



# Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

*“The Power of Pilot”*

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## 2025 FALL COUNCIL KICK-OFF

September is here along with College Football! It made me think about how each Pilot Club is also a team that works and plays together. Each Club has a play book for the year and is part of the District Team and the District is part of the International Team. Let's work together to support and grow our teams by encouraging new recruits to visit and learn what being a Pilot is all about.

Make plans now to attend the special game coming up. The 2025 Fall Council kick-off will begin on Friday with fun, fellowship and membership at the Westin Bridge Street Town Centre in Huntsville. The Westin & Element are connected, but each has its' own entrance when checking in. Guests staying in the Element receive a free breakfast downstairs. We are currently gathering info from the shops and restaurants located at Bridge Street. Several businesses have indicated they will provide something for our Pilots, but Brighton has taken it a step further so make sure you visit the Brighton store AND especially let them know you are an Alabama District Pilot. We have secured great speakers, entertaining and informative workshops, awesome banquet entertainment and don't forget Marketplace. This is a Fall Council you DO NOT want to miss. The second call and Registration form have gone out and are posted on our website.

September is the month clubs select and recognize their Club Ambassador. Remember to complete the form and send with your \$25 check to PIHQ by September 30. It is an honor

At the 2025 District Convention we voted to bring back the Lt. Governor officer. Please contact a DAC member if you have an interest in or want to know more about the office.

**Lisa Patterson**  
Governor

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## Calling All Alabama Pilots



Is your fun meter on low?

Are you ready for some fun? Then I have a solution for you.

It is **Fall Council 2025** in Huntsville.

Pilots, you can expect to have more fun than you can handle. There will be bingo, crazy auctions, marketplace, talent from clubs, entertainment, informative workshops, shopping and good food.

If you want to eat Chinese cuisine, then PF Chang is the place for you. If you want cheesecake, then the Cheesecake Factory is for you. If you want a steak cooked the way you want it, then Connor's is the place to be. If you want gourmet hamburger, then Red Robin is your place. If you have a serious need for chocolate and I mean a serious need, then the Chocolate Crocodile is waiting for you.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 30 Club Ambassador

Mid-Sept Club Roster

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 a Pilot!**

The DAC is looking forward to seeing you at **Fall Council**, so come on **October 31<sup>st</sup>** to refill your fun meter.

**Carolyn**

Governor Elect

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## Secretary's Report

This is a reminder to those clubs who have not yet turned your **Club roster** to Carolyn Williams, please do so as soon as possible. The District needs this information as soon as possible, preferably **no later than Mid-September**.

Another reminder is for you to get your club visit scheduled. The DAC has reached out to each club president with a letter describing what is needed for this visit. Even if you aren't ready for this visit, the necessary information is needed before Fall Council. These visits are mainly to share District information with your club, answer questions and ensure that your club is functioning well. Wishing each of you productive and positive Pilot year.

**Mary Ballard**

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## Treasurer's Message

Fall is in the air! (*Someone forgot to tell the weatherman!*)

Pilots are getting excited about being together for fun and fellowship! It's Fall Council Time! We are coming to Bridge Street Town Center in Huntsville. There are 70 upscale shops and restaurants anchored by a flagship Belk department store! We will be at the Element inside the Westin Marriott Hotel, and you can slip right out the door and be in the center of shopping!

Registration is being sent to each club president, and it will be posted on the webpage. As we all know, the cost of groceries has skyrocketed these past two years, so registration had to increase to cover our banquet meal. It's \$90.00 but you are going to get your money's worth

Great Speakers, wonderful entertainment, and informative workshops. Not to mention an exciting Market Place where each club can have a fundraiser! And we've got surprises planned! Come on Friday and play Bingo. You can register by Zeffy or by check. Get your hotel reservations early! Let's come to Huntsville and have some Pilot time together! Nothing better!!!

**Kay Chandler**

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## PIFF Report



I hope that each club is enjoying the new Pilot Year. I am just reminding clubs to continue collecting change at your meetings for PIFF. The proceeds may be turned in at Fall Council by club check made to Alabama District PI.

**Mary Ballard**

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## Pilot Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

### *The Power of Pilot Friendships*

Pilot friendships have many health benefits and can play a key role in our emotional growth and mental health. Did you know that talking to your Pilot friends can lower your blood pressure and reduce the risk of depression? Pilot friendships can enhance your self-esteem. When you're giving Pilot hugs, listening, sharing, connecting, and celebrating life with each other, it can decrease your stress and help you live longer. Cultivating friendships can lead to a more fulfilling and healthier life. I'm very thankful for my forever Pilot friends and the healthy benefits they bestow on me.

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### *Pilot Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations*

The following Pilots are in our thoughts and prayers:

**PC of Demopolis:**

Wendy Wolf's husband, Clay, recently had surgery. Wendy is a new Pilot and I know that she will receive many well wishes for Clay as he heals. Their address is 505 S Walnut AvE, Demopolis, AL 36732.

**PC of Enterprise:**

Carolyn Cobb's husband, Jimmy, broke his leg at the hip joint due to a fall. After successful surgery, Jimmy is recovering in rehab. Encouraging cards may be sent to 114 Whitney, Ave, Enterprise, AL 36330.

**Pilot International Member:**

Joyce Byrd, Past District Governor 1986-1987, is mourning the passing of her sister, Jessie B. Wade. Condolences may be sent to 21 Hedgestone Way West, Mobile, AL 36608.

**PC of Lee County:**

Maria Traylor needs your comforting prayers in the passing of her brother, Rusty Patillo. A memorial celebration of life is planned. Cards to the Traylor family may be sent to 1406 Ridge Rd, Opelika, AL 36801.

**PC of Prattville:**

Connie Rogers's husband, John, has been experiencing vision problems in his right eye. We're sending prayers that his doctors will find the problem, and that his vision clears up. Caring cards may be sent to  
215 Crossgate Drive, Elmore, AL 36025.

**PC Roanoke:**

Glenda Brooks recently had surgery for a broken leg. She is in rehab recovering and in good spirits. Send your encouraging cards to Glenda c/o The Inn, Room 404, 1235 Yancy Street, Roanoke, AL 36274.  
Glenda would welcome a card or call from her friends.

**Congratulations** to the **Covington Co. Compass Club** for Awards received at PI Conventions.

**\*\*The Pilot Club of Florence**, Charter #7, organized in August 1925, celebrated their 100 Anniversary.\*\*

In Pilot friendship and service,

*Sherre*

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

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## Executive Committee Representative

In every corner of Pilot International, our mission blooms through service, leadership, and friendship. This season, we have so many reasons to celebrate how our clubs, members, and programs are blossoming into powerful forces for good.

One of the bright petals in our bouquet of initiatives is the Club Ambassador Program. This role is more than a title, it's a bridge. Club Ambassadors connect local clubs with the heart of Pilot International, sharing resources, sparking engagement, and ensuring every member feels part of something bigger. Like gardeners tending to a shared plot, Ambassadors nurture growth, foster unity, and help our mission flourish in every community we serve. Remember to select your **Club Ambassador** and then send your contribution and completed form to Headquarters by **September 30th**.

Our commitment to health and community spirit is also in full bloom with the Alzheimer Walk or Pilot Walk. These walks are not just steps on a path, they are strides toward wellness, awareness, and connection. Pick your Saturday and walk in a park, along the beach, or through your neighborhoods, each mile reflects our dedication to healthy living and visible service. It's a reminder that, together, we can move toward a better world—one step at a time.

Fall also brings the Council/Workshop season—a time when ideas blossom, friendships grow deeper, and skills are cultivated for stronger leadership. This annual gathering is where we share best practices, learn new strategies, and encourage each other to keep our clubs vibrant and Districts forward-thinking. The energy in the room is like sunlight—warming our passion, energizing our efforts, and helping us dream bigger.

And just as a garden needs water to grow, our clubs thrive with resources. Matching Grants provide that vital nourishment, turning good ideas into impactful projects. These grants double the power of local fundraising, enabling clubs to expand their reach and serve more people. From community health programs to youth initiatives, Matching Grants are proof that when Pilot International invests in its members' ideas, the results are nothing short of inspiring. **Matching Grants are due into Headquarters before midnight October 15th.**

Each of these initiatives—Club Ambassadors, Pilot Walk, Fall Council/Workshop, and Matching Grants—is like a stem, leaf, petal, or root. Alone, they are meaningful; together, they form a living, breathing bouquet of service that inspires hope and creates change.

As we step forward into the coming months, let us remember growth takes time, care, and collective effort. By embracing these opportunities, we are not just running programs—we are planting seeds that will blossom into a legacy of kindness, health, and community impact for generations to come.

Together, we are Pilot International—and we are in full bloom.

Your Executive Committee Representative  
**Stephanie Batton**

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## Compass Updates

With classes back in session, Compass clubs are actively recruiting and preparing for a semester filled with new members and exciting projects.

### Forms due by November 1 to Pilot International

[Annual Compass Club Treasurer's Report](#)

[Officer's Form](#)

[Membership Dues Invoice](#)

### Form and Payment due to Alabama District by **November 1!**

[2025-2026 Annual Alabama District Dues for Compass Club](#)

### Compass in the News: [LBW Compass Club Earns Top Honors at Pilot International Convention](#)

The Covington County Compass Club at LBW Community College has received top international recognition, earning two First Place awards at the 2025 Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference held July 23-27 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The club was honored with the Compass Outstanding Community Service Award and the Outstanding Compass Club Award, which recognize exemplary service efforts and overall excellence among Compass Clubs worldwide. [Read more](#)

### Follow Alabama Compass on Socials



[Covington County Compass Club](#)



[Compass Club of Covington County](#)



[Troy University Compass Club](#)



[Troy University Compass Club](#)



## 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](http://www.alabamapilotdistrict.org). If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [mking@andalusiachamber.com](mailto: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**

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## Recruiting New Members for Pilot

Recruiting new members is vital to the growth and success of any Pilot Club. Fresh perspectives, diverse talents, and extra helping hands ensure your club remains active, relevant, and effective in its mission. Here are some key strategies to attract and retain new members:

### 1. Share Your Story

People are drawn to causes they can relate to. Use social media, newsletters, and community events to highlight the impact your club has made. Share personal stories from members about why they joined and what Pilot means to them.

### 2. Be Visible and Active

Host community events, participate in local fairs, and partner with other organizations. When the public sees Pilot actively making a difference, they're more likely to want to be a part of it.

### 3. Make It Personal

Word-of-mouth is powerful. Encourage current members to invite friends, family, and colleagues. A personal invitation often makes people feel more welcomed and valued.

### 4. Offer Value

New members want to know what they'll gain—whether it's networking opportunities, leadership experience, or a chance to give back. Make sure your club offers meaningful experiences and recognizes members for their contributions.

### 5. Keep It Fun and Inclusive

Service is important, but so is camaraderie. Foster a welcoming, fun, and inclusive environment where people feel like they belong.

Recruitment isn't just about numbers—it's about finding passionate individuals who believe in the Pilot mission. With the right approach, your club can grow stronger and continue making a lasting impact.

**Maria Traylor**

Membership Coordinator - South