



Soaring Beyond Expectations

# The Pilot Wave

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“We soared beyond expectations...”  
Gov. Judy

## Florida District Officers and Lt. Governors for 2003-2004



From the Parade of Presidents to the “Changing of the Guard” it was an awesome, fun-filled weekend. There were tears of joy and sounds of laughter as we recapped the year and gave awards for excellence. You are **all** winners and Florida is such a great team!!



Pilot Club of Tallahassee – Net Gain  
by Number and Net Gain by  
Percentage...DOUBLE WINNER!!!

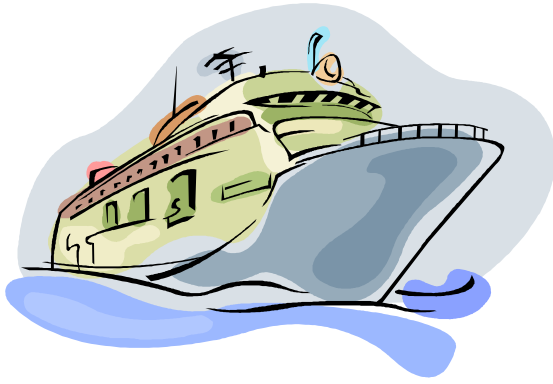


It was such an honor for me to be appointed PI Florida District Secretary by Governor Judy Vendrick and it has been my pleasure to have served with such a great DEC team. In the process I have continued to add to my list of Pilots I know throughout the state, as I got the opportunity to communicate and work with them for the first time this year. What a difference Pilots make in our communities, our District and beyond. I am so proud to be one of you.

*Shirley P. Jacques  
PI Florida District Secretary 2003-2004.*



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### Cruising for Pilot....

The Southern Scholarship Foundation is inviting all Pilots to join them in celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by enjoying a fabulous cruise with other Pilots, SSF friends and alumni. For 50 years, the Foundation has been helping deserving young people gain their college education by providing cooperative-living housing scholarships. Pilot has been partnered with SSF for over 40 of those years in providing for and supporting the Pilot Scholarship Houses, longer than most other civic organizations.

To celebrate, SSF is hosting a cruise to Nassau, Bahamas April 15-18, 2005 on Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Seas, sailing out of Port Canaveral. All participants will receive special goodies that include t-shirts, tote bags, pictures, a group directory, newsletters on board, two special receptions and much more. Meeting rooms are available for Pilot functions and for every 15 rooms booked by Pilots, Pilot will receive a free room. In addition, Pilot Scholarship House Foundation will receive a donation of \$50 per person to help pay off the mortgage on the Gresham-Kite Pilot Scholarship House at FGCU. Rates which include all meals, port charges and taxes start at \$439 per person for inside staterooms and \$479 per person for outside staterooms. More information will be available at PI Convention in Jacksonville.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact Ann Jones at Cruise Holidays (800-805-7245, ext 203) or visit the website at [www.funseas.com/ssf](http://www.funseas.com/ssf). We hope you will join us on this cruise!

Sincerely and in Pilot  
PSHF Board

## PILOTS IN FLIGHT...

### NORTHWEST REGION . . .

Special Olympics Organization of Bay County recently held their track and field events. Pilots from the **Panama City Club** were there assisting the event by providing the ribbons and presenting them to the winners. Pictured are: (back row) Susan



Tull and Sally Brincefield, current President; (front row) Barbara Prentiss and Lori Shafer.

In conjunction with the celebration of Brain Awareness Week, March 7-13, 2004, members of the **Pilot Club of Panama City** presented an in-service workshop explaining the BrainMinders program to representatives of all first and second grade teachers in Bay County. Following the workshop, the teachers received scripts, books and the five new puppets of the second phase of BrainMinders. Thus, the BrainMinders program will reach every child in first and second grade in Bay County. This will continue the first phase of BrainMinders, which reached all Pre-K and Kindergartners in Bay County. Ten private schools will receive their materials and have individual presentations at their respective schools.

Seated with the BrainMinders puppets are Pilots (back row) Lori Shafer with Danny Deep Fish and Martin Monkey; Susan Tull holding the activity book; Sally



Brincefield with Miss Kitty and Fiona Fox; and Laura Lewis with Gerald Giraffe and Toolip Pig. Shown in the

front row are Shirley Coombs with Hero the Horse and Brave Bob Beagle along with Pat Varner and Penny Panda.

## EAST CENTRAL REGION

### Seabreeze Anchor Club Helps the Handicapped



Students pictured are (from left to right): Janie Stewart, Frances Speidel, Bernie Kyer, Brittany Bouffard, Les Cantrell, Jenna Norman, Ron Norman, Brian Sharp, Mark Evans, Katie Keller, Matt Shapiro and Charles Tollios.

Since the start of this school year in August, the **Seabreeze High Anchor Club**, sponsored by the **Daytona Beach Pilot Club**, has transformed into an increasingly giving and active group of students. Led by Co-Presidents Brittany Bouffard and Jenna Norman, the students proposed a plan early on to aid Seabreeze's mentally and physically handicapped students in the Multi-VE program. Knowing these kids are under-funded and socially isolated from others, Seabreeze Anchors decided to dedicate their club to helping them financially and socially. The Anchors held several bake sales to raise funds in the beginning. However, they realized these accumulated minimal profits, so created the "Rock & Roll-a-Thon" fundraiser.

On March 5, approximately twenty Anchor members and friends took over the Seabreeze cafeteria with a night of fun, raising close to \$400 for the Multi-VE program. In addition to money for the student, the Seabreeze Anchors spend two lunch periods per month eating and talking with the student, allowing all the students to build new friendships. Throughout this school year, the Seabreeze Anchor Club has grown tremendously, branching out farther every day to others.

The Projects Division of the **Pilot Club of South Brevard** has announced their 2004 Brevard Community Scholarship winner. The winner is selected from a group of adult women who have returned to the work force after marrying and or having children. This year the scholarship of \$400 was awarded to Mieke Olswang, a wife and mother who is now studying nursing at Brevard Community College.

**By Request – this script has been added to the WAVE for you to enjoy and utilize...**

**HOW TO FEATHER YOUR NEST  
AND TAKE OTHER BIRDS  
UNDER YOUR WING.....  
TO SOAR BEYOND EXPECTATIONS!**



**Judy:** Pilot Clubs are made up of business and professional people who are or have been leaders in their own fields. Fortunately, they do not all act or think alike! How boring!! Pilot members come in many varieties and species...just like birds. Let's take a closer look at the various species and see if we can learn something from their actions and traits.

Pilot International was wise to choose one bird above all other animals to lead us in our meetings, counsel others who have questions and recently to bring forth the message of Brain Injury Awareness through the BrainMinders program. Wise Old Owls are easy to spot...they are our natural leaders who work quietly and get the job done. They seldom complain and always recognize the strengths in others. Their eyes are wide open to all that is going on around them. They listen not only with their ears and head but also with their hearts. They are inquisitive...asking not only WHOOOOOOOOOOO, but also WHAT, WHY, WHERE, WHEN? Their wisdom is a treasure and they are willing to share it but do not push their views on others,. They love the Pilot principles of Friendship and Service. They others birds enjoy

working with them and like themselves more because owls bring out the best in everyone.

To help me today I am going to call on a Wise Old Owl from the District Development Team and some of her Nest-Mates to help identify other species of birds in our Florida District Flock. Through their insights and suggestions we can learn how to take all types under our wing and nurture each to their greatest potential....to develop our Clubs and our District to Soar Beyond Expectations.

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:**

Weeeeeeeelcoooooooooooooome.....wwwww  
wwhaaaaaat a gaaaaaaaatheriiiiiiiiing! Leeeeet  
meeee introduuuuuuuuce yooooooooou  
tooooooooooooo Over Shy Ostrich.

**Vonnie as Over Shy Ostrich:** My species is very hesitant to speak out and we don't really like to participate in public activities. We go along with the crowd and we never make a fuss. We keep our head in the sand when there is change in the wind. We are most comfortable when left along to do the same things we have always done. Don't ask us to do anything challenging. We are just not able to cope with stress or conflict. Why do we have to change????

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:** Over Shy Ostriches are very important. Their feathers are considered to be very valuable. Ostriches are fleet of foot and very protective of their young. We need to nurture them. Be patient and gently prod them. Place them with others who are also quiet but effective. They should be given one assignment at a time in a small group or committee, a safe, protective area, to try their wings and build their confidence. They probably have hidden talents but it may take some work to bring them out. Patience and recognition will help.

Now, how about Ready Robin.

**Jonda as Ready Robin:** We Robins sing the praises of our club, our District and Pilot International. We are happy and bright and industrious. Our robin-red-breasts swell with pride! We make sure schedules are met and service projects completed. We are committed to

excelling in service. We pay our dues on time and participate in both fund raising and service projects. We are the early birds who get the juiciest worms. Yum! Yum!

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:** Love them Robins...Each flock should try to get as many robins as you can. Now let's found out about Pollyanna Parrot and Proud Peacock.

**Tammy as Pollyanna Parrot:** Don't I look very sharp in my Pollyanna Parrot attire. Some confuse me with Proud Peacock. She's in all the club pictures but Proud Peacock only shows up for pictures (!) then flies away only to be seen at the next photo opportunity.

**Joyce or Kathryn as Proud Peacock:**

*(struts on and turns, preens and displays her finery then exits.)*

**Tammy as Pollyanna Parrot:** I, at least, talk a good game. I volunteer. I think up new projects and publicity actions and I try to be involved in everything that is going on. But somehow something always comes up that's more important. So, I miss some meetings, most fundraisers and projects too. I just don't have time to follow through with the assignments I've been given. Though I do tell everyone else about how good our club is and I have some great new ideas of what we should be doing but don't have time to actually plan out how we will accomplish my brilliant ideas. I guess I need help!!!!

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:** Well, we need Pollyanna Parrots and Proud Peacocks too. So don't clip their wings or put a cover over their cage. Let their imaginative ideas and photogenic talents keep your club out in front. Every club needs members to push public relations. Pollyanna Parrot and Proud Peacock may be just the ones to get your club the visibility it deserves. Maybe one of those birds would do well as the public relations person, focused on one major job rather than bogged won trying to contribute time and effort in every activity. Another job would be mistress or master of ceremonies...a welcome relief for some Presidents or Projects Directors who don't relish being up front and in charge of

every little activity or event. And now, Daring Eagle.

**Cherie as Daring Eagle:** I am a rare bird...once endangered but now making a comeback. I look for change. I welcome challenges. I accept my leadership role with dedication and commitment. Nothing can stop me. I am a formidable ally when things need to get done. I look for new service projects and daring fundraisers. I work day and night to grow my family, to keep my nest safe and to display the pride of my organization. I strive to make my club, my region and my district the very best.

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:** If you have eagles in your area, dare to let them fly. They will take your club to greater heights.... soaring beyond expectations. These are the leaders you want to nominate for positions at a higher level and support them with all your might!  
A bird we sometimes forget about is Mother Hen.

**Shirley as Mother Hen:** I am very happy sitting on my nest at home. But my little chicks are in High School now and they told me they want to join something called Anchor. My little chicks may be growing up but I want to know more about this Anchor. I'm still there mother! I learned that it is a group of young people who have fun together. They organize themselves into a club and are active in school and community service projects. They learn about brain injury and illness and help people learn about brain safety. They help people who are victims of brain injury or illness. It sounds like a very good thing for my young chicks to do. But where did Anchor come from? I heard it came from a group called Pilot. I want to know more about Pilot and the people influencing my young chicks.

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:** Wow! What an opportunity to feather our nests with people concerned about their children and their community. We have Anchors who have parents who are warm and caring and have never heard about Pilot! Let's see how we can get a message home to these parents early in the school year. Invite them to a Share Pilot. Or if there is an orientation or similar activity for parents to attend

at school, meet them there...maybe even with a short presentation on Anchor and Pilot! Seek out those other Hens and Proud Papa Roosters too!  
Now here is a bird not native to Florida...Pete Penguin.

**Curtis as Peter Penguin:** Good afternoon Florida Pilots. You may not recognize me but I am a Proud Pilot too. I have come a long way to join you. As you may have noticed, I look a bit different from you. I don't fly either. But I have other strengths. When I saw other birds enjoying Pilot International, I jumped right in...brrrrrrr...A bit chilly reception at first, but as I moved through the waters I found that I could swim, that I have strong flippers and that I have a lot to share. I value Friendship and Service too.

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:** I couldn't have said it better. We are predominately a women's organization, proud of our heritage and proud of our past leaders. But we have to look NOW, TODAY for EVERY opportunity to grow. Pilot works for men too who want to help their community and support our commitment to Brain Safety education and service. We must look to diversity in our clubs and communities if we want to continue as an organization.

*(All the "birds" join Wise Old Owl on stage.... Holding hands.)*

**Karen as Wise Old Owl:** With their colors green and gold, these birds, and others can keep us strong and growing as an organization. Sadly though, our flock is reaching the endangered species point and only WE can save it. Each Pilot flock in our District needs to grow, expand and take on new members to teach them the wonders of Pilot. Each club must gather and tend its flock, using each member's unique talents to the fullest. Some in your flock will need additional mentoring, nurturing and praise like Over Shy Ostrich. Some will need to be gently guided into the role that best fits their unique talents like Proud Peacock and Pollyanna Parrot. And some need to be given the freedom and opportunity to lead with courage and grace like Daring Eagle. Most importantly, we must enlarge our flock. We must gain new members. Reach out to those Mother Hens and

Proud Papa Roosters of our Anchors. Listen to the message of Peter Penguin. Look for diversity in your membership. If the birds out there look strange and are different than you, don't be afraid...seek them out. Remember, they also value Friendship and Service. Each Pilot nest Council are here to help you...the club, the president, each member. But we cannot begin to help or even know that you need help unless you tell us. We welcome ideas, success stories, concerns, complaints and new proposals. We can do a better job only with your input. In a moment we will be handing you a questionnaire. Please take the next few minutes to think about your club and what works and what doesn't. Complete the questionnaire now. You do not have to provide your name, only the name of your club. Your comments will be held confidential. The questionnaire is a tool to help you think about your club's strengths and weaknesses and to help us know how to help you build on those strengths and overcome the weaknesses. For Pilot to survive, every nest, every club must be the best it can be – strong in our principles of Friendship and Service and growing! If you have comments you do not wish to put on this questionnaire, please feel free to contact any one of the DDT or DEC in writing, anonymously if you want, or in person. We want to help. We'll collect the questionnaires at the door as you leave and you will receive a small token of appreciation. Thank you for your time today.

must be overflowing with happy and proud Pilots. It must be a nest of warmth and security and diversity...a home base for helping others, making friends and welcoming new Pilots. We, the District Development Team, the other District Appointees and the District Executive ***Judy***: Thank you DDT!!! You have heard today what you and I have known for some time. We cannot continue to do business as usual. We cannot sit back and stagnate. The health and well being of our flock is in jeopardy. There is no outside organization that will save us. We must do it ourselves and it will take the commitment of every Pilot. We need to look to former Pilots and bring them back to the flock. We need to make sure Anchors and their parents really understand what Pilot is all about. We need their support and we need them as members...the parents now and the Anchors when they graduate and begin their life career. And we need to mentor and teach and support each member we now have...so that each is proud to be a Pilot and proud to seek out new members.

*(The DDT "Birds" will then circulate handing out the questionnaire...encouraging Pilots at each table to complete the questionnaire NOW...not take it with them. As soon as every has questionnaire... the "birds" move to the doors to collect the questionnaires as people leave and hand each an "egg" with a piece of candy inside.)*