

2019 Anchor Leadership Summit Issue

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 International dues are required for all Anchors, returning and new members.
 \$14 (\$10 membership + \$4 insurance)

Due date to HQ is November 1st.

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Opening Day / Flag Ceremony

The Flag Ceremony is a long standing tradition for the Opening Day of Convention. This year, the Anchor flag was carried by Myerr Maurice (L), Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Academy Anchor Club, and Wilesha Hart(R), Lucaya Anchor Club, from the Bahamas.

The Compass flag was escorted by Taylor Smith, member of the Compass Club of Covington County. It was so exciting to see the first Compass flag at Convention in many years.





Summit Speakers

This year's speakers were Vicki Clark and Kathy Doyle.

Ms. Clark is a noted speaker, facilitator, consultant and trainer. She has extensive experience in the nonprofit, government and private sectors. She led a discussion on leadership and volunteering that was well received by the Anchors.

Kathy Doyle is the President of the Pilot Club of Miami. Ms. Doyle began her Anchor experience as an Anchor Club President in high school. As a teacher, she served as Sponsor of the Miami Springs Anchor Club for 28 years, and is currently the President and Youth Coordinator of the Pilot Club of Miami. Her discussion on community service projects was inspirational. Anchors wrote cards to servicemen and women and each Anchor was given milkweed seeds in effort to keep the monarch butterfly population going strong.



A Day of Service Projects

The Anchor Service Project this year was very special. Anchors brought items for children living at Family Rescue in Chicago. This is a home for both children and adult victims of domestic violence. Two representatives from the home were presented with backpacks full of toys, candy, journals and other useful items for the children.

Anchors joined forces with Pilots for a service project of filling backpacks with school supplies for local children in need. The purpose was to give kids a great start to the new school year and included dozens of different supplies as well as note cards wishing the students a great year. The joint service project has become a tradition that allows Anchors and Pilots to work together and is enjoyed by all.

A few Anchors volunteered for a "special project" of the Pilots. They were part of the unveiling of Pilot International's new tag line "The Helmet People." The rode bikes, scooters all to showcase the importance of wearing helmets for brain safety.



Workshops - Learning and Teaching

Anchor participated in workshops, both to learn and to teach. Leadership skills, team building activities bought the Anchors together as they had fun while learning valuable skills.

This year, Anchors held workshops for Pilots, led by 6 members. Two sessions of Technology Tips were presented to Pilots to show them the 'how-tos' and basics of social media. The response to this workshop was incredibly positive...the Pilots were engaged as they learned and the Anchors had a great time sharing their skills. This will certainly be a staple for future Conventions.







The Anchor Panel gives Anchors the opportunity to participate in a question and discussion led by President Karen Cupit. The discussion allowed them to express their thoughts on the Anchor Program, their involvement with Pilots and how Anchor has had a positive influence in their lives.







2019 Cultural Exchange This year's Cultural Exchange did not disappoint! All 9 Anchor districts in attendance had wonderful displays of their homeland. From delicious snacks to cowbells to line dancing lessons, Anchor and Pilots alike had a great time learning about each other's cultures and traditions.

Anchor Awards Presented at Leadership Summit The following awards were presented at the Awards Breakfast during this year's convention. We are very proud of each recipient!

Award Name	<u>Winner(s)</u>
Anchor Advisor of Year Award	1 st - Carol Hutchens, AC of Brenham High School, TX 2 nd - Masahiko Kotani, AC of Nara, Japan 3 rd - Carol Deaton, AC of East Rutherford High School, NC
Anchor Club of the Year 40 or Less Members	1 st – AC of Mantachie High School, MS 2 nd – AC of Lucaya, Bahamas 3 rd – AC of Robert F Munroe High School, FL
Anchor Club of the Year 41 or More Members	1st – AC of Guntersville High School, AL 2 nd – AC of Bishop Kenny High School, FL 3 rd – AC of Hempfield High School, NEPOT
Anchor Community Service & Visibility Awards	
Brainminders - 40 or Less Members	AC of Mantachie High School, MS
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Pick Me Ups - 40 or Less Members	AC of Mantachie High School, MS
Pick Me Ups - 41 or More Members	AC of Winston County/Louisville, MS
Anchor Club Star Award	Megan Tice, AC of Geneva High School, AL
Dreams Ahead Scholarship	Chantel Eubanks, AC of Guntersville High School (AL)
Pilot Club in Support of Anchors Award	PC of Miami, FL
Anchor Project Lifesaver Scholarship	Erin Shankle, AC of Geneva High School, AL
Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award	Megan Tice, AC of Geneva High School, AL
International Youth Day Essay Contest	Owen Foster-Hickey, Anchor Club of Cape Coral HS (FL)

Congratulations to all of our Anchor Award winners. Being recognized for your individual and club achievements is an incredible honor and you inspire us to Do More...Care More...BE More























2019 United Nations' International Youth Day "The Importance of Youth Mentorship"

Anchor International commemorated International Youth Day with the opportunity to participate in an essay contest. The winning essay was written by Owen Foster-Hickey, a member of the Anchor Club of Cape Coral High School in the Florida District.

Owen was given the honor of reading his essay for all Anchors and Pilots at the Awards Breakfast. His words epitomized the theme of youth mentorship and reached everyone in an optimistic and influential way.

Youth Mentorship - Owen Foster-Hickey - Anchor Club of Cape Coral High School

"The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves." (Steven Spielberg). Mentorship in society is important, and can be the key to a prominent career or life. Combine the key lessons of mentorship with the impressionable minds of the world's youth and what is left can only be described as the foundation of success. A positive role model can teach a child through experience and mentorship. Youth mentorship can completely change the course of a child's life in a positive way by inspiring the minds of youth. Even teenagers can be good mentors. As Steven Spielberg said, "Mentorship gives the opportunity for someone to mold themself into the person they want to be."

Youth mentorship is a youth development strategy that can create a path to successful adulthood. Likewise, youth mentorship is extremely important in a growing society. There is an infinite amount of benefits that come from youth mentorship. Some of these benefits include better performance in school, valuable life lessons, and even greater opportunities in the community provided for the child. According to Youth.gov, "Students with mentors are 52% less likely than other students to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip classes." With the motivation of their mentor, these youth are also more likely to graduate high school and attend a good college. If kids get involved with their mentors, they can also learn life strategies and lessons. For example, many youth mentors teach the value of volunteering in the community and how important it is in our society today. This teaching can inspire the child to do great things by helping their community, and greaten the lives of others at the same time. One of the most important life skills any mentor can teach their child is leadership. Almost every great leader in modern history has had someone who they look up to and has inspired them to lead the way they do. Using the lessons the mentor has taught, many opportunities can now be offered to the youth, such as job opportunities and career paths. If it wasn't for the caring mentorship of Warren Buffett, Bill Gates never would have had the chance to be the CEO of a multi-billion dollar company.

What does it take to be a mentor in a growing society? It takes commitment. The mentor needs to be a positive role model who cares and has follow through. Anyone from a friend, a parent, a teacher, or even a sports player, musician, or movie star can be a positive role model and a mentor. One of the core traits a role model needs to have is good values. Research shows that children will further respect role models who practice what they preach. Often role models who support worthwhile causes, and who are willing to take steps towards their cause, help children develop and strengthen their own values. A good role model also needs confidence. For many kids, especially with the growth of electronic media devices, real life communication can be difficult. Confidence can help build up communication skills in youth by developing conversations between mentor and mentee. One of the most important skills that mentors can teach kids is respect. Respect is something that a lot of kids, and even adults lack. If mentors show kids respect and at the same time teach kids respect, the child will have a huge advantage with relationships with others. One useful life skill that mentors can emulate is creativity. Every child is born with creativity, but the use of creativity can be sparked by inspiration. If a role model shows their creativity in mentoring, then the child's imagination can truly shine. Creative options in life are limitless, which is why it benefits to role model this skill. It doesn't take a carpenter to hammer a nail, and it doesn't take an expert to be a great role model and mentor to a child. It just takes commitment, values, and creativity.

Teenagers have a special ability that they, and they alone, can use whilst mentoring. That ability is being able to connect with a child while they themselves are still a child. Many teenagers can be great role models to the youth. Organizations like Big Brother, Big Sister, and Teen Trendsetters dedicate themselves to bringing together teens with younger children and to be a mentor to them. Mentoring youth as a teenager not only benefits the child being mentored, but also teaches the teenager valuable skills. Mentoring younger kids can teach skills such as tolerability, patience, and leadership. Teenagers who mentor others can grow connected to their child, and learn a bit about what caring for a small child is like. Likewise, they will be able to step into their parent's shoes for a little while. Teens should take the opportunity if offered to mentor a child, because the child and the teen will both learn many new skills.

Youth Mentoring is a much-needed aspect in any child's life. A child's life can be positively altered by a good role model. A mentor's purpose is to grow the minds of youth and to inspire them to do great things. Teen mentoring is a great way for teens to learn valuable lessons and life skills. It allows teens to be able to connect with children and also gives children a chance to learn from the teen. If not for mentorship of youth, many a great people would not have claimed their success in life. A sorcerer needs an apprentice. Batman needs a Robin. Youth needs mentorship. "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

— Benjamin Franklin

GAME NIGHT!

Game night proved to be both informative and FUN! Anchors participated in "Minute To Win It" challenges that taught leadership and team building skills. Classic games such as Twister, Giant Jenga and Cornhole added to the fun. The photo booth was a huge hit! Game night is a great way for everyone to get to know each other even better while just letting go and having a blast.



That's a wrap...



















ATTENTION SENIORS!

Compass is the young professionals division of Pilot International for ages 18-26 (18-28 for Japanese young adults). It is a stepping stone from Anchor to Pilot club membership. Compass Clubs offer friendship, service and leadership opportunities to those beyond high school as they continue their education and enter the workforce.

As you gather for your District Conventions, I hope you will take a few moments to share information about Compass Clubs to your Anchors. Graduating seniors have the opportunity to begin a Compass Club in their community while in school or working. It is a wonderful way to continue serving others.

www.pilotinternational.org/compassclubs/



The Compass Club of Andalusia County

Chartered August 7, 2018

The Compass Club of Northwest Florida Chartered June 22, 2019





Let's add to the Compass family! Charter a club in your community!

Anchor is growing!

Decatur Heritage Christian Academy Anchor Club, Decatur, Alabama

We have a new club in Alabama. Decatur Heritage Christian Academy Anchor Club chartered on August 18, 2019 with 22 students. The Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County is sponsoring this impressive group of Anchors. We look forward to seeing all of their great work with Anchor.

There are several clubs forming at this time, and we want more! Help spread the word about Anchor and Compass so we can get more students involved in the wonderful things we do!





Anchor Club International

Post your news and photos with all Anchors and Pilots. This is such a great way to spread all the wonderful services you provide to your community. Be proud of what you do and share it!

We Want to Hear From YOU!

Send photos and write-ups on your club's activities to HQ so that your news can be featured in future newsletters.

Something you want to read about? Let us know your thoughts and ideas for the next newsletter.

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