



**PILOT CLUB OF DALLAS**

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# The **CHATTER**

## **DALLAS PILOTS FETE THE VETS ON D-DAY**

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All is silent except for the sound of the numbered plastic ball as it is swept upward by vacuum and into the hand of the caller, Doris Ritch. A pause, the drama increases....and then she sings out the number. Suddenly, excitement erupts as almost in unison, several veterans shout, "Bingo!" Others groan in disappointment as that one number they needed has eluded them again.

On June 6, known as D-Day, Pilots served lunch of sandwiches, chips, fruit and water bottles followed by several rounds of Bingo at the Veteran's Hospital Recreation Therapy Center under the direction of Coordinator, Jimmy Kelly. Pilot Volunteers (above L to R): Lori Underwood; Cyndi McDaniel; Jane Sandfort; Nita Hickman; Vicki Boutwell; Doris Ritch and Lori Raso. Pilot Suzanne Addison (not shown); Guest Volunteers Garland Stark (back); Co-Pilot Dennis Raso.(not shown)





## Elizabeth Erickson Relates Life Changing Experience



On May 12, Elizabeth Erickson explained to Pilot Club of Dallas how severe headaches she experienced culminated into a crisis on June 30, 2013. The crisis was an extensive hemorrhage in her brain. Elizabeth used the prop above as an example of the impact of the massive brain bleed, an acquired brain injury.



Elizabeth's story took you to places of highs and lows, from the depths of despair that engulfed her as she fought her way back in long term rehabilitation facilities with some not-so-delicate caregivers. Her story ended on a positive note. Elizabeth's 2 year old son, Parker, is her reason to be. Also, she has developed a career path through her experience. She is determined to reinvent herself to become a caregiver to those with brain injuries. Elizabeth aspires to take her education, and her personal experience to embark on a new journey in a positive direction to improve and dignify lives of those suffer from brain related issues.

*We gain strength, and courage, and confidence by each experience in which we really stop to look fear in the face... we must do that which we think we cannot.*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## Joan Elizabeth Green Sunrise - October 18, 1931 Sunset - May 16, 2015



"To cherish our visions and our ideas; to cherish the music that stirs our hearts, the beauty that forms in our minds, knowing that on these things we can build our world, for visions and dreams are the seedlings of reality."

*Pearl Sparks*

When painters leave this world, we grieve  
For the hand that will work no more,  
But who can say that they rest away  
On that still celestial shore?  
No! No! they choose from the rainbow hues,  
And winging from Paradise,  
They come to paint, now bold now faint,  
The tones of our sunset skies.

*William Percy French*

### Living by the Code of Ethics

In April, I chose sunrise and sunset as the theme for installation. The inspiration came to mind as I mused how a sunrise is a beautiful beginning and a sunset is a time of poignant reflection of all the accomplishments of a day or of any period in time. Inspiration also came from the Code of Ethics passage, "To do our best from dawn till night." Everything that encompasses any day or time period is what lies between and that is whatever we decide to make it. Reading the Pilot Club Code of Ethics frequently reinforces why one chose Pilot and why one remains a Pilot.

Joan Green was the example of a Pilot who lived by the code. Robin Heisig, Joan's daughter was delighted when I recited a few lines to her. Her face lit up as she exclaimed, "Yes, that was Mom!" I think it was like reading Joan's biography.

*Lori Raso*



# PILOTS AND PLANNING

Pilots met on Sunday afternoon, May 31 at Greene Clubhouse in Duncanville to discuss plans for the upcoming year for Membership, Fundraising and Projects. These plans will be developed, presented, and approved in the July meeting.



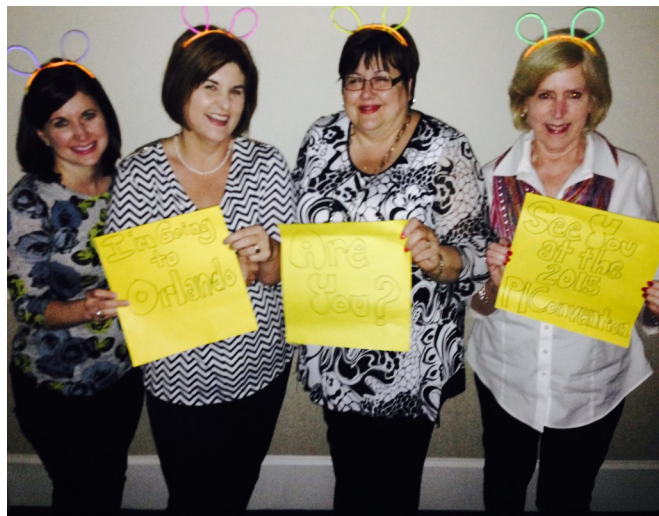
"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." --Andrew Carnegie

## Mousekateers



**"It's HOT  
in Here!"**

Pilot Club of Dallas learned from founder Darlene Holingsworth at April Business/Program meeting, that The Clubhouse for Special Needs was in need of two air conditioning units. Pilots donated \$2000 in May to start the fund for the first unit which is currently installed. As of June 3, The Clubhouse has raised \$2725 toward the purchase of the second unit through the "Fund Me" Facebook and website promotional plea featuring Abby who exclaims, "It's Hot!" The program serves intellectually or physical challenged teens and young people in their 20's to have friends and learn through socialization.



On May 21, Amy Hightower sent me this photo from Pilot Headquarters in Macon. Pilots Leadership would like to let you know that sometimes it is not all about the work. Leaders display "Mickey/Minnie Ears" as they call to convention.

L to R - Amy Hightower, Convention Chair; Sherry Johnson, Pilot International President; Shannon Clegg, Pilot International President-Elect and Carol Sanders, Convention Co-Chair





# EXPERIENCE HIGHER GROUND

These photos might be just what it takes for you to mark your calendar for April 28 - May 1, 2016. Elena Lara-Ramon, Doris Ritch and Crystal Clements enjoyed volunteering at Camp Higher Ground in Brenham, Texas. It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. It is great to see how our fundraising and donations annually to brain injury camps are at work.

"Be More"



"Care More"

"Do More"

"I want s'more"

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### June 2015

June 6 - Veteran's Summer Bingo Bash  
June 9 - Business/Dinner Meeting-Installation of Pilot Club of Dallas Officers 2015-2016

### July 2015

Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference - Swan & Dolphin Resort - Orlando  
July 8 - 12  
July 14 - Business Meeting—Plan of Work 2015-2016



We ❤️ PILOTS!

Birth-  
days

June 6

Crystal Clements

June 21

Cathy Slough