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I have often used the phrase, “we don’t have to do it the way we have always done it”, and I can truly say that it fits now! We are all chartering new ways! It was really sad when we had to cancel our 7th Annual TBI Camp and District Convention! Many of us have had to cancel not only our Club Meetings, but many, many Fundraisers!

District Business items have gone out to the Club Presidents and Past District Governors. Please share with your clubs. Next week you will receive voting instructions and deadlines. Each club gets three delegates.

We have some great Pilots who have stepped up to be our 2020-2021 District Officers. Janice Clark will become our Governor on July 1, 2020 and serving with her: Governor Elect, Ann Burch; Secretary, Carolyn Cobb; and Treasurer, Claire Plott.

Our Award Jury will be judging Award Entries as soon as they can meet together and these will be announced in the May Governor’s Bulletin (GB). Our Pearl Sparks Committee will be announcing the Scholarship Recipient and this too will be announced in the GB, as will the Jo Vaughn Leadership Award. We have met our goal of raising \$5,000 for our Camp ASCCA Project and have put our TBI Camp Funds in a designated fund for next year. The Executive Committee voted to allow us to move our \$5000.00 Matching Grant forward to next year for Camp.

We have two new Anchor Clubs ready to Charter by the Pilot Club of Jasper: Jasper High School and Bankhead Middle School. Hopefully they can charter before the end of the school year.

Our Pilot International Executive Staff and Officers are working hard to keep us all updated and to do the “right thing” for Pilot. Stay in touch with your Pilot friends! Call someone today! Beverly Wilkerson is doing an amazing job of keeping our Facebook page up to date. We may not be able to meet in person, but we can meet in spirit! Sending hugs and love to all of you. Praying that you and your families all stay well.

“You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world’s problems at once but don’t ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.” Michelle Obama

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I hope everyone is safe and well. I am sad, as I know all of you are that the District Convention and TBI camp had to be cancelled. The health and welfare of all of the District members is the most important issue at this time. The 2020-2021 Appointee meeting has also been cancelled. I will select a date soon, possibly, for a conference call. I will be in touch.

Make this time count, Do more, Care more and Be more to the ones closest to you. Take time to slow down and reflect on what is really important. Stay safe and well! Sending my love and prayers to all of you.

Janice

District Treasurer

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What a difference a month, weeks and days make. We are all disappointed about the need to cancel the district convention. Now, Pilot International Executive Director Debbie Hays has ordered all districts to do the same.

Now we look forward to a fantastic Fall Council and celebrating together once again our friendships in Pilot. I have mailed checks back to those whom checks I had not deposited as of yet. Refund checks will be mailed to clubs and members that had registered for TBI Camp, District Convention and for the placement of ads in the Convention Program.

Prayers for all to stay safe and well until we meet again in love and friendship.

Beverly

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Anyone, anywhere, can make a positive difference. ~Mark Sanborn

Carolyn

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Covington Compass Club – Makayla Bowling

PC of Tuscaloosa – Kenneth Blanchard & Janice Spencer

Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County – Brenda Reynolds, Diana Carr and B. Gail Berry

Awards Jury Chairperson

Lorraine Banning

AWARD JURY UPDATE!!

The Awards Jury met February 22 in Birmingham. We were tasked with judging 31 Anchor entries submitted by eight clubs. It was a daunting task, however enjoyable. The winners will be announced in the Governor's Bulletin or the Anchor newsletter. Congratulations to all who entered and all who won. Special thanks also to their club advisors. They also do an excellent job! These Anchors are truly involved in leadership, caring for others and sharing with their communities.

The Pilot awards will be judged in early April. The deadline for submission to me is March 30. I have already received one entry (Pilot Club of Decatur); I look forward to receiving many more! Forms and award details are on the Alabama District website.

(Side note: The Jo Vaughn Leadership Award has been given. I will send the name of our recipient to Governor Kay for inclusion in an upcoming Governor's Bulletin.)

Lorraine

Social Media

Beverly Wilkerson

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

<https://www.facebook.com/aldistpi/>

<https://www.facebook.com/anchorsclub20/?modal>

<https://www.facebook.com/troyuniversitycompassclub/?epa>



Beverly

Governor's Bulletin Editor

Pam Langhout

Inputs from the DAC, Appointees and Clubs need to be provided to the Editor no later than the 20th of each month to Pam Langhout, planghou@hiwaay.net or snail mail 8218 Goose Ridge Drive, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. Please list your name, position and club (if pertinent). I will send a reminder on the 15th of each month. I look forward to hearing from you. If your photo appears on the FACEBOOK page then it will not be printed in the Bulletin per the DAC.

Any errors are the responsibility of the editor.

Pam



Anchor Coordinator

Suzanne Kendra

Another Anchor Convention is in the record books! Although our numbers aren't what they used to be (170-180), we had more clubs represented this year and more awards entries than we've had in a long time.

We had 3 great speakers! TBI survivor Andrew Winfrey spoke about his wreck and recovery. US Assistant Attorney General Leann White spoke about social media as it relates to human trafficking. Our keynote speakers for the installation banquet, HK Derryberry and Jim Bradford, were a delight to everyone. Anchors led a "Do More" projects workshop where they shared one of their best projects with everyone. We had an election for officers, installation, worship, karaoke, dancing and awards presentation.

Congratulations to Guntersville High School Anchor Club on winning small Club of the Year and Guntersville Middle School on winning large Club of the Year! Congratulations to all winners! This year was the first time some had ever entered. Great job!

With the closing of the schools and "social distancing" we are at a standstill right now. I hope that everyone follows the CDC guidelines and we can all start volunteering again. In the meantime, be safe!

Suzanne

Chaplain

Sherre McGinnis

April Cares and Concerns – Alabama District

As we adjust to staying at home, I pray that we, as Pilots, will be kind, encouraging, and have grace for one another as we seek His daily wisdom.

Lord, we know that everything is in Your control. We ask that You keep this Coronavirus from continuing to spread. Be with the medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers as they work for a cure for this virus. Comfort families who are isolated from their loved ones in an effort to protect them from exposure.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

Please remember the following Pilots with caring thoughts and prayers:

- **PC of Gadsden**: Please keep Joy Smith in your prayers as she recovers from lung surgery. Cheerful cards from Pilot friends may be sent to 2513 Barnes Drive, Hokes Bluff, AL 35903.
- **PC of Heflin**: Deepest sympathy to Sandra Kent in the loss of her sister, Geraldine "Geri" Kent Hughes. Cards may be sent to 17 Atkins Street, Heflin, AL 36264.
- **Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County**: 1999-2000 District Governor Melvye Cooper needs comforting prayers in the loss of her son-in-law Jeffery Wood Hydrick. Your cards may be sent to 2829 Westchester Drive, SW, Decatur, AL 35603.

Celebrations: The Alabama District Anchors, Advisors, DAC, and Pilot supporters had a great convention at the Guntersville State Park Lodge. The Future of Pilot looks bright in our Anchor membership.

Your club cares, concerns, and celebrations may be sent to sam109@bellsouth.net

Sherre

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

Lisa

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **March 30, 2020** District Awards Entries Postmarked to Lorraine Banning

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

Pilot International Founders' Fund (PIFF)

Peggy Harris

PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDER'S FUND

M & M Quarters – 'Convert Coins to Cash' and send to Treasurer Beverly Wilkerson – 1331 Goehler Road SE, Cullman AL 35055.

The Pilot Club of Cullman had a very successful M & M/quarters collection raising \$100. A basket filled with 1.08 oz. size M & M'S (holds approximately \$10 in quarters) was passed around at each club meeting bearing this sign:

PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS FUND
PUT IN \$1 TAKE 1 M & M
EAT ENJOY, FILL WITH QUARTERS
TURN IN MARCH, APRIL CLUB MTG.

Peggy

Nominating Committee Chairperson

Mellisa King

The Nominating Committee is honored to list the 2020-2021 Alabama District Officers. Janice Clark from the Prattville Pilot Club will serve as Governor. Ann Burch from the Enterprise Pilot Club will serve as Governor Elect. Carolyn Cobb from the Enterprise Pilot Club will serve as Secretary. Clair Plott from the Lee County Pilot Club will serve as Treasurer. We thank you ladies for agreeing to serve and we look forward to seeing what you have in store for us this next year. Together we can all do more, care more and be more.

Mellisa King
Carolyn Hammond
Cindy Shrum

Mellisa

These are different times - so this is a different kind of Parliamentarian article.

Elections are finished, the District business being conducted by mail / e-mail, and a lot of the usual Pilot traditions are being put on hold as we practice "social distancing." A lot of us are working from home, so even those personal contacts are few and far between. So what do leaders like us do?

To paraphrase some advice from Patrick Lencioni, he has three recommendations: First, be exceedingly human and demonstrate your concern for the very real fears and anxieties that your people are experiencing by demonstrating your concern for the very real fears and anxieties that your people are experiencing. Second, be persistent. Send people updates and regular communication, even if there is not a lot of new information. When people are isolated, over-communication and encouragement is more important than ever. Finally, be creative. Try new things. Call semi-regular Skype or audio conference meetings to check in with your club members - see how they are doing, let everyone share their experiences in dealing with this situation. Have them share movies and games and other tools that they are finding to be helpful with their families and invite them to tell stories about what is going on in their worlds. Crises provide an opportunity for people to come to know one another and establish bonds that will endure long after the crisis is over.

That is the Genius of Pilot. Keep Calm, and Carry On!

Cindy

The ECR message planned for this month was a preview of Pilot International Convention. While I have every hope that you will still get to read the article and attend our convention in Atlantic City in June, now is not the time for that. So I am preempting your regularly scheduled ECR message for this special message from the President of Pilot International.

Rhona

As you know, the entire world is struggling with COVID-19. In the Pilot world, our District conventions have been cancelled, our staff is working remotely, the Headquarters building is closed to the public, and the status of our Pilot International Convention in Atlantic City in June is uncertain. How long this will last and what the future holds no one knows.

Even so, Pilot friendship and service prevail. Our staff continues to work from their homes to serve the needs of our membership. The COED District will hold its convention via Skype; the others will do business via email and possibly hold delayed installations at Pilot International Convention or District Fall Councils. Planning for the International convention continues, and Pilots continue to register. And although Pilots cannot come together physically in friendship, we come together as we can, through Facebook and Pilot Saturday, through phone calls, texts, What's App, and even old-fashioned snail mail.

Even though it has taken on a different character, we continue to serve, calling and writing to shut-ins and those who are locked down in nursing homes without family or visitors, sewing masks for healthcare workers, and doing pick me ups as we can for those who need them. We may not be able to do our service together by District or by club, but each of us is a Pilot, and, that means we serve, together or individually.

This virus will not last forever. The time will come when we can once again have meetings, host fundraisers, and do projects. We will come together again in friendship and service and we will celebrate the opportunity to gather and improve our communities. And until then we will maintain our friendships from a distance, and as Pilots, we will work in the ways we can to serve others.

I look forward to the day we will once again reach out and hug our fellow Pilots and until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and wash your hands!

Debbie

Debbie Hays

2019-2020 Pilot International President



2019-2020 DAC at Fall Council Fiesta

Left to Right: Beverly Wilkerson, Treasurer;
Janice Clark, Governor Elect, Kay Chandler, Governor and Carolyn Cobb, Secretary

What busy Pilots! Tell us what you are doing! We have a few clubs that are very active and sharing the togetherness of Pilot! What is your club doing to share Pilot? Are you having fun and helping your community? 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

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Pilot Club of Demopolis

Eleanor Park, President

The Pilot Club of Demopolis held a very successful fundraiser for TBI Camp by raising \$1,525 with their annual Valentine Basket tickets. All proceeds raised are donated to this camp each year. Even though school closings has kept our club from presenting the Brain Minder Buddie presentations to all 1st grades in our county, we were fortunate to have the Alabama Power Service Organization to give a donation so we could buy the coloring books to present to all of the 1st graders in Marengo County. Fingerprinting of all children attending the Kindergarten pre-registration was cancelled until the school is back in session at Westside Elementary School. Pilots and Anchors work together to help out.

Our Demopolis High School Anchor Club presented a check for \$500 that they raised in their fundraiser to also benefit TBI Camp again this year, thanks to their Advisor Lisa Lawrence.

Pilot Club of Cullman

Peggy Harris

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pilot Club of Cullman's 28th annual fashion show/luncheon, scheduled for April 22, 2020, has been postponed until an all clear is given from CDC, Governor, and Cullman Mayor.

Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise

Jacque Hawkins, President



The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise participated in the annual "E" Day of Service by delivering baked goods to the Enterprise Public Work's Office. Public Works is made up of four sections of seventy (70) employees and they requested that the club furnish the baked goods when the majority of their personnel would be on duty. Shown in photo front row from left: Kim Hughes; Jay Jernigen; LPCE Members - Debbie Godfrey, Gina Oates, Bonnie Gilmore (Project Chair for "E" Day), Linda Leib, Carol Bass and LPCE President Jacque Hawkins. Back row (from left) Derrick Hooks, Terry Roney, Kenneth Johnson, Jon Byrd, Doug Reynolds and Michael Green. LPCE members participating but not shown in the photo - Fran Walters, Caroline Gebhart, Brandy Woodham, Leslie Adams, Jane Baxley, Pat Green and Sharon Hunt. Photo taken by Starla Barlie.

Pilot Club of Cullman

Peggy Harris

Inez Ruehl, Emeritus, is a Charter Member of Pilot Club of Cullman, and currently living at Westminister Assisted Living of Cullman AL.

Inez will celebrate her 101 birthday on March 27, 2020. Please send Birthday cards to help her celebrate!!!

Mailing address is:

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Cullman AL 35055

Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County

Debbie Froscello, Publicity Chairperson



On March 10th, The Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County (PLCMC) delivered "Pick Me Up" gift baskets, cards and gifts to the caregivers at two CDDNA (Center for the Developmentally Disabled of North Alabama) group homes here in Decatur. The PLCMC is a participant in the "Pick Me Up" program sponsored by Pilot International. Pilot International provided a grant that helped fund this project. "Pick Me Ups" are small gifts given to caregivers to acknowledge and show appreciation to them to uplift and brighten their day for all they do as caregivers.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

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