



Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

“The Power of Pilot”

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It has been my distinct pleasure to serve once again as your Alabama District Governor but, none of this is possible without the help of fellow Alabama Pilots willing to step-up where and when needed.

Many heartfelt “Thanks” to Carolyn, Mary and Kay for being a part of this team. Another part of the 2025 2-26 District team are the appointees: Janice Clark, Parliamentarian & 2026 District Convention Chair; Sherre McGinnis, Inspirational Leader; Mellisa King, Anchor Coordinator; Maggie Mash, Compass Coordinator; Eleanor Park, Fundraising Coordinator; Benny Jo Cockrell, Leadership Coordinator; Summer Evans (North) & Maria Traylor (South), Membership Coordinators; Shanna Barnes, Projects Coordinator; Patricia Clendening, District Photographer; Nancy Bullard, 2025 Fall Council Chair & District Project Committee; Mary Ballard, District Secretary & PI Founders Fund; Cookie Adair, Historian; Carolyn Williams, District Governor Elect & Music Chair; Beverly Wilkerson; 2026-2027 Nominating Committee Chair & Social Media; Joy Wood, District Project Committee (Chair), Ferne Wylodarski & Claire Plott; Beverly Kissinger, Pearl Sparks Scholarship Committee (Chair), Nancy Lehe & Deroma Montgomery; Kay Chandler, District Treasurer & TBI Camp (Chair), Benny Jo Cockrell (Co-Chair), Mollie Riley, Mellisa King & Joy Wood; the late Karene Henson Awards Jury (Chair), Laurie Fraser & Cathy Barker.

Please thank all of these Pilots when you see them. Our District cannot function without the help of Pilots willing to step up into other District roles and each and every one of these people are willing to answer any questions you may have when considering accepting a District Officer or Appointee position.

Thank you again for the honor of serving YOU & OUR District!

In Pilot Service & Friendship,

Lisa Patterson,
2025-26 Governor

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Governor Elect's Message

It has been my pleasure to serve as Governor-Elect for the Alabama District. The members of the 2025-2026 appreciate you for your dedication of service to your various communities. The Alabama District believes in the Pilot International's mission which "is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world."

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City on July 15-18, 2026.

**Carolyn Williams,
Governor Elect**

Secretary's Report

Here we are at the end of the Pilot year and where did the time go? We have gained some new friends, said goodbye to some dear friends and look forward to the future both in our families and in our clubs. I hope that each of you will take the time to recall how much you mean to others. When you play bingo in nursing homes or perform a puppet show in the school take the time to see the faces of those in the crowd. Those smiles and laughter and the time spent in conversation are priceless. All those times you do something special for others are so meaningful. While it might be a little thing to you it could be huge for someone else. Keep your servant heart going through the summer and be ready to hit the ground running in the coming year. Here's to a wonderful summer for each of you.

Mary Ballard,

**District Secretary
Pilot International Founders Fund**

Treasurer's Message

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Alabama District the last two years. The ladies I served with, Laurie, Mollie, Lisa, Mary, and Carolyn are wonderful leaders and served our District well.

Now as we move forward let's put our Pilot Power with Carolyn, Mary, Mollie, Joy and Ferne. Put your Pilot Power into growing our District. Our Membership continues to decline and only you can stop this trend by inviting a "Prospective Pilot". We could double our membership. I challenge you to grow your club by 5 Members-at least.

Make your plans to attend Fall Council and District Convention.

Let's not look back at what was, but forward to what can be!

Be an active member of your club, don't just belong. **Pilot Power—that's us!**

Kay Chandler,

District Treasurer



Inspirational Message

As we say goodbye to another Pilot calendar year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the many ways Pilot membership has impacted our lives. The first thing that comes to my mind is that through **The Power of Pilot** we have made positive changes in our communities. We believed that we could accomplish our tasks, and we did. Sometimes it was harder than we imagined and took longer than we planned. At times it felt daunting and impossible, but we discovered just how strong and powerful Pilots are working together.

Pilot Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

The following Pilots are in our thoughts and prayers:

PCs of Andalusia/Enterprise: Mollie Riley is recovering from knee surgery. Cards may be sent to 300 Sheraton Dr., Andalusia, AL 36420

PC of Cullman: Peggy Brown is recovering from knee surgery. Encouraging cards may be sent to 717 Austin Avenue, SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

PC of Demopolis: Carolyn Robinson would appreciate prayers for her Grandson, Carmon, who recently had liver surgery. Cards may be sent to 604 West Barnes St., Demopolis, AL 36732.

Nadeen Ivory is continuing to recover from heart surgery and is very appreciative for the uplifting prayers and cards. P.O. Box 1142, Demopolis, AL 36732.

Michelle Dill and her Co-Pilot, Joseph, are mourning the passing of his cousin. Notes of sympathy may be sent to 783 Dill Road, Gallion, AL 36743.

PC of Heflin: Sandra Kent's niece, Terri DaLee, passed away after an extended illness. Sandra looked after Terri for many years and called her "Mom." Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Sandra recently received good news following a catheterization procedure which was an answer to many Pilot prayers. Her address is 17 Atkins Street, Heflin, AL 36264.

Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County: Barbara Milligan will be undergoing surgery soon for breast cancer treatment. Prayers for successful surgery and encouraging notes may be sent to 17D Debonair Circle, Decatur, AL 35603.

PC of Prattville: District Governor Lisa Patterson underwent extensive knee surgery and is recovering at home with rehab. We know her strong determination to get back to normal and will be running the roads soon. Encouraging cards may be sent to 28929 Canterbury Road, Daphne, AL 36526.

Note of Thanks: Thank you for the prayers, cards, meals, and memorial donations. to Camp ASCCA during and after the passing of Co-Pilot Jerry. I was touched by the encouragement, the comfort and support from friends who made it possible for me to attend District Convention and take part in the Memorial Service.

"I thank the Lord for you, my friend, and all that we have shared.
My life is so much richer now; His love has placed you there."

Ken Bible

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

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Sherre McGinnis, Inspirational Leader

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Executive Committee Representative

As this Pilot year draws to a close, we pause with grateful hearts and a deep sense of pride in all we accomplished and how we have ***Bloomed in Pilot***. Together, we served with compassion, led with purpose, and strengthened the bonds that make Pilot more than an organization—it is a family.

By now, all district officers are installed and ready to get to work. A heartfelt thank you to those who stepped up to serve as officers in the coming year. Your willingness to lead is a true act of service, and your time, energy, and vision will guide our clubs and districts forward. Because of your commitment, Pilot will continue to thrive and make a lasting impact in the lives we touch.

If you haven't applied for a BrainMinders™, Pick Me Up, or Helmet grant this Pilot year, it is not too late. There is one more opportunity to apply. The deadline is June 15. These grants can help you make things happen in your communities. Take advantage of the funds that are available to you. Pilot International is here to help you make a difference.

The Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference is in Oklahoma City, OK on July 15 -18, 2026. The agenda is full of training and fun. An interactive Bingo and of course, the President's breakfast and the Installation banquet. I hope you are planning to attend.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your ECR this year and watch your district ***BLOOM!***

I look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City where we will begin a new chapter and ***BELIEVE IN YOURSELF! BELIEVE IN PILOT!***

Love,

Lisa

Lisa Palmquist
Pilot International President-Elect