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#### STATE OF ALABAMA

The Alabama District remains strong and active. Even Covid-19 cannot slow us down! We have had a most unusual year. Our Alabama Clubs have done exceptional Projects, fundraisers, Share Pilot events, and service and support to their communities, our District and Pilot International.

Membership numbers are down and that is one area we all need to work on, especially when we start meeting again. We ended the year with dues paying: 403 Pilots, 14 Compass Members, and non-dues paying: Eight 50-year members, 38 Emeritus Members, 7 Honorary Pilots, and 2 Student Pilots. That's about 50 less dues paying then last year. Pilot International says we are tied with Texas for highest percentage of growth as of April 1. We want to congratulate the Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County for winning the Sally Douglas Award with 10 new members and Barbara Milligan of Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County for winning the Maggie Award with 4 new members.

We have a new Compass Club, the Troy University Compass Club chartered in November by the Pilot Club of Troy with 11 Members and a new Anchor Club, Decatur Heritage Christian Academy chartered in August by The Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County. The Pilot Club of Jasper have two new Anchor Clubs ready to charter and had planned to do so in April, but due to schools being closed, it's been postponed until probably next Fall. We now have 17 Anchor Clubs with 715 Anchors all over Alabama! Our Anchor Convention held in March at Lake Guntersville State Park was a wonderful event. If you have never been to an Anchor Convention, put that on your bucket list. It's an experience you will treasure for a life time. The Anchor Club of Guntersville Middle School was our large Anchor Club of the Year, and the Anchor Club of Guntersville High School was our small Anchor Club of the Year! Suzanne Kendra and Janey Sanderson sponsor these two clubs and we want to thank them for all they do for Anchor on the club level and on the District level. I hear so often that Anchors are the future of Pilots, but not if we don't get involved with them and get them involved with Pilot.

We are, again, a 250 District with all 19 Pilot Clubs in Alabama being 250 Clubs. All, but one of our Clubs are Pacesetter Clubs. Our District Project of helping fund two accessible scissor lifts for Camp ASCCA was fully funded. Camp ASCCA had to cancel our Traumatic Brain Injury Camp, but we are already rolling out plans for the 2021 year. We raised \$20,639.75 for TBI Camp with help from Corporate Sponsors, Pilots and Pilot Clubs. Very special thanks to Mellisa King of the Pilot Club of Andalusia for getting all our Corporate Sponsors. Next year she is going to be sharing with us how to get Corporate Sponsors! We will be sponsoring Elizabeth Woodham of Ozark with a Pearl Sparks Scholarship of \$800.00. Congratulations to The Pilot Club of Decatur and the Pilot Luncheon Club for their award-winning entries for Community Service Projects and Brain Related Projects! Pilot Club of Cullman's Peggy Harris won the Jo Vaughn Award for her Leadership over the years to Cullman and the Alabama District. Congratulations to Peggy and thank you for being a Pilot and for all you do for Cullman and the Alabama District.

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## Governor Message (Continued from page 1)

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A special Thank You to all my District Appointees that worked tirelessly to do their duties. We missed out on the Past District Governor's hosting our District Convention, but hopefully they will have another chance! Fall Council in Decatur was awesome, with lots of good speakers, projects and friendships! The District Administrative Council (DAC) had the pleasure of visiting all our Clubs and many of our Anchor Clubs! What fun that was and what a learning experience for Janice, Carolyn, Beverly and myself! The best part of being on the DAC is visiting Pilots and Anchors.

It has been an honor to serve as your 2019-2020 District Governor, and especially get to serve with Janice, Beverly and Carolyn. These ladies made everything easy. I know we are in good hands with Janice, Ann, Claire and Carolyn as our 2020-2021 Officers. My Club, The Pilot Club of Decatur, has traveled with me on this journey and their support and friendship means the world to me. Our ECR, Rhona Espinoza, has supported us and been there for me with answers to all my questions and problems. She's an amazing lady, Pilot and friend.

We are going to get past this awful Covid-19 Virus and once again be able to get out and see our Pilots friends. We are going to the beach in October for a Fall Council that will be awesome! Janice and her team are already planning this event. Let's all go and meet again in "Friendship and Service". Our 2020-2021 District Budget and District Project have been approved and we will start working toward these goals immediately along with TBI Camp and service to our District. Ask not what Pilot can do for you, but ask what you can do for Pilot. This District "runneth" over with talent, with friendship, and with service. If we can channel all of this goodness, Governor Janice Clark will have a most amazing year.

Let's be Pilots! Follow in the footsteps of all the wonderful Pilots that went before us and leave a wonderful path for those that are coming after us!

God Bless and stay safe!

*Kay*

## Governor Elect

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These thoughts come to you after our 91<sup>st</sup> Alabama Convention would have been completed. Unfortunately it did not occur, as we all know, due to circumstances we could not control. I would be remiss, if I did not thank all of the Pilots, friends and family that played a significant role in preparing and executing all the plans, even if they did not come to fruition. Thank you to my family, I was so excited that many of them were going to be able to attend that night.

Thank you to the Pilot Club of Prattville members, who were ready to assist in decorating, room arrangements, serving at the reception and being perfect hosts. I want to especially Thank Sherre McGinnis for her support and sweet answer to my request to install me and the rest of the incoming DAC. Thank you to Sammy Hill, 2020-21 Inspirational Leader. I know she would have inspired us as always. Thank you to Kay, Beverly, Carolyn and the Past District Governors for all the plans that were already in progress. Thank you to Carolyn Cobb, Claire Plott and Ann Burch, incoming DAC, we were looking forward to bonding and our Celebration. I appreciate all Pilots throughout the District and the 20-21 Appointees, for all the encouragement and offers to help me. I have enclosed my thoughts after being installed, although they are in a different setting. The tables would have been glowing with lanterns and beautiful flowers everywhere, but the words are still from my heart to the Alabama District. THANK YOU!

**UPDATE!!** Since this message was written, we have had a history making Zoom Installation! We had an awesome mini District Convention, complete with announcements of awards to clubs, Governor Kay's State of Alabama message. Rhona Espinoza, PI Secretary and our ECR for this year, was also on the call with her greetings and the charge to me from Pilot International. We received the mail in voting results and all the award winners were announced. The 2020-2021 District officers were installed by Sherre McGinnis. Sherre and Sammie Hill gave very uplifting inspirational messages. ---Continued on Page 3---

## Governor Elect (continued from Page 2)

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A huge thank you to Governor Kay for getting this ZOOM meeting together on such short notice. Kay is amazing! Thank you, to all Pilots who participated and listened in on the call.

Thanks all of you for this unique District Convention and beautiful Installation. I believe 2020 is the year for many firsts and will be talked about for a long time.

*Janice*

## District Treasurer

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Praying that everyone is staying safe and well. We may not be gathering together at District Convention this year, but we have much to celebrate. Congratulations to all of our Pilot Clubs for making us a 250 District. We also have two very special awards; the Sally Douglas Award given to the Pilot Club who has secured the most new members during the period April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 and the Maggie Award given to the Pilot Member who has sponsored the most new members during the period April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020.

And the WINNERS are:

Sally Douglas Award - Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County for securing **10** new members.

Maggie Award - Barbara Milligan for sponsoring **4** new members.

Great job and many congratulations!!

Until we meet again in love and friendship,

*Beverly*

## District Secretary

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What a wonderful but strange year for us. Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your District Secretary this past year. It has been a learning experience and I have enjoyed every minute. There is nothing like spending time with my Pilot friends and family.

*Carolyn*



2019-2020 DAC

Alabama District Convention April 25, 2020, Installation Response  
Theme: "Shine your Light for Pilot"

We are fast approaching a special event, our 100- year anniversary of Pilot International. Just imagine if the charter members were here today. What would they see? Would they be in awe of how this organization has evolved? Our history is amazing!

I purchased a book "Through the Years", while at PI convention last year. I am sure a lot of you have one. While reading the bios of all the former PI presidents, I was given the insight of what was going on the year they served. They were all bright lights of leadership during their term in office. They all had a great vision of what they wanted to accomplish during their year. Their light never went out for Pilot! Our own Miss Dottie has been a shining light for Pilot for over fifty years!

The Pilot Motto is "True Course Ever" and that motto has been maintained for almost 100 years! The Pilot Wheel, our symbol, is constantly steering on the course we set.

You know every ship wants to reach its destination safely. When the ship is coming close to the harbor, a Pilot takes over and leads the ship safely to the dock. All of this is very important, only the Pilot knows where all the dangerous areas of the harbor are located and how to guide the ship through them. Before the time the Pilot takes over the ship, the captain looks for the lower lights along the way and of course the lighthouse. There is a hymn entitled, *Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*, the writer was inspired to write the hymn after hearing the story about a ship being destroyed. The ship crashed into the rocks because, the lower lights had gone out. The song begs us to leave our lower lights burning so we may seek and rescue someone. A Someone who needs our Friendship and service.

We are those lower lights that must keep burning into our 100th year and onward. When I say lower lights, I mean lights that never go out. These lights (YOU) are always guiding and helping our communities. Every Pilot in our District is a true shining light.

We will all shine bright working together to build our District, growing clubs, Anchor clubs and Compass clubs. We will shine doing projects that showcase friendship and service. Pilots are always shining, illuminating the faces of special needs children during events held for them, egg hunts, parties, pageants, and proms to name a few. Pilots illuminate faces at TBI Camp, with smiles all aglow. Pilots shine their lights during BrainMinders presentations educating little minds about brain safety and the importance of wearing their helmets at play. Your lights will affect communities for years to come with all these efforts. We are the only light caregivers see sometimes. We can keep them from crashing into the shore by supporting them through their journey. If we lose our brightness or go out completely, who will guide and shine the light on these much needed projects and areas of service???

The Alabama District is a Shining light! I look forward to our lights shining even brighter for Pilot this 2020-2021 year as we travel on our True Course. Thank you for the opportunity to serve beside each of you! Always Keep your lights Shining!



*Janice Clark*  
*Alabama District Governor, 2020-2021*

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**Jo Vaughn Leadership Award**  
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**(Fall Council)**  
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## Alabama Anchor Convention

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## Alabama District Convention

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**JO VAUGHN LEADERSHIP AWARD ANNOUNCED**

The past District Governors of the Alabama District are pleased to announce the 2020 recipient of the Jo Vaughn Leadership Award. She has served her club in many leadership roles, including serving as Membership Chair. She has guided her club's fundraising efforts by chairing two major events. She was also instrumental in leading the club's efforts to redecorate and refurbish the Pilot Light Home. To quote the entry nominating Peggy Harris, Pilot Club of Cullman, "Peggy's work (on all levels) shows her dedication to the Pilot Club mission." Peggy was also honored to receive the 2019 Pearl Sparks Leadership Award at PI Convention.



**Congratulations to Peggy Harris! We should all do as well. Give her a virtual hug and write her a note of congratulations.**

**Lorraine Banning, chair, Jo Vaughn Leadership Award committee**

**District Awards**

**This year was an unusual year for Pilots. There were only three entries in the awards competition. The Luncheon Pilot Club of Morgan County sent in a Community Service entry and a Brain Related Disorder entry. The Pilot Club of Decatur sent in a Community Service entry. Since there were only three, it was recommended to the DAC that all three be given First Place honors. They were all deserving of this recognition!**

**Community Service Award**

**The Pilot Club of Decatur's Community Service project Service entry combined Helmets with BrainMinders. Club members worked with local police departments, Boys and Girls Club. At a community event, they distributed helmets and showed how to use them. They got a new member in the process, gained valuable PR, and had a ride-along with the police.**

**The Luncheon Pilot Club of Morgan County's Community Service entry focused on BrainMinders presentations to the schools and to an assisted living center. They have the whole set-up with a stage, the BrainMinders puppets and accessories to engage the attention of their audience. They received good PR for their project and an award at PI Convention last year.**

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**Brain Related Disorder Award**

**The Luncheon Pilot Club of Morgan County's Brain Related Disorder entry** focused on sensory tools for special people. They prepared Sensory Boards for autistic classrooms to help the students with hand-eye coordination and the boards serve as a calming device. They also prepared Fidget Aprons to be used with clients in assisted living. These aprons also serve to help calm agitated people and help them work on hand-eye coordination as well.

**Congratulations to these winners and their amazing projects. Let's see more entries next year!**

**Lorraine Banning, Awards Jury Chair**

*Lorraine*

**Social Media**

**Beverly Wilkerson**

Let us all post and share together Pilot, Anchor, and Compass!

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## Pearl Sparks Committee

Beverly Kissinger

### Pearl Sparks Scholarship

I am pleased to report that the Pearl Sparks Scholarship winner for 2020-22 is Elizabeth Woodham of Ozark, Alabama. She was sponsored by Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise, Jacque Hawkins, President. She won out of a pool of 4 outstanding applicants. Elizabeth has a 3.5 grade average and has been accepted at Wallace State Community College. Her father is a pastor and her mother is a teacher. She wrote “I have always had the heart to take care of everyone around me, especially people in need” and that she “wanted to make a difference in lives of people who are hurting and in need”. One recommendation letter stated she “was very strong in the classroom academically and intellectually” with “an amazing work ethic” and a “natural leader” who is respected by her peers and instructors.

*Beverly*

Beverly A Kissinger, Chairman  
Pearl Sparks Committee

## Anchor Coordinator

Suzanne Kendra

### Anchor Club of the Year

Congratulations to the Anchor Club of Guntersville Middle School on being named the Alabama Anchor Club of the Year (Large Club) and Anchor Club of Guntersville High School for Alabama Anchor Club of the Year (Small Club). These two outstanding Clubs are sponsored by Suzanne Kendra and Janey Sanderson. We commend Suzanne and Janey for all they do for these Anchor Clubs. It's a 24/7 job and they spend endless hours helping, planning and hosting events for both clubs. Both Clubs, along with our 2020-2021 Anchor President, Mamie Patton will be representing us at Pilot International in June.



*Suzanne*

## Website Coordinator

Lisa Patterson

Our website is up-to-date. As always, should you find something that needs my attention, please let me know ASAP. [Lbpatterson72@gmail.com](mailto:Lbpatterson72@gmail.com)

*Lisa*

# TBI Donations

## Traumatic Brain Injury Donations and Camperships

### Gold Sponsors

Covington Electric – Andalusia  
Power South Energy Cooperative – Andalusia

### Silver Sponsors

Balanced Family Health- Andalusia

### Corporate Sponsored Camperships

Andalusia Rotary Club (2 each) – Andalusia  
Coterie Club – Andalusia  
Andalusia Office Professionals (2 each) – Andalusia  
CCB Community Bank (2 each) – Andalusia  
Outlaw Realty – Andalusia

### Pilot Club & Pilot Camperships

Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County (3 each)  
Pilot Club of Andalusia (2 each)  
Pilot Club of Enterprise (2 each)  
Luncheon Pilot Club of Andalusia (2 each)  
Pilot Club of Cullman  
Pilot Club of Decatur  
Pilot Club of Florence  
Pilot Club of Huntsville  
Pilot Club of Jasper  
Pilot Club of Lee County  
Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise  
Pilot Club of Prattville (Honorarium for Kay Chandler)  
Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa  
Alabama District Anchor Clubs  
Pilot Club of Gadsden, Hokes Bluff Anchor Club, Amanda Faye Curry  
Sabine Wlodarski, Pam Langhout and Ferne Wlodarski  
Glenda Brooks  
Kay Chandler  
Beverly Kissinger (2 each)  
Shauna Robertson  
Mandy Wilkerson (Navigator)  
Anonymous

### Donations

Pilot Club of Demopolis  
Anchor Club of Demopolis  
P/L/C of Morgan County  
Pilot Club of Troy  
Suzanne Kendra  
Kay Chandler

### Honorarium

Pilot Club of Gadsden:  
For Kay Chandler  
For Kelsey Langley

PIFF Grant \$5,000.00

### Fall Council

Baskets \$410.00  
Overage \$750.00

TOTAL FUNDS: \$20,639.37



## **Donations**

**CARE ALABAMA** **TOTAL \$75.00**

Pilot Club of Lee County  
Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise

**CAMP ASCCA** **TOTAL \$50.00**

Pilot Club of Huntsville (Honorarium – Beverly Wilkerson)  
Pilot Club of Roanoke (Honorarium – Beverly Wilkerson)

**ALABAMA DISTRICT PROJECT** **TOTAL 5,019.80**

Samiyatex Shoe Fund Raiser (2019 District Convention)  
Rhona Espinoza  
Pilot Club of Troy  
Pilot Club of Jasper  
Pilot Club of Lee County  
Fall Council Basket Fund Raiser  
Fall Council Overage

**PIFF** **TOTAL \$361.60**

Linda Baucom  
Darlene Routon  
M & M Collections (Fall Council Collection)  
Empty Ink Cartridges (Fall Council Collection)

**250 CLUBS & PILOTS**

Pilot Club of Andalusia  
Pilot Club of Cullman  
Pilot Club of Decatur  
Pilot Club of Demopolis  
Pilot Club of Dothan  
Pilot Club of Enterprise  
Pilot Club of Florence  
Pilot Club of Gadsden  
Pilot Club of Heflin  
Pilot Club of Huntsville  
Pilot Club of Jasper  
Pilot Club of Lee County  
Luncheon Pilot Club of Andalusia  
Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise  
Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County  
Pilot Club of Prattville  
Pilot Club of Roanoke  
Pilot Club of Troy  
Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa  
Kay Chandler  
Lisa Patterson

**PACESETTER CLUBS**

Pilot Club of Andalusia  
Pilot Club of Cullman  
Pilot Club of Decatur  
Pilot Club of Demopolis  
Pilot Club of Dothan  
Pilot Club of Enterprise  
Pilot Club of Florence  
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Pilot Club of Roanoke  
Pilot Club of Troy  
Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa

## May Cares and Concerns – Alabama District

So many Pilots and Anchors are giving their time and talents to help others during this time of quarantine. Some are making masks and delivering them to hospitals and nursing homes, others are helping distribute food to students and families in need. Pilots are helping their neighbors who experienced damage when recent tornados and storms moved across our state. Why? Because that's what Pilots and Anchors do. It's our mission and our vision to pull together and help others.

*"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13 (NKJM)*

Please remember the following Pilots with caring thoughts and prayers:

- **PC of Cullman:** Co-Pilot Jim Madara was diagnosed with COVID 19 and thankfully responded well to treatment at home with the care of his wife, Pilot **Jeanne Madara**. It's wonderful to hear that Jim is now up and going. Cards to celebrate his recovery may be sent to 2250 County Road 616, Hanceville, AL 35077.
- **PC of Cullman:** Please remember **Cullman Pilot Kristy Mickle** in your thoughts and prayers. Her home was destroyed in an EF-1 tornado on Easter Sunday. The roof was blown off and the walls collapsed. Very few of their belongings was salvageable but thankfully the family was spared. Unfortunately, six years ago they lost everything they had in a house fire. Their needs are great. If you would like to send words of encouragement and/or Wal-Mart gift cards, the address is 3763 County Road 522, Hanceville, AL 35077.
- **PC of Prattville:** Member Flo Wood is mourning the loss of her Co-Pilot of 71 years, Charlie Frank Wood. In this time of sorrow we send our sympathy to the family. Caring cards may be sent 708 Washington Ferry Road, Prattville, AL 36067.
- **Former PC of Opp:** Kay Bozeman Ezell, former member of the PC of OPP, passed away on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We send our deepest sympathy to her daughter, Amanda Dickey and her family and to her Mother, Lois Bozeman. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Bozeman, 20489 Cantaline Bridge Road, Andalusia, AL 36420.
- **Former PC of Talladega:** Mary Evelyn Burton, Charter Member of the PC of Talladega in 1939, has passed away. She was one of the founders of ARC, a school for the disabled. We send condolences to the family and to the Talladega International Pilots.

Your club cares, concerns, and celebrations may be sent to [sam109@bellsouth.net](mailto:sam109@bellsouth.net)

*Sherre*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **October 31-November 1, 2020**      **Fall Council, Hampton Inn & Suites, Orange Beach, AL**
- **March 5-6, 2021**                      **Alabama Anchor Convention, Birmingham Marriott, B'ham, AL**
- **April 23-24, 2021**                      **Alabama District Convention, Birmingham Marriott, B'ham, AL**
- **July 7-11, 2001**                          **Pilot International Convention (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Atlanta, GA**

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

Greetings, Pilots!

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Executive Committee Representative this year. It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to update you on our organization.

During our convention last summer, we began our Membership Race, which will conclude on May 15. Remember the club and the District that finishes first in each category and the member who sponsors the most new members will receive a free registration to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention next year in Atlanta. In case of a tie, the first-place winners will be placed in a drawing for the free registration. As of April 1, the District which has added the most members is Texas, with Florida in second place. The Alabama and Texas Districts are tied for the highest percentage growth. There are three clubs tied for most members added, Lake Houston, Odessa, and New Albany (Mississippi). The Lake Houston Club is also in first place for the highest percentage growth. The club and the District with the highest percentage growth as of May 15 will each receive a special recognition on the cover of the Convention program. The clubs and Districts in the top three places in each category will be recognized in the Convention program.

We have added clubs to our organization this year. The three new Pilot Clubs added since July 1 are: Pilot Club of Palm Beach in the Florida District, Walton County Pilot Club, also in the Florida District, and our newest Pilot Club, Takamatsu Pilot Club of the Japan District, which was chartered April 1.

We have chartered 7 new Anchor Clubs:

- Decatur Heritage Christian Academy (AL) – Chartered August 16, 2019  
*Sponsored by the Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County*
- Walton Middle School Anchor Club (FL) – Chartered December 18, 2019  
*Sponsored by Walton County Pilot Club*
- The Anchor Club of New Albany High School, Indiana (MI-IN) - Chartered on January 16, 2020  
*Sponsored by the Pilot Club of New Albany, Indiana*
- The Anchor Club of Vernon High School (LA) - Chartered on January 25, 2020  
*Sponsored by the Leesville Pilot Club*
- Lake Weir High School Anchor Club (FL) - Chartered on January 31, 2020  
*Sponsored by the Pilot Club of Ocala*
- Chase High School Anchor Club (NC) - Chartered on February 4, 2020  
*Sponsored by the Foothills Pilot Club of North Carolina*
- West Forsyth High School Anchor Club (NC) - Chartered on February 27, 2020  
*Sponsored by the Pilot Club of Greensboro*

We now have three Compass Clubs. The Compass Club of Covington County was chartered August 7, 2018, The Northwest Florida Compass Club was chartered on June 22, 2019, and the Troy University Compass Club was chartered in Alabama on November 16, 2019. We have also approved intent to charter for the first Compass Club in Texas and hope to be able to announce that chartering very soon.

I am proud to say that we have increased our membership every month since August 2019. Pilot's membership as of April 1 is 6,235, in 310 clubs. Anchor Clubs have 6,620 members, in 206 clubs. There are 18 Compass members, in 3 clubs. The combined total of Pilot International members is 12,873.

An important part of our organization is our philanthropic arm, the Founder's Fund. This year, we have awarded \$52,432.00 in 28 Pilot International Founders Fund matching grants. Through the third quarter of this Pilot year, we have awarded 20 Pick Me Up Grants totaling \$3,729.36. We have also given \$19,995.26 in Safe Harbor Grants. The donations made for our Pilot Club Ambassadors also help fund this grant. This year, \$8,552.00 was donated in honor of our club Ambassadors. As you know, these grants are to help Pilots impacted by disasters. For example, when Hurricane Dorian devastated the Bahamas last year, Pilots from all over the world answered the call to help, donating \$14,033.00 designated for Bahamas Hurricane relief.

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We received over 100 scholarship applications this year. Letters announcing the scholarship awards will be going out soon.

Pilot International again took part in the Giving Tuesday campaign. The monies collected were directed to our new helmet grant. This year \$5,461.00 was raised. Speaking of our helmet grants, through the third quarter of this Pilot year we have awarded 25 helmet grants totaling \$3,000.00. So far this year, Pilots have purchased 1,700 helmets.

We hope that you have continued to enjoy the increase in communication from Pilot International. Our Coordinators have provided information every month through the Navigational Notes. Our Headquarters News gives monthly updates on the work of our staff and what is going on at Headquarters in Macon. Emails and social media provide information regarding events such as Pilot First Saturday and the Membership Race. Our Facebook page also shares information from our local clubs and districts. Our Anchor alumni Facebook page has allowed former Anchors to maintain contact with one another.

In just one year, we will be planning our trip to convention in Atlanta, Georgia to begin the celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Here are just a few of the special events planned for the convention and the year ahead.

1. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history book will be full of wonderful information and pictures from our past and will also contain pictures from the 2021 Convention and celebrations held in October. It will only be available through pre-sales. The book will go on sale during the convention in Atlanta and will not be published until later that year. Books will be shipped to the Governors and available for delivery at District Conventions in 2022.
2. In honor of the first service project done by the Pilot Club of Macon which was to help the school district, the service project during the Atlanta Convention will help furnish supplies for the schools in the Macon area. Each District will be assigned to bring specific items from a list provided by the School Superintendent's office. Members flying to Atlanta will be asked to bring smaller items such as pencils or glue sticks. Members who are able to drive will bring larger items such as notebooks and Kleenex.

Each club and district will be asked to *Touch 100 Lives* during the 2021-2022 Pilot Year. The service projects at District Fall Workshops probably already touch 100 lives each year. Brochures with suggestions that will cost little or no money will be provided. Each District has also been asked to have their 2021 Fall Workshop on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the date the Pilot International charter was granted. Pictures from each District's service project will be included in the History Book.

On Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the day of the first Pilot Club meeting of Macon, you are invited come to Macon to celebrate the day our Charter was signed by 40 women who wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. Pictures from this day will be the final pictures in the History Book – 100 years of Friendship and Service.

If you have not already reached the \$100, \$500 or \$4,000 level of giving for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, please consider making a contribution to help commemorate this special time in Pilot International History.

This convention will be special – an event we will always remember. Please be a part of making it special by being in Atlanta, July 7 - 11, 2021.

In closing, I want to thank you for supporting Pilot International and our mission. With each donation to the Founder's Fund, you make a difference in the lives of others. With every BrainMinders presentation, Bike Rodeo and Helmet giveaway, and Pick Me Up you make a positive change in your communities. The friendships between Pilots endure, uplift, and inspire. The celebration planned for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will reflect a once in a lifetime high point in our organization's history, yet, together we can ensure that the first one hundred years are only the beginning. Please join me as we continue to Do More. Care More. Be More.

*Rhona*





Due to the COVID 19, our Pilots have been confined to their homes. Hopefully, we will all be able to come together soon and get out in our communities as a group and help. I'm sure you will be back to your busy selves soon. What is your club doing to share Pilot? Are you having fun and helping your community? I know that a few have been using "ZOOM" to get together.

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](mailto:planghou@hiwaay.net)