

September
2024

The Prairie Times

News from Wichita Prairie Pilot Club



Mark Your Calendar

Wed, Sept 11 10:30-12:30 Ability Point Lunch...bake cookies, help serve lunch
Tues, Sept 17 1:45-3:15 BINGO EAST 441 Morningside
Tues, Sept 17 5:15-6:30 Ability Point Family Night Picnic at Watson Park
Thur, Sept 19 5:30-7:30 Share Pilot BBQ at Connie's house at 8321 Willowbrook
Tues, Sept 24 10:30-11:30 BINGO WEST 8631W 29th
Fri, Sept 27 10:30-2:00 Vet to Vet Luncheon at 1st United Methodist Church
Sat, Oct 25-26 Heartland District Council/Workshop in Miami, OK
Fri-Sat Apr 25-26 District Convention at Keystone State Park in OK
July 23-26, 2025 PI Convention Charlotte, N Carolina
July 15-18, 2026 PI Convention, Oklahoma City, OK



September Birthdays

Ellen Schwindaman Sept 22

Maria Keil Sept 27

2024-2025 Officers

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Shirley Annsun

President Elect
David Dinell

Secretary
Jeanne Shove

Treasurer
Ellen Schwindaman

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1yr Connie Foster
1yr Donna Fisher
2yr Becky Noonan

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Nancy Dinell

Newsletter
Carol Hirsh

Thoughts from President Shirley



Gosh, where do I begin?? Lots of info, activities, and announcements during the rest of this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sandra Henry, Heartland District Governor, will be visiting our Share Pilot meeting on September 19. Connie has graciously opened her home for our Cookout at 8321 Willowbrook, at 5:30 pm. Included in our fun night, Becky will be presenting our new Ambassador for 24-25. Invite potential members—what better way for us to let “potentials” know what a warm, friendly bunch of people we are. Besides that, we do good work and provide needed services.

ACTIVITIES: After conferring with the Board, we decided to cancel the garage sale that was to be held 9/21. We were concerned about trying to have an outdoor event when the Church already had Family Promises scheduled for that week. Please check the volunteer sign up app for a listing of all that we have going on for the rest of the month.

INFORMATION: Heartland District DAC is having a fund raiser. It is buying/selling 50 tickets for a basket that is valued at \$300. The ticket prices are 1 ticket \$5, 3 tickets \$10, 8 tickets \$20. We are a generous group—40 tickets were purchased at the Social Monday. I will bring a picture of the basket and the ticket sign up to Share Pilot. Remember to get your room reservation made soon for the Heartland District Fall Workshop. It is to be held in Miami, OK, October 25 and 26 at the First Christian Church. On Friday evening we will be working on the District Project, which is providing blankets for CASA. The meeting/training will begin Saturday at 9:00 am. The club will have a Marketplace table if you have things to sell.

Nicki Dawkins, Pilot International President, has as her theme, “All Aboard! Leaving No Pilot Behind”. She has a rigorous year planned for Pilot. Let's plan to do our part with the Projects.

Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a teamwork. Vince Lombardi

All Aboard...Leaving NO Pilot Behind!

President Shirley



Welcome Linda

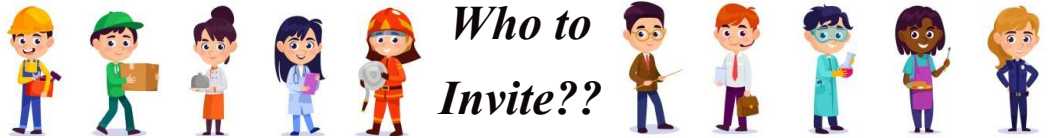


Linda Broce (left), a transfer from PC of Pratt was initiated into Prairie Pilot at the August meeting by Membership Chair Connie Foster.



Backyard BBQ and Share Pilot
Thursday, September 19
5:30-7:30 at 8321 Willowbrook
Invite your friends and neighbors!

If you haven't signed up to bring food to the event, please do so on the email sent out by Maria. If you haven't RSVPed the names of your guests, please do so to: pilotmembershipict@gmail.com



A few pictures from our September social at Molino's. It was a lot of fun and a good chance to get better acquainted!

Speaking of getting better acquainted....Nancy Dinell had a great idea about choosing someone in the club that you don't know well and making a point of getting to know him/her better. Have you started on this "adventure" yet? You can't have too many friends! Remember....Pilot is about FRIENDSHIP, not just service!



Join us on a fun road trip to Fall Council/Workshop

You have an opportunity to have a fun time on Saturday, Oct 25-26 in Miami, OK! The Heartland District will hold its annual Fall Council/Workshop starting with registration at 8:00AM on Sat. the 26th. Many will drive in Friday and start early with pizza and working on the district project....tying quilts for CASA! You may also bring small items such as stuffed animals, toys, grooming products, etc to go into pockets on the quilts

I have been a member of Prairie Pilot Club for 20 years this month...hard to believe it has been that long! I was fortunate enough to be invited to a Share Pilot by my friend Donna Fisher. Turned out to be one of the best things I've done in my life as it has brought me many new friends and feelings of accomplishments when doing things for others.

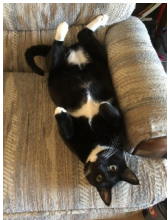
My life began right here in Wichita 82 years ago. Unfortunately my parents, sister, and brother have gone before me. I attended East High, WSU, and Emporia State Teacher's College. I taught "short kids" in Wichita elementary schools for 32 years before retiring and going to Wichita Center for the Arts. Here I taught even shorter kids for 5 years in an amazing art based pre-school. I loved teaching and now I love running into former students...in person and on Facebook. Even had lunch with one of my former 2nd graders while in Montreal for Pilot International Convention...what a treat! He's now an exec with a large video game company and is living and working in Scandinavia.

In 1988 I married Gene Hirsh and we've lived happily in the same home for all these years. Gene and I were both active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Heather was my first Little Sister when she was 10. She is now 35 and I consider her and her kids part of the family. Little Brother Alex was 4 when he entered our lives. He too is part of the family and is now married and living near DC. Heather and Alex in 2010!



I was also privileged to be Big Sister to Nick, a differently abled young man with Cerebral Palsy. We were in a school match from age 10 till he graduated at 20. He spent several years at Levy Education Center and he was lucky enough to be in Connie Foster's class for several years. Lucky for me too as that's when I met Connie. Nick had the biggest, happiest smile I've ever seen on a student! I really miss him!!

My hobbies include volunteering, reading, drawing, making jewelry, photography, writing poetry, YMCA classes, and sampling the incredible recipe experiments (often baked goods...yum!) made by my backdoor neighbor and fellow Pilot Sharon! I enjoy staying active in my church and in politics. My favorite hobby has to be travelling with Gene or Donna. (If you don't have a travel buddy, I highly recommend you find one!) Shots from some of my favorite trips are pictured below. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the king of the house Bubba, our tuxedo cat. He's been somewhat resistant to our training regime! However, he is quite adept at obeying the command "lay and stay!" In fact he can and does hold that pose for hours at a time!



Life has been good to me!



Hawaii



Greece



Home



Australia



Australia



Iceland