

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin



Fall Council at the Beach



GOVERNOR - LAURIE FRASER'S MESSAGE

Hello Pilots!



I love this time of year. The trees are finally starting to change, the weather is thinking about getting cooler, and we are in full swing with football Saturdays. Speaking of Saturdays, the Alabama District held our Fall Council on Pilot First Saturday. It is always such fun to visit with friends and focus on workshops as we meet for our annual event.

This year our workshops focused on Membership, Projects, Fundraising, Anchors & COMPASS. Each workshop was presented by clubs/members that had experience with successful events. We chose to do this interactively and it turned out great!

We had very interesting speakers; **Barbara Francis speaking on the Honor H.E.R. Organization** which serves female homeless veterans, and **Representative Donna Given**, who spoke about baby boxes throughout the state. You will see more about them further in the bulletin. Our project for this Fall Council was to wrap Christmas presents for the women in the shelter and sign cards to let them know we are thinking about them.



Our banquet theme was *Wacky Tacky Pilots*, and I do believe everyone took this to heart. We had so much fun that night! Our past Governors took the prize. It is no wonder why they were selected for leadership roles. Their ability to take an assignment and deliver beyond what was asked shone through. Our entertainment that evening (beyond the past Governors) was a *Barbershop Quartet 4 For 4*, and they were amazing! They sang songs from different eras, including the 80s, and they had comedy routines. They were fun! We hated to see them go.

I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. I always look forward to Fall Council! We were definitely **Pilots in Action!**

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful Thanksgiving,
Laurie



ALABAMA DISTRICT PILOT INTERNATIONAL 2024-2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

-  March 7-9, 2025, Anchor Convention Embassy Downtown Montgomery, AL
-  April 24-27, 2025, District Convention Embassy Downtown Montgomery, AL

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GOVERNOR-ELECT – LISA PATTERSON

Sunday's Fall Council speaker was **AL District Representative, Donna Givens**, who was instrumental in securing Alabama's expanded Safe Haven "Baby Boxes" Law. When Gov. Kay Ivey signed it June 2023, Alabama became the 12th state with a Safe Haven Law. This law authorizes parents who are unable to care for a new baby the option to voluntarily and anonymously surrender their baby by placing it inside the Safe Haven Baby Box within 45 days of the birth. The boxes are designed with Innovative safety features and installed on the exterior wall at a hospital or fire station that is equipped with emergency personnel on-site 24-7. Once a baby is surrendered, an alarm will alert personnel on-site, medics will do an initial examination then transfer the infant to a local hospital for further treatment. The Alabama Department of Human Resources will then place the baby under the care of child protective services. Once cleared by the hospital the baby will be offered for adoption to properly screened adoptive parents.



Less than two weeks after the state of Alabama's second Baby Box was installed at the Madison Fire Department Station 1 on January 10th, an infant girl, was safely and legally surrendered into a Baby Box.



Before Baby Boxes were available, mothers would hand over their babies face-to-face to hospital personnel at an emergency room. Fear of arrest caused drug addicted mothers to give birth at home or in secret often resulting in the infant's death. Now babies can be surrendered anonymously – saving a baby's life. This also gives couples unable to bear a child the opportunity to become the parents they've always dreamed of.

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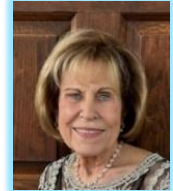
TREASURER - KAY CHANDLER

What a wonderful Fall Council down at Orange Beach. It was time for us to renew friendships, learn new projects and fundraisers and learn new ways to grow our membership. We also had lots of fun raising the necessary funds for our Scholarships and Projects. On one of the evaluations sheets, we were asked why we had fundraisers at Fall Council. Probably the most direct answer is because we need to. And the fundraisers we have, no one must buy a ticket or bid on the Crazy Auction. It's a choice we make as Pilots. Also, the clubs that had Market Tables out did themselves. So many wonderful items to purchase. I think everyone did a little early Christmas shopping.

Now for the totals, we raised **\$685.00** for our Pearl Sparks Scholarship with our Purses for Pearl. Clubs donated some really nice purses. Thank you and I'm sure our Scholarship winner will be very appreciative! The Baskets were outstanding!! I'm sure glad I didn't have to pick the winners. We grabbed two tourists out of the Lobby to judge and had a wonderful opportunity to Share Pilot with them. The Crazy Auction brought us \$833.00, and the Basket Raffle added another \$804.00 for a total of **\$1,637.00** to go toward our District Projects. It was a fun successful time for everyone! Thank you to all the Pilot Clubs who donated baskets and purses and to all the Pilots who bought tickets or bid on items!

Together we always make a difference.

Kay Chandler, Treasurer



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SECRETARY - MOLLIE RILEY

Hello, My Pilot Family!

WOW! What an Amazing Fall Council weekend. I want to give a BIG Thank You to all who helped make the Fall Council a success. I would also like to Thank **Michele Dill from the Pilot Club of Demopolis and Debbie Shelton from the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise** for speaking about their club projects.

For those who missed the Fall Council, we had a very touching and heartfelt speaker, **Barbara Francis**, a retired veteran from the United States Navy serving 20 years. In addition to her distinguished military career, she has devoted herself to serving homeless female veterans. That is how she got involved with the *Honor H.E.R. Foundation* when it was just a vision and a prayer. *Honor H.E.R. Foundation Inc.* provides housing and services to homeless women veterans. Francis and volunteers strive to recapture our sisters' independence and provide help for those with brain injuries and PTSD. Francis explains how the system has failed our female veterans and how people can help. To learn more about the foundation, google **Honor H.E.R. Foundation** or www.honorher.org.

We did a very special Pick-Me-Up Project for the female veterans. We decided to give them Christmas gifts so they would have something to open, with love from the Alabama District Pilot Club. We wrapped beautiful, warm wraps and cozy socks with extra goodies donated by a Pilot member. Thank you to the Pilots who wrapped gifts and those who wrote words of encouragement in cards for the ladies to read.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and just think of how blessed we are as Pilots to be able to do what we do for our community.

Hugs and Pilot Love,
Mollie Riley



PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS' FUND – MARY BALLARD

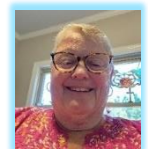
Hello Pilot sisters! It was great seeing many of you at Fall Council in Orange Beach.

Congratulations to all the raffle winners, weren't the baskets wonderful? The Purses for Pearl was such a great idea, too!

Many, many thanks for the ink cartridges you brought this weekend. I shipped off a box today to yet another recycling company. Keep saving them for us. Also, if your club has collected quarters, or other monies, for PIFF please get your club check to me or Kay Chandler so that it can be recorded and deposited into the district account.

Wishing each of you and your families a blessed and thankful November!

Mary Ballard
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL 11-13, 2025

DISCO TIME @ CAMP ASCCA TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CAMP

Just a little over five months and our Campers and Caregivers will be arriving at Camp and we will be celebrating old friendships and making new ones!

WE NEED

- Bingo- Each club donate 10 each prizes with a value of \$5-\$10 per item.
- Scrapbooking - Supplies needed
- Crafting – Supplies and ideas needed
- Other Needs: Small items for our Campers backpacks
- Pick-me-ups for our Caregivers
- Camperships--\$300.00 each

AND WE NEED YOU---PILOTS, ANCHORS AND COMPASS MEMBERS!!!!

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Alabama District 2024-2025 Fundraiser \$1,000.00 Give Away

Tickets: \$10.00 each



Each Pilot to sell 10 Tickets.

For each 10 tickets a Pilot Sells-they get one free ticket in the drawing

For each \$1,000.00 worth of tickets a Club sells, they get one free ticket in the drawing.

Prizes: \$1,000.00

\$ 500.00

\$ 250.00

\$ 100.00

\$ 50.00

****If only 200 Pilots sell 10 tickets each we could net \$18,100.00 less expenses**

Drawing to be held December 7, 2024

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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER - NADEEN IVORY PILOT CARES & CONCERNS

The grass withers, and the flower fades, but the word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

The Fall of the year has begun. The leaves are falling, and the weather has changed. We are busy showing Love and Action with adding New Members, working on New Projects, and having Share Pilots. Let's continue to do work as **"Pilots In Action"**.

- ♥ PC of Troy, Lynn Tillery and Co-Pilot Johnny's, daughter Cynthia Ann Stephen, passed on 9-17-24 she was 58. Please keep Lynn and the family in your prayers.
- ♥ PC of Huntsville, Fran Morgan's, Brother Ken Heider, funeral was held on 9-23-24 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Robstown, Texas. Please keep Fran and family in your prayers.
- ♥ PC of Lee, Star Wray's mom, Carolyn Ravren, passed on 10-4-24. Keep Star and her family in your prayers.
- ♥ PC of Heflin is asking for prayer for members, Laura Cobbs who has torn retinas in her eyes and has had surgery.
- ♥ PC of Heflin, Sue Middleton Ginn, who has recently been in the hospital and needs prayer.
- ♥ PC of Heflin, President, Sandra Fay Kent's niece, Terri DaLee, has had kidney stone surgery and her kidney is functioning below normal. She desires continued prayers.
- ♥ PC of Enterprise, Elise Wilson, had Shoulder Surgery on 9-23. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.
- ♥ PC of Enterprise, Wilma Bacon, Upcoming Test and Surgery.
- ♥ PC of Enterprise, Carolyn Cobb, continue to pray for her recovery from her surgery.
- ♥ PC of Enterprise, Ree Strickland, several deaths in family.
- ♥ PC of Roanoke, Karene Henson, prayers for recovery from dislocated hip due to fall.
- ♥ Please keep all our Pilot Members in pray for a speedy recovery and healing. Please continue to pray for all who lost loved ones, had surgery and just need prayer.
- ♥ Pray for many people in various states who have lost their lives, homes, and everything they own due to flood and hurricane.
- ♥ Please pray for our world that the Lord will help us to learn to Love each other as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

FAITH STEPS: Are you feeling hopeless today? Turn your discouragement into a hope-filled Prayer and ask Jesus to help you find joy.

Please send any death, prayer request or celebration before the 20th of month to Nivory2055@att.net

DO MORE, CARE MORE, BE MORE

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ECR – LISA PALMQUIST

Are you getting your decorations ready? As the holidays begin to approach hopefully you are making plans with friends and family to celebrate, and as our calendar year begins to wind down and you make some cherished memories and enjoy some good eating!!

It is also always an encouraging time to see the districts getting together for various fellowship and training opportunities. This time of year, gives us a chance to gather with clubs from around our districts and hear of all the exciting projects, fundraisers, and other great events they have occurring. Traveling home from Fall events is always a great time for a brainstorming session!

International Care and Kindness Week starts November 3rd – be sure to send pics or tag Pilot International Headquarters in your celebrations!

Giving Tuesday is around the corner on December 3rd this year! Below are some great facts from <https://www.givingtuesday.org.uk/10-things-never-knew-givingtuesday/> It is exciting to participate again this year!

It's a record breaker. #givingtuesday has set, and then broken, the Guinness World Record for the most amount of money donated online to a charity in 24 hours! **It's making a real difference to people's lives.** It's easy to talk about the big numbers when it comes to #givingtuesday, but do you know the impact the day is having on real lives? In 2016 Clic Sargent raised almost \$10,000 which paid for an extra 360 hours of nursing care for young patients receiving treatment for cancer. **It's a global craze.** But unlike fidget spinners, #givingtuesday actually has a purpose, celebrating charity and encouraging giving to some amazing causes. It now runs officially in 30 countries. **It has its own puppy.** Meet Lacey, a Golden Retriever who's first year of assistance dog training was funded through donations on #givingtuesday. **It's becoming a tradition.** Some of our favorite partners are those who use #givingtuesday to do the same thing every year and have made it into a tradition.

Thousands goes to charity every minute. Visa Europe told us that in 2015 more than \$8,000 was donated to charity every minute by people using their payment cards. There's 1440 minutes in a day, so that's a lot of cash!

Speaking of money, **990s are due** in November. Don't forget to submit it for you club so you can maintain your tax status. (By the Way – there were no fun facts about 990s found on Google!)

It's time for annual Anchor Dues! Be sure to reach out to club sponsors and give them a gentle reminder. If you do not have an Anchor club nearby, you can always reach out to our Specialist, Mallory Morgan, as there are plenty of ways to support our Anchor (and Compass) Division!

In Pilot Friendship and Love,
Lisa



The Alabama District Pilot International

2024 Fall Council in Orange Beach, AL

Hands of Pilot trees



'Wacky Tacky DAC



'Wacky Tacky' Past AL District Governors



4 For 4 Barbershop Quartet