Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

"Friendship & Service: The Heart of Pilot"

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Governor's Message

Due to Hurricane Isaias, we did not have Fall Council this year. I want to thank the 2026 Fall Council Planning Committee who were very diligent in the planning.

I want to thank the Pilot Club of Enterprise and the Luncheon Pilot Club of Morgan County that agreed to serve as host clubs. I also want to thank Shanna Barnes of the Pilot Club of Enterprise and Brenda McKean of the Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County who were willing to serve as Chair and Co-Chair. I want to thank the registration committee of Ree Strickland and Mona Antley of the Pilot Club of Enterprise who made special registration packets for the District membership.

The Alabama District Administrative Council decided to share with the membership the workshops on the topics from the Council of Leaders from the Pilot International Annual Conference and Convention at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This year the workshops centered on leadership. I also want to thank Mary Ballard, Governor Elect and Mollie Riley, Lt Governor, and Joy Wood, Secretary, for stepping up to lead the workshops. I appreciate your contributions. **Each of you demonstrated Pilot Love and Service by your actions.**

The time is coming for District Officer Nominations. If you have questions, please reach out to any District Club Representative or Lisa Patterson, Nominations Chair. "We want and need you and the District needs you."

Last year, at the District Convention we voted to provide medical supplies to Camp ASCCA. The District fundraiser will provide the funds for the project. If you have not received your raffle tickets, please contact the Governor Elect or the District Treasurer. Please mark your calendars for future District events. We will have a one-day Anchor Convention on March 6, 2027, in Prattville and TBI Camp, April 10-12, 2027! We want to make TBI Camp a success because the campers are looking forward to attending camp.

We are starting to plan our District Convention which will be at the Embassy Suites & Convention Center April 30-May 1 and 2, 2027 in Montgomery.

In Friendship and Service,

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District Governor

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ECR Message

Thousands of years ago, man learned that by striking 2 stones together, it would create a spark. From that tiny spark, he was able to cook his food over fire, shape his tools and weapons, shape pottery out of clay, and have light to see by. All of that from a tiny spark. A tiny spark of joy can make a dark and dreary day into one of sunshine and happiness. A tiny spark of enthusiasm from just one Pilot can ignite a group of Pilots into action and much can be accomplished.

Each fall, Monarch butterflies in Maine begin an unbelievable journey to a hilltop in Mexico. How do they do it? They focus on the goal, not the difficulties, just as we do as Pilots. Each day they take their bearings and set off, allowing their instincts and desire to steer them. They accept what comes: some winds blow them off course; others speed them along the way. They keep flying until one day they arrive. Their determination makes the difference. As Pilots we make that difference by doing more, because we care more to be more for our communities.

Dates to Remember:

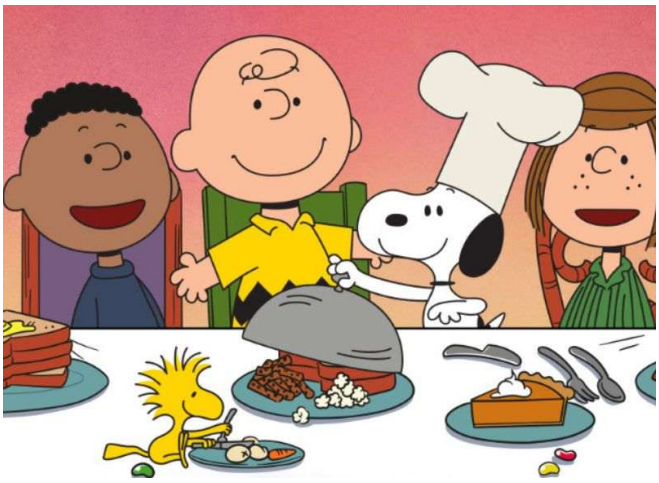
Anchor Dues and Compass Dues: Should be paid by November 1st.

IRS For 990: Due by November 15th for all clubs in the United States.

Kinro Kansha no Hi (Labor Thanksgiving Day): November 23rd in Japan thanking workers and production with roots in ancient harvest rites.

Thanksgiving: November 26th, the last Thursday in the US, is designated the end of fall's harvest.

Giving Tuesday: is called that because it is a designated day dedicated to charitable giving and generosity, strategically scheduled on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year it is December 1st; your Pilot donation this Giving Tuesday will benefit our Youth 100 Fund.



Governor Elect 2027 Appointments: Due to Pilot Headquarters December 1st.

Heritage Garden Brick Orders: Due to Pilot Headquarters December 15th.

We as Pilots focus on giving back to be positive change within our local communities. By doing more we are the breath of fresh life for those in our communities. We are the spark of light that will grow our club and organization, especially through President Lisa's Incentive Program, into one that will be the example of what can be accomplished when we work together as a collective group focused on doing more, caring more and being more as you Believe in Yourself, and Believe in Pilot.

Charlotte Edenfield
Executive Committee Representative

Governor-Elect's Message

As we head for Thanksgiving let's focus on the blessings in our life instead of the negative things. Let's remember to thank the Veterans, First Responders, the Caregivers and all who help to add to the lives of others. So many people influence our lives behind the scenes. Our choice to lighten the load for others without acknowledgement is such a powerful gift; one that is truly easy to share.

Things to keep in mind the next few months:

- District Officers and Appointees will be chosen during the next month. Please open your hearts and minds to stepping up in the district as well as in your clubs. When the call comes be open to saying "yes" and making a difference in a wider circle.
- Our district raffle will take place on December 5, 2026. Each Pilot has a set of tickets to sell to pay for our district project of medical supplies for Camp ASCCA totaling $3000.00. Sell those tickets and turn in the ticket stubs and all money to your club treasurer before December 5. She will get them to our district treasurer, Ferne Wlodarski, by the date of the drawing.
- Be an active member of your club not just a social member. You enjoy the get togethers within your groups. Your presence at club events has such a profound connection for those you serve. Please step out to bring the gift of you to others who will enjoy it.

In Friendship and Service,
Mary Ballard

Lt. Governor's Message



November thoughts: Be Thankful, Keep Encouraging, and Continue Serving!

As we reflect on the blessings in our Pilot family, let us be thankful for each member, keep encouraging one another, and continue building our membership. Every Pilot makes a difference, and together, we can accomplish so much more through friendship and service.

Let us also remember our **Alabama District Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Campers**. Your continued support, donations, sponsorships, and volunteer service help provide a special weekend filled with fun, laughter, friendship, and unforgettable memories for our campers and their caregivers.

Never underestimate the power of a kind word, a helping hand, or an encouraging heart. When we support one another and work together, we make a lasting difference in others' lives.

Be thankful to our members. Encourage others to join our mission. Continue supporting our TBI Campers. Together, we can make a difference — one Pilot, one act of kindness, and one life at a time!

Hugs with Pilot Love,
Mollie Riley

Secretary's Message

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of the many blessings in my life and the importance of being thankful for those who make a difference every day. Among those deserving our deepest gratitude are caregivers. Caregivers are the hands that hold, the voices that encourage, and the hearts that never stop giving. They care for young children as they grow and learn, support our elderly as they age, and provide love, patience, and assistance to individuals with disabilities. Often, their work happens quietly and without recognition, but the impact they make can last a lifetime. This Thanksgiving let's remember that caregivers need care, encouragement, and support, too. A simple act of kindness, a listening ear, a helping hand, or a word of appreciation can remind a caregiver that they are not alone and that what they do truly matters.

Pilot International believes in supporting caregivers and the important work they do. Through grants available to Pilot Clubs, clubs have opportunities to bless caregivers in meaningful and practical ways. These grants can help clubs provide support, encouragement, and resources to caregivers in their communities.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, may we take a moment to give thanks for the caregivers among us — and look for ways to care for those who spend so much of their lives caring for others.

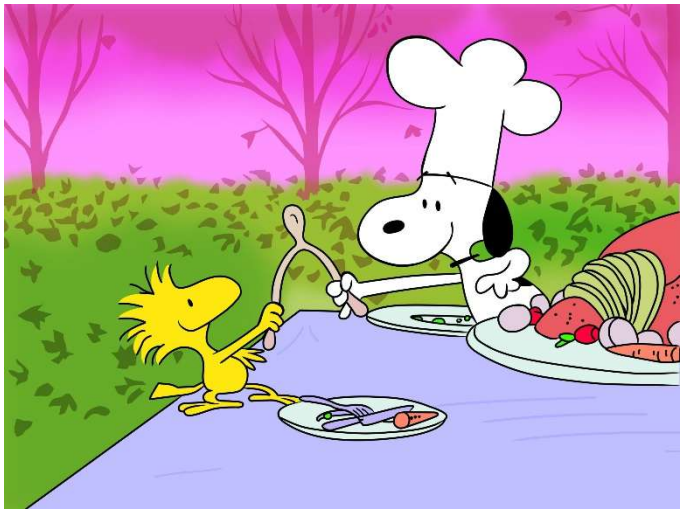
In Pilot Love,
Joy Wood

Treasurer's Message

Club Treasurers,

Please remember that your club's 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 99-EZ, and Form 99o 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.

In Pilot Love,
Ferne Wlodarski



Inspirational Leader's Message

Pilot Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"What's In Your Basket?"

With the Thanksgiving holiday coming up in a few weeks, a lot of people will take time to appreciate what they have. They will reflect on the good things in their lives, like the people, places, and things that comfort them or make them feel loved and wanted. I love all the traditions that have been passed down from one generation to the next. Connecting with loved ones is the heart of Thanksgiving. A festive meal shared with family and spending unhurried time together, enjoying one another's company. However, the centerpiece is not always the roasted turkey. A traditional centerpiece at my house is the cornucopia. That big, overflowing baskets filled with produce of the land reminds me of God's many blessings. It's a common centerpiece at Thanksgiving that represents abundance and a symbol of God's blessings. What an amazing blessing it is to have more than enough to fill my basket and my table.

What will be in your basket this Thanksgiving? Think about family, church, and the people God has put in your path to love. Think about the little things like the air you breathe and the rising and setting of the sun. The definition of "thankful" is being conscious of a benefit received. You can't be truly thankful for something unless you are thankful to someone for giving it to you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Please remember the following in your prayers:

PC of Demopolis
Cindy Rice passed away October 17th, 2026. She joined Pilot in 2005 and served as the club president 2010 – 2012. Cindy will be remembered for her generosity and supporting TBI and Camp ASCCA. Cards of sympathy can be sent to Kenny Rice, 120 Lakeview Hill South, Demopolis, AL 36732.

In Friendship and Service,

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Deroma Montgomery, Photographer

Club Presidents: Please appoint someone to report by the 15th of each month your Club's cares, concerns, and celebrations. Please refer to the Club Manual for the paperwork to be sent to the Inspirational Leader.

Dates to Remember

November

- IRS Forms filed -- US Clubs to file; deadline November 15.
- Anchor Club Officers' & Treasurer's Report to PI Headquarters on/before November 1.
- Compass Club Officers' & Treasurer's Report to PI Headquarters on/before November 1.
- District Nominating Committee appointed by November 1.
- Giving Tuesday -- first Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
- World Care and Kindness Day November 13
- Club IRS 990 forms are due November 15
- Grant deadline for Helmet and PMU December 15
- 250 Club and Pacesetter Contributions due February 7

The purpose of the District Fundraiser is to provide medical supplies for Camp ASCCA, which is the District Project for this year. If you have not received your raffle tickets, please call or email Mary, Governor Elect, or Ferne, Treasurer.

