



## GA ECR NICKI'S MESSAGE

The 2021 Pilot International Convention is now a part of our Pilot history. More than four years was spent in planning the 100-year anniversary celebration. Even though challenged by a worldwide pandemic, the plans became reality when approximately 700 Pilots, Co-Pilots, Anchors, one compass member, and guests participated in various convention activities. Please visit the Pilot website <https://www.pilotinternational.org/convention/> to access inspirational messages, workshops, presentations, and videos. We are anxiously waiting for the convention photographs to be available on the PI website. Also, if you attended the convention, please complete the post-convention survey. The results will be used to plan the 2022 Convention in Rochester, New York, June 29 – July 2022.

To commemorate Pilot International's 100 years of service, 2020-2021 President Peggy Benton announced a fundraising goal of \$150,000 to be used to fund 100 grants and scholarships in 2021-2022. ***Envision 100, Celebrating 100 years...Charting a course to award 100 Grants and Scholarships***, provides us with the opportunity to be a part of an exciting and historic initiative that will allow us to Do More, Care More, and Be More through our Pilot International Founders Fund Goals for Grants and Scholarships. Pilots, Clubs, and Districts are encouraged to help make this campaign a success by designating contributions for Envision 100. Additional information may be found on the Pilot website <https://www.pilotinternational.org/envision100/>.

July 1 marked the beginning of a new Pilot year and new opportunities. A great way to start the new year is to select a Pilot Ambassador for your club. Guidelines for selecting an Ambassador may be found on the PI website under Top Member Resources. The name of the Pilot International Club Ambassador and a minimum donation of \$25 should be sent to Pilot International and postmarked by September 30 to ensure listing in the Winter issue of The Pilot Log. Donations for Club Ambassador help support the Pilot International Safe Harbor Fund. The Safe Harbor Fund provides financial assistance to Pilots who suffer losses from natural disasters.

The new year also brings the opportunity to apply for Pick Me Up and matching helmet grants. Both of these are awarded quarterly. September 15 is the deadline for the first grant cycle. Applications and additional information is available on the PI website under Top Member Resources.

The Pick Me Up program is designed to brighten the day of caregivers by providing random acts of kindness in recognition of the care or service they provide for others. Clubs are eligible to receive one Pick Me Up grant each Pilot year not to exceed \$200.

The Helmet Matching Grant Program provides clubs the opportunity to participate in Pilot's Signature Project by ordering quality, branded bicycle helmets that will start individuals on a positive path of protecting their brains for life while promoting Pilot International. Matching Helmet Grants will award \$250 for the purchase of 25 helmets. Clubs will be responsible for purchasing 25 additional helmets at a cost of \$10 each for a total of 50 to complete the matching grant criteria.

Participating in the grant programs and supporting the Pilot International Founders Fund will allow you to make the Pilot difference in your communities and throughout Pilot International.

I am looking forward to working with your District this year. Best wishes for a successful year.

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