

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

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*Shine Your Light
for Pilot*



District Leadership

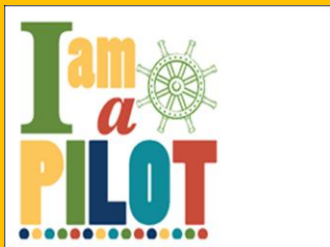
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District Governor Janice Clark

Issue 7

January 2021, Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful time during the holidays. It is time to put 2020 behind us and look forward with hope to 2021. We are still faced with the virus, but with continuation of safe procedures, a vaccine and prayer, we have high expectations this virus will be eradicated soon.

The DAC and the DAAC met in December and decided to terminate the contracts with the Birmingham Marriott. The Anchor and District Conventions for 2021 will be held virtually. The Anchors are not allowed to attend outside functions and many clubs are not meeting. Many Pilot Clubs are meeting virtually and anticipation of low attendance to an in person event was another factor in the decision. I know this is sad news for many, but with numbers continuing to rise and our high-risk membership, we felt this was the best decision. We hope to have an interesting and informative virtual convention. More details to follow as plans are made in the next few weeks. The meeting will be on April 24, 2021 as planned. Hopefully the funds that were planned to be used for District travel and accommodations will be used to attend Pilot International Convention in July. Atlanta is so close and Pilots will be celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary during the convention, so make plans to attend. The Alabama District Pilots received the 2020 Continuous Meritorious Service Award from Camp ASCCA. This award honors individuals and organizations that have rendered ongoing substantial and sustaining service to Camp ASCCA. A brick to honor the Alabama District will be placed in the Pathway to the Future brick path. Also, the District will be highlighted in their upcoming newsletter.

“100 for 100” Membership drive: Pilot Club of Troy is leading the membership drive with three new members. Pilot Club of Decatur is in second with two. Who will Challenge?? Facebook is a great resource to promote your club and ask for volunteers to join you. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to promote Pilot!

Please, new leaders step up and let the nominating committee know you are interested in serving alongside an amazing leader, Beverly Wilkerson. Beverly will be a great mentor to the next Governor-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Qualifications and nominee forms are on the website. Our District needs YOU!!! The DAC is only a phone call or email away, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Janice

Governor Elect

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Happy New Year Pilot Friends! I pray that all of you have stayed safe and well over the holidays. Everything has been different for all of us this past year, but I am most thankful that though many of your clubs have not been able to meet, you have remained true to your Pilot friendships and have been able to continue to serve your communities. Please be thinking about District Officers for 2021-2022. The nominating committee is now seeking nominations. We want and need to keep our district growing through strong leadership. And I want to thank all of you so very much from the bottom of my heart who have agreed to serve along with me as 2021-2022 District Appointees. We will have a great year serving together and we will always continue to strive to Do More, Care More and Be More as we encourage each and one another along the way.

Beverly

District Treasurer

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Happy New Year Pilots! I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. If you are like me, though, it was different. COVID has certainly played havoc on celebrations this year. I pray that 2021 will be a much better year.

REMINDER - February 1 DEADLINE for Pacesetters and the 250 Club Contributions.

Claire

District Secretary

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Happy New Year to everyone! I sure hope Christmas was a great time for all our Pilots and families. I am praying 2021 will be a whole lot better than last year. Maybe all clubs could start off with a New Year's Resolution of getting new members for the great membership drive that our Governor discussed at Fall Council. Just talk Pilot Club on social media and see what happens. Good Luck to everyone.

Carolyn

Governor's Bulletin Editor

Pam Langhout

Inputs from the DAC, Appointees and Clubs need to be provided to the Governor and editor no later than the 20th of each month: 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 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



Social Media

Beverly Wilkerson

How wonderful it has been to be able to keep up with all things Pilot, Anchor and Compass through your postings. So many have not been able to participate this past year in person and it has been a blessing to be able to do so through this social way of contact. Whether it be to congratulate, share prayer requests, post projects or fundraisers, etc., it is most important that we can keep up with one another. Hope to see you on FB!



Here are the URLs for the District, Anchor, Troy University and Covington Compass Clubs.

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

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2357439257832755/>

Beverly

Website Coordinator

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I strive to keep the website as up to date as possible, so if you see anything that needs attention, please feel free to send me an email at lbpatterson72@gmail.com.

Again, our website is www.alabamadistrictpilot.com.

Lisa

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **February 1, 2021**
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 - **February 4, 2021**
 - **March 7, 2021**
 - **March 24, 2021**
 - **April 9-11, 2021**
 - **April 24, 2021**
 - **July 7-11, 2021**
- **Pacesetter Contributions to PI**
 - **Grants and Scholarships Contributions**
 - **Anchor Award Submission**
 - **Virtual Alabama Anchor Convention**
 - **District Awards**
 - **TBI Camp**
 - **Virtual Alabama District Convention**
 - **Pilot International Convention (100th Anniversary), Atlanta, GA**

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

A cute meme made me smile when I read: *So, it turns out that no one in 2015 – not a single person - got the correct answer to the question, “Where do you see yourself five years from now?”*

Even at the first of March, leaving the Anchor convention, most of us still had little or no knowledge about this COVID-19. Within days, our world changed. Now, less than a year later, we all have names on our prayer lists of lives changed for the week or even eternally because of this virus. The comforting thought is that our Heavenly Father sees around the corner. He knows our days and promises to be with us at every step.

Here, at the beginning of a new year, let us remember the challenge of Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader:

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart.**

Amen. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

PC Cullman: Elaine Fuller fell and broke her leg, femur, above the knee, before Thanksgiving. She has been in Lakeshore Rehab (Birmingham) since then, but had to go back to the hospital, St. Vincent's, several days ago. Wayne (her husband) and Suzanne (her daughter) are staying with her alternating 24 hour shifts. Notes of cheer may be sent to Elaine at 1633 Daisy Drive NW, Cullman, AL 35055.

PC Gadsden: Dale Nelson, the son-in-law of member **Iva Patty**, passed away on November 27 from COVID-19. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his wife, Iva Nelson at 1307 Dartmouth Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

PC Heflin: Our dear Past-District Governor and Past PI officer **Bonnie Turner** is scheduled to begin the new year with radiation treatments for non-invasive breast cancer. She had surgery in November. Please send encouragement cards and notes to her at 90 Azalea Drive, Heflin, AL 36264.

PC Tuscaloosa: The club's oldest member, **Wilena Sims**, passed away on December 15, 2020, just days after her 95th birthday. She had been a member of Pilot for more than 50 years. Club members remembered her as having a beautiful spirit.

Former Pilots and still-cherished Friends **Rebecca Branch Trawick** (Cullman) and **Mary George Smith** (Montgomery/Prattville) both expressed appreciation for your thoughts, prayers, and words of encouragement during the past few weeks.

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AWARD JURY

- The deadlines for entries to the Award Jury Chair are fast approaching.
- Please mail Anchor Award entries by February 4, 2021.
- Pilot/Compass Club award entries are to be received by March 24, 2021.
- All forms are on the website.

Mail to: Cindy Shrum, Awards Jury Chair
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Leadership Coordinator

Kay Chandler

I recently read this quote, "Great Leaders don't set out to be a Leader.....they set out to make a difference. It's never about the role-always about the goal." As Pilots, we each want to make a difference in our communities--- and together we can make big differences. Be a leader; make a difference, "Do More, Care More and Be More". Leaders become leaders because they care. A great objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better. As Pilots, we do this each day. "Shine Your Light for Pilot".

Kay

Executive Committee Representative (ECR)

Barbara Crow

Happy New Year! A new year is a cause to celebrate. With the right mindset it speaks to new beginnings, fresh starts and the many opportunities we have for service.

Make a New Year's resolution to be bold, optimistic and step up as a leader in your District. Ask questions about the office, evaluate and then accept the nomination to provide leadership as a District Officer. You and your district will be rewarded as you bring new fresh ideas as a district leader. Candidates' are nominated, then accept and complete necessary paperwork 60 days prior to District Convention.

March 15 is the deadline for Scholarship Applications and quarterly Helmet and Pick-Me-Up Grant Applications. Highlight it on your calendar. Funding is made possible by the generosity of Pilots through donations. The Pilot International Founders Fund supports five scholarships to benefit graduate and undergraduate students seeking a career in one of Pilot's service focus areas plus three additional scholarships for students involved in Anchor. <https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>.

Pilot International wants to recognize Pilots for their time and financial contributions. Pacesetter, 250 Club and 250 Member contributions must be postmarked by February 1st to be recognized at District Conventions. The 250 Club and Member contributions fund Grants and Scholarships. <https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/Contribution-Form-Writeable.pdf>

May 2021 will be the next step forward in leading Pilots to new adventures and successes as we celebrate our first 100 years of Friendship and Service!

Barbara

“Behind the Scenes” DAC

For the last few months, Past District Governors have shared some information for future District Officers. Now is the time---nominations are needed for Governor Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer’s Office. You will have the opportunity to work with Beverly Wilkerson, as our 2021-2022 Governor. Learning and working with Beverly, will be an awesome experience. Yes, it takes times, resources and commitment to be a District Officer, but the Alabama District needs you NOW. I have heard so many, “yes, I’d like to do this someday”. “Someday is here!” The rewards of being a District Officer will be with you for the rest of your life. Commit now, and start your journey of District Leadership. The Alabama District needs great leaders so we can grow back our membership and continue our service and friendship. You are a Pilot; you are a Leader!

Past District Governors

TBI Chairpersons

Kay Chandler and Mollie Riley

TBI CAMP

Hopefully this month we can start making great plans for our April Camp. Mollie and I will be talking with Matt at Camp ASCCA to get his guidance and the “new” norm at Camp. The committee will be purchasing all Bingo prizes, snacks and sanitizing supplies for camp. We need donations of money to do this. It is our goal to make camp safe, a happy place for our Campers and Caregivers, a learning experience for Anchors, and a fun weekend of friendship and service for Pilots. As we get more information, Governor Janice will be getting it out to the Pilots Clubs in Alabama.

Kay and Mollie



The Hundredth Anniversary Committee invites you to check out the website...the countdown to the 2021 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta begins! As documents related to the convention are added to the website, this is where you will be able to locate them.

Pilot International 100th Anniversary Countdown Webpage:

<https://pilotinternational.org/100thanniversary>

We will begin our celebration of 100 years of Pilot Friendship and Service with an opening session on Wednesday evening, July 7th. In that session will be the Flag Ceremony and special entertainment followed by a reception featuring our Pilot International Hundredth Anniversary Cake. Photo opportunities with the cake will be available and great fellowship will be shared. Although registration is months away, please know that you will have the opportunity on the registration form to sign up for a bus trip to tour Pilot International Headquarters and the Heritage Garden in Macon on Friday the 9th. As always, this convention will have great speakers, entertainment, and workshops. So save the dates on your calendar, July 7-10, 2021!

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 AND INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise (LPCE)

Jacque Hawkins, Publicity Chair

Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise and the President of the Enterprise Rotary Club shopped for gifts for special needs individuals who have been invited to the Special Needs Christmas Party for 2020. Working from "wish lists" provided, 126 gifts were purchased. Shown on the shopping trip are from left, Jacque Hawkins, LPCE President Debbie Godfrey, Caroline Gebhart, Carol Bass, Bonnie Gilmore, Rotary President Shane Johnson, Leslie Adams, Sandra Phillips, Nick Green and the chairperson of the Special Needs Christmas Party Pat Green.

