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Friendship and Service



Celebrate Pilot...

On the wings of friendship and service

VA Pilots, can you believe that it's February already? There has been a lot of changes in many Pilot lives over the past month. Some have been able to relish in new possibilities, while others have been leaning on one another for support. It is during those times that our focus on service, and somehow realizing that if we continually seek to give to others, somehow, we come out better.

Sometimes we all have to be reminded to practice service authentically. We must start by appreciating that there are forces beyond each of us guiding the whole process. Bryant Hinckley summed it well in his book, *Hours in Our Leader*:

"Service is the virtue that distinguished the great of all times and which they will be remembered by. It is the great dividing line which separates the two great groups of the world -- those who help and those who hinder, those who lift and those who lean, those who contribute and those who only consume. How much better it is to give than to receive. Service in any form is comely and beautiful. To give encouragement, to impart sympathy, to show interest, to banish fear, to build self-confidence and awaken hope in the hearts of others, in short - to love them and to show it - is to render the most precious service".

Thank you VA Pilots for reaching out to one another during difficult times and reaching out to others through service.

Faith





Pat Jarvis
2009/2010
PI/PIF President

The month of love! This is often the way February is described, and so it is. The month we, each in our own way, show our love to each other--spouses, children, parents, siblings, and other relatives and non relatives. Gifts of valentines, roses, chocolates abound. It is a good month!

Have you thought about giving the gift of Pilot membership to someone in your life? This can easily be done by inviting a friend or acquaintance into our Pilot friendship circle and telling them what being a Pilot member means to you. Giving an Associate Membership is another way of sharing our friendship with others.

As the December membership analysis was reviewed, it was very apparent that we are only 409 members below our starting point in July. And there are 419 clubs. Let's do the math—if each club has a net gain of one member from this point in our year, we will be on the plus side!! And there are new clubs almost ready to charter. Wouldn't that be a great present for Pilot and for all members! Can we do it? YES WE CAN! Though some say no, we are Pilots, and that means we can do whatever we determine needs to be done. March is Membership month, let's work to meet this goal and strengthen our organization so we can be different and make a difference in our world.



Carol Fine Hart
Governor-elect



"Love is not automatic. It takes conscious practice and awareness, just like playing the piano or golf. However, you have ample opportunities to practice. Everyone you meet can be your practice session". – Hari

In February we tend to think of Valentine's Day and romantic love, but love comes in many forms. What a wonderful world it would be if everyone practiced loving each person they meet!

If the idea of loving everyone you meet overwhelms you, start small. Do something thoughtful or loving for one person you recently met. Make up a bundle of the menus from local restaurants that deliver to your office for a new co-worker. Maybe your new neighbor needs to know the name of a good pediatrician or veterinarian nearby. Offer to baby-sit for a young couple so they can go out for Valentine's Day. Visit an elderly friend or relative in a nursing home. Perhaps they have a new roommate or friend who would appreciate a card on Valentine's Day. Mail a Valentine card to someone who probably won't receive one.

If you are ready to move beyond practicing with one new person, start thinking on a larger scale. Would this be a good month for your Pilot Club to host a Valentine party at a group residence or to deliver red carnations to all the widows in a nursing home?

If you love everybody you meet, some of them are bound to love you back! Which of us doesn't need a little more love in our life?



Suzanne Moore **Leadership Coordinator**



As one of the most noted leaders in the world addressed our country earlier in the State of the Union address, I considered all of the challenges our President has faced in his first year of office. Although his role is much larger in scope than Pilot leaders, I believe some comparisons can be drawn between the two.

When taking office a year ago, Alaina Love, president of Purpose Linked Consulting, noted specific areas of leadership that President Obama had to embrace to be successful. One area was to engage those in the organization, which is what we should be doing in each of our clubs. We should invite our members to openly share their views and ideas. The follow up to this is to put the right "team" in place to ensure that the quality ideas get put into action. Empowering individuals goes a long way for any leader.

Finally, leaders need to utilize "connectors" in the organization. These folks build the bridges necessary for community building. In Pilot, these folks are connected to other civic groups, churches or political entities and can help create networks for our clubs – which in turn help us to coordinate successful fundraisers and projects. Good luck to all of you as we continue to promote our clubs as the worthwhile service organizations that we are!

Karen Gawne **Anchor/Youth Coordinator**



The 2nd annual Anchor convention is set for Saturday March 20 from 9am – 1pm at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church in Chesapeake, VA. Plans are currently being made for this wonderful event. Encourage your Anchors to attend. The day will include a motivational speaker, break-out sessions focusing on recruitment and retention, comparing and contrasting Anchor and Pilot, holding meetings that promote participation, and MORE! It will be conducted in a workshop format, keeping things moving. Lunch will be served. Mark your calendars to join us.

For more details, please feel free to contact me:
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Jan Reynierse **Membership Coordinator**

The month of February is unique in many ways. Often having the worst weather, we're thankful that it's the shortest month of all. But one of the best holidays is in February – the love holiday – Valentine's Day. This is the time for us to express our love and appreciation to our family and friends.

By now, most clubs have held their Share Pilot meetings, and hopefully we all have a few new members. How can we show our Pilot love to these new Pilots?

- Friendliness – taking a seat next to them instead of where you "always" sit.
- Communication – calling them before a meeting. Wouldn't it be great if each new member had several reminder calls?
- Encouragement – encourage them to take part in a project by saying, "Let's both sign up for this."
- Birthdays – make a note of their birthday and send a card, email, or make a phone call.

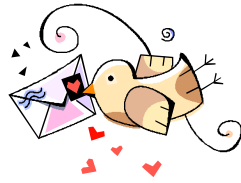
Each of these suggestions takes very little time, but will show our new members that an important part of Pilot is the love and caring we have for each other.

Evelyn Combs **Projects Coordinator**

Hearts and flowers to everyone and of course Chocolate! May we remember all our sweethearts this year. This month I recognize my own club of Harrisonburg who celebrates this holiday by serving refreshments to the special folks in our area. The canteen is held as a dance with a DJ. We enjoy the music and even participate. We especially enjoy doing the motions to YMCA. So get out and dance.

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*"Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as
the brain empties"*



Jules Renard

French writer, 1864-1910

Our Thoughts and Prayers.....



Pilot Club of Bristol:

It is with great sadness that we announce Pam Offield's husband Bob, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 3, following a courageous battle with cancer. Please remember Pam with a card. Her address is 127 Courtland St. Bristol, TN 37620.

Pilot Club of Harrisonburg:

It is with great sadness that we announce Pat Haden's husband, Frank passed away January 21st. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. Her address is 1229 S. High Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801

It is with great sadness that we announce Louise Heeb, Past Virginia District Governor from 1974-75 has passed. After declining health for several years, Louise passed away Saturday at her home in High Point, NC. Please keep Louise, her family and all of her Pilot friends in Harrisonburg in your prayers at this very difficult time.

Luncheon Pilot Club of Chesapeake:

President of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Chesapeake, Patsy Everton, and her husband need your prayers. Patsy's husband, Frankie, is recovering from heart surgery. Please pray and lift him and his family up to Him for strength and healing. Her address is 1521 Blue Ridge Road Chesapeake, VA 23322.

Luncheon Pilot Club of Danville:

It is with a heavy heart that we announce Diane Arnold's son has passed away. Please remember Diane and her family with prayers and cards. Her address is 459 Berkshire Drive Danville, VA 24541.

Glendora Butts is undergoing rehabilitation following her illness. She is staying at Roman Eagle Memorial Home, Room 30. The address is 2526 North Main Street Danville, VA 24540-2395.

Pilot Club of Suffolk:

The club lost Emeritus member Virginia "Jenny" Kidd who passed away on January 20th. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



DISTRICT AWARDS

Club Presidents & Clubs....we are looking for a few great Pilots! Its that time of year to take a look at your club and the Pilots in your clubs! District Awards are right around the corner....send us your suggestions/nominees for:

- Anchor Advisor for the Year (Clubs should nominate)
- Outstanding Pilot of the Year (Club nominates)
- Outstanding Club President of the Year
- Sweetest Sweetheart (to be chosen from current Sweethearts)
- Most original Fundraiser
- Most original project
- Most members sponsored by a single member
- Most new members in a club

Send your information/nominations to the DAC via email or mail! This information should be submitted by March 13th.

BUS to BRISTOL!

Unfortunately we didn't get enough people in order to charter a bus. However, we are going to charter some 15 passenger vans that will cost \$30 per person. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Moon at 539-2597.



ECR Report from Helen

Helen Winstead
Director, Pilot International

As we look ahead during 2010, there are so many exciting Pilot activities and deadlines. As your Executive Committee Representative (ECR), I am always delighted to share news and remind ourselves of upcoming events.

Let us make each event the best that it can be for our clubs and for our District!

- During the month of February, we think of our loving hearts and the desire to keep our heart healthy so let's think about the sweethearts in our lives.
- Speaking of taking care of our loved ones, do we remember that **Project Lifesaver** has introduced two (2) Funding Opportunities for Pilot Clubs and Local Emergency Response Agencies. Federal assistance was received by **Project Lifesaver** from the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs – Bureau of Justice Assistance. With this assistance, education, awareness, equipment, and public policy efforts will be made to expand the life saving program across the country – directly helping individuals who wander as a result of living with Alzheimer's Disease. Also, through federal funding, Project Lifesaver will be awarding family/client stipends for up to 2 clients per agency. Clients will be awarded a year's supply of batteries and bands (a \$190 value) for free. If any Virginia club is interest in either of these programs, please email Jennifer Overbay at Headquarters for criteria and application forms. jennifer@pilothonq.org
- Pilot International cannot exist without members! For every member lost, we must replace with 2 new members in order to keep growing. Through a private donor, PI has an incentive and the goal is to have 400 new members by July, 2010. Here is the incentive and many of you can do this!
YOU COULD WIN a 3-NIGHT WEEKEND IN NASSAU....Every Pilot who enrolls five (5) new or reinstated members between August 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010 will have their name entered for a grand prize drawing at the 2010 Convention in Louisville, KY. The donated incentive includes airfare but is limited to a total value of \$2000. Watch for further details.
- **We-Care** is something to remember! Each of us may have a percentage of what we spend automatically donated to **PIF** without paying one penny more when we shop any time of the year!
 1. Go to <http://pilotinternational.We-Care.com/Start> and download the We-Care Reminder. (Then forget about it.)
 2. When you visit a participating merchant, you'll be asked if you want a portion of your purchase donated.
 3. Click "yes" and a donation will be made – without taking a penny from your wallet. *This is a simple, effortless, ongoing way you can make a huge difference. To get started, just visit <http://pilotinternational.We-Care.com/Start>*
- Put on your calendar: 2010 PI/PIF Convention in Louisville, KY from July 7-10. The excitement from learning new Pilot techniques; hearing great speakers; enjoying new Pilot acquaintances; participating in the President's and Installation Banquets; touring the area with pre and post convention tours as you schedule; Treasure Chests are gone but replaced with Louisville Loot and I mean LOOT!!!! More news on this later!
- BrainMinder Safety Calendar 2011 – will be offered with more information coming in a future mailing. Please plan ahead for your club to provide a safety tip for the Safety Calendar.

It will be my pleasure to attend and participate in Virginia's upcoming District Convention in Bristol, VA in April! I am looking forward to the shared fun, meaningful activities and excitement.

