

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

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"The Power of Pilot"

GOVERNOR ~ LISA PATTERSON

"Thank You" for the trust you have placed in the 2025-2026 DAC. I am honored and humbled to serve with these ladies and as your District Governor again.

We are planning **Fall Council!** If you have any suggestions for what you would like to have, please let me know before our first Fall Council planning meeting on July 14th. This year we will be meeting at The **Westin Huntsville**. Our sleeping rooms will be at the **Element Huntsville** (attached to the Westin) where breakfast is included each morning. It's going to be great! Plan to arrive early on **Friday, Oct. 31, 2025**, for great shopping at Bridge Street followed by fun, fellowship and festivities. **"The Charlotte Westin doesn't accept cash so bring a credit card" but, bring cash for Pilot fundraising."**

This year I would really like to focus what is needed to help your club and our district grow. Everyone is having trouble finding Officers and Directors who accept a position. I would like to encourage mentoring and training through our Zoom account. We can schedule different ones for each office if needed. When members won't step up in clubs, how can we expect to grow in our knowledge of Pilot offices. Nothing is that tough and there are many of us willing to help. Not just DAC, you have a vault of information in your own club and then there are the Past District Governors who are always willing to help guide and answer questions.

See you at our **District meeting in Charlotte, noon Friday, July 25th**.

Lisa

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GOVERNOR-ELECT ~ CAROLYN WILLIAMS

Greetings Pilots, my name is Carolyn K. Williams. I am looking forward to serving our Alabama District as Governor~Elect this year.

Club president, I am requesting that **you update your club directory** by **July 31, 2025**. Please send the updated roster in a WORD document to me. You may either mail the roster or email it to me.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Pilot International Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Carolyn



SECRETARY ~ MARY BALLARD

Hello to each of my Pilot brothers and sisters in our great district of Alabama! I am honored to be the Secretary for the district this year. This is a new job for me. I look forward to learning more about our district and each of you who bring the Pilot message to your communities. We all have a Pilot journey to tell... how did you get involved, why do you like being a Pilot, what events get you excited about your club, and what are you doing to make your club visible to your community? I encourage each of you to actively spend time assisting your club with its projects this year. Reminding yourself of what encouraged you to become a Pilot, enables each of us to get involved a little more. These small acts will lead to a smile on someone else's face.

Clubs, I encourage each of you to turn in your **list of club officers and a list of club members** to the DAC as soon as possible. When you send that email send a copy to each of the DAC officers as well. It is a housekeeping item that is needed and a task to check off your list. For those of you going to Charlotte, I look forward to seeing you at the Convention!

I know that every member and their club will be doing wonderful things for others this year. I pray that each Alabama District club will have their **best year yet!**

Mary

TREASURER ~ KAY CHANDLER

And it's Happy New Year Pilots! We have a fresh opportunity to make a difference! I hope each club has their Plan of Work in place... new plans, new budgets, new projects, new fundraisers, and NEW PILOTS!! It's also time to pay your 2025-2026 District Dues. They are \$25 a member and you can find the correct form on our webpage, www.alabamadistrictpilot.com. Send them to me, you will find my address on the form. It's also time to turn your 2024-2025 financials over to your audit committee for audit, and to start planning to file your 990's.

And don't forget Fall Council! It's going to be exciting!!! We will be arriving in Huntsville, November 1, 2025, at the beautiful Westin Hotel at Bridgestreet. There we are going to be doing the 3Rs. **Reconnecting** with our Pilot friends from all over Alabama, **Renewing** our Pilot Spirit, and **Refreshing** our Pilot knowledge! There are all kinds of "eating" opportunities and SHOPPING opportunities right outside your door. Come early, stay late!!! The First Call will be going out soon with all the necessary information. Now is the time to let the DAC know if you have a suggestion for a speaker, a workshop, or entertainment! Your DAC is committed to making this the BEST EVER, and with your help, it will be.

Hope to see you in *Charlotte at our Pilot International Convention*, it's not too late to register. Let's grow Pilot Together with Friendship and Service!

Kay





PIFF ~ MARY BALLARD

Hope each of you are enjoying your Summer! It is hard to believe that July 4th is just around the corner as well as the PI Convention in Charlotte. If you are attending the Convention there is still time to register for the Bingo sessions although the NASCAR event is full. There are many opportunities to participate in raffles as well as shopping at the Marketplace.

As you plan for the upcoming Pilot year, please remember to include the **Founders' Fund and Pace Setter donations** in your budget. These funds raise money for grants that can increase your club's ability to expand projects like: Helmets, BrainMinders™, Pick Me Ups and others.

I look forward to hearing this Pilot year's Club successes. Any way that you can bring a smile to someone else is a great thing!


Mary

INSPIRATIONAL LEADER ~ SHERRE MCGINNIS

PILOT CARES, CONCERNS, & CELEBRATIONS

Just as seasons change from spring to summer, Pilot seasons also change. Congratulations to our newly elected District Administrative Council, Club Presidents, Appointees, Division Chairmen, and Club members who **power the Pilot Wheel** that keeps everything running smoothly.

Working together with patience and understanding gives each of us strength and **Pilot power** to make a difference in our communities. In a world that can sometimes feel overwhelming, remember your Pilot compassion and kindness spreads miracles.

 With many Pilot memories and deepest sympathy, we send caring and comforting thoughts to the family of **Past District Governor Betty Grantham**. She served as Governor from 2000 to 2001. Betty had been a member of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Andalusia, Andalusia Pilot Club, and the Pilot Club of Jasper.

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

In Pilot friendship and service,

Sherre

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Club Presidents: Please appoint someone to report by the 15th of each month your Club's cares, concerns, and celebrations on [The 2025-26 Inspirational Leader Information Form](#).