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Want to join in this year's holiday visits? See pages 8-9 to contact the coordinator in your area!

Newsletter

November 2016



PFK volunteers from IND visit a patient at one of three area children's hospitals. See page three to see how your contribution can help create an airplane-themed room for patients at the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

“100% of our donations go to the kids”

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President's Corner...

Dear Members,

The shared effort of our members' enthusiasm has been the cornerstone of Pilots For Kids success.

Over the years, our resourceful and creative members have come up with exceptional ideas. A great example was created by our Dallas coordinator, Captain John Elsey. Captain Elsey began an effort to hand out restaurant gift cards to parents who seemed to be especially stressed financially and emotionally. The gift cards afford the parents an opportunity enjoy a quiet meal in a stress free environment. The gesture is well received by parents and much appreciated.

To Captain Elsey and our other members who have shaped our organization, we say "Thank you and keep your contributions coming."

*With Appreciation,
Ed Faath*

President, PFK



Photos on this page are from the Rock United 5 Concert held again this year at The Buffalo Rose. DEN PFK members held their annual charity event on October 16th. The all-day event included 4 bands, consisting of pilots, rampers, flight attendants, and their friends/band members. The associated auction helps to raise funds. Thanks to all who continue to support this wonderful event!

Special Project for IND Pilots for Kids

A hospitalization is a frightening experience for many people - but especially so for children. For this reason, Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent has created several themed patient rooms to help make each patient's environment as child-friendly and uplifting as possible.

Pilots For Kids (PFK) is an international organization dedicated to helping hospitalized children. Founded in 1983 by airline crewmembers, the non-profit organization's primary activity is visiting children's hospitals and bringing toys and other needed items to each child.

Indy Pilots for Kids is comprised of more than 135 professional pilots who fly for every passenger airline which operates out of IND International Airport, FedEx pilots, corporate pilots, military pilots and aviation enthusiasts from the Indy area. Each year during the holiday season, uniformed crewmembers from Indy PFK visit all three local area children's hospitals and two campuses of St. Mary's Child Care Center for pre-school aged under privileged children. Indy PFK members provide Christmas gifts for over 300 children every year who may need a distraction from their life's circumstances. Please join the Indianapolis Pilots For Kids Chapter in raising funds to create an Airplane themed room at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. You can make your tax-deductible contribution at <https://give.stvincent.org/airplaneroom>. When asked how you heard about the site, be sure it denotes "Pilots for Kids Airplane Room." For additional information on how you can help, please contact Captain Dan Ferracciolo, Indy PFK Coordinator, 317-408-0267 or ironinstument@sbcglobal.net.



Above, IND PFK members happily visit children at three area children's hospitals and two campuses of St. Mary's Child Care Center annually. The patient room above is an example of the type of themed room that PFK hopes to provide, through your donations, at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

Giving from the Heart
PFK

Welcome New Members

Samer Abdallah	Air Wisconsin Airlines	Brian Cuff	ExpressJet Airlines
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Austin Adam	United Airlines	Jordan Dawson	Endeavor Air
Aaron Adrian	Trans States Airlines	Kimberly Dean	Skywest Airlines
Mansur Akram	Virgin America	Lealand Dean Jr	Netjets Aviation, Inc
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Mark Anderson	Expressjet Airlines	Blake Ditlow	PSA Airlines
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Kevin Barker	SkyWest Airlines	Bradford Fehring	Compass Airlines
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Andrew Case	Expressjet Airlines	Bradley Hammer	Republic Airlines
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Matthew Childs	Compass Airlines	Jon Harbart	Air Wisconsin Airlines
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Andrew Coyle	United Airlines	Jill Hudson	United Airlines
James Crawford	SkyWest Airlines	Jared Hunt	Trans States Airlines

Welcome New Members (cont.)

Chris Jackson	Republic Airlines	Jace Ovard	Frontier Airlines
Austin Jacobsen	Trans States Airlines	Jason Owen	ExpressJet Airlines
Jennifer Jakubiec	Air Wisconsin Airlines	Robert Packer	Alaska Airlines
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Matt Jones	ExpressJet Airlines	Mike Parsons	Expressjet Airlines
Daniel Jones	NetJets	Dipak Patel	ExpressJet Airlines
Jensen Joseph	Air Wisconsin	Michael Paulsen	FlexJet
Christopher Kanthak	ExpressJet Airlines	Waldir Pelaez	Endeavor Air
Nicholas Kaplan	Spirit Airlines	Danny Pennington	US Army
Orrion Kattmann	JetBlue	Michael Perman	Compass Airlines
Ann Marie Kelly	ExpressJet	Julie Perrizo	Republic Airways
Kelly Knebel	Alaska Airlines	Matthew Person	ExpressJet Airlines
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Robert Nisiewicz	Trans States Airlines		
Michael O'Leary	Endeavor Air		
Robert Obodzinski	Shuttle America Airlines		

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Erin Tilev	Republic Airlines
Chad Twogood	ExpressJet Airlines
Christopher Ugolini	Endeavor Air
John Urbik	Delta Air Lines
Ryan Van De Velde	Republic Airlines
Michael Villarreal	ExpressJet Airlines
Jonathon Vincent	Air Wisconsin
Robert Voorhees	SkyWest Airlines
Sarah Waggoner	Republic Airlines
Stacey Wareham-Clayton	Republic Airlines
Jeffrey Wietholter	Shuttle America
Michael Wilchcombe Jr	Trans States Airlines
Michael Williams	United Airlines
Patrick Withered	Spirit Airlines
Matthew Witmer	ExpressJet airlines
Gavin Woodman	SkyWest Airlines
Gabriel Zuleta	Shuttle America Airlines

Anyone wishing to contribute to a specific PFK city's hospital/shelter visits can do so by visiting the PFK website (www.pilotsforkids.org).

TO DONATE:**GO TO: www.pilotsforkids.org****CLICK: Donate****SELECT: Direct your donation to (dropdown)****SELECT: City-Coordinator****COMPLETE: Your credit card data***Remember...*

100% of your donations are returned to the local pilot group to spend on hospitalized children or those in shelters.

PFK Merchandise

Pilots For Kids items, including sweatshirts, polos, T-shirts, ball caps, travel mugs and luggage tags, are available. You can order your PFK Merchandise by contacting Carol Stocker at 440-382-3090 or email pfkmerchandise@pilotsforkids.org. See the PFK web site for more information.



2016
*Pilots for Kids Award
 To Bill Bella*

Captain Bella started visiting children in hospitals in 1977. Approximately two years after he moved to Houston, in 1994, he joined the Houston Pilots For Kids organization. Every year during the Holiday season for the past 22 years, Bill has been Santa to hundreds of children at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. He has been an integral part of Houston's Pilots for Kids group over these many years! Over that period of time, the Houston Pilots for Kids group has grown tremendously. The group now has pilots from United, Delta, American, Jet Blue and Express Jet. There are generally 16-20 pilots per hospital visit, split into two groups, visiting approximately 140 hospitalized children per visit. On some visits, the PFK members are joined by a special guest, Clutch the Bear, the NBA Team Mascot for the Houston Rockets.

For the past three years, Houston's PFK members have added a mid-year hospital visit to their activities when fewer groups tend to visit children.

"Our last visit was comprised of several new Pilots for Kids, who did an outstanding job bringing happiness and discussing the children's interests, hobbies and achieving their goals," said United Captain Bill Bella, Houston Pilots For Kids coordinator.

"Additionally, we had four Spanish-speaking pilots who assisted us with the numerous Spanish-speaking children. We also had a United pilot who spoke Hindi to three children! That was a first in my 39 years of hospital visits."

During each Hospital visit, each child is given a special gift as a memory of the pilots' visit. Bill says they have also experienced medical miracles during their visits that have left a lifetime of priceless memories for them.



Thank you to Captain Bill Bella, the 2016 winner of the Pilots for Kids Award. Captain Bella has been involved with PFK for over 22 years.

This holiday season, the PFK group is going to offer two hospital visits to accommodate their very large and dedicated Houston Pilots For Kids group.

The Texas Children's Hospital staff has often said, "The Houston Pilots For Kids are one of our best and favorite groups that visit the hospital."

"We have had great support from the pilots, the airlines, Flight Operations management and chief pilots in the Houston area. Our support is greatly appreciated by the children, their families and the hospital staff. The hospital visits are a priceless gift of happiness! I am honored and privileged to represent this wonderful organization...The Houston Pilots For Kids.

*Thank you,
 Captain
 Bella!*

PFK Area Coordinators

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**Back-to-School Event
Sponsored by PFK**

On Sept 9th, the CMH PFK group was proud to host a back-to-school celebration at the Columbus Homeless Families Foundation. This was another successful event organized by the CMH PFK group! As the photos above show, new shoes were a popular item.

Golf in a MuuMuu

It was a good day to play golf... in a muumuu. NJASAP in Columbus was a proud participant in the 2016 Pilots For Kids Golf Tournament. The event raised more than \$6,000, which will be used to support back-to-school and holiday gift initiatives.

Some of the results of their generous fundraising can be seen in the photos of the "Back-to-School" event shown to the left.

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CITY: ATL/Atlanta, GA

COORDINATOR: Don Myers

PARTICIPANTS: Delta, ExpressJet and Endeavor

On July 15th and again on November 2nd, pilots from the Atlanta chapter of Pilots for Kids visited patients at Hughes Spalding Children’s Hospital. Pilots spread lots of cheer and delivered gifts to a number of young patients in these off-season visits. Congrats on a job well done!



CITY: ORF/Norfolk, VA

COORDINATOR: Michael Stock

PARTICIPANTS: Air Wisconsin

Youngsters at Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters received a visit from PFK members in the Norfolk area on May 20th of this year. They delivered lots of smiles along with special gifts for the children. A great time was had by all!



Above, volunteers from ATL Pilots for Kids made a mid-year trip to Hughes Spalding Children’s Hospital to visit with young patients. A great time was had by all during their two events!

Left, Air Wisconsin PFK members visited with youngsters at Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters in Norfolk during a mid-year event in May. Both pilots and patients had a wonderful time.



*In
Memory
of Helen
Sammon*

Ms. Helen Sammon took her last flight on March 5, 2016 to New Horizons. Helen became a charter member of the Lake Erie Chapter in January, 1974, and served as Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Scrapbook Chairman for many years. She was also the 2014 Governor's Service Award winner and received the Pilot of the Year trophy in 1989 and 2016.

Helen was also one of the longest continuously serving members of the North Central and International 99s. She joined the organization on January 31, 1950.

In 1952, she joined the All-Ohio Chapter and held many offices including Chapter Chairman. She also served as Nominating Chairman for North Central Section and served on the committee to read the minutes at a 99s International Convention. While a member of the All-Ohio Chapter, Helen assisted the Ohio Aviation Board in their Air Marking program and received a citation from the Division of Aviation C.E.A Brown. She also worked in Cleveland at the Formula One Races (midget planes) as a scorer and timer. Additionally, Helen served as a scorer in Toledo and a Chief Timer for the end of the Air Race Classic in Cleveland in 1976.

One of the highlights of Helen's flying was being able to participate in many air races and to fly the All-Ohio Air Tour as a co-pilot in a PT-19.

Helen was also a long-time member/supporter of Pilots for Kids. Special wings for this lovely lady who has been so dedicated to aviation for many years.

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Pilots For Kids members include airline crewmembers, corporate, military, private, and aviation enthusiasts.

See membership form on back cover.

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