



Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

“The Power of Pilot”

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The 2025 Fall Council is in the books! A special thank you to the *Pilot Clubs of Decatur and Florence!* They were great Host Clubs! *Nancy Bullard and Syd Alford* served as our Chair/Co-Chair, and we appreciate all their contributions. It was a great time and a full schedule with four wonderful speakers, three workshops, three Spotlights, a delicious Banquet meal followed by entertainment by BTN (Better Than Nothing) – *they were great!*, Market Place, and Bingo on Friday night. *Thank you to the PC of Prattville & Gov.-Elect Carolyn for the Bingo treats & to the PC of Huntsville for the prizes!* Congratulations to those that won any of the Drawings, Crazy Auctions, or a give-away from Brighton. Mostly, *“thank you” to all who attended!* If you did not attend, you were missed.

Time's getting close for making District Officer Nominations. We need a “Few Good Pilots” to step up and become a District or a Club Leader! If you have questions about any office, District or Club, please reach out to your District Club Representative or me if you are unsure who they are. Your entire DAC is here to answer questions and help in whatever way we can.

Governor Elect, Carolyn Williams has been on the phone getting her Appointees for next year. If she calls, please consider saying “YES”.

Please mark your calendars for a one-day Anchor Convention March 7, in Andalusia, AL and TBI Camp, April 10-12, 2026! We need Anchors, Pilots and Compass Members to help us make this Camp possible. We need Camperships for 25 Campers and Caregivers.

We will be looking for Speakers for our District Convention, mark your calendar for April 24-26, 2026, at the Embassy Suites & Convention Center in Montgomery.

Thank you for the honor of serving,

**Lisa Patterson,
Governor**

2025-2026 District Administrative Council

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The Oxford Languages Dictionary defines the term SOS as an urgent appeal for help. The District Administrative Council (DAC) is sending out an urgent appeal to all Anchors and Pilots. The Anchor Convention is scheduled for March 7, 2026, in Andalusia.

The convention will be held at the Andalusia Chamber of Commerce. We need all Anchors to make plans to attend. We need all Pilots to come to Andalusia to support our Anchors. While we like to say that Anchors are our future, in really, they are our present.

Our 2025 Fall Council in Huntsville has concluded. The speakers, the workshops, the entertainment and the banquet meal were excellent. Pilots, your response for our project to bring coats for Kids to Love was phenomenal. Our pilots provided thirty (30) coats for the organization.

The DAC is currently reviewing the Fall Council/Workshop proposals. The DAC is also contacting possible hotels for the 2026 Fall Council/Workshop meeting sites and the change in the date.

As we prepare for our 2026 Fall Council/Workshop, I am looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

Carolyn Williams,
Governor Elect

Secretary's Report

How is it possible that November is here and Christmas is just around the corner? Yet here we find ourselves. Just as we share the responsibilities of sharing the duties of holiday cooking, family celebrations and handling of the traditions surrounding these special days, so it is with our Pilot families. Please consider stepping up to hold an office within your club and perhaps even on the district level. It does seem a bit overwhelming to step up into the unknown, trust me I get it. I had never been a secretary and honestly wasn't great at taking notes. I have learned some tricks that make this task easier, so my original apprehension has lessened quite a lot, and I enjoy this position. Growth comes with fresh ideas and the willingness to get involved. Please consider taking the next step. Many hands are made for lighter work.

Please remember to collect change at your meetings for P.I.F.F. A few clubs have turned in checks at Fall Council. Several told me that they turn theirs in at District Convention. Whatever works for you, go for it. Important dates to remember are:

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World Care and Kindness Day November 13

Club IRS 990 forms are due November 15

Grant deadline for Helmet and PMU December 15

250 Club and Pacesetter Contributions due Feb. 7

**Mary Ballard,
District Secretary & Pilot International Founders Fund**

Treasurer's Message

2025 Fall Council is just about in the books! Waiting on some invoices and some deposits. Our numbers were way down! Of the 51 registered, 35 of them were Cullman, Decatur, Huntsville, Pilot Luncheon Morgan County and Florence. We had to be real creative to keep from paying a large attrition. Governor Elect Carolyn is hard at work planning for the 26 Fall Council. I encourage each club and each Pilot to attend District Convention. We are committed to the Embassy for rooms and meals. **Let's not be in the red!** Now to something more fun! TBI Camp is just over 5 months out! We need the usual things. Bingo Prizes for adult men and women. Let's just do 5-10 at a price of at least \$5-\$10 each. This is not the time to clean out your closets. Let's make our Campers feel special. Janice Clark of Prattville can help you with items. Janiceclark1903@gmail.com. Nancy Bullard of Decatur is handling our crafts. If you have some new crafty things contract her at newatts62@gmail.com. The Pilot Club of Enterprise is handling our memory books and other items needed for registration. If you have some suggestions please contact Joy Wood, ajoywood@yahoo.com. Backpacks are being furnished by Maria Traylor of Lee County, but we need lots of small items to fill them up. Contract Maria, mariatraylor@gmail.com. She can give you some great suggestions. Troy is helping with scrapbooking, cathwitha_c@hotmail.com. We need Camperships! Again, they are \$300 each and we need 25. I already have two from Enterprise!!! We need Campers and Caregivers! Our theme, "Take Me out to the Ballgame", and Mellissa King is handling our shirts. She will be working up a great logo! WE NEED YOU! Pilots, Anchors, and Compass Members! If you have questions, call me or email me @ misskay311@aol.com. Thank you for all you do for our Camp. It's going to be GREAT!

**Kay Chandler,
District Treasurer**

Pilot Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

The Power of Pilot Possibilities

Our Pilot lives hold endless possibilities. We've all worked hard to build a solid foundation filled with love and caring for others. We continue to do what is necessary to move forward ... keeping sight of what is important in life and living each day open to fulfilling our purpose to help others.

Pilot Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

The following Pilots are in our thoughts and prayers:

PC of Tuscaloosa:

Emeritus Pilot Betty Jo Swindel passed away on October 1st. She had served several terms as Club President. Members will remember Betty with a brick in the PI Memorial Garden. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Malaier, 1232 Woodley Rd., Montgomery, AL 36106.

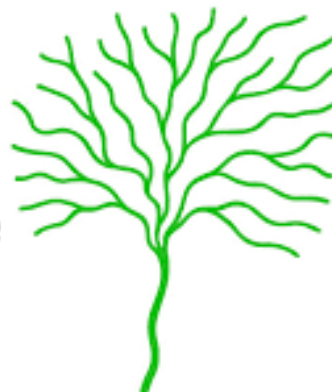
In Pilot friendship and Service,

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"May grace and peace be yours in abundance" 2 Peter 1:2

Endless
possibilities
if you believe
in yourself!



Executive Committee Representative

Dear Pilots,

International Care and Kindness week will be celebrated the full week of November 10th. World Kindness Day, November 13th, allows us to reflect and respond with blooms of kindness and compassion toward others. On a day devoted to both large and small acts of care and kindness, let our bouquets overflow with sincerity in each act that we share. During this week, let us show that kindness can bloom throughout our Pilot Garden. Simple acts of kindness, caring, and goodwill will impact recipients in a very meaningful way.



Anchor members are back in school and making their mark in their communities with projects, fundraisers and mixers. Please support your Anchors and remember that Anchor dues of \$14 per member are due to Pilot Headquarters on or before NOVEMBER 1st. With dues, please have your Anchor advisors include the invoice, treasurer's report, and officer's form when remitting.

Compass Clubs members are navigating a new course of training and expansion. New clubs are blooming, two in our Florida District this quarter, and our Compass membership numbers are steadily increasing.



Remember, Compass dues are \$16 per member for the year 2025-26 and are due to Pilot International HQ by NOVEMBER 1st.



District and Club Treasurers, please remember that your club and district IRS 990 forms are due November 15th. A tax-exempt organization must file an annual information return or notice with the IRS unless an exception applies. Annual information returns include Form 990, Form 990-EZ, and Form 990-PF. Form 990-N (e-Postcard) is an annual notice. Form 990 is the primary tool of the IRS for gathering information about tax-exempt organizations, educating organizations about tax law requirements, and promoting compliance.

Organizations also use Form 990 to share information with the public about their programs. Additionally, most states rely on Form 990 to perform charitable and other regulatory oversight and to satisfy state income tax filing requirements for organizations claiming exemption from state income tax.

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is all about celebrating every single act of generosity we have to offer. Whether it is making someone smile, helping a neighbor out, or showing up for people we care about, we each have something to contribute. Identify your gifts, pick a cause that gets you fired up, and give back – not just today but every day! You each are a beautiful flower in the Pilot Bouquet! December 2nd marks a day of giving back. Our Giving Tuesday campaign will benefit Youth Programs and Operations. We are confident our 2025 goal of \$20,000 will be met this year with your help. Be on the lookout for information coming soon from PIHQ.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” Albert Camus

Yours in Pilot Service,

Stephanie Batton

Executive Committee Representative

Anchor

Reminder:

Anchor dues were due **November 1st**. If you have not yet sent them in, please do so **as soon as possible**. Remember — you must pay both **District and International dues**.

We’re gearing up for **Anchor Convention, March 7, 2026, in Andalusia, AL!**

We’re bringing *life* back to the convention, and we need **your help and support** to make it happen.

We are all a **TEAM** — reach out to your Anchors, support their efforts, and be an inspiration to them. Let’s encourage them to join us in March and make this convention one to remember!

Mellisa King

Alabama District Anchor Coordinator

