



## GA ECR NICKI'S MESSAGE

A popular song released in 1963, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," describes activities associated with December. Activities mentioned in the song include telling scary ghost stories, hosting parties, spending time with loved ones, sledding for children, roasting marshmallows, and generally happy times.

For many, December is also a time for making lists, decorating, frenzied shopping, baking, cleaning, and overeating. The list of holiday preparations and activities is endless! December also marks the end of another year and is a good time for reflection.

As we reflect on 2021, Pilot International has had a wonderful year. The highly anticipated celebration of our 100-year anniversary began. Pilots were able to come together for our annual convention and leadership conference. There has been a tremendous response to Giving Tuesday and Envision 100. We welcomed PJ Sardoma as our Executive Director. We have chartered Anchor and Compass Clubs with plans on schedule to charter at least two Pilot Clubs. Pilot Clubs have delivered countless Pick Me Ups, presented BrainMinders™ programs, and conducted successful fundraisers.

December marks the midpoint of our Pilot year. It is a good time to reflect on what we have accomplished and focus on what we still hope to achieve. After several months of declining membership, we are beginning to see a slight increase. What better time of the year to give the gift of Pilot! Have you asked someone to join Pilot? Personal conversations and invitations are the key to attracting new members. Inviting and mentoring new members is crucial, but nurturing and retaining current members is the strength of Pilot International. What do you do to let your Pilot members know they are valued and appreciated? Pilot has so much to offer and it is up to each member to share the gift of Pilot.

Whatever you do in December, I hope you make time to enjoy the things that bring you joy and spend time with those you love. Thank you for what you do to give happiness to others.

Best wishes for a bright and happy 2022!

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