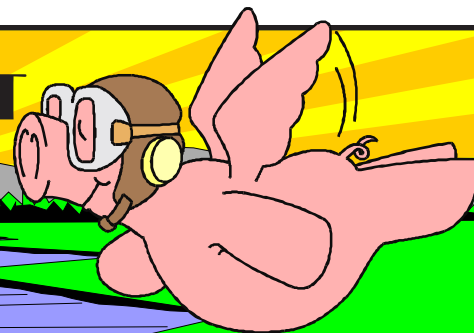


FLORIDA DISTRICT

WAVE

June 2007

Pilot Spirit Begins With A Smile



74th Annual Pilot International Florida District Convention

Two hundred and one Pilots and guests convened at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place, April 27-29, 2007 to conduct the business of the Florida District. Friday evening began with Region Meetings where club awards were presented.



Bobbie Hall, Convention Chair called the convention to order at 8:15 p.m. Governor Judy Finch introduced the following speakers who greeted Pilots: Bill Griffith from the hotel; Jeannie McMillen, East Central Lt. Governor; Mary Jane McMillen, President of the host club, Pilot Club of South Brevard and Beverly Wilkes, Pilot International Treasurer, ECR.

District business began promptly at 8:00 a.m. with the Call To Order and Entrance of the Color Guard. Barbara Prentiss, District Secretary presented the Membership Report. As of July 1, 2006 District Membership stood at 1,171 currently 1,100 members are on the rolls.

ECR Beverly Wilkes, along with her message, recognized anniversaries for the Pilot Club of Quincy - 60th, West Volusia - 65th and St. Augustine - 70th.



Part of the Parade of Presidents displaying their banners.

The only two offices for which delegates were to cast votes were Governor Elect and Pilot Scholarship House Foundation Director. No run off voting was required and Joyce Centrella, Pilot Club of Crystal River was elected Governor Elect. Dene' Dixon, also of the Pilot Club of Crystal River, became PSHF Director.

The following clubs won District Awards:

Outstanding Brain Injury Projects Award

Clubs with 25 or fewer members

1. Pilot Club of Naples
2. Pilot Club of Tallahassee

Clubs with more than 25 members

1. Ft. Myers Beach
2. West Volusia Co.

Outstanding BrainMinders Program Award

Clubs with 25 or fewer members

1. Greater Gainesville
2. Winter Haven
3. Tallahassee

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WAVE DEADLINES

ISSUES	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
August 2007	July 15, 2007
December 2007	November 15, 2007
March 2008	February 15, 2008
June 2008 (Final Issue)	May 15, 2008

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Outstanding BrainMinders Award Program

Clubs with more than 25 members

1. Ft. Myers Beach
2. Pensacola
3. Panama City

Patriotism Award

South Brevard

Newsletter Competition Award

1. Naples
2. St. Lucie County
3. Palatka

District Growth Awards

Percentage Net Gain

1. Blue Heron
2. Sumter County
3. Zyphrhills

MARKETPLACE



Market Place was the busiest room in the hotel. Pilots definitely know how to shop! Merchandise and raffle tickets were sold throughout the convention. Many clubs use this opportunity as an additional fund raiser.

FASHIONABLE AND PROFITABLE



Pilot Club of Greater Gainesville



Greater Gainesville's 4th Annual Fashion Show raised over \$10,000 for the club's projects. Proceeds will be used to purchase approximately 12 tracking bracelets for the local Project Lifesaver and to continue ongoing projects at Lake Forest and Sidney Lanier Schools.

T-Shirts For Teacher

Members of the Pilot Club of St. Lucie County stepped in and raised over \$5,600 to help pay for medical treatment and insurance premiums for a local Middle/High School Teacher. T-Shirts which could be worn on Fridays were designed and printed in six days. Students and teachers purchased the shirts to show their support.



Pilot Pride!!!

Normally, it is out with the old and in with the new but not this time. The current President Ellie Barnes (L) and President-Elect Alyce Aspler (R) are starting a program to have every member who has a car to place a Pilot decal on the back window to advertise that Pilot is in Fort Lauderdale.

BRAIN RELATED DISORDERS

“What is Stroke?”

A stroke or “brain attack” occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery or a blood vessel breaks, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. This can cause brain cells to die and damage to occur.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in America and the number 1 cause of adult disability.

Risk factors for stroke include: over age 55, being male, being African American or Hispanic, and family history of stroke.

Preventable risk factors include: uncontrolled high blood pressure, blocked arteries (high cholesterol, coronary heart disease).

Stroke symptoms include: sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance; sudden severe headache with no known cause.

If you think someone has had a stroke:

1. Ask the person to smile – Does one side of the face droop?
2. Ask the person to raise both arms – Does one arm drift downward?
3. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence – Are the words slurred? Can they repeat the sentence correctly?
4. If the person shows any of these symptoms – Call 911 or get to the hospital immediately.

For more information contact the National Stroke Association at 1-800-787-6537 or www.stroke.org.

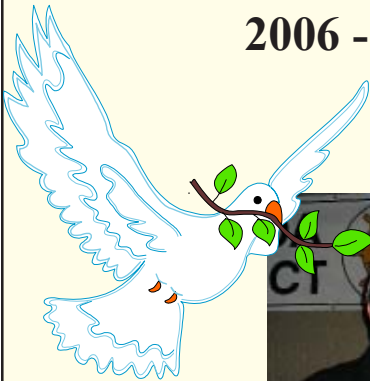
Thanks to Jane Chafin, 2006-2007 Pilot Scholarship House Treasurer, for the above article.



The Pilot Club of Ft. Pierce awarded five \$1000 scholarships to Amy Lynn Doohrer, John Carol HS; Shyanne Helms, Ft. Pierce Central HS; Jasmine Keogh, Ft. PierceWestwood HS (not pictured); Kaitlyn Schneider, Lincoln Park Academy and Cody Myer, Indian River Community College-Continuing Education. Also above: Dan Galloway and Olivet, Canine Companions for Independence, Adele Lowe, club Scholarship Chairperson and Barbara Keck, Club President



2006 - 2007 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



**2007-2008
Florida District
Governor Debbie
Di Franco with
her husband
Steve.**

It was tie-die and lava lamps, peace, love, friendship and service as 2007-2008 Florida District Governor Debbie Di Franco was installed Saturday night. Pilots were dressed in their finest and the hotel outdid themselves with a dinner of french onion soup and prime rib. Griff Moore, pianist entertained throughout the evening.

The 2007-2008 Executive Council will consist of:

Debbie Di Franco - Governor
 Joyce Centrella - Governor Elect
 Secretary - Claire Mikko
 Treasurer - Linda Forester



**Pilot Club of Orange
Park President, Peggy
Meehan, reads The
Code of Ethics with
ECR Beverly Wilkes
and Installing Officer
Betty Waggoner
looking on.**



**2007-2008 Pilot Scholarship House Founda-
tion Board Installed by Neona Daugherty**

Northwest Lt. Governor - Lucretia Thomas
 Northeast Lt. Governor - Jacqueline Klein
 South Lt. Governor - Lorraine Dey
 East Central Lt. Governor - Jeannie McMillen
 West Central Lt. Governor - Linda Deuel

The Spirit Award for the largest percentage of members at convention was awarded to the Pilot Club of St. Lucie County.

Sunday Morning Final Business Meeting



Pilot Scholarship House Foundation 2006-2007 President, Lynn Stevenson holds up the "faux fire" which represents the burning of the mortgage at Florida District's newest Scholarship House at Florida Gulf Coast University.

2007-2008 Goals

Incoming Governor Debbie DiFranco set forth the following goals for next year:

1. To Catch The Spirit of Pilot.
2. To Create Peace Between Pilots
3. To Demonstrate Love in the form of community service.
4. To improve member attendance at Fall Council and District Convention.
5. To Step On Up to Leadership.
6. To continue partnership with the Epilepsy Foundation and other funders.
7. To continue to support Pilot Scholarship Houses and remain a "250" District.
8. To establish Provisional Membership for former Anchors and Scholarship House residents.
9. To provide Anchor support from non-sponsoring Pilot Clubs.
10. To continue to implement the strategic plan.

Governor Judy Finch delivered "The State of The Florida District." Her original goal of one new club per region is ongoing. The goal to grow Pilot in Florida was realized with an increase of 95 members. 71 Pilots were lost, 15 to death, which still leaves membership on the plus side. The District will continue to grow Pilot and make greater efforts to retain members.

Florida District is again a 250 District with 29 clubs donating. The 2006-2007 Budget was balanced and no monies were transferred from unallocated funds.

During this past year the regional realignment was completed. Savings in travel expense and other areas are expected to be realized in 2007-2008.

A decision was made this year to stabilize the location of Fall Council to a central location. District Convention will continue to rotate through regions.

A wonderful partnership has been formed with the Florida Epilepsy Foundation promoting brain safety with their bike helmet program which is available to all District Pilot clubs.

Governor Judy described the wonder and the joy this past year has been for her. She thanked all of the Officers who served; the Appointees and Pilots themselves for a year she will treasure forever.

In keeping with her year-long theme, all Pilots were asked to keep on smiling.



The formal Exchange of Banners. Receiving the Governor's Banner-Peggy Meehan, Pres., Pilot Club of Orange Park. Receiving the Governor Elect's Banner-Dene' Dixon, Pres. Pilot Club of Crystal River.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 26-28, 2007

Fall Council
Tampa Airport Marriott

April 18-20, 2008

District Convention
Ft. Lauderdale North Marriott