

# ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

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## GOVERNOR

**Karene Henson**

Friends,

I love this time of the year! Beautiful leaves, cooler temperatures, exciting traditions all come together in this month of GRATITUDE. I want to encourage us to stop and reflect on what we have done these past few months. I am so GRATEFUL for our Alabama District. We've come together to recruit new members, serve our communities with great outreach, and had outstanding fundraisers so that we can further accomplish our plans. THANK YOU!









I am grateful for the Pilots who have stepped up to help the district secure new leaders for the fy year 2024-2025. Sherre McGinnis will be chairing our nominating committee. Serving with her are Janice Clark, Elaine Cole, and Virginia Wimberly. It is time to look around your club and the district to nominate Pilots who are dedicated to serving on the District Level as Governor- Elect, Treasurer and Secretary. Be thinking about this and discuss district nominations at you club meetings. You will find information about the nomination process on the website at [www.pilotinternational.org](http://www.pilotinternational.org)

I am grateful there are special opportunities for Pilots this month. See the ECR message for more information.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

-  **Nov. 1** Send Anchor and Compass Dues, Treasurers' reports, Officer Forms to PI HQ and District
-  **Nov. 4** Pilot First Saturday
-  **Nov. 12-18** International Care & Kindness Week
-  **Nov. 13** World Kindness Day
-  **Nov. 15** IRS Form 990 Due
-  **Nov. 21** PI Power Hour
-  **Nov. 28** Giving Tuesday
-  **Nov. 30** Deadline to send all Quilt Tickets and Money to the District Treasurer



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- International Care & Kindness Week  
Nov. 12-18
- World Kindness Day is Nov. 13. Do a Kind Deed today!!
- November Power Hour will be on Nov. 21 at 7pm cst  
Topic: BrainMinders/Grants
- Giving Tuesday is Nov. 26 Donations will go to help fund our quarterly grants.

If you missed the first order of our beautiful green **Alabama District Shirts**, it is not too late! If you or your club would like to order a shirt, please send the number of shirts, sizes, and your check to me at 243 Guy Street, Roanoke, Alabama 36274. Shirts do run large. S-XL are \$25, 2X and up are \$28. Deadline: December 31, 2023.

I wish for you a very blessed Thanksgiving!

*Karene*

## Pilot Landmark

On October 9, I was able to visit the gravesite of Pearl Sparks in Florence, Alabama. Our Code of Ethics is engraved on the beautiful marker. The Pilot Club of Florence maintains this site as one of their projects.



**GOVERNOR-ELECT**

**Laurie Fraser**

Happy Fall Y'all!

I hope all of you are enjoying the colors of fall. They signal a time of transition, from the lazy days of summer to the hectic pace of the holidays. As we enjoy the beauty that fall brings, I invite you to think of the transition that our District will go through in the spring. It is already time to think about officers and appointments for next year! With this in mind, I hope that clubs are giving thought to nominations for officers. We count on you to put forth names of leaders you feel would be both great at leading our District and willing to do the job. These positions do require time commitment, and of course a heart for Pilot. In addition to officer positions, I will be calling on members throughout the Alabama District to accept appointments for next year. I ask that you answer these calls with an open heart. The Alabama District appointments will give you an outlook on Pilot at a different level than your club. I have found them to be great fun and a wonderful networking opportunity.

I wish you the very best for Thanksgiving – I plan to spend it with my son in Cambridge, MA. Please try to reach out to those who may be spending it alone for the first time. This is such a happy time of year but can be difficult for many. I appreciate your servant hearts!

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

*Laurie*



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**SECRETARY**

**Mollie Riley**

Hello My Pilot Family!

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather and Football season!!

I want to say: you all are **AMAZING!!**

This month's **SHOUT OUT** goes to **Pilot Club Roanoke** for **2 New Members** and the **Pilot Club of Cullman** for reinstating 1 Emeritus member to an **ACTIVE** member. **AWESOME!!** This is a total of 38 for the One Matter Pilot challenge.

I can't wait to see what you all will do next month.

We are **PILOTS** and **YES**, we are **UNSTOPPABLE!**

Remember November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives. I'm thankful for a lot of things, but I am most thankful for you, my Pilot Family. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving that is filled with Hope, Blessings, and Hugs with Pilot Love!

Happy Thanksgiving,

*Mollie Riley*



**TREASURER**

**Lisa Patterson**

November is here and it is almost time to "Fall Back". It's getting closer and closer to our raffle of an amazingly beautiful Queen double-sided quilt. Have you sold all your tickets? If not, time is ticking away. This is an easy way to raise funds for our two District Projects so sell, sell, sell those tickets. If you need more, just let me know and I'll send them immediately.

Once you have completed your sales, turn in your money to your club treasurer and then the treasurer will write one check to send to me along with the ticket stubs and any unsold tickets if there are any. Please make sure to get those stubs and checks in the mail to me *by the end of November*.

Remember the drawing is December 15th – just in time to give an amazing Christmas gift to someone special if you could stand parting with such a beautiful work of art.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Lisa*



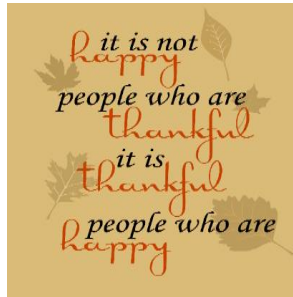
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ALABAMA DISTRICT ECR

Nicki Dawkins



Thanksgiving teaches us to be grateful for what we have and to share our treasures and, most importantly, our love for others. Our founding principles of Pilot International are friendship and service, so why not share the gift of friendship and build a lifelong bond? Gratitude teaches us to show our appreciation and return kindness. For over a century, the kindness and generosity of Pilots has been felt globally with every service project and through our youth development programs. We are thankful for our Advisors of our Anchor and Compass Clubs, who pour into our next generation of leaders, ensuring that the Pilot International legacy continues to sail into safe harbor. Remember, service is humbling and rewarding as you journey through this life. With a heart of thanksgiving, spread the joy of Pilot Friendship, and let us collectively grow and expand our beloved Pilot International organization. Remember, you Matter in Pilot!



International Care and Kindness Day will be celebrated on November 13th. World Kindness Day allows us to reflect upon one of the most important and unifying human principles. On a day devoted to the positive potential of both large and small acts of kindness, try to promote and diffuse this crucial quality that brings people together. During this week, Pilot, Anchor, and Compass Members, let us show everyone they matter. Simple acts of kindness, caring, and goodwill will impact people more than you know.

Giving Tuesday is all about celebrating every single act of generosity we have to offer. Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor out, showing up for an issue or for the 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! November 28<sup>th</sup> marks a day of giving back. Our Giving Tuesday campaign will benefit the New BrainMinders, Pick Me Up and The Helmet Grants! We are confident our 2023 goal of \$30,000 will be met this year with your help. Be on the lookout for information coming soon from PIHQ.



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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Fully charged and on the move, Anchor members leave an indelible mark at their schools and churches, displaying altruism and influencing positive change! Anchor dues of \$14 per each member are due to Pilot Headquarters on or before NOVEMBER 1. Please include the invoice, treasurer's report, and officer's form when you send in your dues. The Dues Invoice can be found here:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5464d956e4b00c7325c641db/t/63249d2acd0db66b0a5f74b2/1663343914891/Anchor%2BClub%2BDues%2BInvoice%2B%28f%29.pdf>



Nicki Dawkins



## ONE MATTERS

### Alabama District is Growing!!!

*Two new members from  
Pilot Club of Roanoke*  
**Jessica Towler**  
**Daffie Dillard**

*The Pilot Club of Cullman  
announces that*  
**Shirley Bonner**  
*has changed her status to  
Active.*

HAVE YOU ASKED  
YOUR ONE TO JOIN?



## TBI CAMP

Kay Chandler

### "Boot Scootin" @ Ten

Time is moving fast! Just two months and it will be time to start registering Campers and Caregivers. Remember the forms are posted on our Web Site and available to ALL! I will start accepting applications on January 15, 2024.

**Corporate Sponsors!** That's what we need. Have you searched your community to find us a sponsor. Benny Jo spoke about this at Fall Council. We have forms and information available to help you. Contact Benny Jo Cockrell at [benny436@yahoo.com](mailto:benny436@yahoo.com) 334-504-2188 or Mellissa King at [mking@andalusiachamber.com](mailto:mking@andalusiachamber.com) 334-504-1469. Either of these wonderful Pilots can help you!

We are still in need of Bingo Prizes, Craft items and suggestions, backpack items, and scrapbooking supplies. This will be our 10 th Camp! Hard to believe!!!! **"Boot Scootin" @ ten!** Plan to be with us and help us make this the very best camp ever! **April 19-21, 2024, at beautiful Camp ASCCA.**

I'll be there!

*Kay*

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## INSPIRATIONAL LEADER

Eleanor Park

### PILOT CARES

As we enter November, let us think of ways that we can express our thanks to God. The song, My Tribute, comes to mind. *"How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee. To God be the glory for the things He has done."*

There are many things we need to be in prayer for during the crisis going on right now in our world and our country.

- ♥ Please remember Stephanie Dye, PC of Cullman, whose grandmother, Joyce Griggs, passed away. Services were held on Friday, October 6, 2023.
- ♥ Geri Hepinstall had a blood clot which has been treated through oral medication. Cards may be sent to Geri at 1820 Cotton Wood Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Calls may be made to 256-352-0392.
- ♥ Pray for the family of new Pilot Club member, Debra Jones, from Enterprise, who passed away on October 17. Services were held on October 21 at the Enterprise Civic Center. Cards can be sent to her family at 802 Dixie Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330.
- ♥ William Courtenay, grandson of Decatur President, Deroma Montgomery, had surgery the last of October. He broke his leg while playing football for Mountain Brook High School.

*Do More Be More Care More*

*Eleanor Park, PC of Demopolis*

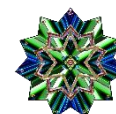


## AWARDS JURY

Our district clubs have certainly been busy with service projects throughout the state. You have the opportunity to be recognized for the work your club has done in the Community Service and Brain-Related categories. However, you must submit an award entry to be recognized.

Information and forms can be found on our district website [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com).

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Southern Membership Development Leader

Cathy Barker

The Pilot Club of Andalusia



## Southern Area Spotlighted Clubs

### Southern Area Pilot Clubs Swing into Action

Hello! How exciting to share what the Southern Area Pilot Clubs are doing!! I know I have been amazed and you will be also!! The Southern Clubs include Andalusia – President: Meredith Harlos, Enterprise – President: Ann Burch, Luncheon PC Of Enterprise – President Debbie Shelton and Troy- President: Tracey Davis.

What a busy season is planned for the **Andalusia Club**, who has 40+ members! They are getting ready to flip pancakes with the Kiwanis Club for their Annual Pancake Breakfast on December 2 along with their Tour of Homes on December 3! They have 5 homes that will be toured. Watch out in April for the "Picnic on the Square". They will feed between 350-500 people by selling individual tickets and to businesses that they deliver to– what an amazing outreach to the community and their local businesses. In October they delivered packages to the Cancer Center in Andalusia. They will also provide bicycle helmets to all who receive new bikes at their Community Christmas Program.

**Enterprise** has no lack of Enthusiasm! They have just had a remarkably successful annual "Touch a Truck" fundraiser in September and are preparing for the Tour of Homes on December 3rd. They also have 5 homes on their tour, and I know the community is looking forward to seeing all the beautiful decorations. They will also be providing Christmas stockings to the residents at the Coffee County Training Center.

**Enterprise Luncheon Club** has between 22-23 members and meet every other Tuesday. Their Number 1 fundraiser is their "Radio Days". They sell ads to businesses that they read on a local radio station. The proceeds help fund projects and their Scholarship award. On November 14th, they will have the "Make It/Take It/Bake It" Auction; this is also a very good recruiting opportunity! They have received a grant from All In Credit Union for the last 2 years to help fund Project Life Saver with their Local Sheriff's Department. They are in the process of completing their Brain Minder's presentations to 700-800 2nd graders in their county. December will also be a busy month – They will join the Rotary Club and have a Special Needs Christmas Party for all area schools and the Adult Center with dinner and gifts.

**Troy** has just come off a successful Baked Potato Fundraiser. They sold 350 BBQ Baked Potato Lunches. How many potatoes can you fit in your oven at one time, LOL!! On October 24th they supported the Miracle League Kickball Teams by being "buddies" and providing Ice Cream and Cookies at the After Party. This is always a special time! Make a Difference Day Baskets were given to the President of the Miracle League and one of the coaches that works with the players from Group homes. The next meeting will consist of making baskets for Thanksgiving to give to 3 families and then again at Christmas. Needed and wanted items for a local schools special Ed class are being gathered to present this month. Cakes and Ice Cream were provided to Troy Nursing and Rehab for their residents August birthday celebration as members help serve and party with them. In October they went back to participate in Decorate a Door and do Trick or Treat!!! What fun!

Cathy



The Pilot Club of Enterprise



The Pilot Club of Troy



The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise



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## FOUNDERS' DAY PROCLAMATION SIGNINGS



Original PI Founders



The Pilot Club of Opelika (L-R)  
Claire Plott, Mayor Fuller,  
Mary Browning, and Star Wray



The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise



The Pilot Club of Cullman





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## Let's get together!

Pilot Club of Enterprise is once again hosting the Christmas Tour of Homes, and we'd love to see you there.

Join us for 2023 Christmas Tour of Homes

December 3, 2023

1:00 PM-4:30 PM

Purchase tickets online, from any Pilot Club of Enterprise member, Yancey Parker's, Initially Yours or Shopaholic Home Decor & Gifts

We hope you're able to join us!



**Pilot Club of Enterprise  
Presents**

**2023 Christmas  
Tour of Homes**

**Sunday, December 3  
1:00 - 4:30pm**

[REGISTER](#)



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