



# Governor's Bulletin

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## Governor's Message

Service...a beacon to Pilot excellence!  
"...for visions and dreams are the seedlings of reality."  
Pilot International Code of Ethics – Pearl Sparks

### Is your color GREEN?

March is a harbinger of spring and convention planning. We have just three weeks to go before the official spring. (March 20) Plans are almost complete for our 74<sup>th</sup> Pilot Convention, May 3-5, 2013. (Details throughout the bulletin.)

With our **NC District Convention** just over 60 days away, I hope you are making plans to attend. It will be an event that you will not want to miss. Club presidents have received registration forms, Market Place reservation forms and order forms for Pilot luminaries and program ads. Please note that convention registration has been **reduced** this year. The DAC is hoping the convention will be the high quality you expect at a cost that you can afford. Again I say, we are counting on your attendance and continued support of convention fund raisers.

March is **BrainMinder Month**. If you have used your energies for other activities, now is the perfect time to include several BrainMinder presentations. Years ago, the writers of this program were thinking of the future generations and these characters and their messages are ageless. I think it is a compliment to be recognized in the grocery store as Wise Old Owl and we fondly refer to Barbara McKeever as Martin. The month is also inclusive of Brain Awareness Week.

And don't forget **March is Membership Month**. PDG Dee Ann challenged us to be "inspired to grow Pilot". I hope that inspiration lives on. About half of our clubs have added new members and my wish would be that after membership month all 27 clubs will "boast" at least one new member. We want to finish the year with a net gain. I know you are working hard on membership and I thank you for all you do for Pilot. We can make a difference together one new member at a time.

Share your Pilot story as you continue to GROW and SERVE with JOY.

In Pilot Friendship,  
Harriett



## NC District Convention



I am so excited about the NC District Convention and I hope my excitement is contagious.

On Friday night, we will have a party celebrating service in the clubs – "Hats Off to Service!"

On February 11, club presidents received an email from me outlining our celebration. To recap, ALL 27 will submit to Leann Wheeler by April 8th a brief description of your favorite service project and 2 or 3 pictures to go with it. The project descriptions will be available as a handout for you to "glean" ideas for a project that may fit your club and community.

Our awards will be lighthouses instead of Oscars, but winners will walk the red carpet.

We will have 3 great workshops and we will take care of our business; plus we will have lots of fun and fellowship.

Join Pilots from all over the state at our Convention, May 3-5 at the Marriott in Greensboro. Remember to register on time, reserve space in the Market Place and buy luminaries and program ads.

## Pilots meet in New Orleans

A very brief, tentative schedule for the PI Convention and Leadership Conference in New Orleans, La. on July 10-14 has been released.

I immediately noticed tours and "time" to see some of New Orleans. There is a Pilot party in New Orleans and all of us are invited. We will be celebrating excellence. Sissy Toronto, artist and philanthropist will be one of the speakers. There will be informative breakout sessions, wonderful speakers and lots of celebrating.

Join us at the Sheraton in New Orleans and "Laissez le bon temps rouler" !



The DAC meeting in February was really productive and I know you are going to be so excited with District Convention this year. Service excellence has been our theme this year and you will really see what Harriett meant when you see all the beacons of excellence coming from our clubs.

Saturday night's installation will be a little different than past years as I really want to get you ready for the fun and excitement of New Orleans. Wear something with sparkle or traditional Mardi Gras colors (purple, green and gold). Be prepared to get up and get moving after installation with music to make you dance while you greet your new District Administrative Council.

Council of Leaders on Saturday will be different as well so please send all of your club officers if possible. We will have a short joint meeting but want to break out & give targeted information to each officer. Since this is our most timely training for new officers, it is really important that all possible attend. Fall Workshop will be October 19th in China Grove (more details to follow) which is a little later than normal so we plan to have a different focus than officer training.

Last item. If you haven't looked at the registration for New Orleans yet, you should know that they are doing luncheons again for the outgoing and incoming presidents. This lets the attendees have more time exploring New Orleans. There are some wonderful tours on Wednesday afternoon so you may want to come early. Pilot International Convention is a wonderful place to renew old friendships, make new friendships and build your Pilot spirit. There is lots to learn, see and do with some of the best people on the planet...fellow Pilots!



### CLUB OFFICERS FORMS DUE

Club Presidents, look on pages 69-70 of the club manual and find the form for 2013-2014 club officers that needs to be sent to Leann Wheeler by May 1st.

### NC DISTRICT OFFICER NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

We have just 5 days to submit nominations to Shannon Clegg for District Officers. Refer to the February Governor's Bulletin for details.

### NC DISTRICT EMAIL ACCOUNT

The District email site has been hacked. Paula Haste, our web master has taken care of this.

### SPRING FORWARD!!!

Remember March 10 is the beginning of day light savings time. Spring forward with your clocks.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I did not receive any news of sickness or loss of loved ones since last Governor's Bulletin, but that can be good news. Thoughts and prayers are extended to those who may be experiencing illness or other problems.

In a recent daily devotion on "Peace" I was reminded of what Peace means.

Peace is joy at rest and Joy is peace on its feet.  
Peace is when time doesn't matter as it passes by.

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thess. 3:16

From Mother Teresa:

"The Single Path:  
Silence is Prayer,  
Prayer is Faith,  
Faith is Love,  
Love is Service,  
The Fruit of Service is PEACE".



March 11-17<sup>th</sup> is Brain Awareness Week and I would encourage each club to participate in some activity that will help inform the public about Brain Related Disorders. Many clubs are focusing on BrainMinders during this time. For more information on Brain Awareness Week go to <http://www.dana.org/brainweek>.



### How's Your French?

"Laissez le bon temps rouler"  
(Let the good times roll)

Are you ready to "geaux" ? (Go)





## Are Your Club Standing Rules in Compliance with the New PI Bylaws?

Have you amended your club's standing rules to be in compliance with the new PI Bylaws? I hope that each club has reviewed their standing rules and made the necessary changes to comply with the new Pilot International bylaws. As a reminder, the following areas should be addressed:

1. **Membership** – Membership categories need to be deleted if these are listed in your club's standing rules . . . since the only membership category is now "member." We do have 2 honorary categories listed in the bylaws . . . and they are **emeritus** and **honorary**.
2. **Club meetings** – Standing rules should state the minimum number of meetings your club will hold during the year . . . PI bylaws say you must hold a minimum of 6. You can hold more, so you could continue as you are now.
3. **Quorums** – Your club needs to spell out in your standing rules what constitutes a quorum for conducting business. Robert's Rules of Order says a quorum is a majority of the members on your club's roster.
4. **Nominating Committee** – Since PI bylaws require clubs to elect their Nominating Committee no later than 2 months prior to district convention, then our clubs need to elect Nominating Committees at the February business meeting. This needs to be spelled out in your club's standing rules.
5. **Club Officers** – Your club's standing rules should spell out the officers needed to operate your club and the length of time they will serve in office. The PI bylaws tell us that clubs need to have a minimum of a President, President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer . . . but clubs have options.
6. **Election of Officers** – According to the new PI Bylaws, officers must be elected "no later than 1 month prior to district convention." This means that clubs need to elect new officers at their March meeting . . . again this needs to be spelled out in your club's standing rules.

Your club could also choose to include **Termination of Membership** in your standing rules as well, but it is **not required**. This area is not addressed in the PI Bylaws . . . it is strictly a local club's decision.

For specific language to use in your club's standing rules to address the above issues, refer to the PI website under members/governance PI bylaws for an article entitled [Club Standing Rules Update Guidelines](#).

Linda Covington ~ District Parliamentarian



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*"If we stay true to our mission, it's okay for clubs to reinvent themselves for today's society."  
Winnie Brewer*