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Happy New Year Pilots!

How many New Year's Resolutions did you make this year? How are you doing so far? Have you kept them?

This year, I didn't make the usual lose weight, save money resolutions. In fact I didn't make any resolutions at all. I decided that I would rather concentrate on the goals that I set and not yet completed. Many of those goals involve YOU!

Governor-elect Terri and I recently traveled to Danville to secure our meeting space and hotel accommodations for the 2009 District Convention. During our 6 hours in the car together, we reviewed my goals for our district this year. I am happy to report that we have made some good progress on many of our goals. (More on this during the Governor's Report at Convention.) We do, however, still have some work to do on others. One of the goals that I would like to start focusing on more is Regional Projects and Fundraisers. On page 6 of this bulletin, I have included a story about a Georgia District Club that has sponsored a Special Needs Park. This is the type of project that I would like to us do! With three Clubs in Danville, two Clubs in Suffolk very close to the Isle of Wight Club and Two Clubs in Chesapeake, which wraps around Norfolk and Va Beach, I think we have GREAT potential for projects like this IF WE POOL OUR RESOURCES! Think about our collective wealth, our Club's funds, Pilot Matching Grants, AND I have recently received information about Federal Grants that may be available to us. I say it again, WE HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL! It will just take some collaboration and organization. Please think about this and talk with your Club members about it. This goal may not be completed during this Pilot year (The GA park took two years), but we can start working towards reaching this goal now. District Convention is right around the corner. What a great opportunity to start collaborating!

Speaking of District Convention, the DAC will be holding our mid-year/convention planning meeting on February 7th. To date, we have not received any suggested Standing Rules changes from the Clubs. If you have plans on submitting Standing Rules changes, please get them to one of the DAC members before February 7th!

Thank you for all that you do in the name of Pilot and I hope to see You next month at Convention, in Newport News!

Janet



Upcoming Deadlines

January 30, 2008:

Individual recognition for sponsoring two new members.

February 1, 2008:

Pacesetter, 250/Goal contributions.

February 15, 2008:

Scholarship Apps to District PIF Rep.

March 1, 2008:

Anchor Club of the Year Applications for Awards Committee

March 15, 2008:

Deadline for Scholarship Apps sent to PIF Hdqtrs.

Dates to Remember:

March 10-16, 2008:

Brain Awareness Week

March 19, 2008:

"Talk Pilot Day"

March 14-16, 2008:

District Convention-
Newport News Marriott at
City Center, Newport News,
VA



Message from Our ECR, Pat Jarvis:



Love, hearts and flowers—the symbol of February! What a beautiful way to express our love for each other. As Pilots we show our love for each other throughout our communities by the services we provide. And, the recipients

appreciate the service but, perhaps even more that that, they appreciate our time and all the smiles and hugs that are so freely given. A big hug and thank you to each of you for making people feel so special

Love is in the air! President Judy has asked each Pilot member to give a “Love Gift” of \$20 to the Pilot Headquarters Heritage Center during February. While this is a voluntary love gift, just think how this will help us pay for our beautiful Center as well as some of the furnishings.

March 19th has been designated as “Talk Pilot Day”. As we go about our daily routine, make a special effort to “Talk Pilot” with those with whom you come in contact. Wear your pin and/or Pilot clothes, take the brochure from your club and/or PI as well as a card with the name of your club, meeting day and other pertinent information included. Talk to everyone you meet, telling them about Pilot, what you do in your community and how they can be a part of this great organization. Then, each club let me know how many people your members reached on that day. Don't you think it would be interesting to know how many people heard about Pilot in your District on March 19th? You can email me at pgjarvis@bellsouth.net. I can't wait to see the numbers!

I wish for all of you a happy, healthy heart month!

In friendship,
Pat

News from:

Pilot

INTERNATIONAL



Our Heritage Center is Complete!




**PILOT INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION**



Show Your Love of Pilot!
Show Your Love of Pilot!



Notes from your Coordinators and Appointees:

Diane Arnold, Leadership

Greetings Pilots!

January 2008 has arrived and we face a wonderful new year. Are you like me, looking back at the past year to see what you have accomplished and looking to the New Year and the list of projects still undone or to be accomplished? As I struggle to keep up with a demanding job, various community/civic activities, the slow remodeling of an older home and the needs of my far flung family I sometimes think I can not do it. It is my custom to reevaluate where I am in my life and my life's work at the start of each year and this year is no different. So once again I have come to reflect on the importance of completing what I start and herein lies my message for you this promising new month in a promising new year.

We can agree that as Pilots we had a busy 2007 and that during the recent holidays we often had a sense that life was getting out of hand. This out of control/out of hand feeling stems in part from the things left undone in our lives...the proverbial "to do" list that drives us. We mean to get to something but are forever distracted by more immediate concerns. A small pileup of unfinished business becomes an avalanche.

To survive and thrive, I believe in completion! For it is by tying up the loose ends that the unraveling of our productivity stops and the renewal of our progress begins. Once we make the commitment to do the undone, the angels in our lives will be more than happy to help us become more disciplined, patient, optimistic, and trusting in ourselves and in the natural order of things.

Take your list of things that need completed (including the sale of any remaining fund raising items) and resolve to complete one action each day. Pray for inspiration/ideas and for freedom from fear and concern and you will get what you truly need to do done. I have found this works in my life every day. I truly get done the things that NEED done not that I want to get done. I have every faith it will work for you. Survive and thrive in 2008 by completing your tasks!

Rebecca Ritter Kelly, Fundraising Coordinator

While some clubs have been lucky to find successful fund raising projects that they can repeat every year, others find that selling the same old things to the same old people year after year won't work for them. If your club falls into the latter category, you might find some of these resources useful.

<http://www.fundsnet.com> Funds Net Service is a great resource, with not only fundraising ideas and contacts, but also information on grants and how to apply for them.

<http://www.not-for-profit.org/> A super resource for any non-profit organization that publishes an on-line magazine or "cyberzine" called "Fund\$Raiser." Best of all, the on line subscription is free.

<http://www.auctionhelper.com> eBay for non-profits. Maybe one of your members has something she doesn't want any more (a collectible item, antique, etc.). Don't give it away, list it! Buyers bid and pay on line.

Faith Stamps, Awards Committee Chair

The Deadline for Anchor Club of the Year Applications is March 1, 2008. Please submit your applications for Anchor Club of the Year to Faith Stamps (contact info on pg 6).



District Convention Committee

The Spring Convention Committee Has Selected A Wonderful Project For The Virginia Pilots.

Just A Few Miles From Where We Will Meet Is A Veterans Affairs Hospital. I Recently Met A Social Worker And He Was Telling Me About His Work And The Men, Mostly Men, He Works With.

He Suggested The Following Items:

Socks, Most Have Poor Circulation And Need Socks All The Time.

Caps, Also Because Of Poor Circulation The Caps Will Help Keep Them War,

Very Large Tee Shirts, Most Have Medical Equipment On Or Around And Shirts With Some Room Are Appreciated,Even Gently Used.

Phone Cards, Most Vets Are Away From Relatives And Because Of Cuts By The Government Phone Cards Are Always Appreciated.

No Toilet Articles!!!! These Items Are Provided.

Let's See How Generous We Can Be To These Men And Women Who Have Served Us And Now Need Our Service.

Donna Eby

Jeanne Banks

Sympathy and Get Well Wishes to:

PC of Luncheon Chesapeake – Loss of Emeritus member Margaret Davis

Glendora Butts- **PC of Luncheon Danville** – Recovering from foot Surgery

Racheal Buckner – **PC of Luncheon Danville** – Recovering from surgery on her hand.

Paula Collie – **PC of Luncheon Danville** – Surgery to repair broken ankle.

Susan Carzoo- **PC of Hampton Roads** – Having reconstructive surgery.

PC of Portsmouth – Loss of Charter Member, Mildred Hardee Hoggar

Co-Pilot Jimmy Copeland – **PC of Suffolk** has surgery and is doing well.

Sara Walden – **PC of Suffolk** - Daughter had surgery and is doing well.

Tammy Watson, Chaplain

Shake It Off And Step Up

By: Author Unknown

A parable is told of a farmer who owned an old mule. The mule fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule 'braying' - or - whatever mules do when they fall into wells. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbors together and told them what had happened...and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling and the dirt hit his back...a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back...HE SHOULD SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP! This he did, blow after blow.

"Shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up!" he repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows, or distressing the situation seemed the old mule fought "panic" and just kept right on SHAKING IT OFF AND STEPPING UP!

You're right! It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, STEPPED TRIUMPHANTLY OVER THE WALL OF THAT WELL! What seemed like it would bury him, actually blessed him...all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

THAT'S LIFE! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity...THE ADVERSITIES THAT COME ALONG TO BURY US USUALLY HAVE WITHIN THEM THE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT AND BLESS US! Remember that FORGIVENESS--FAITH--PRAYER-- PRAISE and HOPE...all are excellent ways to "SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP" out of the wells in which we find ourselves!



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Club Happenings

Bristol – Birthday cards for veterans.

Supporting Girls, Inc. with food donations

3rd annual Non-Event Fundraiser

Chesapeake – Providing meals to the Chesapeake Free Clinic doctors in January and February.

Hosting a Share Pilot in February 18th.

Danville- Roman Eagle Birthday Party in January 17th. Appreciation Baskets for Fire and Rescue Personnel in February. Non-Event Fundraiser in March.

Luncheon Danville – Non Event Fundraiser in February.

Baby of the Year Contest, February 7-16th.

Hatcher Center Valentine's Day Party, February 14th.

Holiday Village Bingo Party, February 26th.

Harrisonburg – Valentine Canteen Dance, February 8th.

Annual International Student Dinner, February 11th.

Hampton Roads- Share Pilot, March 11, 2008. The Arbors.



Congratulations!

Danville- Faith Stamps, promoted to Manager of STEM Initiatives at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research

Luncheon Danville – Gweneth and L.B. Barber, 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Harrisonburg – Two new members in January!

Nansemond River – Ellie Holland- Baby girl, Emilee Bryce Holland, born January 29th.

Jeanne Banks – Successful cataract surgery.

Tara Moore – Completion of Masters Degree, from UVA.

Suffolk - Cathy Richards has a new grandson.

Co-Pilot, Leroy Edwards has come home from the hospital.

Angie Twiford has lost 38 lbs so far and is looking and feeling good.



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Spotlight On....**BATTLEFIELD/FT. OGLETHORPE PILOT CLUB**

Battlefield/Ft. Oglethorpe dedicated a Special Needs Park on October 23. The project has been in the works for two years. In addition to the equipment that is for Special Needs Children, the park has been landscaped with plants and benches.

