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President's Message

Hey Pilots

The Pilot Club of Bishopville is hosting the District Convention this year at The Embassy Suites in Columbia on April 5th through 7th. The deadline to register is March 15. If you can't make the whole weekend you could attend the Saturday meetings only. There will be a sign up sheet at our next meeting on Monday, March 11.

See you then!

Melissa Schwier

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**Darlington Pilot Event
Helmet Safety Day**

**Free Helmets
&
Brainminder Puppet
Shows**

**Calling all Pilots to be
there, help, and enjoy!
First Baptist Church
Saturday, March 9
9:00—12:00**



Brain Injury Awareness Month



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March is...

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Pilots Take Valentines to Local Caregivers

February's Pick Me Up focused on honoring the Caregivers at Oakhaven and Medford nursing homes. At the February Pilot meeting, Pilots helped get Valentine candy boxes ready for delivery. Pilots Judy Langley and Melissa Schwier took the Valentine treats to the caregivers, who were most appreciative. The smiles in the pictures below are proof that these folks were "picked up" by being remembered.

Judy provided an article and pictures for The News and Press in the February 20 issue to let the community know about the Pilot "Pick Me Up" project.



March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

March is a significant month for Pilot International, because it is Brain Injury Awareness month. According to the Brain Injury Association, every 9 seconds someone in the U.S. sustains a brain injury. The leading cause of traumatic brain injury is falls. And 2.5 million adults and children sustain a traumatic brain injury annually.

Darlington Pilots will mark the month with the Helmet Safety event for the community on Saturday, March 9, at First Baptist Church!

Anchor District Convention a Success!

Anchor Club members from the South Carolina District came to Darlington to attend the 30th annual Anchor District Convention on Saturday, February 16. The Darlington Anchors were hosts and did an excellent job in preparing and carrying out the activities of this busy day. Close to 100 Anchors and Pilots were in attendance. DonaJo Brown, Darlington’s Anchor Liaison at Darlington High did an outstanding job in organizing the students to plan, decorate the Music Hall, create goody bags, lead the ice breaker activities, and generally make everyone feel welcome.

The District project was chosen to be the Darlington County Humane Society. Anchors from all clubs brought needed supplies for the animals. Ginger Ridgill prepared old t-shirts and showed the Anchors how to make dog and cat toys from them. Once the toys were made, Barbara and Chesley Benjamin arrived to receive the supplies and toys for the Humane Society.

The keynote speaker for the Convention was Glenda Skipper who spoke on Human Trafficking and its real existence in our everyday lives. She offered case studies of young people who fell prey to human traffickers, and she gave many warnings of how teens need to protect themselves from the predators. Pilots and Anchors gave a monetary donation to Ms. Skipper’s charity, One Child at a Time.

Many thanks to those Pilots who helped, attended, or provided desserts. It was quite a group effort and well worth it for those who were fortunate to attend.



Left:
A table of Darlington Anchors, with Missy McKnight, make dog and cat toys.



Right:
Darlington Anchors on hand to present supplies to Humane Society.

Upcoming Pilot

March

- 9** **Helmet Safety Day**
9:00–12:00
First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
- 11** **Pilot Business**
Election of Officers
6:30 pm
Joe’s Grill

April

- 5–7** **District Convention**
Embassy Suites
Columbia
- 8** **Pilot Program**
Meeting—Caregivers
6:30 pm
Joe’s Grill



March Pilot Birthdays

- 4** **Peggy Ruthven**
- 15** **Carmen Brown**
- 20** **Beth Lambert**
- 25** **Rosa Lee Heiden**
- 27** **Carolyn Black**

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Pilots, Mark Your Calendars for the Upcoming Conventions



Convention attendance gives us a view of Pilot International beyond our local club activities. It gives each of us a chance to make meaningful new friendships with people from other places who share so many of the same goals for life we do.

We gain new ideas and have lots of fun while we learn.

Give convention attendance a try this year!



**Although Early Registration has ended
you still have until May 24th
to reserve your spot
in Chicago!**