

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin December 2020



*Shine Your Light
for Pilot*



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District Governor Janice Clark

Issue 6

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Christmas and the New Year are right around the corner. I think 2021, has a nice ring to it. 2020 has been a challenge, but Pilots, this year has been a successful year in many ways! We have learned to appreciate each other more. We have learned other ways to conduct meetings. Zoom has been a wonderful tool for many, especially the DAC. We have learned to do safe projects. We have continued to spread friendship and service throughout our communities despite Covid -19. I think that makes all of you and your clubs successful. Pilots are strong, capable, flexible and resilient, just to name a few. Many of you have chosen to do safe projects like "Pick Me Ups". "Pick Me Ups" are needed now more than ever. You do not have to look far to see a need. Do not let this virus steal your joy!

The "100 for 100" Membership Drive flier is being sent as a separate attachment with the bulletin. Why are we having a membership drive during a pandemic? Our clubs are aging; we need members of all ages to move our organization forward. We all love Pilot and that means sharing Pilot. Make a list and invite potential members and follow up; sometimes it takes three or four invitations to win them over. Contact former members, their circumstances may have changed since they resigned. One option is to sponsor a new member by paying their fees to join. Membership is vital to any organization and we need to grow. Strive to increase your membership by 25% or more, make it fun and let us have some competition between clubs. Alabama Pilots can do this!!!

The Children's Center of Montgomery staff was very appreciative of all the cleaning supplies that were generously donated at Fall Council. Thank you, Pilots! We are looking forward to the chartering on December 10, of the Hope Academy Anchor Club. Pilot Club of Huntsville will be their sponsor. We are excited for these young leaders. Invitations will be going out soon.

I want to wish all of you a very "Merry Christmas "and a"Happy New Year"! "Shine your Light for Pilot" during this holiday season.

Janice



Governor Elect

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I hope that you have all had a very blessed Thanksgiving. Many of us were not able to spend this special day together with our families as we have always been able to do so in the past due to COVID 19. Next Thanksgiving we will make up for it!

Due to the virus, the DAC were not able to visit also with our clubs like we have done so in the past. In the absence of not being able to visit, the Annual Club Checkup was sent to our club presidents as a helpful tool for communicating. We look forward to receiving and reviewing them. Much thanks to the club presidents who have already completed and sent their Checkup back to me.

If there is any way that the DAC can be of help to you, please do not ever hesitate to contact us. We are all serving together in friendship through our wonderful Alabama District, Pilot International.

May the magic of the Christmas season fill your home with peace and joy.

Beverly

District Treasurer

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Hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving in spite of all the COVID restrictions!

I have really missed not doing in person visits to my clubs. You should have received a letter and the Annual Club Checkup. Please take time to complete these and get them back to us. We promise to read them and help you in any way we can.

Please do not miss these Postmark Deadlines of February 1, 2020 regarding Pacesetter (all clubs are asked to contribute \$10 per active member to Pilot International Founders Fund) and "250" Club Goal for Grants and Scholarships (the district goal is determined by multiplying the number of Pilot Clubs in the district by \$250.) Contributions will be sent to Pilot International Headquarters.

Wishing you a very blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with much hope and promise!

Claire

District Secretary

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What a wonderful time of the year with Christmas on the way. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. As we continue this month, please take time to contact your Pilot friends with a word of encouragement in these trying times. I know a lot of clubs are not meeting and I know firsthand what it means to get a text, call or email from our Pilot sisters. Until next month and the new year, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Carolyn



Governor's Bulletin Editor

Pam Langhout

Inputs from the DAC, Appointees and Clubs need to be provided to the Governor and editor no later than the 20th of each month: Pam Langhout, planghou@hiwaay.net or snail mail 8218 Goose Ridge Drive, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. Please list your name, position and club (if pertinent). I look forward to hearing from you. If your photo appears on the FACEBOOK page then it will not be printed in the Bulletin per the DAC.

Any errors are the responsibility of the editor.

Pam

Social Media

Beverly Wilkerson

With the current Pandemic remaining with us, it has been so uplifting to see photos of Pilot, Anchor and Compass Clubs still being able to serve your communities with your acts of caring and kindness. It is always a joy to share these photos on the Anchor and District FB timelines. Please continue to share and tag me when possible [beverlypritchettwillkerson](#) as some of the page's settings do not always allow me to share the photos. We want everyone to be able to see all the good things and the many ways that our district is serving. Thanks so much!

Here are the URLs for the District, Anchor, Troy University and Covington Compass Clubs.



<https://www.facebook.com/aldistpi/>

<https://www.facebook.com/anchorsclub20/?modal>

<https://www.facebook.com/troyuniversitycompassclub/?epa>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2357439257832755/>

Beverly

Website Coordinator

Lisa Patterson

I strive to keep the website as up to date as possible, so if you see anything that needs attention, please feel free to send me an email at lbpatterson72@gmail.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 1, 2021 Pacesetter Contributions to PI
- February 1, 2021 Grants and Scholarships Contributions
- February 4, 2021 Anchor Award Submission
- March 6-7, 2021 Alabama Anchor Convention, Birmingham Marriott, B'ham, AL
- March 24, 2021 District Awards
- April 9-11, 2021 TBI Camp
- April 23-24, 2021 Alabama District Convention, Birmingham Marriott, B'ham, AL
- July 7-11, 2021 Pilot International Convention (100th Anniversary), Atlanta, GA

LEGEND: Highlighted in RED is DAC related; Highlighted in GREEN is individual Club related (if any)

“Behind the Scenes” DAC

Considering running for a District Officer position? **Awesome!!** Below are possible out-of-pocket expenses that you should keep in mind.

LODGING COSTS (should the DAC choose to reserve two lodging rooms):

International Convention

Pilot International pays one half (1/2) of one room for the Alabama District Governor at Pilot International Convention. An Alabama District check/debit card shall be used to pay the cost of one half (1/2) room (including roll-away beds, if needed). The Governor Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall room together in that room.

District Convention and Fall Council

District Administrative Council (DAC) members are expected to room together in the DAC room. If a DAC member elects to stay in another room, that Pilot shall be responsible for their room expenses. Should the DAC decide to only have 2 members to a room, the cost of the 2nd room should be split four ways. No other persons – Pilot or non-Pilot – may stay in the DAC rooms.

Anchor Convention

Two nights are paid for the Governor Elect and the Treasurer. One night is paid for the Governor and Secretary. District Administrative Council members are expected to room together in the DAC room.

TRAVEL EXPENSES:

Within the District, mileage shall be paid at the current PI rate with changes to be effective at the beginning of each Pilot year. DAC officers should plan to travel together when possible because the District budget shall not pay duplicate mileage for two or more vehicles traveling the same route. In the event that two or more vehicles travel the same route, each driver shall receive a proportional share of the total amount allowed.

CLUB VISITS OVERAGE COSTS:

Pilot International Policies for Club Visits will be followed. There is a maximum \$75 allowance.

MEALS:

You will need to pay for any meal that is not covered as part of convention registration.

Lisa Patterson

Just after being advised that we were “Safer at Home”, I found a college friend teaching her Sunday School class online. I began “following” her and have enjoyed her lessons immensely for all these months. A friend in Singapore began following my class online and introduced me to his online group. Soon after, in the far west land of New Mexico, our sweet Rhona Espinoza’s husband began sharing his sermons. Pastor Rudy quickly became another favorite Bible teacher. Judy Langley began posting a daily devotional thought to encourage her friends far beyond the South Carolina borders. Precious Mimi Wold led us to the throne of God with her recent diagnosis that her cancer has returned. She knew to get her prayer warriors in line to help sustain her in the fight for her life. And, by faith, we will be there to rejoice in her victory. A few other connecting dots and the days of quarantine were drastically changed to days of fellowship with long-lost friends.

What a blessing to be connected in Pilot and possibly have friends all over the world. And with friends, distance is not even considered when we can care about what is going on in their lives and especially if they are facing difficulties with health, strength, or spirit. While sometimes it seems that the Coronavirus is closing in on us and changing our lives, we can remember that we are not alone. In our communities, churches, and Pilot, we have friends who care and friends who need to be reminded of that.

PC Cullman: Susan Copeland's father, Frank Fink, passed away on November 10th. Susan’s mother passed away just a few months ago. Please pray for peace, strength and comfort for Susan and her family. Cards may be mailed to Susan at 1016 Brookridge Lane SE, Cullman, AL 35055

PC Cullman: Elizabeth Cospers’ mother Margaret Goodwin Simmons, passed away on November 1, 2020. Please lift up in prayer Elizabeth and her family today and for these difficult days ahead.

PC Cullman: Gwen Parker tested positive for COVID-19. She passed away on November 10th. Gwen’s address is P.O.Box 134, Cullman, AL 35056.

PC Demopolis: Andrea Ward had a rough surgery after breaking her leg above her ankle and below her knee in mid-November. The doctor put a device to stabilize the damaged ligaments and plate and screw in her ankle. She is to put no weight on that leg for eight weeks. Let’s continue to pray for her and a speedy recovery. Cards of encouragement may be sent to 292 Cedar Cove Drive, Gallion, AL 36742

PC Demopolis: Wayne Roberson, an honorary Pilot member and the son of Carolyn Roberson has kidney stones and liver issues. He is in ICU at the hospital. Cards of encouragement may be sent to him at 604 West Barnes Street, Demopolis, AL 36732

PC Gadsden: The hearts of the Gadsden Pilots are once again sad but not troubled. Dear Pilot Emeritus Joan Peek transitioned to her eternal home on the day before All Saints’ Day. Having been told years ago that all that could be done had been done against her heart disease, she prepared for her final days. The Lord graciously granted more and more time for all of us who were so reluctant to let her go. She was a Registered Nurse for 30 years and maintained a compassionate heart all of her life. Notes of sympathy may be sent to her Co-Pilot Don Peek at 323 Little Wills Valley Road, Attalla, AL 35954.

Former Pilots and still-cherished Friends Rebecca Branch Trawick (Cullman) and Mary George Smith (Montgomery/Prattville) have both been very ill.

Sammye

Leadership Coordinator

Kay Chandler

As our organization continues to change, a good leader has to continue to develop leadership skills. Pilot is not the same as it was 20 years ago. A good leader has to listen to get feedback from membership to help steer our clubs and district forward. Leaders have to motivate and influence members in a positive way. A good leader has to learn to delegate and not try to do everything themselves. We have to mentor our new members and get them involved or we will lose them.

John Quincy Adams said, *“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”*

Kay

Executive Committee Representative (ECR)

Barbara Crow

December is the season for celebrating and giving. However you celebrate, take time to appreciate your family and friends. This is a time to help those less fortunate. Offer acts of kindness or give a helping hand to those in need.

December is also the time when clubs and districts have projects and fundraisers. There are many ways you can still serve your community during COVID; you may need to make some minor changes to your plans. Many Pilots are finding exciting ways to show appreciation to caregivers with Pick Me Ups. Fundraisers may take a different route. One example is gift wrapping. Invite a friend to join you, and they may become interested in becoming a Pilot. Let's show our communities that we stay "Pilot Strong" even in hard times, and we continue to live up to our motto of Friendship and Service.

Pilot International gives back to our Pilots, students and communities through Safe Harbor as well as Grants and Scholarships. Donations made to Giving Tuesday, 2020, are designated for grants and scholarship. Even though Giving Tuesday is December 1, donations are gladly accepted at any time.

You can make donations to Pilot International by mailing a donation form found on the website or by selecting "donate" at the top of the landing page on the website. Be sure to sign in to MemberClicks to donate online. You may designate your donation to a specific fund on the form and online.

As we enter the New Year, 2021, we look forward to a bright future for Pilot and for Pilots to continue to be a blessing to those around them.

I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Much love is being sent your way. Love and many Hugs!!!

Barbara



TBI Chairpersons

Kay Chandler and Mollie Riley

TBI CAMP

We are getting lots of questions and to be honest, we just don't have the answers now. As of today, we are still on the Camp ASCCA schedule for our camp. What it will be like, we don't know. A lot depends on the conditions of our "world" at that time.

- Applications will go out to Campers in January.
- Campers registered from last year will get applications first.
- We will not be collecting Bingo Prizes --- we need donations of money to purchase these items. All have to be new.
- Backpack items will be purchased by the committee. Donations are requested.
- We don't know how many Camper/Caregivers we will be able to accommodate at TBI Camp.
- We don't know how many slots we will have for Pilots and Anchors for the weekend. Saturday will be open for Pilots and Anchors

Hopefully by January, we will be able to make more definite plans.

Kay and Mollie

Membership West Coordinator

Connie Rogers

Governor Janice will be sending to all clubs information about a membership drive that will be implemented throughout the District. I encourage all clubs to participate and to go on the District's Facebook page and share information and photographs about activities you implement. During Fall Council Lisa Patterson and Mollie Riley did a workshop about branding and visibility and passed out some samples of some cute "attention-getters" clubs could use. Shown in this photo on page 8 are samples done by the Pilot Club of Prattville. Here's a listing of some of the items that Mollie and Lisa passed out and that the Prattville Club used.

On a travel size pack of facial tissues – attach a label that reads, "DON'T BLOW IT... Join the Pilot Club of _____. For more information contact <provide phone, e-mail, etc.>"

Zip top snack bag with a half-dozen or so Life Saver mints, "You are invited to the COOLEST Club in town - The Pilot Club of _____. We meet the ___ _____ of each month for more information call <provide phone and e-mail, etc.>"

To a pack of EXTRA chewing gum attach a label that reads, "The Pilot Club of _____ would be EXTRA EXCITED if you would come for a visit. For more information call or email <provide contact info>"

To a zip top snack size bag put a couple of rolls of SMARTIES Candy and a couple of dum-dum suckers. Attach a label that says, "Be a SMARTIE not a DUM DUM, join the Pilot Club of _____. For more information, contact _____"

To a snack bag of animal crackers, attach a shipping-size label that has the BrainMinders Buddies art work on it and the following information about BrainMinders. "BrainMinders® Pilot International's program to teach safety to children in an effort to prevent brain injuries. Help make a difference! Become a member of the Pilot Club of Prattville, Alabama. For more information call 334-590-3367 or email pilotclubofprattvilleinfo@gmail.com."

Connie

Samples of "Attention Givers" for Membership



COUNTDOWN TO ATLANTA

PILOT INTERNATIONAL
Convention & Leadership
Conference

SAVE THE DATE
July 7-10, 2021
Atlanta, Georgia

**COME CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF PILOT
FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE**

The Hundredth Anniversary Committee invites you to check out the website...the countdown to the 2021 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta begins! As documents related to the convention are added to the website, this is where you will be able to locate them.

Pilot International 100th Anniversary Countdown Webpage:

<https://pilotinternational.org/100thanniversary>

We will begin our celebration of 100 years of Pilot Friendship and Service with an opening session on Wednesday evening, July 7th. In that session will be the Flag Ceremony and special entertainment followed by a reception featuring our Pilot International Hundredth Anniversary Cake. Photo opportunities with the cake will be available and great fellowship will be shared. Although registration is months away, please know that you will have the opportunity on the registration form to sign up for a bus trip to tour Pilot International Headquarters and the Heritage Garden in Macon on Friday the 9th. As always, this convention will have great speakers, entertainment, and workshops. So save the dates on your calendar, **July 7-10, 2021!**

ABC

The Executive Committee received multiple requests for the return of the ABC's, and we listened. The ABC's of Pilot are being reintroduced to include both Anchor and Compass. The ABCs are a marketing tool that defines what we do as Pilots.

1. Advocating Leadership and Service in Youth and Young Adults

The purpose of Pilot's service is to be fully committed to the promotion and encouragement of youth development and leadership through our Anchor and Compass Clubs.

Youth Development & Leadership may include but are not limited to:

- Create, promote, support, and sustain quality program service initiatives in our Anchor and Compass clubs.
- Leadership development opportunities for Anchor and Compass Clubs.

2. Brain Safety and Health

The purpose of Pilot's service focus is to promote and encourage awareness of brain safety and health and to improve the lives of those affected through education, prevention programs, volunteer activities, financial support, and research.

Brain Safety and Health may include but are not limited to:

- Prevention of Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI): Head injuries caused by accidents
- BrainMinders: Keeping brains safe
- Safety Fairs and Bicycle Rodeos
- Healthy Lifestyle Programs to keep brains safe (healthy eating, drug/alcohol awareness, exercise)

3. Caring and Supporting Families in Times of Need

Pilot International is an organization that cares. By caring and supporting families in times of need, Pilot International and its members show that we CARE MORE.

Caring for Families in Times of Need may include but not limited to:

- Pick Me Ups to support community caregivers (i.e. Caregiver Recognition Luncheon with speaker or by recognizing a group of Caregivers at a specific location)
- Provide equipment for assisted living or hospice facility, emergency and response providers
- Support of any program that helps families in need
- Develop a program to kick off International Care and Kindness Week.
- Sponsor a weekly respite club for caregivers in the community
- Support of Traumatic Brain Injury camps.

Peggy Benton
Pilot International President



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What busy Pilots! Tell us what you are doing! We have a few clubs that are very active and sharing the togetherness of Pilot! What is your club doing to share Pilot? Are you having fun and helping your community? Let us know!

Club Presidents- Please share what your club is doing for your community. Please send your photos with a write-up to the Governor's Bulletin Editor, Pam Langhout at planghou@hiwaay.net

CLUB AND INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County

Debbie Froscello, Publicity Chair

For Pilot International Care and Kindness Week the Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County delivered "Pick Me Up" baskets to the Nurses and Supportive Staff at Hospice of the Valley and the Morgan County Health Department November 5.

These "Pick Me Up" baskets are a great way to show appreciation for caregivers who work so hard. These baskets were made up of goodies and delivered to the wonderful nurses who are out in the community providing hands on services to those in need even now during the pandemic. Their caring and compassion during these times need to be recognized.

