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Linda's Letters

Where did 2011 go??? I believe I planned to get more accomplished than I have and I had hoped to visit with more Pilot members also. Another year is beginning and Pilots we have so many opportunities for doing great deeds all around us.

Heartfelt thanks go out to all the clubs and individuals that have donated to our district project. Karen is carefully keeping track of the money she receives for our smart table donationí ..\$940 so far. Please read the article on page 2 about the Joplin School.

It is already time to nominate Pilots from our district to serve on next year's DAC. I have fellow Pilots looking for nominees. Please send letters of nomination to Gayle Willard or myself. gwillard@vet.ksu.edu More information regarding nominations will be sent next week to each President.

The district has gained a couple new members. Great work Pilots. Please send all forms and money to Karen and Nancy quickly so we can calculate our district membership awards.

Be careful and stay well. It's time to plan our flower beds for future Pilot blooms. Let's make 2012 a great year!

Governor Linda McCollough
Happy New Year

Our new total is \$940!
Help us with our grant to buy a Smart Table for the Ozark Center for Autism in Joplin. Send donations to District Treasurer Karen Warner
18 Santa Ana Lane
Olathe, KS 66061



Your DAC...Nancy, Linda, Kathy and Karen.

From our ECR Winnie...

Happy New Year, Pilots! How inspiring it is to know that we can step forward into the New Year with renewed hope and energy to live our lives to the fullest and to impact the lives of others. Edmund Everett Hale wrote, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."



As Pilots, we each have something to contribute to our great organization. Maybe you have organizational skills to help plan a project or fundraiser. Perhaps you are the one who has time to visit and bring cheer to nursing home residents. Maybe you have creative talents to contribute decorations to make your meeting special or to make blankets for the less fortunate. Perhaps you have bookkeeping skills, secretarial skills, or leadership skills to contribute by holding an office at the club, district, or international level. Maybe you are the perfect Pilot to serve as a mentor and encourager to others in your club. Perhaps you are a people-person who greets everyone at your club meetings and events to make them feel welcome. Whatever your special "something" is, each of you serves a vital role in your club and your community. I encourage you to share your talents even more in 2012 to strengthen your club and our organization. It is amazing how you can make a difference in your community when everyone comes together with different talents, skills, ideas.

Your district leadership has provided great information for you at Fall Workshop and at Club Visits, and they continue to do so through the Governor's Bulletin and messages and updates. Remember that they are talented resources for you throughout the Pilot year. More great information and training will be provided at your upcoming District Convention and International Convention and Leadership Conference in Las Vegas. I encourage you to be an active participant in these upcoming events.

If you are involved with Anchors, be sure to encourage them to attend our Pilot events and be sure to attend theirs, as well. Won't it be fantastic when all those Anchors transition to Pilots!

Best wishes for a successful new year! In closing, I quote Leonard Nimoy who said, "The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have." Share yourself and your many talents!

Respectfully in Pilot Service and Friendship,
Winnie Brewer, ECR/President Elect

Ozark Center for Autism Update

On December 6, a generous donation from a Joplin couple will fund the reconstruction of Ozark Center for Autism. Bill and Virginia Leffen donated \$3 million to fund the rebuilding of the school, which was destroyed by the May 22 tornado. The new facility, which will be located at 2808 Picher Avenue, will be named the Bill and Virginia Leffen Center for Autism, in honor of the couple.

The Leffens' donation will enable Ozark Center for Autism to place all its services in a single, state-of-the-art location, including its diagnostic center, kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms, and preschool. This new facility will also feature mock home-environment rooms, a small theater, a kitchen for cooking classes, mock community-experience rooms, and a multipurpose gymnasium.

Despite the destruction of the school during the May 22 tornado, Ozark Center for Autism resumed treatment less than one week after the storm. The school is currently operating out of its second temporary facility, located at 3230 South Wisconsin Avenue, Suite D. It will remain in this location until the Bill and Virginia Leffen Center for Autism is completed.

Also in December Vintage Car Rally Association (VCRA) founders Rex and Judy Gardner, along with their grandson Justyce, a young man living with autism, made a second \$20,000 gift to Ozark Center for Autism. Their continued support will help fund critical new program development at the Center. Thank you to VCRA and the Gardners! You are making a profound difference in the lives of children and families living with autism.

From **Kathy Eleiver**

GROWING PILOT

Before you put away your Christmas card list, please look at it again from the perspective of Pilot membership. Is there someone in your city you hadn't thought about inviting to one of your club activities? Was there a business you received a card from that you might approach about sharing information about Pilot with it's employees?

Is there someone in another city that would make a great Pilot? You could use the new PI website to find a club in their area to not only tell your contact about, but a way of contacting the local club with your friend or relative's information. Or pass the contact information on to your DAC so they can get it to their counterpart in another district.

And if you have any thoughts about prospects in Columbia, Missouri, please share that information with one of the DAC as they help that club reorganize over the next six months.

Be thinking "outside the box" of ways to reach out to prospective new members...and then share your thoughts with the rest of us so we can all grow in Pilot friendship and service.

Kathy Elevier, Governor Elect
KS-MO District, Pilot International



Puttin' on the in Manhattan

Happy New Year everyone!! Just 3 1/2 months until the Spring Convention ðPuttinøon the Glitzö in Manhattan ! I really canø believe January is already here! The Sunflower Pilots have been working very hard on the Convention plans and getting everything ready to go for April. **The Spring Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Campus on April 20-21.** We have some fun activities planned for Friday night and a very ðGlitzyö evening planned for Saturday night when we install our new Governor, Kathy Elevier. So please **bring all of that sparkle and glitz with you** for a fabulous evening! Registration forms and hotel information will be included in next monthø bulletin. Sunflower Pilots are really looking forward to seeing everyoneí ..hope to see you in April!

Mindy Morgan, Convention Chair
Sunflower Pilot Club

*Don't forget.....
Scholarship applications are due to
Stephanie Harvey by March 1*

Her address and phone numbers are on the front page in the DAC contact box.

District Chaplain's Corner

A Thought for the New Year

"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be better than light, and safer than a known way.'"

by Marie Louise Haskins

quoted by King George VI, Christmas 1939



May you and your family be blessed with good health, good friends and much joy and peace in 2012 and always.

Rita Wollenberg
KS-MO District Chaplain

Governor Elect's Leadership Coaching

LEADERSHIP – Based upon the book *You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader* by Mark Sanborn

The Power of Focus...

Focus and determination beat brains and intellect every time. You don't necessarily have to be smarter or better educated to succeed. Your power lies in your ability to focus on doing what is important. If you focus on the right things, and work at them often, you will achieve exceptional results.

You can handle just about anything that comes your way as long as you stay engaged in what is going on and don't drift. Drifting results from a lack of direction. Then it's all too easy to become distracted or lulled into complacency.

Distraction is detrimental. A recent study of knowledge workers found they face a distraction every eleven minutes on average, and that once distracted, it takes them 25 minutes to get back on to the task at hand. Multi-tasking, once valued as a productivity tool, now more often than not creates a sense of activity while actually decreasing output.

The goal of anyone who wants to act as a leader is to move beyond the perpetual distractions we face and focus on what really matters.

To stay focused, you need an agenda of what you hope to accomplish in both the short and long term. It means visualizing your final goal so that the first move you closer to completion. The agenda is the guide, whereas the to-do list is the activity to reach the destination. Prioritizing the to-do list is vital. Creating a daily list of things to do is only part of the solution. Knowing what is most important on that list, and choosing to complete it first, is the other part.

The challenge is to put more life into our time. In other words, making more progress, getting more results, and making greater contributions. That is what acting as a real leader is all about. Live intentionally by focusing attention and care on each moment.

Kathy Elevier, Governor Elect
KS-MO District, Pilot International



**Happy New Year from
the KS-MO District**

Growing in the Garden... Club News



News from Great Bend

Great Bend Pilots presented the BrainMinders program to 803 preschool to 2nd grade children. Pictured on the left are Toni Rice & Betty Schneider (in the owl costume she made!)

Congratulations are being given by Nancy Rogers to 2011 Great Bend Pilot Sweetheart Darlene Mathers



Betty Schneider made this afghan and chances were sold to Pilot families. The project made the club \$187.00. Winner Lanett Franko is pictured here with Betty.

Great Bend PC was fortunate to have an actual ships wheel donated to them by John O'Connor. Co-Pilot Don Schneider, Betty's husband, fabricated a display stand for it. The Pilot Memorial Wheel is being used at Pilot functions as well as at funeral services for club members.



Junction City Pilot Club stepped up to help their community make Christmas for 23 children when the local radio station put out a call to adopt children for Christmas because a major sponsor had dropped out. Club members shopped for the toys and clothes the kids had listed. The Club was able to provide bikes, skate boards, and scooters among other items. To send the **protect your brain message**; the club was able to provide a helmet with those toys. That's Christmas with a message.



Way to go, Pratt!

During the month of November, and for as long as the supply lasts, every baby born at Pratt Regional Medical Center went home with a purple hat. Their parents carried home a DVD and booklet that can help them understand that it's normal for babies to cry and that they may not always be able to soothe them. Wearing her purple cap, Brynlee Claire sleeps peacefully in her mother's arms at Pratt Regional Medical Center. The cap is a visual reminder of a program to help parents understand newborn crying. PRMC Auxiliary volunteers knit the caps, aided by a \$500 donation from the **Pilot Club in Pratt**.

(Picture at right) Brynlee is accompanied by her parents, Joe and Hilary Murphy, Linda Broce (left) of the Pilot Club, Auxiliary president Kay Lesh and Pilot president Jean Thomas (back right). To read the entire article, go to <http://www.pratttribune.com/features/x1112597345/Local-groups-support-parent-education>



Where is the news from your club? Send pictures and articles to cghirsh@sbcglobal.net by the 25th of the month. (Be sure to include name of club and names of those in pictures.)