

# Deck Chatter

**83 Years of Service**

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## SOME OF THE PILOT INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

- Donating an ambulance to the Red Cross for use in England during WW II (1940)
- Adopting a five-year project to rebuild the war-torn French village of Vimoutiers, Orne, France, which was accidentally bombed by allied troops (1949)
- Feeding 80,000 hungry Alaskan and Japanese citizens through the "Meals for Millions" program (1959)
- Sponsoring Project HOPE by equipping and maintaining the medical ship's pediatric ward (1965-66)
- Contributing \$10,000 to establish cancer research laboratories at the Salk Institute (1967-68)
- Establishing elementary schools in Guatemala (1968)
- Contributing \$200,000 within a two-year period to the United Cerebral Palsy Association (1985-87)
- Founding Project: WOMANPOWER, a joint CARE/Pilot project which provided financial aid to cottage industries owned by women in Peru (1987-1992)
- Contributing nearly \$240,000 within a two-year period to pediatric AIDS research at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee (1988-1990)
  - BrainMinders™—"Protecting Your Brain for Life" is Pilot International's award-winning signature project introduced at the Denver Convention in 2001. Over four hundred clubs applied for in-kind grants. In the seven years since the introduction over 560,000 books have been distributed to the clubs and evaluations have been received.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**January** - Presidents' Essay Contest Kick-Off (TBA)

**January 26** - Kids Day Museum of Florida History (9:15 a.m.)

**February** - Presidents' Essay Top Three Essayists announced (TBA)

**February 9** - Alzheimer's Conference (7:30 a.m.)

***Hurricane Michael Relief Fund*** -Thank you, Pilots for your generosity in being there for other Pilots. The District Pilots donated \$3,950 to assist those in the Panhandle who suffered damage from Hurricane Michael. Charlotte and Claire collected the money and handed envelopes for each of the 23 Pilots who said they could use some assistance to their club representatives. Beverly Sheen, North Region Lt. Governor and a member of the Pilot Club of Panama City, received them for the 14 Panama City Pilots and Gail Hill, president of the Pilot Club of Marianna, received them for the nine Marianna Pilots. Pilots helping Pilots - Caring More!



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## *Florida District*

Additional Florida District History found on the District website ([www.pilotflorida.org](http://www.pilotflorida.org)).

- The Florida District was established in 1934 with five clubs – Pensacola organized in 1927 and chartered April 2, 1928; Panama City chartered November 26, 1930; Tampa chartered 1934; Miami chartered June 1, 1934; and Jacksonville chartered July 10, 1934
- The first District Convention was held in Miami in 1935. Velma Sutherland (Panama City) was our first elected Governor.
- By 1941, Florida District with 14 clubs, led Pilot International (PI) with the largest number of clubs in any district. When the District celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1948, it still led with 23 clubs.
- In 1968 Florida was the first district in PI to have three Lt. Governors.
- Since 1927, Florida has been the home district of eight Pilot International Presidents.
- When Ruby Newhall (Pilot Club of Gainesville) died in 1949, the Ruby Newhall Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in her honor and is still available today.
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- We currently have 27 Pilot clubs with over 625 members providing community service throughout the state.



## *Pilot Scholarship House Foundation*

The Pilot Scholarship House Foundation (PSHF) is already well into their fundraising for the fifth scholarship house. As of December 15th, they have already raised \$32,792 of the \$160,000! The money will be used to furnish a new scholarship house which will be built at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.



You don't have to wait until District Convention or Fall Council to make a donation - donations will be accepted at any time. For additional information, you may contact Barbara McKenzie at [bmckenzie0624@gmail.com](mailto:bmckenzie0624@gmail.com) or call (772)607-0020.

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## *Pilot International Founders Fund*



**The Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF)** was established to support the community-based work of Pilot Clubs by helping to underwrite Club service in the areas of Preparing Youth for Service, Encouraging Brain Safety & Health, and Supporting Those who Care for Others. Through the Pilot International Founders

Fund, Pilot International and its local Pilot Clubs improve the lives of others through education, volunteerism, financial support and research.

PIFF provides four separate grants that Pilot clubs can apply for:

Emergency Response Program Grant - Up to \$5,000 and is for the purpose of helping people with disabilities.

Matching Grant - Up to \$5,000 and is for funding projects through active community support. Grant proposals must fulfill one or more of the ABCs of Pilot

Safe Harbor Relief Grant - Up to \$500 and is to assist Pilots who have been adversely affected by a disaster.

Pick Me Up Grant- Up to \$200 and is used to fund Pick Me Up projects (program to provide additional care and kindness to caregivers, individuals and groups) that are planned and not yet completed.

For additional information, go to [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org), Grants and Scholarships

# Anchor Happenings

Thank you to the **Chiles High School Anchors** (Kaylyn, Ellie and Ginger) for volunteering with us at the Salvation Army Angel Tree. We worked the last day of the drive and it was quite busy.



**Chiles Anchors** held their annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party. As you can see there were a variety of sweaters to “enjoy.” They also decorated Christmas cookies and had a gift swap. Carol and Claire were there to help them celebrate the holidays.

## LaVerne Weddle Pilot Scholarship House Thanksgiving Feast



Thank you to the residents of the LaVerne Weddle Pilot Scholarship House for preparing a wonderful Thanksgiving feast for us. The food was delicious and the company was excellent. This is an event that we look forward to every year.

## Leon Anchor Club Induction of new Anchors



### Leon Anchor Club

Officers inducted their new members at their last club meeting. Each of the new Anchors received a Certificate of Membership - welcoming them into the club. They also received a Certificate of Appreciation for volunteering at the Forget Me Not Walk

