

# The Kansas-Missouri District Bulletin

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## Dates/Deadlines

- September 30  
PI Sweetheart form and contribution due to PI
- October 1  
PIFF Grant application due to District Rep
- October 11 & 18  
Fall Workshops in Great Bend & Kansas City
- October 18  
Founder's Day



## From Sue's Quill...

Chicago was great! What a way to get excited about Pilot happenings. The ABC's are getting to every corner of the Pilot world. Club representatives will be sharing all the new ideas.

KS-MO Pilots were popping their buttons as Rhonda Knudson was named the Leadership Award winner and Andrea Babb was installed as PI Director.

- ✓ No change to PI By-Laws
- ✓ No club visits this year unless a club makes a request
- New Executive Director, Leila Anderson, was introduced
- Budget passed as presented
- 2016 PI Convention July 6-9 Montreal Canada
- Each District Officer will be a liaison to clubs, call on us, we are here to help your club.

Governor Sue – Clay Center, Manhattan, Sunflower, Shawnee Mission  
Governor Elect Mindy- Blue Springs, Kansas City Kansas, KanMo Metro, Lawrence

Secretary Jennifer – Junction City, Little Apple, Great Bend  
Treasurer Rhonda – Gyp Hills, Pratt, Prairie of Wichita

- ❖ New PI Membership Database to go live July 31 – watch for info from Constant Contact
- ❖ Each club can receive \$75 for Pick Me Ups instead of a club visit. There will be forms to complete. Information will be emailed to club Presidents as the details come from PI.
- ❖ The DAC is looking to change up the Spring Convention schedule - Installation Saturday night.
- ❖ Look for Fall Workshop details in the next issue. I will be issuing a challenge to clubs at the workshops, sharpen your Pick Me Up ideas.
- ❖ Will your club have a Market Place table for Fall Workshop?

*Sue Penn, KS-MO District Governor*

## District Secretary

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to send me their membership list for 2014-15. If you have not already heard, PI has created a new membership system where each club will have control to update their own records. This means accurate data on all levels! To make sure that everyone knows how to use the new system, I will be teaching a session at District Fall Workshops.

Until that system goes into effect; however, we would like to make sure that our district records are as accurate as possible. If you have not done so already, please email or mail me your membership list. Also, please let me know if there are any changes to addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, etc.

Have a wonderful year, and I hope I get to see you at the Fall Workshops!

*Jennifer Butler, KS-MO District Secretary*



## Chaplain's Corner

CALLED TO SERVE: John 21:15-19

Jesus led by example as one who lives out God's grace and love in their life by helping, caring, supporting and being with those who were in need.

How are you called to serve? To whom are you called to "feed"?

Ann Appleton, [ama37@twinvalley.net](mailto:ama37@twinvalley.net)

### Condolences

Rod Bowen, husband of Nancy Bowen, former PI President and member of the Little Apple Pilot Club, passed away on July 22 after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Nancy and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Cards may be sent to Nancy at 128 S. Dartmouth Manhattan KS 66503.

## District Governor-Elect

Hello Pilots!

We had a great time in Chicago and brought home so much valuable information to share with everyone!

Most importantly is information about our 501(c)3 status. After a compliance audit by the IRS, Pilot Clubs did not pass the group determination compliance audit. What does this mean to our clubs:

1. All clubs included in the group have now been **reverted back to 501(c)4 status.**
2. PI is still a 501(c)3 individually and can handle pass through grants/donations. PI will waive fees to clubs for pass through grants and donations for one year.
3. According to the presentation PI did receive IRS approval for PI group status in September 2013.
4. On May 30, the IRS revoked the Group status.

I know there may be questions concerning this, and answers are being researched. For now, we are on hold. Lastly, clubs with foundations still have the 501(c)3 status for the foundation entity. If you have any questions, please email me, and I will forward your questions to PI HQ.

Looking forward to our Fall Councils in October - the Registration Form is coming soon!

I am also looking forward to working with Blue Springs, KanMo, KCK, and Lawrence this year. I will be contacting Club Presidents in early August to discuss your plans of work and find out how I can be of help.

Have a great August!

*Mindy Morgan, District Governor-Elect*

## New Members

**Gyp Hills-** Bonnie Dafforn, Kimberly McLemore, and Kimberly Newman

**Junction City-** Julie Booth and Betsy Young

**KanMo Metro-** Janna Dillon (reinstated)

Welcome to Pilot! We are very happy to have you on board!

## District Coordinator News

### Fund Raising

What Makes a Successful, Fun, & Effective Fundraiser?

I hope you are all busy preparing Plans of Work. It's not necessary, however, to plan the same old fundraising events every year. At PI Convention, I heard several young members say "It is very difficult to make changes" when some of the older members want to do the same event. The common goal should be to make money, have fun, and get exposure in the community.

The committee should listen to ALL members. Often we miss out on great opportunities because we have become narrow minded. Brainstorming during a program meeting could be fun, and you would learn about members' strengths and talents.

The committee hopefully made notes about past fundraisers and passed them on to the new Chairperson. It is very important to evaluate each fundraiser right afterward while the memory is fresh. Was the event profitable? If not, consider dropping it or make minor changes to re-cycle it into a new version of the event.

Consider partnering with your local Chamber of Commerce, churches, schools, & other businesses. Often these groups are looking for ways to branch out and get involved. Utilizing these resources can help spark future cooperative activities.

Pick a fundraiser that will attract a good crowd. That is why partnering with others can make a big difference. Make sure all the club members buy into it, and get ALL members involved in one way or another. Remember to have fun & enjoy the moment.

*Mariann Jarboe, Coordinator*

## From the Web Master

Please help me update the Pilot Club pages on our District website! Send me new officers, stories, photos and other content you want on your page. Let's spread the word about all the good things Pilot Club does in our communities!! I can't do it without you.

I am also looking for photos that illustrate youth/Anchor Club involvement, brain safety and caring for families in time of need that we can use on the website as part of the A,B, C's of Pilot that we are focusing on this year.

Send your information to me at [lteener@gmail.com](mailto:lteener@gmail.com) or [lteener@ksu.edu](mailto:lteener@ksu.edu)

*Linda Teener, Webmaster*

## Club News

### Gyp Hills

The Club welcomed and initiated 3 new members in July-- Kim McLemore, Bonnie Dafforn, and Kim Newman. We continue to serve concessions at Bingo one night a month; this being our main fund raiser. The Bingo players look forward to the homemade pies, Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, brats, and nachos with cheese.

### Great Bend

Pictured are members of the Project Committee presenting booster seats to the Family Crisis Center. Booster seats were also delivered to Barton County Special Services and Holy Family School. The club's goal is to achieve awareness and prevention of brain-related disorders and disabilities.



### Little Apple

In 1985, the Little Apple Pilot Club's first community project was to host an ice cream social at Big Lakes Developmental Center. This has become a regular event in June and October. LAPC furnishes the ice cream and toppings; members make cookies and help serve.

Bonnie Kastanek has been helping with the ice cream social for 6 years. When asked why she volunteers for this project she said, "I enjoy the clients because they are so appreciative of our time and effort to have the ice cream social, and they love us unconditionally." According to Shawn Funk, Community Education Director, "This is a highlight of the year, for both the staff and clients. They feel like they are getting a visit from friends because of the relationships that have developed over the years." Fink believes that the event gives joy to the clients, staff, and the volunteers.

### Lawrence

Annual Antique Sale, September 19-20 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$3 with free parking and good homemade food!

### Prairie

Prairie Pilot is ready for its first Pick Me Up of the year. Snacks will be provided for the first day of school for the



staff at Levy Special Education Center in Wichita. These dedicated teachers and staff members are all about taking care of the needs of their special education students. The snacks, along with Pilot

brochures, are in baskets placed in each teacher's lounge. Prairie Pilots Roberta Yacko and Janet Baird are pictured with the snacks.

## Message from ECR Gwen Yarbrough

I am thrilled and honored to be serving as your ECR this year. I am delighted to be working with Governor Sue and the entire Kansas-Missouri leadership team!

Chicago was a memorable convention, and thank you for supporting Pilot International, as we gathered together celebrating what makes Pilot unique. Now a new Pilot year has begun and as we continue to make a difference in our communities, President Sherry has identified important and key areas for the organization. She explained that this will be a year of visionary transformation, building upon our programs' initiatives introduced previously, while continuing to create new programs for much success this year within Pilot.

As this year progresses, I look forward to hearing the wonderful success stories for your District. Membership is a key focus area this year, and what better way to showcase our mission than through our service projects that we put into action in our communities. President Sherry challenged us all to invite potential new members to participate with us as we provide service to our communities whether through a service project, or even as we present Pick Me Ups in our communities.

Your District leadership was trained in Chicago on many aspects of strengthening our organization. Their input and leadership is vital for success for Pilot International this year. As they lead your District, I encourage you to embrace the information they bring, accept the changes and challenges, and always stay focused on the true meaning of why we joined Pilot!

Throughout the course of this year, there will be many opportunities for you, as club members, to participate in webinars on many different areas within Pilot. All of the presentations will be showcased such that we continue to keep you the member apprised and up-to-date with the culture that we live and work in every day. There will be basic webinars informing and educating the membership of the specific programs within Pilot.

Please know that I am looking forward to serving your District, and feel free to contact me if I can assist in any way.

*Gwen Yarbrough, Pilot International Vice President &  
2014-15 ECR*



**Do More. Care More. Be More.**

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### Andrea Babb elected PI Director

*I wanted to say thank you to you all for the corsage and your support. I'm very excited for this opportunity to serve Pilot on the Executive Committee. If there is anything I can do to assist, refer, encourage, and/or discuss, please feel free to reach out.*

Andrea Babb, 913-515-1268, [babb219@gmail.com](mailto:babb219@gmail.com)

Vision Statement: Our motto, "Do More, Care More, Be More", is so relevant in today's world. We must look outside ourselves to see where we are needed. By seeking out those opportunities, we can apply our skills or learn a new one so we can Do More for others. By showing that we Care more, we demonstrates to others that they matter, that they are vital, and they are not alone.

I recently met a gentleman who had a tumor removed from his frontal lobe. He described it as having to start over; learn to walk, talk and think all over again.

During his recovery, he found himself estranged from his family; he felt alone and unloved. We would get together regularly to talk and share. Over time he became more upbeat. He recently shared that he was thankful we had met, because he realized that someone did care.

We never know how our actions will impact another person. I encourage all Pilots and Anchors to look outside their surroundings to see those who might be overlooked or hiding in plain sight; to find where there is a need and fulfill it.

To me that is what it means to be a Pilot. We are more than ourselves, our clubs. We are about seeking out those opportunities in our communities. As PI Director, I will strive to provide

encouragement, resources and direction to those who want to actively seek out the opportunities to share of themselves with others.



### Congratulations to Rhonda Knudson First Place Recipient of the 2014 Pilot International Lucy B. Allen Leadership Award

Rhonda is described by club members as a Marketing Maven. When asked to help promote more publicity for the club, she took pictures for the newsletter and the local newspaper, made sure articles about Pilot were submitted to the paper, started email BLASTS to remind the club about upcoming events, presented to the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce about Pilot, and orchestrated photo opportunities with the Mayor as he made the Proclamation about Brain Awareness and Pilot.

Rhonda is now tackling the development of a new marketing tool – Face book page for the club. She wants to bring members into better contact with fellow members, the District and International.

She is also called Cheerleader. Rhonda talks up District events, attends conventions, and works hard to get other Pilots involved. She has taken very seriously the PI directive to all become more electronically savvy for better and faster communication.

Rhonda leads by example, she is not afraid to tackle new ideas, and has brought the Great Bend club to a new level of communication and to new levels of visibility.

Rhonda writes: *I am honored and proud to accept this award knowing that I have the Best Pilot Club working alongside and to back me in all our endeavors.*



ECR Gwen Yarbrough

### Meet ECR Gwen Yarbrough

Gwen is a retired high school principal. Prior to working as a high school principal she served as a school facilitator, assistant principal, and taught language arts at the middle and elementary school level.

Gwen was taught by her parents that giving of oneself to others is the best way to provide service to her community and has practiced this concept throughout her life.

Gwen and her husband Bob are the parents of two sons and four grandchildren. Gwen enjoys getting together with family, playing the piano, and reading, while being committed to "Do More, Care More, and Be More" for her community everyday!

Gwen has been a member of the Pilot Club of Statesboro since 1997. She has been named Pilot of the Year by her club.

*Gwen Yarbrough, Pilot International Vice President & 2014-15 ECR*



# Pilot International Convention, Chicago, Illinois



Ann & Mindy

Manhattan Pilots



Kansas City Pilots



Prairie Pilots



Great Bend Pilots



The DAC Team



Guitars for Vets Program



Amanda & Leanna



Kansas-Missouri attendees



Japan receives Life Time Achievement Award



PI President Sherry & the KS-MO DAC

Challenges ♦ Choices ♦ Change