



# KS-MO District Governor's Bulletin



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## *Leanna's Gold Nuggets*

So, it's still winter! Minus 4 last week and 74 this week. And, it thundered here last night. My granddad said when it thundered in Feb. it would frost on the same day in April, and I have seen that come true more times than not. Granddad was my hero. He played dominos with me hours on end, took me fishing and squirrel hunting, 'let' me help him in his vegetable garden. Basically he raised me, he lived next door. But I look back on the times I didn't listen to him and he got my 'goat'!

I'm sure you have had someone like him in your life. Someone to set boundaries and keep you on the straight and narrow. Pilot is kind of like that. A path of purpose and focus to stay committed to a set goal.

As your clubs elect officers, have Share Pilot events and register for Spring Convention in Lawrence, review the goals you set at the beginning of the year (last July). Goals and reality sometimes don't coincide, but still good can happen in the effort.

This is a volunteer organization, so VOLUNTEER for a club office, being on a committee, and chair it! What wonderful rewards are in store for you that you cannot even imagine now, but it will be worth stepping up to plate and swinging. Goal is service and friendship. That's all.

As I read the newsletters from your clubs I am more and more amazed at all the great things you are doing in/for your communities Ks-Mo Pilots YOU are AWESOME!!

Let's surprise Lawrence and have the planned 90 registered for convention! Now is the time!

Pilotly yours in service and friendship.

Leanna Clayton, Governor 2010-11

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*KS/MO District Convention*

*April 8-9*

*Sponsored by Pilot Club of Lawrence*

*SEE PAGES 5 AND 6 FOR INFORMATION*

*AND REGISTRATION FORM*



*You are a treasure! Celebrate!*



## ***Threads of Gold*** ***District Chaplain Annie Bacon***



During the recent blizzard, I had time to think about a lot of things. One thought that kept coming back to me was the concept of "enough." It's human nature to think about what we DON'T have, when, in actuality, we have more than enough to meet our needs.

How many times have I been worried about paying bills, meeting a deadline, getting a job, or solving a health problem-- only to discover that the problem was solved in a way I never would have imagined? I believe that God likes to surprise us, and comes up with ingenious and creative ways to give us "enough," and at just the right time.

So if you are in a season of your life when you wonder if you will have enough of something, just turn your gaze heavenward. In His own time (and usually in the nick of time) God will provide an answer to your need. It might not be the answer you think you want, but someday, you will find out that it was exactly "enough."

Have a happy Spring, and I hope to meet many of you at the convention in April! God's blessings, Annie Bacon, District Chaplain

*Annie Bacon*, District Chaplain

### ***Happy Spring!***

March = Membership!! Let's get out and -Talk Pilot! Celebrate Membership Month by bringing a guest to your next meeting and showing them the benefits of belonging to Pilot International.

March is also when we recognize -Brain Awareness Week! March 14 to 20. Consider focusing your monthly meeting around a program dedicated to Brain Awareness. Here are some links that offer more programming options:

- <http://www.dana.org/brainweek/>
- <http://www.biausa.org/>
- [http://www.sfn.org/index.aspx?pagename=baw\\_home](http://www.sfn.org/index.aspx?pagename=baw_home)
- [http://www.health.mil/Themes/Brain\\_Injury.aspx](http://www.health.mil/Themes/Brain_Injury.aspx)

Pilot International is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. I hope you're making plans to join us in Dallas for the PI/PIF Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference. Mark your calendars for July 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2011. It's going to be a great conference. The ever popular Pilot walk will be held at noon and the new t-shirts will feature the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo. You can register online at: <http://www.pilotinternational.org/html/convention/intl/regform.shtml>

Here are a few other March reminders:

1. Remember to share any success stories from your

club with De Flucker at PI Headquarters. The most creative suggestions will be published in the summer issue of the Pilot Log. You can send your story to De Flucker at [def@pilothonq.org](mailto:def@pilothonq.org).

2. Have you considered recognizing your club or new club officers or sweetheart in the PI/PIF Program book that is distributed at the Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference? It's also a wonderful way to publicize your club or a special project you're doing. The time is upon us to start planning ahead for ads in the PI/PIF Program Book- a Full page is \$300 to Full page is also available in color for \$375. Color is not available on smaller sizes. One-half page is \$160. One-quarter page is \$90. Business card size is \$50. It's simple to do. 1) decide on what size you'd like 2) decide on the text and whether you're going to have clipart and 3) save the file as a .jpg or .pdf and send to Nellie Jones at HQ.

My calendar tells me that it's almost time for your Kansas-Missouri District Convention in Lawrence. Your Host Committee and DAC have been busily planning a great convention. I hope you're all planning on attending.

**Believe in Pilot!**  
*Shannon Clegg*  
Kansas-Missouri ECR





## *The Treasure Trove...Club News*

*This is a continuation of the article in last month's Bulletin. The following was originally printed in the Manhattan Magazine. The earlier portion of the article focused on Sunflower Pilot Club.*

### ***Autism workshop and lending library***

***The Pilot Club of Manhattan*** focuses on projects that help people with autism and their parents and caregivers. For the past five years, the club has hosted a workshop featuring speakers who touch on autism.

“There are workshops in Kansas City and Wichita. But for parents with kids, especially autistic kids, we found it was too far for them to travel,” says Karen Schroeder, Pilot Club of Manhattan member.

According to Helen Miller, autism coordinator for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383, there are about 120 autistic children in the school district. The Pilot Club workshops allow families to learn more about the characteristics of autism and strategies that can help their children.

“Families have an opportunity to network with other families,” says Miller. “They are able to share concerns and successes and learn more about the resources available to children and families in this community.”

In addition to the annual workshop, Pilot Club of Manhattan has aided in the building of the school district's Autism Spectrum Disorders Library. The library offers books about autism and children's books to help explain the disorder to siblings or peers. The library also houses videos, DVDs and software to help teach autistic students.

“Having these resources right here in Manhattan has been incredibly valuable,” says Miller. “Whether it be through the workshops, where the Pilot Club has drawn together a variety of speakers to share a wide range of information on autism spectrum disorders, or through books and other resources, families and educators are learning how to best help students grow to reach their full potential.”

### ***Assistive Technology Center***

***The Little Apple Pilot Club*** has cast a wider net by supporting patrons of the Manhattan Public Library. New furniture and technology were provided as a result of a grant from the Little Apple Pilot Club and Pilot International.

“We were able to donate \$10,000 to the Manhattan library, for their Assistive Technology Center, to purchase new equipment and upgraded software for use by the patrons with brain-related disorders,” says Deloris Berland, member of Little Apple Pilot Club. “The adjustable tables can move up and down to allow wheelchair access.”

The club purchased three new computers—two Dell PCs and a 27-inch iMac—plus a flatbed Epson scanner, upgraded software, ADA-compliant workstations and four task chairs.

Ann Pearce, who supervises the Assistive Technology Center for the Manhattan Public Library, says there is a real need for this type of technology.

“People shop, check weather, pay their taxes, take classes and communicate using technology,” she says. “If a person has a barrier that makes it difficult or impossible to use technology, then they cannot participate in the modern world.”

The library offers several software solutions for patrons. The iMac is equipped with Zoom, a screen magnification program, and VoiceOver, a screen reader. It also offers OpenBook, which is a scan-and-read program that convert text to speech.

“The grant has made a huge difference in our ability to provide this service to the residents of Manhattan and surrounding areas,” says Pearce.

***Way to go, Manhattan Pilots!  
You make us proud!***

***We want to know what is happening in YOUR club!  
Send your club news and pictures to  
cghirsh@sbcglobal.net by the 20th of each month.***



Pilot Club of Manhattan member Alice Wagner was selected by the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce as the Volunteer of the Year. We are very proud of her!



**Congratulations, Alice!**

Prairie Pilot of Wichita provides speakers from Youthville with backpacks for children going into foster care.



### ***Marketing Task Force Jingle***

(To the tune of Jingle Bells)

All across the world

In clubs both large and small,

Pilots share their hearts;

They always give their all!

First and second grade kids,

Teens and seniors too!

All need to hear BrainMinder tales,

And that is what we do! HEY!

Marketing! Marketing! Pilots git-er-done!

Saving lives, protecting brains!

At that we're number one! HEY!

Sell your club! Sell your work! Sell your charity!

Let's all share how much we care

From sea to shining sea! HEY!

**M E R R Y M A R K E T I N G !**

(found on the PI website!)

### ***Pilot International Convention***

### ***Help Pilot Celebrate 90 Years!***

Dallas, Texas, July 13<sup>th</sup> ó 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

It's not too early to make your reservations! Dallas is close enough to drive to so we hope to have a large group from KS/MO to support Susan Hoffmann at HER convention!





## ***News From Lawrence To Fellow Pilots of Kansas and Missouri***

The Pilot Club of Lawrence is making final plans for your visit to our town April 8 and 9. Each room at the Springhill Suites has a close view of the Kansas River. The hotel sits along the river. If you are lucky, the eagles have been known to sit in the trees along the hotel side of the river.

***We encourage you to get your reservations in ASAP as the 30 block of rooms the Springhill Suites have reserved for the convention will be released March 9. The KU Parents weekend has been switched to the same weekend we conduct the convention and we were told they already have a waiting list. Springhill Suites phone number is: 785-841-2700.***

Looking forward to seeing what goodies are available during the silent auction. Our Club hopes to run out of space to display the auction items and the donations to our special project, "Just Foods". Both projects are extremely important.

Come to Lawrence early Friday to checkout downtown, get registered into the hotel and the convention. The Party begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium with snacks, then as a special treat, we have set up a couple of breakout sessions beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For those of you not involved with meetings with the DAC Friday evening, you could attend breakout sessions led by a KU Professor on Autism or a self advocacy group or we will have a few students ready to give you a massage. You won't want to miss our ECR, Shannon Clegg, speaking to us Friday evening.

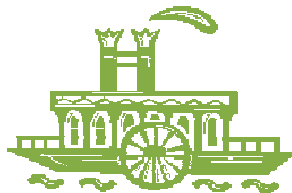
Saturday Luncheon Speaker is State Representative Barbara Ballard and Chaplain Ann Bacon will lead the memorial services Saturday afternoon. The Sunflower Club plans a very special installation service for Governor Elect, Linda McCollough Saturday night.

Saturday Breakout Sessions available are the President/PE Training, Secretary/Treasurer Training, and the Landon Center Brainteaser Games.

***Get your reservations into the hotel today!!! The number is: 785-841-2700. Questions to Vernis Flottman, Convention Chair: 785-842-9380***

“Up The Lazy River”

April 8 and 9, 2011



### ***Golden Opportunities***

- ***March...BrainMinders and Membership Month***
- ***March 1...Postmark Deadline for Clubs to mail Scholarship Applications to District PIF Rep Joan Williams***
- ***March 15...Postmark Deadline for Scholarship Applications to be mailed by District PIF Rep to PI Headquarters***

*Up The Lazy River*  
**Pilot International Kansas-Missouri Spring Convention**  
**Friday and Saturday**  
**April 8 & 9, 2011**



*Hosted by the Pilot Club of Lawrence, KS*

Please make your own Hotel Reservations at:

**Spring Hill Suites**

1 Riverfront Plaza #300, Lawrence, KS

Call: 785-841-2700

**Nightly Room rates are \$116.00 plus tax (single/double occupancy).** To receive the discounted group rate, reservations must be made by **March 5, 2011** and be sure to mention

Pilot Club Group Rate.

For additional hotel information, visit their website at: [www.marriott.com/lwcks](http://www.marriott.com/lwcks)

**Registration Information and Form**

**Full Registration: \$94.00 per person, due by Friday, March 25, 2011**

Late Registration is \$99.00, due by Friday, April 1, 2011

Please submit a form for each person attending, along with one check per club payable to the **KS-MO District**.

Registration fees include 2 meals – Friday Night Snacks, Saturday lunch and Saturday evening banquet.

A Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday is included with your room rate.

Mail Registration Forms and Club Check to:

**Inez Crawford, 103 Michigan, Lawrence, KS 66044**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_ Alternate \_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_ First Timer \_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_ **(Mark One Please)**

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any physical assistance or dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot/Guest Tickets: Lunch Only (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Club participate in silent auction? \_\_\_\_\_ Club Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Registration refunds will be considered by the DAC on a case-by-case basis and a written request stating reasons for not attending will be required. A fee for all fixed expenses will be deducted from all refunds.

The chosen charity for this year's District Convention is Just Food. This is a neighborhood food pantry that supplies food directly to individuals in Douglas County. It is also a warehouse that provides food to other pantries throughout the county. Suggested donations : peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned tuna or chicken, tuna helper or chicken helper, cereal, canned ravioli, soup, pasta and pasta sauce.

