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Did you make the District Workshop this year? If you did, you know what a good time we had. If you did not make it, boy did you miss out on something special!! The Inn at Pocono Manor was the right place, if you ask me. Basically in the middle for all clubs, so driving was not too bad for any one club. The scenery was gorgeous even without the autumn colors around yet. They had quite a few things to do on the grounds...the spa (I had a wonderful massage on Friday afternoon); hiking trails (Joanne Hamilton and Lori LaRocco took a nice walk on Friday afternoon); the fire pit (not sure who exactly spent Friday evening sitting around fire pit drinking wine with Lori and Joanne, but I know a few Pilots joined in the festivities!); and there is a golf course and horse back riding too!

We had a great dinner on Friday night at a Hibachi restaurant, and they even had a shuttle for us to get to and from the hotel! Mount Airy Casino is nearby for some games of chance (Rita Siniski and friends had a good evening there after dinner). It was so much fun that Governor Elect Lori has booked the Inn for next year's Workshop already.

In the upcoming Governor's Bulletins, you will get to see some of what we discussed, and hopefully your club members who attended will share what they learned. We went over the 501(c)3 status and discussed what our district clubs can do (Presidents keep alert for some emails from me about that); each of the Coordinators presented something in their respective Divisions (who knew a game of Impulse could be so hard?!); we talked about Pick Me Ups (again, Presidents, look for my email about a special grant); we opened it up to questions; and we HAD FUN while we LEARNED and DISCOVERED new ways and ideas for our clubs.

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Greetings Pilots,

We cannot think of a better way to celebrate Membership Month than by sharing Pilot with a friend or acquaintance! During October let's all strive to recruit at least one person. Imagine if just one quarter of our Pilots & Anchors brought in one member we could increase our membership by almost 4,000! WOW wouldn't that be FANTASTIC!

Have you heard of the P.I.F.F.? You may have and not even known it. It's the Pilot International Founder's Fund. The Founder's Fund is Pilot International's charitable arm which allows us to Do More, Care More and Be More in our world. One of the great aspects of the Founder's Fund is that anyone can contribute...individual Pilots, clubs, districts, and non-Pilots alike can give.

Clubs can be designated as "Pacesetter" by donating \$10 per active member and also as a "250 Club" by donating \$250 towards the GOAL for grants and scholarships. They can also name a club "Sweetheart" and donate a minimum of \$25. A Pilot can be a "250 Member" by donating \$250 towards the GOAL. Whether a donation is one dollar or thousands of dollars, they all work together, and we appreciate your continued support of these programs. Just this past year Founders Fund awarded 34 Grants and 40 Scholarship. Your generous donations are making a difference in communities and in the lives of students around the world. This is our mission in action!

As we celebrate Founder's Day on October 18th, let's all remember that we have had 93 amazing years of service and friendship! In seven short years Pilot International will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and we need to continue with all of your incredible work in communities throughout the world.

This October 25th, millions of volunteers across the nation will unite with a common mission – to improve the lives of others. For more than 20 years, USA WEEKEND Magazine, in collaboration with Points of Light, has brought you **Make a Difference Day**, the largest national day of community service. Consider this day a perfect opportunity to give Pick Me Up's in your community.

Next month, is our Annual Care and Kindness Week (9-16 November) I challenge each club in every district to have at least one Pick Me Up during this week. Be sure to send photos and a short description of your project into Pilot International. It will be so much fun to see everyone's pictures at our 2015 PI Convention in Orlando.

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Inspirational Leader Sue Ferrara



This time of year, especially in our Northeast Potomac District, brings the cool breezes of autumn along with the breathtaking colors of changing foliage. In recent years, this time of year has also been the time to ‘walk’ for all kinds of important causes. While October is designated Breast Cancer Awareness Month, many other worthy causes ask for our support as they try to raise awareness and funds for research and to help out individuals stricken with (to name a few) Alzheimer’s Disease, Pancreatic Cancer, Juvenile Diabetes, and ALS, popularized this year with the Ice Bucket Challenges. As Pilots do, we try to help as many as we can with each club choosing a few causes to focus on.

One thing we can all do this year, though, is to take time to reflect on this. If you are a survivor or current sufferer, try to find strength in the thought of how many people are trying to help. If you know someone who is suffering, do as much as you can to ease their pain. And if, thankfully, you are free from either of these burdens, give thanks for your health and strive to do what you can for others; that’s the Pilot way!

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.” Mother Teresa



International News

Pilot International has completed their search for a new International Director of Communication. Paula Karsti is our new contact person. Please send all Pilot Log news, newsletters, articles and photographs to the Pilot International Director of Communications, Paula Karsti at paula@pilotheq.org and Pilot International Headquarters, 102 Preston Court, Macon, GA 31210, phone (478) 477-1208, ext. 304.

Remember, this coming year, our District will be featured in the Summer 2015 edition of the *Pilot Log*

October Checklist

- Pilot Walk - 1st Saturday in October.
- Founders Day - October 18.
- Membership Month
- Anchor Club- download Handbooks from PI website.
- District Fall Council/Workshop Report- given at business meeting following event.
 - IRS Forms filed- US Clubs required to file; deadline November 15.
 - Make a Difference Day- October 27. See www.makeadifferenceday.com.
 - Plan for International Care and Kindness Week (2nd week of November).

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And...we had some fundraising for the District and the clubs. We had our usual Marketplace - holiday wreath orders from Valley Forge; pins and scarves from Northwest Boston; homemade jams and snacks from Lancaster; personalized bags from Patchogue; raffle tickets from Pittsburgh; and Stephanie Dawn bags and jewelry from Greater Long Island. We also had a Silent Auction with some pretty cool donated items, as well as some door prizes and a crazy auction. Three lucky people left with Pilot Wheel necklaces and one with a free District Convention Registration from the door prizes. And the crazy auction winner left with another free District Convention Registration.

Now, for those of you who could not make it...don't you wish you could have been there?! District Convention is in April, so expect just as much FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE as we had at Workshop. Maybe we can see you there.

For those of you who could attend, thank you for making the Workshop a memorable one for me. I hope you got as much out of it as I did.

Eileen

Official Visits are starting next month. Governor Eileen and Governor Elect Lori are excited about getting out to see everyone over the next two months. We have most dates set up already, with Lancaster and Valley Forge up first in October. Then the fun starts!! Off to Pittsburgh, then to all the Long Island clubs, all in November!! We are still working on setting up a date for Northwest Boston, but hope to be up to see them in October. We both thank all the clubs who are working with us to put us up for the night when we need an overnight stay.

Our District Fundraising Coordinator, Gina Monteleone, would like to remind all clubs that they can still sell the District note cards as a fundraiser for the District. They make great gifts, as Gina pointed out. She is a teacher, who said she would love to get the note cards rather than another mug from a student. She put a few suggestions together for gift giving. She used her recycled gift bags (and who does not have tons of them?!), put in a pack of note cards, a pen and 8 stamps and was charging \$10. Your club could keep the cost of the stamps and pens (hey, wait a minute... I am sure each club has a bank they use, or another business they frequent, that would give them pens!) and send the rest to the District.

Your clubs just need to be a bit creative and reach out to organizations that could use ready made gifts!!



“Pick Me Up” News

Governor Eileen and Governor Elect Lori would like to make a Pick Me Up Grant available to each club this year. Pick Me Ups were discussed at Workshop this year, with examples of some very easy ways to get a Pick Me Up going in the clubs.

Some clubs have been able to develop committees and get to work on developing some really great Pick Me Up programs, but not all of the clubs are at this level...yet. This grant opportunity will allow all clubs to get a Pick Me Up underway. You will be eligible for a \$75 grant to use towards a Pick Me Up, no matter how small or large your club decides to go.

There is minimal paperwork for this grant; just fill out your club information as well as for whom and when you are doing your Pick Me Up. Governor Eileen will forward the grant application to all the club presidents in early October, so keep your eyes open.

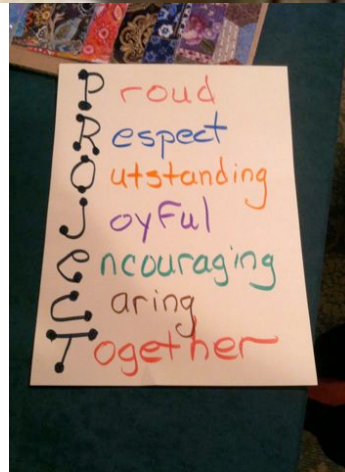
Updating Member Information

Each club member needs to make sure they have the most up to date information at Pilot International. The way to do it is now through PortalBuzz. This database will be used by Pilot International for *everything*, so please make sure it is correct. A thank-you goes out to President Lisa Palmquist (PC Lancaster) for including this in her September bulletin.

Directions to enter PortalBuzz and check your profile.....

1. Enter www.portalbuzz.com in your browser or simply click on the link. There is a 4 minute video explaining PortalBuzz if you want to view it.
2. Click on sign in. (If sign in is not visible, it may be hidden under three small white lines at the top right of your screen.)
3. For the first time logging into PortalBuzz, you need to choose register/set password. Enter the email address that you have registered with PI.
4. You will be directed to wait for an email, which you will receive quickly. In the email, you will be directed to “click here.”
5. You will be directed to a screen that instructs you to type your password and submit. Create your password and make note of it.
6. When you click on submit, you will be directed to a screen to login. You will type your email and password and login.
7. This will open your profile. In order for you to add or change any of the data, you will need to click on “edit profile” first.
8. When you are finished, logout. You may want to bookmark this page, since this is the site that you will want to enter PortalBuzz from now on. You will not need to go through these directions again. From now on you will simply enter your email and password.

Scenes from the Workshop



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