



Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

“The Power of Pilot”

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2025 IT'S FALL COUNCIL TIME

October is here! Fall Council room reservations should be made ASAP, and you will have serious regrets if you do not attend. Come in on Friday so you don't miss a single minute and remember to bring a new women's coat (S-2X with tags) for our Service Project!

We will begin on Friday with fun, fellowship and prizes in the Element breakfast area with registration from 4 pm – 6 pm, followed by the opportunity to select any number of great restaurants for dinner. While you are out drop by the Brighton Store. Tell them you are a Pilot and register for a drawing there, then come back and join us for BINGO fun and more prizes!

Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, clubs will begin set-up for Marketplace. Marketplace will open at 9:00 AM.

(YOUR FALL COUNCIL BADGE IS REQUIRED TO SELL or SHOP AT MARKETPLACE).

A short Pilot walk will happen at 12:15, followed by Opening Session at 12:30. We have a formal Flag Ceremony, interesting speakers, informative workshops – some interactive, and of course a crazy auction or 2 on Saturday afternoon. Don't forget the Banquet and awesome entertainment that will follow.

Sunday morning's Inspirational Service will begin at 8:30 AM, followed by our Closing Session which will include hearing from one of our TBI Campers at 9:00 plus much more.

You will leave fully empowered with your heart and your head filled with Pilot knowledge!

Send in your registration and make your sleeping room reservations NOW!

See you in the Rocket City,

Lisa Patterson
Governor

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Calling All Alabama Pilots

THE COUNTDOWN TO FALL COUNCIL HAS BEGUN!!!

The countdown to has begun. Are you ready to come to the Element at Huntsville. There is a lot to experience at Fall Council. While there is no lottery in Alabama, the good news is that there will be BINGO. Let your DAC be your tourist guide. Friday night will be fun night. Come early, Brighton is rolling out the red carpet for us.



There is no shortage of restaurants at Bridge Street. Saturday, before we start, you can choose from Kona Grill, Urban Cookhouse, Red Robin, The Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang and the Sage Grille just to name a few. Saturday, we will start our Fall Council with speakers. We will have the opportunity to put into action our Pilot mission, “Do More, Care More, and Be More.” We will bring new coats with the labels attached for our project to be given to *Kids to Love*. You must experience our Marketplace. Our clubs will bring some wonderful items. There will be a time for us to engage in discussions that are pertinent to Pilot.

Saturday night will culminate in our banquet. Our entertainment will be BTN. If you are asking what BTN stands for, then you will find out Saturday night. Toe tapping and chair dancing will be allowed.

Sunday morning, we will have our inspirational moment followed by the closing session.

**Carolyn Williams,
Governor Elect**

Secretary’s Report

Welcome to my favorite time of the year everyone! Growing up in Iowa, I have fond memories of raking leaves then burning them. Sometimes we would roast marshmallows in the flames or be treated to an apple or pear for our labor. There were bike rides with friends and family gatherings on farms, and they still make me smile. One constant theme was that we had each other’s back. That is what I think of as a Pilot, having someone’s back. We are Pilots because that means something to us. Please make the effort to join in a puppet show, a Bingo game with care center residents and step up to being accountable to your club and community. **Each club has been asked to send to their District representative a copy of their 2025-2026 yearbook.** You are already doing this for your membership so send a link to us so that we can have a copy on hand as well. These really need to be turned in ASAP.

Don’t forget to collect change for PIFF. Your club can turn your club check in at Fall Council. Make sure it is made out to Alabama District Pilot International.

October is the month to think about the Alzheimer’s Walk as well as PI’s 104th birthday celebration. Hoping to see each of you at Fall Council as it will be a wonderful learning weekend. Besides what is better than great friends, great information and great food?

Mary Ballard, District Secretary and PIFF

Treasurer's Message

It's Fall Ya'!!!! While we have all been gearing up to start our new Pilot Year, it's started!! Share Pilot month is October!! Our District really needs to grow, but only you can grow it!! Ask someone to be a Pilot **TODAY!** Share the fun, share the work and share the friendship. Fall Council is just a few weeks away. Have you made your hotel reservations??? It's time to get your club registered. It's going to be an event to remember!! Great Speakers, Great Workshops, Great Marketplace, Great Fun and Great Fellowship and a Crazy Auction too!! We cannot be successful without you. It will only be GREAT if you are there.

TBI Camp is April 10-12, 2026. We are planning to "Hit it Out of the Park" this year. Baseball is our theme, and I can't wait to see what Enterprise comes up with. They are so creative. Bingo, Bingo, Bingo!! We love to play Bingo and Prattville is making their lists and checking them twice to make sure prizes are covered. If each Club could contribute no more than 5-10 door prizes, we'll be on our way to a homerun. You can bring them to Fall Council or give them to you DAC Visitor. Decatur is working on new craft ideas and supplies. They love suggestions!! Troy will be handling scrapbooking again and what a wonderful time they provide for each Camper to be creative. We need backpack items, craft items and Bingo prizes, and we need Camperships! We need about \$15,000!! So, please help us. Send in your Camperships so we can make our plans.

See you in Huntsville on October 31, November 1 and November 2nd!! The Alabama District plans to "Rock Out" at the Element in the Westin at Bridge Street Town Center! Come early, stay late!!!

Kay Chandler, Treasurer

Membership

Happy October!!!!

It is Share Pilot Month! What do you have planned in your club to increase membership? A successful Share Pilot requires planning, clear messaging and a focus on value for potential members. A thriving membership base is the backbone of our organization. A well-executed Share Pilot not only boosts numbers but also builds long-term relationships and creates a sense of belonging. Here are a few steps to having a successful Share Pilot Event.

Set a Date, Time, Location, Theme and Menu (create a sign-up sheet for food)

1. Create Invites – Encourage everyone to bring 2 or more guests. (Make paper and electronic invites.)
2. Create a Program (What is your message going to be? Why I AM a Pilot!) Ask current members to share why they are a member of The Pilot Club. Share what we do! Explain what the expectation of a Pilot Member is. You will only get out of Pilot, what you put into Pilot!
3. Have membership packets available at Share Pilot. Create a form for potential members so we can follow up with them after the event.

Host your SHARE PILOT EVENT and HAVE FUN!

Summer Evans, Membership Coordinator – North

Pilot Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

The Power of Giving Pilots

“You’ve touched people and know it. You’ve touched people and may never know it. Either way, you have something to give. It is in giving to one another that each of our lives becomes meaningful.”

Laura Schlessinger

Pilot Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

The following Pilots are in our thoughts and prayers:

PC of Cullman:

Alena Cook's son-in-law, Bryan Nichols, passed away on September 6th. Please keep his wife Veronica, their two sons and the Cook family in your prayers. Send your condolences to the Cook and Nichols family, 362 County Road 947, Crane Hill, AL 35053.

PC of Florence:

Verborie Shaw is hospitalized. Cheerful cards may be sent to 502 East 9th Street, Tuscumbia, AL 35674

PC of Lee County:

Teresa Mabry is recovering from major back surgery at home. Cheerful cards may be sent to 4102 Sudbury Court, Opelika, AL 36891.

Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County:

Susie Wiley's Co-Pilot, William “Bill” Wiley, Jr., passed away on July 29th. Cards of sympathy may be sent to 1126 Trenton Drive, Decatur, AL 35603.

PC of Tuscaloosa:

Amanda Burroughs, a new club member, is having Lumbar Decompression and would appreciate healing prayers from her fellow Pilots. Cards may be sent to 15883 Gainesville Rd., Ralph, AL 35480.

In Pilot friendship and Service,

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



Executive Committee Representative

October is a month of meaning for Pilots everywhere — a time when we celebrate our legacy, embrace our mission, and look forward with renewed purpose. We embrace Fall weather and changing leaves whilst we delve into our leadership trainings through Fall Councils.

We begin our **Membership Month** with a Pilot Walk on October 4th. Wear your Pilot shirt and get in gear for an exciting month that is a reminder that every Pilot is a vital bloom in our garden of service. Each member brings unique gifts, talents, and passions that, together, create a vibrant tapestry of friendship and purpose. Even though leaves may be changing and falling where you are, it is a great time to keep that Pilot knowledge watered and growing through your Fall Councils. This month you may want to offer a Share Pilot to help to grow your Club and tell them of what a beautiful garden of persons we are, all focused on friendship and service. Remember **October 15th** is the deadline for PIFF Matching Grant and Emergency Response Program Grants. Get those grant forms in for the fantastic projects you will be doing this year.

On **October 18th, Founder's Day**, we honor the vision of those who planted the seeds of Pilot International more than a century ago. Their courage and foresight continue to inspire us, reminding us that when we nurture what is good, lasting impact will grow. Plan an event to honor our Founders and invite those prospective members from your Share Pilot and others to attend to get to know more about Pilots in your community.

Then, on **October 25th, Make a Difference Day**, volunteer at a local organization that need help, plan or participate in a community project such as a beach clean-up or community gardening; help a young person gain a new skill or perhaps donate to a charitable organization to support their cause. This national day of service reminds us that each person has the power to create positive change. This leads us into **International Care and Kindness Week - November 10th - 15th, 2025**. For Pilots, it is an opportunity to live out our mission by giving back in ways that touch lives, strengthen communities, and inspire hope. Each project, each gesture, and each moment of kindness becomes a blossom of hope — a visible sign of how Pilots bloom through service.

As we mark these important occasions, let us remember the theme of this year: **Bloom in Pilot**. May we continue to grow, to uplift, and to flourish — together — as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and plant seeds for a brighter tomorrow.

Your Executive Committee Representative,

Stephanie Batton



Anchor Updates

We are looking forward to a wonderful Anchor year!

Advisors, please remember that each Anchor member is required to pay both Alabama District and International dues. All dues are **due by November 1st**.

- **Alabama District Dues:** \$7.50 per member
- **International Dues:** \$14.00 per member

Forms are available at www.alabamapilotdistrict.org. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at mking@andalusiachamber.com.

Be sure to **mark your calendars for March 7, 2026!** The Alabama District Anchor Convention will be held at the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce in Andalusia, AL. Make plans now to attend! More details coming soon.

I appreciate your support as we begin another great Anchor year together!

Mellisa King, Anchor Coordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 15	Matching Grant
Nov 1	COMPASS Dues
Nov 1	Anchor Dues
Nov 1-2	Fall Council Westin Bridge Street Town Centre

Thank you for being an Alabama Pilot!

