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...that love and kindness changes lives

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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,

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

What horrendous weather we have had in the last few weeks....many lives lost...material possessions destroyed...but life goes on. At times like this we are reminded how fragile life is and how quickly it can be taken. Material possessions can be replaced but lives can't....only memories remain! For those who lost loved ones during this period, please know that the thoughts and prayers of the entire Tennessee District are with you and your families. To those who survived the destruction of their homes...our Governor Elect Charlynn and her husband along with others I may not know about, please know that we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers as you begin the rebuilding process.

If we can help in any way, please let me know and I will contact the District members....that goes for you especially, Charlynn.

ECR Message from Judy



Langley

What a fabulous Tennessee 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 Pilot Club of Hohenwald 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
- 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.

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- **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,

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Cares and Concerns:

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

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the devastating tornadoes and violent weather. Keep them and those who are cleaning up in your thoughts and prayers, especially Charlynn and her husband.

Sweet story...

Wrong Funeral

THIS IS CUTE, THE OPENING PARAGRAPH MAKES THE PROPER STATEMENT TO SET THE MOOD. AND WE THINK GOD DOESN'T TALK TO US?

Consumed by my loss, I didn't notice the hardness of the pew where I sat. I was at the funeral of my dearest friend - my mother. She finally had lost her long battle with cancer. The hurt was so intense; I found it hard to breathe at times. Always supportive, Mother clapped loudest at my school plays, held box of tissues while listening to my first heartbreak, comforted me at my father's death, encouraged me in college, and prayed for me my entire life. When mother's illness was diagnosed, my sister had a new baby and my brother had recently married his childhood sweetheart, so it fell on me, the 27-year-old middle child without entanglements, to take care of her. I counted it an honor. 'What now, Lord?' I asked sitting in church. My life stretched out before me as an empty abyss. My brother sat stoically with his face toward the cross while clutching his wife's hand. My sister sat slumped against her husband's shoulder, his arms around her as she cradled their child... All so deeply grieving, no one noticed I sat alone. My place had been with our mother, preparing her meals, helping her walk, taking her to the doctor, seeing to her medication, reading the Bible together. Now she was with the Lord. My work was finished, and I was alone. I heard a door open and slam shut at the back of the church. Quick footsteps hurried along the carpeted floor....

An exasperated young man looked around briefly and then sat next to me. He folded his hands and placed them on his lap. His eyes were brimming with tears. He began to sniffle. 'I'm late,' he explained, though no explanation was necessary. After several eulogies, he leaned

over and commented, 'Why do they keep calling Mary by the name of 'Margaret?' 'Because, that was her name, Margaret. Never Mary, no one called her 'Mary,' I whispered. I wondered why this person couldn't have sat on the other side of the church. He interrupted my grieving with his tears and fidgeting. Who was this stranger anyway?

'No, that isn't correct,' he insisted, as several people glanced over at us whispering, 'Her name is Mary, Mary Peters.' 'That isn't who this is.' 'Isn't this the Lutheran church?' 'No, the Lutheran church is across the street.' 'Oh.' 'I believe you're at the wrong funeral, Sir.' The solemnness of the occasion mixed with the realization of the man's mistake bubbled up inside me and came out as laughter. I cupped my hands over my face, hoping it would be interpreted as sobs. The creaking pew gave me away. Sharp looks from other mourners only made the situation seem more hilarious. I peeked at the bewildered, misguided man seated beside me. He was laughing; too, as he glanced around, deciding it was too late for an uneventful exit. I imagined Mother laughing. At the final 'Amen,' we darted out a door and into the parking lot. 'I do believe we'll be the talk of the town,' he smiled. He said his name was Rick and since he had missed his aunt's funeral, asked me out for a cup of coffee.

That afternoon began a lifelong journey for me with this man who attended the wrong funeral, but was in the right place. A year after our meeting, we were married at a country church where he was the assistant pastor. This time we both arrived at the same church, right on time...

In my time of sorrow, God gave me laughter. In place of loneliness, God gave me love. This past June, we celebrated our twenty-second wedding anniversary. Whenever anyone asks us how we met, Rick tells them, 'Her mother and my Aunt Mary introduced us, and it's truly a match made in heaven.'

REMEMBER, God doesn't make mistakes. He puts us where we are to be.

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 Keep up the good work.**

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Cathy will remain as PIF Representative for the 2011-2012 Pilot year. Good luck to you, Cathy!

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Allison will become the 2011-2012 District Leadership/Membership Coordinator. I know you will do a fantastic job. She will continue to take care of our web sites.

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Check out the Lenoir City Club mini site:
www.PilotTNDistrict.com/LenoirCity.html

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DATES & DEADLINES

DISTRICT EVENTS

Fall Council...Dates to be announced. PC of Lenoir City hosting.

**April 20-22, 2012, District Convention
 Doubletree, Murfreesboro, TN**



PILOT INTERNATIONAL

July 13-16, 2011 (Depart on the 17th)

PI/PIF Convention Registration to PI Headquarters on or before June 1, for discount registration fee.

District and International dues payable by July 1, 2011.

PI Convention - Dallas, Sheraton Hotel (downtown)

July 13 - 16th 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.

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

CLUB DEADLINES:

2011-2012 Club Officers From sent to PI Headquarters, postmarked no later than May 1. Copy to Charlynn Parson, 2011-2012 District Governor.

Club Officers installed prior to July 1.

***DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS
2010-2011***

BRAINMINDERS

1-Cookeville
2-Lenoir City
3-Knoxville

NEWSLETTER

1-Lenoir City
2-Chattanooga
3-Cookeville

YEARBOOK

1-Lenoir City
2-Cookeville
3-Athens

ANCHOR CLUB

1-Lenoir City High
2-Martin Westview

PC OF THE YEAR

1-Cookeville
2-Lenoir City
3-Athens

MOST SERVICE HOURS

1-Dresden-47 hours per member
2-Hohenwald-38 hours per member
3-Cookeville-24 hours per member

**Club with most New Members:
Lenoir City-10**

Members who sponsored two or more new members :

Lenoir City

Betty Brown – 3
Allison Sousa – 5

Martin

Karen Currie - 2
Jody Hatler – 2
Martha Pate – 2

Shelby County

Peggy Tribble – 2

GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Allison Sousa, PC of Lenoir City



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District Governor 2010-2011**