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Carolyn Parrish,
President



The Yellow Rose Gala

The Fundraising committee is proud to report the Gala on April 21st at the beautifully renovated historical Sylvan Beach Pavilion in La Porte was a big success. Pilot friend and Sylvan manager, Michael Williams, worked with us preparing the event just the way we wanted it. Michael is the former Club Manager of the Goose Creek Country Club. The steaks prepared by Michael were perfect and the baked potatoes shaped like yellow roses were very unique.

While all pledges have not been collected, estimates are that our fundraising profits are so awesomely close to the past couple of years. This means our budget should be very similar as well - giving all back to our community.



2014-2015 President,
Carolyn Parrish,
welcomes
everyone to
the Yellow Rose Gala



The Sand Mountain Trio,
Coffee House Music with
Attitude with only two
members, Pamela and Nick
Novak were very enjoyable.

The Honorable Mayor Stephen
DonCarlos, (right) with his
usual creative humor acted as
Master of Ceremonies and did a
great job.



President's Message

Dear Pilots,

What a productive month April was....but then Pilots are always busy!

It started with the 78th Annual Texas District Convention in Frisco, Texas, where we renewed friendships, made new friends and learned more about Pilot. We were entertained by a Mariachi band as well as Deb Hays who conducted the fundraisers. We attended breakout sessions and heard from division coordinators that reported on numerous topics. Janelle Abbott was installed as the new Texas District Governor. Her slogan will be "Teaching Texas about Pilot". We remembered Natalie Altman and Esther Horton with the lighting of candles. Next years convention will be in Tyler, Texas.

Then there was the successful YELLOW ROSE GALA at beautiful Sylvan Beach. Of course, there was much preparation months ahead of time. Pilots.....job well done!!!! Thank you to everyone for all your hard work.

And lastly was the International Relations dinner at Memorial Church where the ladies out did themselves, as usual, with the delicious food. We enjoyed viewing slides and listening to Eleanor Albon tell us about her trip to the Holy Land.

I hope you all had a great Mother's Day!

In Pilot Love,
Carolyn



The Brainminder Buddies are out teaching kindergarteners at our local elementary schools how to protect their brains - especially important with summer fun just around the corner. From left Penny Panda (Judy Wheat), Gerald Giraffe, (Becky Baker), Wise Old Owl (Gay Riggs) Fiona Fox (Becky James) and Martin Monkey (Jenice Coffey) presented their show to an very enthusiastic group of kindergarteners at James Bowie Elementary.

Pilots and their guests enjoyed the beautiful view of the bay and elegant setting at Sylvan Beach Pavilion.





Pilots working the registration table were Judy Wheat, Fundraising Chairman, Cindy Day, Connie O'Connor and Gladys Pryor



Keynote speaker, Richard Elbein, Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer's Association, Houston & Southeast Texas, gave us some basic and important facts about Alzheimer's.

We had awesome Silent and Live Auction items, donated by both Club members and local vendors.

The comical R. D. Burnside was Auctioneer. R.D.'s donation of a plane ride was a popular item.



Helen Gerlich gave information on the items up for bidding and kept the bids coming!!



Ken Dauber donated a painting and Jay and Kay Eshbach donated an antique shotgun, duck decoys and a wall hanging.



Marian Sparks and Spaceland donated a parachute jump.



A really new way to play Bingo -

only one game was played for a Prize of a 50" flat screen smart television. Bingo cards were sold at the beginning of the event. Harris County Justice of the Peace, Judge Don Coffey, called the Bingo game with his assistant, Kathy Young. The TV was won by Gary and Caren Bailey. The game was Kathy Young's idea and a big hit.



Kathy Young and Gay Riggs make sure to get everyone to buy a bingo card.



REALLY large markers were also popular as the obeservers made sure the players were marking the correct numbers!!!



Silent Auction

Caren Bailey and Carolyn Parrish oversee arranging and display of the many auction items so graciously donated by our supporters.



Evelyn Williams, top right, Dee Anne Navarre and Kathy Young, our guests, center, and Linda Cottar, right, kept the bidding going!!





We were entertained with a Hispanic band and Mexican food during the opening ceremony on Friday night. Saturday the work began, as the day was filled with district training.

Four Baytown Pilots attended **Texas District Convention** in April in Frisco, Texas, home of our Governor, Elena Lara Ramon. President Carolyn Parrish, Vice President Allene DonCarlos, past President Gail Wilson and Texas District Fundraising Coordinator Judy Wheat. Pilots attending from all points of the state were excited to reacquaint with old friends and make new friends and to learn new Pilot training messages prepared for us by the District Team.



The officer installation ceremony and dinner was Saturday night. The new Texas District officers are Governor Janell Abbott, Governor Elect Bobbie King, and Lt, Governors are Kelli Alexander, Julie Fallin, and Connie Hernandez, and Treasurer Doris Rich, and Secretary Debbie Ray. Baytown Pilot member, Judy Wheat, was appointed to Texas District Leadership Coordinator.



Judy congratulates
Janell Abbot,
2015-2016
Texas District Governor



Deb Hayes, Auctioneer for
Indiana, visits with Carolyn
and Gail.



Carolyn sells her
jewelry with help
from Gail at the
Marketplace.

The Treasurer's Handout and the 501C3 Update and Scholarship Program Handouts from convention will be available on the district website. Many clubs are considering applying for individual 501(c)(3) status using the 1023 EZ application. The handouts from that breakout will be helpful if we are considering making that step. There is a \$400 fee that you pay to the IRS to be able to apply. The clubs that have already applied have all been successful and have gotten their determination letters back very quickly.

It was announced at convention that so far this year we have had a 6.5% increase in membership across Texas. Karen Cupit, PI Treasurer and ECR assigned to Texas was with us all weekend. Fun and funny Deb Hays, PI Director, also attended as Auctioneer. The live auction was a new fundraiser with all proceeds divided between the TBI Camps and PIFF. The Live Auction money raised amounted to \$9,611.00! Pilots are very generous. Sunday morning included a Ceremony to remember Pilots who have passed away in the past year, more Pilot training and travels home. It is always a busy, fun, learning experience and bring home good information to our Club.

Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference is quickly approaching. - scheduled in beautiful Orlando, Florida, July 8-11. All Pilot members are welcome to register for this event. It is a great time to get up-to-date information about what is going on in Pilot and get ideas from other clubs that can be used in your club. The schedule includes workshops, guest speakers, training, business sessions, and more. There is also "A Walk to Remember" to honor caregivers, survivors, and loved ones. The website has an area dedicated to information about convention. Be sure to check it

We hope many of our Pilots will plan to go. Location is Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort Orlando, Florida. Room Rate: \$149/night + Tax+ \$12 Resort Fee Per Day (Per Room) Mark your calendar now for Orlando. See www.pilotinternational.org.

Annual International Relations Dinner



The 2015 International Relations dinner was held this year at Memorial Baptist Church with Pilot members bringing delicious homemade foods. Eleanor Albon presented the program. She distributed photos, maps and overhead slides of her trip to the Holy Land. Eleanor was very excited to share her ventures with us. We all enjoyed her very much.



Sean & Jenny Carter visit Baytown's Goose Creek Memorial High School at the invitation of Cap Roder of GCM's faculty. Sean & Jenny's impressive presentation about the effects of drinking and driving makes a serious impact on students. Sean, now 32, was involved in an accident at age 22 - without a designated driver... Sean received a traumatic brain injury leaving him unable to walk or talk.

Sean and Mom, Jenny, are Texas Pilot members, and now travel the country sharing their message. Their last visit to Baytown was when our club supported financially their visit to three Baytown high schools.

May has arrived... along with the beautiful flowers... and unfortunately, the weeds are also peeking through. We are taking advantage of this gorgeous weather - playing and working outside. We have all remembered our Mothers on Mother's Day - if only in our hearts. Don't forget Memorial Day is May 25th.

"Pick Me Ups"
"Caring for Families in Time of Need"

Since 1992, Pilot has worked in the area of brain-related service. In 2013, Pilot narrowed its focus to Brain Safety & Fitness as the majority of our clubs were working in this area. In 2013, Pilot International introduced the "Pick Me Ups" initiative for Family Caregivers (and others) to seek to promote awareness to these special individuals.

See details on the PI website,
<http://www.pilotinternational.org/ourcauses/caringforfamiliesintimeofneed/pickmeu>



April Birthday Girls

2015 Calendar of Events

May

12th - Business Meeting
26th - Program Meeting

June

9th - Business Meeting
23rd - Officer Installation

July

9th - Business Meeting,
NIGHT MEETING
27th - Program Meeting,



Happy Birthday,
Pilots!!!

May
BIRTHDAYS

9Opal Handley
10Donna Walker
26Joy Stephens

Pilot Club of Baytown, Inc.
Executive Board Summary
April 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Carolyn Parrish, at 12:00 noon. Jeannine Harris, Gail Wilson and Neva White were absent. **Minutes** for March meetings were approved. **The Treasurer's report** was not reviewed. **Correspondence**-None. **Correspondence requiring action**-None. **District Convention**-is scheduled for April 17-19 in Frisco. **Gala**-is scheduled for April 21 at Sylvan Beach. Brain Minders-will begin May 4. If you would like to volunteer, contact Gay Riggs. **The ill were remembered.** Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Pitts, Recording Secretary.

The Pilot Club of Baytown, Inc.
Business Meeting
April 14, 2015

The meeting, held at Luna's, was called to order at 12:00 noon by President, Carolyn Parrish, with 28 members present and 1 guest. Jeannine Harris gave the invocation with Becky James leading the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Minutes-March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Treasurer's report for March was approved and filed for audit.

Program Report-Allene Don Carlos reported that the program meeting will be the International Dinner held at Memorial Baptist Church on April 28, 2015 at 6 pm. The speaker, Eleanor Albon, will share her travels and experiences in the Middle East. Everyone is to bring a "pot luck" dish.

Correspondence-Not Requiring Action

Correspondence-Requiring Action-

1. Resignation letter from Mary Beth Hrabina was read. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

Reports Of Projects And Membership

Membership-

1. **Recruitment and Training**-Gail Wilson reported on the 5th Tuesday meeting which was held at Judy Wheat's home on March 31st. A delicious dinner was served and information was reviewed about the working of Pilot. Several lucky winners went home with gift cards!
2. **Leadership and Development-**
3. **Public Relations**-No report.

Projects-

1. **Community Service**-Delores Ellis reported that the American Cancer Society Relay for Life had received \$760 for luminaries from the two Pilot Clubs of Baytown.
2. **International Relations**-See Program Report.
3. **Education**-Gay Riggs announced that schools have been contacted and the calendar almost set for Brain Minders. She reminded us how important it is for everyone to participate in the program. The scholarship applications have been received and there will be a meeting directly after Pilot to consider the candidates and select the recipients.
4. **Patriotism**-No report.
5. **Health and Safety**-No report.
6. **PIF and TBI**-No report.

Courtesy-No report.

Lifeline-No report.

Attendance And Fellowship-Members with birthdays during the month of April were recognized and presented a bouquet of flowers representing the month.

Unfinished Business-None

New Business-

Storage Building-President Carolyn reported that the storage facility that we had been renting has been cleaned out and we now only have one storage space provided by Norman and Brenda Dykes.

Gala-Judy Wheat reviewed all the donations that had been received for the Yellow Rose Gala. She then called on various members of the fundraising committee to report on their progress.

Announcements

1. District Convention is April 17-19 in Frisco, Texas.
2. The Yellow Rose Gala is April 21 at Sylvan Beach Pavillion
3. International Dinner is April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church

Ill Members- Please keep Susan Pitts' mother and Tom & Charlene Harrington in your thoughts and prayers.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Delores Ellis in the absence of Susan Pitts, Recording Secretary.

The Pilot Club of Baytown Program Meeting April 28, 2015

The International Dinner was held in the fellowship hall at Memorial Baptist Church with 21 members attending. Carolyn Parrish presiding called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Evelyn Williams offered the invocation after which a delicious pot luck dinner was served.

Carolyn Parrish recognized Jenice Coffey who presented Helen Gerlich as Pilot of the Month. She then shared information about her personal life and gave a summary of Helen's outstanding achievements as a Pilot.

Allene Don Carlos introduced our speaker for the evening, Eleanor Albon, who spoke about her travels to the Middle East in 2014. She traced the birth through the death of Jesus in the Holy Land. Everyone enjoyed her presentation along with the slide show of historical landmarks.

Judy Wheat gave a brief report on the results of the Yellow Rose Gala. We are expected to net approximately \$24,000.-\$25,000.

The door prize was provided by Carolyn Parrish and won by Charlene Herrington.

The ill were remembered: Susan Pitts' mother and Tom Herrington.

Respectively submitted by Delores Ellis, Substitute for Susan Pitts.