

FLORIDA DISTRICT



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FLORIDA PILOTS ATTEND PI CONVENTION



*Many thanks to Linda Forester
for Convention photos.*

Governor's Message - As we begin a new Pilot year let us focus on the positive. The WAVE will serve to highlight individual Pilots and clubs that are doing something special for their local communities. Our mission as Pilots is to recognize the needs of our community and meet them through projects that bring us together in friendship and service. With peace between us and love of community service we cannot fail as Florida Pilots. I hope to see many of you at Fall Council where we will celebrate the international scope of our Pilot organization. Your DEC and our guest, PI President-Elect Debbie Archer will entertain and inform you at the beautiful Tampa Airport Marriott. See you there!

PEACE AND LOVE, FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE

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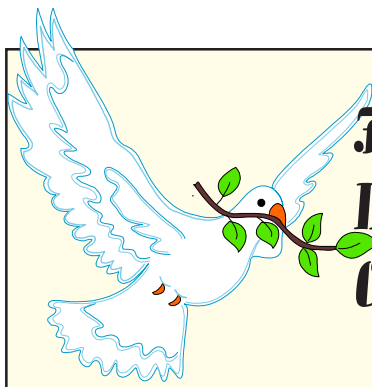
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**FROM THE
DISTRICT
CHAPLAIN**

“If I can stop one heart from achingI shall not live in vain.

If I can ease one life from aching.....Or cool one pain

Or help one fainting robin.....Into his nest again,

I shall not have lived in vain.”

For I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, Let me do it now ——For I shall not pass this way again.

Pilots, if we live our life to the fullest, following our Code of Ethics, just think what the world could become.....

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Blessed is the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

Our Pilot sympathy goes out to.....
Pilot Club of Palatka in the loss of
Charter Member, Pilot **Clara T. Worley.**

If your Club loses a member, or relative of a member, please send me the information so they can be remembered in our Memorial Service at Fall Convention. The form can be found on line, or send me the information by E-mail.

WAVE DEADLINES

November 15, 2007

February 15, 2008

May 15, 2008

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CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

The Pilot Club of Crystal River proudly hosts its Twelfth Annual "Christmas In September" Art and Craft Show at the Crystal River National Guard Armory on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 9 am to 4 pm. The Armory is located just off U.S. Highway 19 at 8940 West Venable Street. The admission donation is \$1 per person. The Show will offer a variety of holiday gifts and decorating. Please join us to view over 75 exhibitors and support Citrus County's local charities. For more information contact Chairperson B.J. Lesbirel at 352.795.5223 (day) or 352.795.3616 (evening).

LOOKING FOR NOMINATIONS!

I am honored to be an appointee for Florida District as Nominating Committee Chair 2007-2008. Governor Debbie conducted a FANTASTIC workshop/meeting on August 4, 2007. We all enjoyed sharing information as well learning how we will be inner acting with one and other. This will be another exciting year for every Florida District Pilot.

As a Pilot, please give some careful thought to "Step On Up" for 2008-2009. There are many choices to think about and Florida District needs Pilots who are excited about our future. Please do not hesitate to speak with your Regional Lt. Governor or any past District Officer as each one of them will share the impact it has made on them.

Spring will be here before we realize and I would like to see many many many forms in my mail box!!!!
See you all in Tampa at Fall Council October 26-28, 2007

Leta Allis, Nominating Committee Chair, Pilot Club of Sumter County.



*Peace and Love,
Friendship and
Service*

Greeting from West Central

I'm looking forward to a great year sharing "Peace – Love – Friendship & Service" with the Florida District. West Central was well represented at International Convention and I had the pleasure of sharing dinner with a few of them. It was a busy and informative week and I believe we all came home with lots of new ideas to share.

Fall Council will soon be here so I hope everyone is making plans to attend. The plans are in the works and it's going to be fun and there will be plenty of workshops.

I look forward to the visits with the West Central clubs, their a busy group.

SEE YOU AT FALL COUNCIL!

Linda Deuel, West Central Lt. Governor

Hi, I'm Judith Glover from the Paradise Coast Pilot Club and your District Project Coordinator for 2007-2008. I would like all the clubs in Florida send me a copy of your clubs newsletter each month or whenever you print one. This way I will be able to see what your Service Projects are and if a club needs help in finding a service project I can pass your projects onto that club which will help them out. My e-mail is judyg239@aol.com or address is 5292 21st Av SW, Naples, FL 34116. Have a great year!



NEWS FROM THE BLUE HERON PILOT CLUB

The Blue Heron Pilot Club is currently looking for new members. If anyone know some one they would recommend for membership in

the South Sumter County area (Bushnell, Sumterville, Lake Panasoffkee, Webster, Center Hill) please contact Kathryn Lane at 352-568-8678 or email kathrynlane@earthlink.net.

October 20th is the Bushnell Fall Festival. Blue Heron will have a booth and raffle tickets for an Outdoor Basket and another with a quilt in it. Also we have a fish pond for children to win prizes. Come out and join us for fun and fun raising. The festival is an all day event. For more information contact Fund Raising Coordinator, Crissy Thibodeau at 352-793-5356.

DOES YOUR CLUB HARBOR A VIRUS?

The District Development Team met on August 4, 2007 in Gainesville, Florida for a Brainstorming Session to determine ways to increase membership. We focused on membership retention for part of the session and the major reason members seem to be leaving the organization seems to be personality conflicts within the local association. The following information may assist clubs in determining whether their club is being exposed to a Virus. The following article is from the Pilot International manual.

Virus Members

These individuals are capable of undermining the vitality of a club until members feel helpless to resist the virulent negativity and choose to disband the club. The Pilot Code of Ethics is a model for what is expected of Pilots in ethics and decorum, however, there are clubs who admits to being held in control of a virus member and feel helpless to confront the situation, to the detriment of the club. Rudeness is not acceptable behavior. Robert's Rules of Order may be used to eliminate virus members.

Learn how to handle negative people. Your club and the legacy it provides your community are at risk. This situation is bigger than one negative person. This is a situation designed to empower your members' leadership abilities.

The Virus Member Quiz

1. Do you feel emotionally empty or devalued after being with this person?
2. Do you feel less intelligent or less qualified after talking with this person?
3. Would you rejoice if you never had to see this person again?
4. Do you find that you walk on eggshells and choose your words carefully when you talk to this person?

If you answered yes to all four questions, your club has a virus member.

The following techniques may be effective when dealing with your Virus Member.

Stop the Thought Technique – for you

Every time you catch yourself thinking of the person or situation hear yourself saying, “Stop the thought,” either loudly or softly to yourself. This can be amplified by adding an affirmation –

EXAMPLE: “Stop the thought. I am a kind worthy person.” BE POSITIVE!

The Mirror Technique – Effective with Bullies and Control Freaks

The technique forces the virus member to see their behavior reflected back to them. This technique enables children and adults to see the consequences of their behavior and how they come across.

EXAMPLE: If you are a speaker and someone continuously talks to their neighbors while you are speaking, this rudeness allows you to: Stop, smile, look directly at them, allow the room to turn in their direction, and with a chuckle say, “I think the rest of the room would be interested too, would you like to trade places?”

The Direct Confront Technique-Effective with Gossips and Control Freaks.

This prevents you from becoming a victim. Others will respect you and it allows you to gain more self respect.

It is essential that you project your voice so you can be heard and speak in a well modulated tone. You may use emotion in your voice to make an impression of conviction and confidence. If you cannot think of something humorous or clever, feel free to tell them boldly how you feel about their comment.

Love and Kindness Technique-Always worth a try

Many times a virus is due to lack of self-esteem and insecurity. This technique requires that you never lose your cool, no matter what. You must be calm, use soothing and friendly tones, and you must smile. To do this you must remember how much pain this person must be in-how empty and unloved they must be feeling inside and how much self-loathing underlies their actions. This person must feel you are not an enemy, understand, and are on their side before they can comfortably change into positive behavior.

The Unplug Technique – Effective with Gossips and others

This is reserved for the most virulent virus threatening to unplug your whole organization. When you have tried everything else to no avail, there is nothing you can do but let go. You need to become devoid of emotion and visualize yourself unplugging from them, as if from an electric socket. You completely let go and no longer care what happens to them. You don't wish them evil. They are gone.

Many Pilot Clubs have proven that continually catering to this toxic energy will eventually be fatal to the club.

If your club would like to have a member of the Membership Development Team attend any meeting please contact Regina A. Lanzl, Operations Chair /Florida District at regina300@earthlink.net and we will try to arrange meeting.

“PAY IT FORWARD”

Dene’ Dixon, 2007-2010 PSHF Director

Several years ago an organization gave me a housing scholarship so that I could work on my graduate degree at Florida State University. Many in the organization did not know me but yet gave me an opportunity. That organization is the Florida District Pilot Scholarship House Foundation. Each of you will always hold a special place in my mind and heart! Since that time many have received housing scholarships from our Foundation. I, in turn, want to “pay it forward” for many like me with your gracious assistance.

At 2007 District Convention, we retired the mortgage on the Florida Gulf Coast University Pilot House but we still have more to do! Our Foundation’s Endowment Fund is one way we can continue to “pay it forward” to perpetuate our three Pilot Houses. Our donations are tax-deductible and should be marked in the memo section for the Endowment. Another way that Pilots can “pay it forward” is through each Pilot House’s wish list. Here are those lists so you will know what is needed from each Pilot House.

Florida Gulf Coast University: Print cartridges (HP21 and 23 in black and color ink); computer paper for the house printer; household supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies); and Target gift cards (business managers shop at Super Target since its close to campus).

University of Florida: Kitchen utensils (spoons, forks); plates, bowls; cups; window curtains and wall decorations for the living room; and picture frames for entertainment center shelves.

Florida State University: Household supplies (toilet paper, paper towels, sponges, cleaning supplies, dish soap); Wal-Mart gift cards; and trash bags (kitchen and giant yard size).

At Fall Council, the PSHF Board will have displays set up from each Pilot house as well as an opportunity to meet several of our Pilot House residents. Pilots, a very special thanks in advance for “paying it forward”!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 30	Postmark deadline for Sweetheart nominations and contributions
Oct. 1	Grant Applications for PIF due. Send to Agatha Muse-Salters
Oct. 4	Fall Council Registration Deadline
Oct. 13	Founders Day

ANCHOR DIVISION

Caroline Fallis, Anchor Coordinator, PC of Quincy

State Anchor President, Stephanie Williams from Escambia High; treasurer, Amanda Russell from Pace High; and Lindsay Milsap representing Pace High as State Anchor Club of the Year and placing 2nd in the International Anchor Club of The Year Competition attended their first International Convention in Norfolk and had a blast. There were 56 anchors from many states, Japan and the Bahamas so sharing cultural differences was interesting. As part of the convention they participated in many team building exercises and activities teaching leadership skills. A few blocks from the hotel took them to the USS Missouri, the last and biggest battleship and the Naval Museum as part of their activities. A big thanks goes to Virginia Bunde from Pensacola for being their travel agent and chaperone for the flights.

Hopefully, many of the state anchor officers will be attending Fall Council in Tampa to make plans for their annual convention scheduled for the first week-end in March in Kissimmee. All Pilots are invited to attend their convention. If you need information on any anchor activities or general information I can be contacted at flanchor07@yahoo.com. We’re off to a good start.

BIKE HELMETS FOR SAFETY



Sunday Aug 5, 2007, The Pilot Club of Fort Pierce gave away 100 bike helmets to children in our community. These helmets were donated by the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida. We were invited to the National Night Out held at the St Luice Lanes in Pt St Lucie, sponsored by the St. Lucie Co. Sheriff's Office.

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FLORIDA DISTRICT, PILOT INTERNATIONAL

FALL COUNCIL

OCTOBER 26-28, 2007



PILOT IS INTERNATIONAL

Tampa Airport Marriott
Located in the Tampa International Airport
1-800-564-3440 - Reservations
Rate: \$119 plus 12% tax
Cutoff date: October 4th

**Guest Speakers Debbie Archer and
Georgia Shakti-Hill**
Growth Workshop "How To Light A
Fire Without Burning Out"
Friday Night Rock 'n Roll Theme

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