mark"



Please notify the Pilot Clubs in your district to be alert to news as it occurs and remind all Pilots that we are accepting donations for the PIF Disaster Relief Fund. These funds will be directed to the affected areas where our clubs exist.

Pilots and Pilot Clubs may mail donations to PI Headquarters at 102-A Preston Court, Macon, GA 31210, or fax credit card information to (478) 477-6978.

Please earmark all donations: Japan Disaster Fund.

Your support and prayers are needed at this time.

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**Cares and Concerns:**  
Please remember all those who are recovering from illnesses, surgery, and other health concerns.

**We mourn the loss of our District Pilots:**  
Athens: Dorothy (Dot) Bledsoe and Reba Kyle

**Condolences for Reba Kyle may be sent to:**  
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**Get well wishes to Katherine Gamble, PC of Knoxville.**

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The Membership analysis from PI ending February 28, 2011 is very impressive. The membership is as follows:

7/1/2010	10,135
1/31/2011	9,886
2/28/2011	9,949

We had 4 Clubs disband but gained 3 new Clubs.

I know we can again reach the 10,000 membership number before June 30. Everyone continue to work to gain new members.

Sue Grinder

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



As the sun dips behind the horizon, the old lighthouse begins to shine. The light sweeps across the sea and pierces through the darkness like a knife. The ship's crew sees the light in the early evening, then they notice it again in the middle of the night. Finally, in the early morning hours, right before the dawn, they are once again reassured by its comforting light.

Do you ever feel alone on the sea of life: The light of God's love is constantly reaching out to you, just as the beam from the lighthouse reaches out to the ship at sea.

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Pilot International  
Executive Committee Representative

*E.C.R. Message*



Greetings, Tennessee Pilots! As we have experienced some unusual winter weather, it is easy to get excited about warmer days and upcoming spring. Let's share similar excitement and optimism for our Pilot organization as we approach the last quarter of our Pilot year. We have much to accomplish and much to celebrate!

March is **Membership Month!** Tennessee is doing an awesome job with membership! Keep it up, Pilots! We have opportunities to "Talk Pilot" every day, but especially this month! What special event is your club planning to attract new members? Are you sharing with your guests why they would be great Pilots? How many new members can you personally bring into our organization during the month of March? Submit your success stories for your Share Pilot or special event to PilotInternational. Did you see the great Lenoir City Pilot Club article recently?

March is also **BrainMinders' Month**, a great time for Pilot Clubs and Anchors to make BrainMinder Buddy presentations or play Wii win in your local healthcare facilities. **Brain Awareness Week** is March 14-20, 2011. Remember that you can contact Dana.org for materials. If your club did not receive the Constant Contact Inside Track on this, you go to the PI website and sign up for future mailings.

Join your district and club leaders and fellow members at the **District Convention** in Murfreesboro! Make new friends, receive valuable training and information, participate in

the election of district officers, and find out what you've been missing if you've never attended before!

While there, you'll learn more about our **PI/PIF Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference** in Dallas, July 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Our Pilot Walk will be at noon, and new T-shirts will feature the Pilot 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo. Speaking of Pilot International's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, tell us how your club plans to celebrate. The most creative suggestions will be published in the summer issue of the *Pilot Log*. It is also time to plan for your ads in the **PI/PIF Program Book**. A full page is \$300, and a full page in color is available for \$375. Color is not available on smaller sizes. One-half page is \$160, one-quarter page is \$90, and business card size is \$50. This is a great opportunity to honor your district or club leaders, events, or anniversaries.

In closing, I share this quote from Sherry Anderson..."Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." You are priceless!

In Pilot friendship and service,

Judy Langley

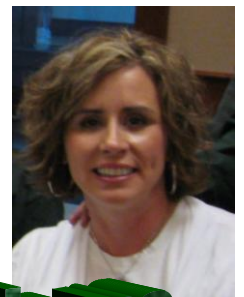
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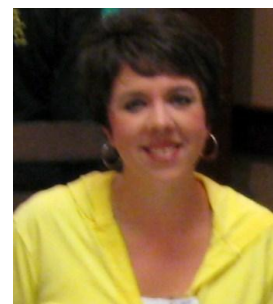
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**A LESSON FROM THE FROGS**

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two unfortunate frogs they would never get out.

The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump up out of the pit. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead.

Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and simply gave up. He fell down and died.

The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and suffering and just die.

He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs asked him, "Why did you continue jumping? Didn't you hear us?"

The frog explained to them that he was hard of hearing. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches two lessons:

1. There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day.
2. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. Be careful of what you say. Speak life and encouragement to those who cross your path.

Words are very powerful . . . they can make or break a team or club. As club leaders it is important to pay attention to **what** we say (*the words we use*) when talking with and to others . . . and **how** we say (*our tone of voice*) what we say to others.

As leaders what we say sets the tone for the club . . . if we are positive, enthusiastic, and upbeat . . . so will

**Anchors are our Future Pilots.** We need to nurture our anchors as though they were our plants and we were their gardeners. We must give them the knowledge (like water to a plant) of what pilot is about so that they will grow and become the Future Pilots. If we fail to do this then our anchors will wither away and become lost in the soil of life and the future of Pilot will cease to grow. Therefore we risk losing Pilot.

Lets get out there and communicate with our children and teach them what being a pilot is about and what we stand for and what we can bring to our communities. We can learn as much from the anchors as they can learn from us. The anchors bring fresh ideas and the pilots bring seasoned knowledge. So lets work together as one big family and make long and lasting relationships as well as helping those with Brain Related disorders that have engulfed our world. Each person can make a difference alone but just think what a difference we can make together.



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everyone else in the club . . . however, if we are negative, pessimistic, and down . . . so others will be as well.

The power of words ... it is sometimes hard to understand that a positive encouraging word can go such a long way. Anyone can speak words that tend to rob another of the spirit to continue to give their best in difficult times. Special is the individual who will take the time to encourage another and cheer them on. Be special to others.

Remember Mother Teresa's words . . . *"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their ECHOES are truly endless."*

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**Brain Awareness Week is March 14-20 - Be sure to contact [www.Dana.org](http://www.Dana.org) for materials. PIF BrainMinder materials are also available in the Foundation drop down menu at [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org)**

**If your club did not receive the Constant Contact Inside Track on this - go to the PI website and sign up for future mailings. March 17, " TALK PILOT DAY"**

**36th PIF WALK**

*Your Chance to Walk the Talk...*

The Pilot Walk will be at noon on the 15<sup>th</sup> from the Sheraton through an overhead crosswalk to the Plaza of the Americas, a beautiful indoor complex complete with an ice- skating rink and shops. Be sure to fill out your PIF Walk form to participate in this fun event. The form will be in your registration confirmation package and is available on our website [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org)

**74<sup>th</sup> District Convention**

**April 15-17, 2011**

**DoubleTree Hotel, Murfreesboro, TN**

**"Ya'll Come"**

**Allison Sousa**



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[www.PilotTNDistrict.com](http://www.PilotTNDistrict.com)  
[www.facebook.com/TNDistrictPI](http://www.facebook.com/TNDistrictPI)

The Tennessee Pilot Clubs web mini-site is available to all Clubs in the District. The fee is \$180.00 per year (checks to be made payable to "Tennessee District DAC", and mailed to Treasurer, Sallie Young).

If your Club did not have the funds for the web site in 2010-2011, now is the time to put this in your budget for 2011-2012, so you may become a part of our website.

For more information, please contact Allison Sousa [absousa@bellsouth.net](mailto:absousa@bellsouth.net).

**Check out the Lenoir City Club mini site:**  
[www.PilotTNDistrict.com/LenoirCity.html](http://www.PilotTNDistrict.com/LenoirCity.html)

Thank you, Allison for all you do to get the message of Pilot out to everyone. The Tennessee District is blessed to have you.

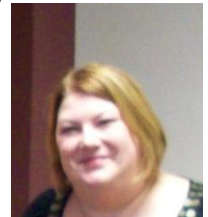


**DISTRICT AWARDS**

Awards packets were mailed on December 8 to all Club Presidents and DAC members. If you do not receive a packet, please let me know.

Chairman of the District Awards Jury

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All forms for Awards should be submitted to Tina with the exception of the Past Governor's Award. This form should be sent to the President of the Past Governors:

**CLUB DEADLINES:**

Outstanding Anchor Club of the Year entries to District Competition should be sent to Awards Chairman, Tina Nance. on or before March 15, 2011. Please notify your Anchor Clubs of the deadline. (I may have published information earlier to send these to me, but this is incorrect. They need to go to Tina).

Awards deadline other than those already mentioned is March 15.



Janet Williams, Tennessee District Governor, Pilot International, installs new members into her home club, the PC of Hohenwald.  
L to R: Gaye Hinson, Glenda Atkinson, Governor Janet, Kim Clayton and Tonya Keltner.



**FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
MURFREESBORO, TN  
BALLROOM**



PLEASE JOIN THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT-PILOT INTERNATIONAL AS WE "REMEMBER ELVIS..THE HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL"

Danny McCorkle will be singing "Elvis"

**CONCERT TICKETS \$10.00 PER PERSON**

**Fundraiser/Share Pilot for Tennessee District Pilot International  
Come let us tell you about "Pilot International"**

"To serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational and research programs in communities throughout the world."

**"Believe in the heart of Pilot....friendship and service" Janet J. Williams  
Tennessee District Governor 2010-2011**



**DATES & DEADLINES  
DISTRICT EVENTS**

Cut-off date for making room reservations for Doubletree Hotel is March 14.

April 15-17, 2011, District Convention. Doubletree , Murfreesboro, TN  
Deadline for room reservations with the DoubleTree Hotel is March 14, 2011. 615-895-5555 Please tell them you are with Pilot in order to get the Pilot rate. Deadline for registration is April 1, 2011. Each Club should have three (3) delegates to Convention.

April 20-22, 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>)