

# THE VOLUNTEER

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Governor Janet presiding at Fall Council

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## Governor's Message

What a fantastic Fall Council was had on Oct. 1-3 in Cookeville. For those of you who did not attend, you don't know what you missed. The workshops were phenomenal...the presenters were well prepared and very knowledgeable on their subject...the food was great...the entertainment was a "talent show" showcasing the talents of our Pilots and it was just that, entertaining...the entire weekend was wonderful.

We were so honored to have our PI Executive Committee Representative, Judy Langley, Pilot Club of Darling, SC, with us along with her Pilot friend, Billie Stoudemier, Pilot Club of Hartsville, SC. Judy also serves as PI Secretary. It is always exciting to have guests from other Pilot Districts in attendance, especially when they are representing Pilot International.

I know that everyone who attended had a wonderful experience. Oh, by the way, the Pilot Club of Hohenwald won the talent show, second place went to the Pilot Club of Oak Ridge and third to the Pilot Club of Lenoir City. Thanks to all who participated in the event.

The "Special Education Teacher of the Year" packets were handed out at Fall Council. I will be mailing the packets to those who were not in attendance. This is our District project and I would like to see all 15 Clubs participate in this.

I have listed the names of the Nominating Committee further on in my bulletin. Please consider running for a District office. Don't wait to be asked. If you are interested throw your name in the hat. Tell someone from your Club and ask them to nominate you.

We need new faces in these offices. Those up for election are: Governor-Elect and Treasurer.



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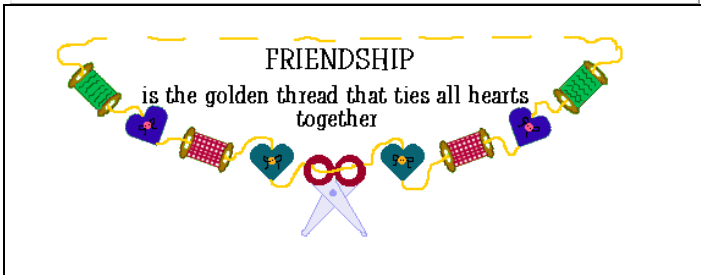
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

*This October has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays, all in one month. It happens once in 823 years.*

**October 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6



**Cares and Concerns:**

**Cindy Daniels, Pilot Club of Shelby County, had hip surgery on October 18. . She's not as mobile as she thought she would be. Has to use a walker to get around at all and she cannot bend her leg. Hopefully the therapy will loosen that up. She says she's not doing as well as her Mom did when she had her hip replacement, but I'm sure things will improve. She does not have a landline phone anymore, just her cell phone at 901- 237-3063.**

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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**



A heart that gives.....Because of who God is, a women after His heart is a women who gives. As Christians we are to give, as wives we are to give, as mothers we are to give, as singles we are to give, as members of a church body we are to give. That's our role, our assignment from God, as His children. We give the smile, the cheerful greeting, the hug, the compliment, the encouragement, the praise, the meal, the time, the listening ear, the ride....and the list goes on and on.

Give generously, expecting nothing in return!  
 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"(Mark 10:45)

In Pilot Love, Sue Grinder  
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**Executive Committee Representative**

**Judy Langley, PI Secretary**



**ECR Message**

**Greetings Pilots!**

I know you are getting excited about your **Fall Council** in Cookeville! I truly look forward to joining you! I'll be bringing my Pilot friend and driving partner, Billie Stoudemire, along with me. Pilot friendship and service are so important to us, and this fall gathering provides wonderful opportunities for us to get us connected, focused, and energized! Hope you will be there!

Two important items were due to PI by September 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope you sent in your **PIF Sweetheart Contribution Form** and your **Safety Coloring Contest** entries.

October is an important month in Pilot history. October is **Founder's Month** and we have the perfect opportunity to celebrate our history...through our **3rd Annual Brain Power Walk!** This year's Founder's Day script has a nautical theme and can be found at <http://www.pilotinternational.org/html/resources/documents.shtml> under Members and Clubs. However, you can be creative and celebrate Founder's Month any way your club chooses. October is also **Membership Month** and your BrainPower Walk is a great time to strut your stuff and invite potential new members to your next meeting. Of course, I'll be joining many of you in your district BrainPower Walk in Cookeville! That will be so much fun!

Did your club choose to participate in the **Letter-Writing Campaign for Pilot International Foundation?** Although we had suggested for this to take place in September, it is not too late to participate. If you need more information regarding this campaign, contact Governor Janet or you may contact me.

May you have a wonderful month of Pilot friendship and service!

Believing in Pilot...believing in YOU!

Judy

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Have you held a "Share Pilot" meeting? If you haven't, please consider doing this. There is no rule to say that we only need to hold one Share Pilot event per year. I would challenge each Club to consider inviting potential members to all Club meetings. Make every meeting a "Share Pilot" meeting.



**FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR:**

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If you have not sent your quilt square, please send it by Nov. 15. It is imperative that we receive these so work can begin on the quilt.

Renay



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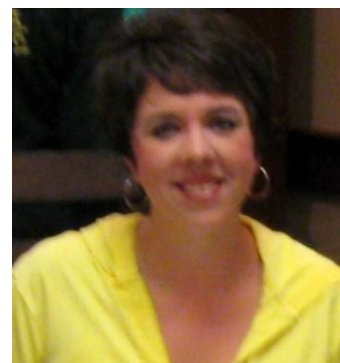
duties immediately to recruit Pilots who are interested in assuming positions within the District. We need new faces with new ideas to step up to the plate.

If you are interested, please contact one of the Committee members and express your desire to become a District Leader.

**"A true leader serves. Serves people. Serves their best interests, and in so doing will not always be popular, may not always impress. But because true leaders are motivated by loving concern rather than a desire for personal glory, they are willing to pay the price."**  
*Eugene B. Habecker*

**The District Nominating Committee has been appointed and I have asked that they begin their**

**Leadership Coordinator**  
**Jennifer Hays**



## THE STORY OF THE GOLDEN BUDDHA

Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen, in their book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, tell a very moving story about a big Buddha statue in Thailand. For many centuries a Buddhist monastery in Thailand had housed in their temple a huge clay statue of a smiling Buddha. This statue was greater than six feet around its expansive belly and stood over ten feet high. It was enormous!

Then, in the mid 1950's, the monks were told that they had to move the Buddha because a new road was to be built right through their temple. So, the monks arranged to have a crane move the Buddha to its new home. As the crane operators carefully began the process of lifting the statue, they were astonished to find it was extremely heavy. It began to crack. They sat it down very quickly and carefully, so as not to cause any more damage.

That night the head monk came to check on the statue. When he shined his flashlight on the crack, something sparkly caught his eye. With his curiosity aroused, he retrieved a hammer and chisel and began to carefully chip away around the crack. After opening a small hole, he stood back in amazement. He quickly assembled a crew of his fellow monks and together they worked through the night to chip away every last inch of clay. When they had finished, they stood back and admired what stood before them . . . a magnificent, solid-gold Buddha!

Historians pieced together the story. It seems that several centuries earlier, the temple that housed this magnificent Buddha had been in danger of an attack by an invading Burmese army. Fearing that the Buddha would be looted, the monks covered it with eight to twelve inches of clay . . . hoping the soldiers would see little value in it and would leave it alone . . . they did. However, during the attack, they killed every monk in the monastery. The monks' secret remained hidden until that eventful day in 1957.

In his book *Beyond Success*, Brian Biro writes, "the Golden Buddha is a magnificent metaphor for the sometimes hidden genius in all of us." He says that fears and doubts make up the clay that builds up and covers our "golden essence" (our hidden genius) and stifles our confidence. Just as the monk found the crack and chiseled away at the clay to find the magnificent Golden Buddha, we also need to find a way to break through the layers of fears, self-doubt, and reluctance that have built

up over time in order to find our innate leadership qualities.

So how do we break through? Biro says that we need the right tools. He says if we have an **idea**, we must add **detail** to it, then **action** before it can become a **reality**. We can know or believe something, but if we never act on it . . . it never becomes reality. It is only through the "doing" that an idea or belief can become reality . . . or to quote Biro "the combination of **belief** plus action creates experiences that ultimately lead to wisdom."

So, to awaken the natural leader within you, you must follow Biro's formula:

$$\text{Idea} + \text{Detail} + \text{Action} = \text{Actualization or Reality}$$

If you want to develop your leadership skills . . . you must get a mentor.

Then once you learn the **details** of what it takes to be a leader (or the "how"), you need to put it into practice. Putting the "how" into practice becomes the **action**. With action you gain experience as a leader . . . and the idea then becomes **reality**.

You could say that one of our founders Elizabeth Leonard followed Biro's formula. Leonard watched the men around her form civic groups early in 1921. She decided that, if the men could do it, then so could a group of dedicated females. (She had an **idea**.)

Ms. Leonard brought together six of her friends on September 7, 1921, for their first discussion meeting. From this gathering, and with the help of some men's service club leaders, the Pilot Club of Macon was formed. (She began adding **detail**.)

Forty business and professional women met and signed their charter on October 16, followed by a formal dinner meeting on October 18 to celebrate the event (**detail** + **action** became **reality**) and Pilot International was born.

Just as the monks removed the clay and uncovered the secret of the magnificent Golden Buddha and the founders created Pilot International . . . you can awaken your golden essence using Biro's formula . . . and become a strong leader in Pilot and help carry on the rich tradition of Pilot.

**Projects Coordinator:**

**Jill Brigance**



April 15-17, 2011,  
District Convention  
Doubletree , Murfreesboro, TN

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**Allison Sousa**



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Don't forget to check out our web site:

[www.pilotndistrict.com](http://www.pilotndistrict.com)

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

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

We now have the ability to have all Clubs in the Tennessee District on our web site. 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").

This mini-site will be hosted in the framework of the Pilot International-Tennessee District website. The development and maintenance of the mini-site will include: Basic club information and relevant live links; Meeting information; Calendar of events; Newsletters & forms; Photos/logos.

In addition, basic editing and assembly of content to ensure coordination with host site will be performed, as will a reasonable number of updates(monthly) as provided by the Club.

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

**I would like to see all the Tennessee Clubs participate in this. What a wonderful tool to "toot our Pilot horn" and let everyone know who we are and what we do, as well as the recruitment of members.**

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

**\*PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE ABOVE DATES, SINCE I HAD THEM WRONG ON EVERYTHING I SENT OUT!!!**

**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:**

November 1- Anchor Clubs dues deadline.

November 15-Filing deadline for IRS forms to be filed by Clubs and Districts.

December 1-Deadline for Governor Elect to notify Headquarters of District Team appointments.



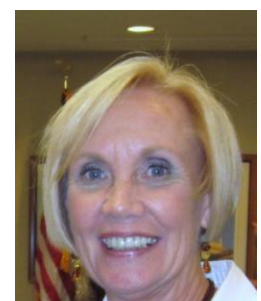
Cathy Kinniard  
PIF Representative

**Founded in 1921, Pilot International is a worldwide service organization, taking an active part in making our communities a better place to live. Over the past eighty years, local, national and international communities have benefited from Pilot International's involvement. Pilot International Foundation has awarded over one million dollars in grants assisting Pilot club communities and scholarships for individuals pursuing careers in research, medicine and therapy for brain disorders and disabilities. Through these programs, our members reach tens of thousands of people each year.**



**DATES & DEADLINES**

**DISTRICT EVENTS**



**Public Relations Coordinator:**  
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Public Relations is the methods and activities employed to promote a favorable relationship with the public. Many clubs are putting articles and pictures in the newspaper, radio PSA's and other local media that lets the public know what your club is or has been doing. At Fall Council, Allison Sousa presented a Power Point lesson on the TN District website and how each of the clubs can put their information on the website and each club has the opportunity to have their own web site and get news out to the community and even touch people beyond the community. The delegate from your club who attended Fall Council will have information and forms about the website. Anyone can contact Allison (Pilot Club of Lenoir City) for information. The website is an affordable way to get your club on the internet; makes it easier for your community and potential members to find information about you and your events; your club provides the information and someone else does the work. Doesn't that sound wonderful? The web page can include newsletters, photos, calendar of events and any other information you would like to have publicized. The TN District web page was launched in April 2010 and has had over 1200 hits and the Facebook page already has 80 fans. Take time to visit the TN District web site at [www.PilotTNDistrict.com](http://www.PilotTNDistrict.com) and see for yourself. To contact webmaster, Allison, visit [absousa@bellsouth.net](mailto:absousa@bellsouth.net). It would nice to share clubs' public relations methods that seem to be working with other clubs. Send the information via email to [susanmoores@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmoores@hotmail.com) and it will be shared with other clubs. This is an electronic world and most look to the internet for information, so let's get Pilot on web pages. As Pilots, it is our responsibility to tell the "story of Pilot". Talk and Walk Pilot and membership will come.

"True Course Ever." The meetings of Pilot are characterized by good fellowship and by close and cooperative friendship between members. They are leavened by careful planning towards the common objective.

The name "Pilot" means "leader and guide," and as each member is a leader in her chosen profession or business, so each club is a guide in its community. With its purposes clearly outlined, the Pilot club holds firmly to its charted course, understanding that no one ship can call at every port, any more than it can have smooth sailing every day of every year.

The Pilot emblem is the Wheel, which has been an important motive power in industry and commerce and a vital factor in human progress. As every spoke is necessary to the strength and balance of the wheel, so every member is essential to the united effort of her club.

The flag at the Pilot masthead is Green and Gold: Green symbolizes life and vigor; and Gold represents sincerity of purpose.

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*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**

## **TRUE COURSE EVER**

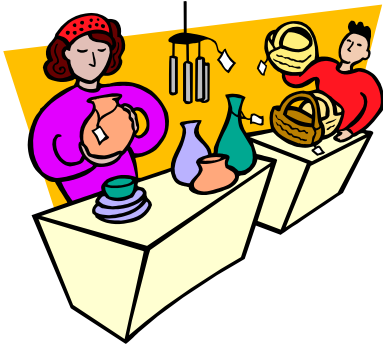
With its basic principles charted, Pilot cherishes its motto,



**“Brainfoods” workshop w/ Kathryn Kozlinski  
PC Hohenwald**



**Fall Decorating w/ Sarah Johnson**



**PILOT CLUB OF OAK RIDGE**

**ARTS and CRAFTS FAIR**

**When????**

**Friday, November 19...10 A.M ---7 P.M.**

**Saturday, November 20...9:00 A.M.—5 P.M.**

**Where?????**

**OAK RIDGE CIVIC CENTER**



**PC of Oak Ridge stirring up a Pilot recipe**



**Martin PC Members @ Fall Council**



**The Pilot People (PC of Hohenwald)**