



# Darlington Pilot Club Bits of News



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## President's Message

*In recent weeks, our President Nancy has been ill and hospitalized for several days. We hope she will soon be on the mend and back to her usual 150% she gives us in spirit and energy.*

*We have quite a few Pilots who have been sick and required medical treatment in recent days. Each could use a word of encouragement from us.*

*We pray for healing for Bobbie Langston who is homebound.*

*We are relieved to see that Belinda Copeland has been able to regain her strength after her recent illness requiring hospitalization. It has also been good to see Rosa Hudson back at work after her extended illness.*

*We are also happy to see that Ginger Ridgill is healing after a serious fall while at the beach.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*



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### Inside This Issue

#### Editor's Note:

This October issue of our Club's newsletter has been delayed this week as we watched the weather forecast to decide the fate of our 34th Annual SC Sweet Potato Festival.

After much worry and work in making a decision, Festival coordinator, Ruth Flowers, was able to reschedule the Festival to Saturday, October 29. We appreciate her making this decision since back-to-back rained-out Festivals would be devastating to the event as well as to our fund-raising efforts which support our many projects.

We must now rally around Ruth as we each re-do our preparations and she processes again vendor applications during the next three weeks. Let's keep our momentum going and have an even better Festival now that we have been given this opportunity to try again.  
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The Mission of Pilot International is: to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we: come together in friendship and give people an outlet for service. We focus on: preparing youth and young adults for service, encouraging brain safety and health, and supporting those who care for others.

## Kimberly Nelson Chosen 2016 Pilot Ambassador

To celebrate Pilot International Founders' Month, the Pilot Club of Darlington annually honors one of its members by designating this person *Pilot International Club Ambassador*. Kimberly Nelson was chosen as Darlington's PI Ambassador for 2016.

The PI Ambassador is a member who has an active role within the club, promotes and supports its activities, is active in projects that address PI's core areas of service focus: Anchor Clubs (Youth Development & Leadership), Brain Safety & Fitness, and Caring for Families in Times of Need; and faithfully attends meetings, giving generously of her time to assist with service project and fundraising activities. Darlington Pilots also made a contribution to the PI Founders Fund in Kimberly's honor.

(The above is taken from the article submitted to the News and Press by Ginger Ridgill.)



Kimberly Nelson receives a plaque from club President, Nancy Lee, as a remembrance of her designation as 2016 Darlington PI Ambassador.

## October Is Membership Month in Pilot International and the Darlington Pilot Club

- ◆ Think of people you know who are service- and community-oriented and invite them to an upcoming Pilot program meeting;
- ◆ During community events and Pilot projects tell people you see about the goals of Pilot and the many inspiring activities in which Pilots participate;
- ◆ Think of people of all ages and backgrounds who may make good members and might add diversity to the group;
- ◆ Think of how much our group needs additional members to accomplish club goals, especially when we undertake big projects like volunteering at the Southern 500 and hosting the SC Sweet Potato Festival.



### South Carolina Pilots' Fall Council - October 15—16, 2016

Darlington Pilots will be represented at Fall Council by Nancy Lee, Ruth Flowers, Belinda Copeland, Ginger Ridgill, and Mary Scott. The weekend at the Embassy Suites in Columbia with Pilots from across the state promises to be fun and informative.

## Pilots Provide Lend a Hand at Bojangles Southern 500 Race

Our Pilots were at the Racetrack on Labor Day Weekend to provide needed Guest Services to the thousands of visitors to the Bojangles Southern 500 Nascar race. Thanks to Belinda Copeland's hours of prior planning, Pilots served shifts at the racetrack each day of the event Friday through Sunday. Belinda again took the prize for serving in the most time slots over the three days!

Pilots kept smiles on their faces as they helped race fans find their seats, the restrooms, locations of specific events, race memorabilia, food and drink vendors, special needs transport—you name it, it was requested.

In return we Pilots got to people-watch, catch a sight of celebrities, see the jet flyover, get a sun tan, and ... earn money for our Club from the Darlington Raceway.



### Upcoming Pilot Events

- October**
- 10 Pilot Exec Board Meeting  
6:00 pm
  - Pilot Business Meeting  
7:00 pm
  - 15-16 SC Fall Council  
Embassy Suites, Columbia
  - 24 Pilot Program Meeting  
Membership In Charge  
7:00 pm
  - 29 SC Sweet Potato Festival  
9:00 am—4:00 pm

- November**
- 14 Pilot Exec Board Meeting  
6:00 pm
  - Pilot Business Meeting  
7:00 pm
  - No November Program Meeting
  - 23 Anchor Pie Sale  
9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Courthouse Lobby



- ### Pilot Birthdays
- 01 B. J. Blackmon
  - 16 Jeanette Harrison
  - 30 Oleene Gettys
  - 31 Elizabeth Adams