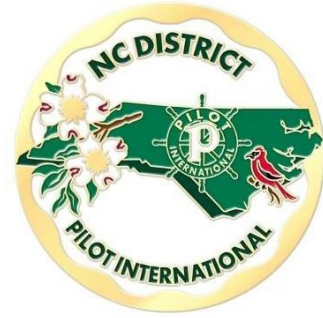


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Message from Your District Governor

Governor's Corner

Be The Change You Wish to See in The World

October is a gentle reminder to embrace every season of life. As Pilots, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health while supporting those who care for others. Our Fall Workshop exemplified all of this as

Pilots. Friendships we renewed, new friendships made. Our guest speakers Renea Henderson, of Renea Henderson Ministries and Jo Hunt, founder of Ready, Set, Speak, both ladies shared their testimonies of being caregivers and being responsible for others. They enlightened us all!

Our Jeopardy game was a huge success with our panel of guests, judges and timekeepers.

Marketplace and our silent auction for our table centerpieces were a hit. We raised over \$1000 for The Children's Baptist Home in Thomasville. We were honored to have our Executive Committee Representative, Joanne Mason and PI Vice President Leslie McLaughlin who joined us for the weekend. The weekend would not have been a success without the DAC, Ann, Kimberly, and Elizabeth, and all you, Pilots!

Thank you to those that attended. We are looking forward to seeing you at Convention along with those that were not able to be with us.

Remember to take each day and be thankful for family, friends and loved ones! With love, Carole / Governor



October 2 Pilot 1st Saturday Pilot Walk

October 15 PIFF Matching Grant Emergency Response Grant Application Deadline

October 18 Founders Day

October 25 Make a Difference Day

From your PIFF Representative

Thank you to all who participated in our Amazon gift card raffle. We raised \$275 for the Founders Fund!! It has been transmitted to PIHQ to be credited to the North Carolina district! Thank you again.



If you have not already done so, please remember to send your club Ambassador's name and your donation to PIHQ so that they can be recognized in a future Pilot Log. This Pilot is recognized for his/her support of Pilot's mission and programs and for giving of her time and talents to further our goals.

The **matching grant deadline** is quickly approaching. **October 15th** is the deadline. You still have time to apply. Just be sure to follow ALL directions and have someone not involved in writing the grant to proofread it before you submit it. Something as simple as a missing signature could get your application disqualified.

PIFF FAQs: Can club donations be made in multiple payments? Absolutely!! Small clubs that do small fundraisers may find it easier to make their 250 donations in multiple payments.

LEADING TOGETHER

Because every Pilot Can Lead!

Kathy Rogister
Leadership Committee



Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!

At the heart of every thriving Pilot Club is leadership rooted in genuine connection. When leaders listen with care, speak with kindness, and share openly, they build trust, strengthen the bonds that unite us, and inspire every member to serve with greater purpose, enthusiasm, and impact. I offer some tips below that can help us communicate more effectively as leaders and keep our clubs focused on shared ideas and goals.

- Listen to understand, not just to respond.
- Be clear and concise. Say what needs to be said without making it complicated.
- Ask instead of assume. A simple question can prevent a big misunderstanding.
- Watch your tone. People may forget your exact words, but they'll remember how the conversation made them feel.
- Address problems early. Small misunderstandings are easier to solve than accumulated resentment.
- Praise publicly; correct privately.
- Don't communicate when you're angry. Give yourself time before sending that email or text.
- Make it safe for people to disagree. Good leaders don't need everyone to agree with them.
- Keep people informed. Silence and uncertainty invite rumors and assumptions.
- Remember that communication goes both ways. A leader who does all the talking isn't really communicating.
- You don't have to have the last word—you need to make sure everyone feels they had a chance to have a word.

KR/"CG"

SERVICE to OTHERS

QUOTES & PILOT FACTS



- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
- ❖ Albert Schweitzer: "The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others."
- ❖ Albert Einstein: "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."
- ❖ Marian Wright Edelman: "Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time."
- ❖ Martin Luther King Jr.: "Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."
- ❖ Robert G. Ingersoll: "We rise by lifting others."
- ❖ Mother Teresa: "Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love."

DID YOU KNOW??

Pilot International was chartered on October 18, 1921 in Macon, Georgia, U.S.A. by Elizabeth Leonard and 40 local businesswomen. The name "Pilot" was inspired by the mighty riverboat pilots of that day who represented leadership and guidance.

Pilot Principles: Friendship and Service

Motto: "True Course Ever"

Colors: Green (life and vigor) and Gold (sincerity of purpose)

Emblem: A riverboat pilot's wheel with eight spokes

First Pilot President: Lucy B. Allen, elected at the organization's first convention in 1922.

Ruby Newhall, President of Pilot International in 1949, first envisioned [Anchor Clubs](#), Pilot's youth service organization arm.

The Road of Life Has Many Turns

Just take it one day at a time

Sometimes the road of life takes us to a place we had planned...

Sometimes it shows us a surprise around the bend

we could never have anticipated.

We make decisions based on the information we have...

We accept the ups and downs as they come...

We live "One day at a time" but often we find it is only when we look back that we can see that what we had thought was the 'wrong turn' has brought us to exactly

the right place and every step

was the right one after all.

Some people have a way of brightening someone's day and it's with little things that mean so much.

A hug when it is needed or a comforting word of encouragement.

That special person is YOU!



Joy, Prayers and Concerns

Pilot Club of Raleigh

Jo's son wanted us to know she is doing well after her surgery today. She will be recovering in the hospital for a day or two and then transitioning to a rehab facility. Where that will be is unknown. Please keep Jo in your thoughts and prayers. I'm sure a text or phone message will encourage and comfort her as the healing journey begins.

Pilot Club of Rutherford County

Prayers for Lois Huskey as she continues treatment

Prayers for Beverly McKinney as she is having health issues.

Foothills Pilot Club

Prayers for Zana Whitmire as she continues to recover

Pilot Club of Greensboro

Prayers for Shannon Clegg (109 Sagewood Rd / Jamestown, NC 27282)

Rotator cuff surgery on Monday 9/28 ~ doctor pleased with surgery / approximately 8 weeks recovery time.

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Member Recipe Spotlight

This Month's Featured Member: Pat Higgins Pat Higgins –
PC of Rutherford County (Great Pick me Up to put in a basket)

Apple Pie Bread

INGREDIENTS

1 – 21 oz. can apple filling
1 cup butter – room temperature
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup (packed) dark brown Sugar
2 large eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
2 cups all purpose
flour 1 teaspoon
baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cups raisins
3/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Lightly grease a 9x5 loaf pan
In a medium bowl, use a potato masher to break up apples in the filling; set aside.
In a large mixing bowl, cream together butter, white sugar, and brown sugar. Stir in eggs, apples, and vanilla extract until well blended. Sift together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Stir into apple mixture, then stir in raisins and walnuts.
Pour batter into prepared pan.
Bake in preheated oven for 60 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of the loaf comes out clean. Let bread cool in pan for 15 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

If you would like to contribute a recipe to our monthly newsletter, please submit it to Elizabeth Deer at deer7291@gmail.com.



ECR Message

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Embrace the Season

October brings a beautiful reminder that change can be inspiring. As the leaves begin to change and a new season unfolds, we are reminded that every season brings opportunities to pause, reflect, grow, and begin again. What better time to embrace our theme: “Believe in Yourself.”

Across our Pilot family, Districts are gathering for their Fall Council Meetings, with training, learning, planning, and fellowship taking place. These gatherings strengthen our leadership, provide opportunities to share ideas and help prepare our Clubs for a successful year ahead. As you participate in District training, remember you have something valuable to contribute.

Believe in your abilities, your ideas, and your ability to make a difference. Encourage those around you to believe in themselves too for leadership positions.

October also brings several meaningful opportunities to celebrate our Pilot legacy and put service into action. **October 15 is the deadline for PIFF Matching Grant applications**, a wonderful opportunity to turn creative ideas into meaningful community service.

On October 18, Founders Day gives us a chance to honor the vision and commitment of those who began Pilot International and the legacy of service they created.

As we celebrate **Make a Difference Day on October 25**, let us remember that making a difference does not have to be complicated. A helping hand, a kind word, or a simple act of kindness can have a lasting impact.

Looking ahead to November, remember to “fall back” one hour on November 1 where Daylight Saving Time applies and **ensure Anchor and Compass dues are submitted on time. International Care ; Kindness Week, November 9–13**, culminates in **World Kindness Day on November 13**—a perfect time to let our kindness shine through our words, actions, and service.

As the leaves change, let us embrace our own opportunities for growth. **Believe in yourself. Believe in your Club. Believe in your ability to make a difference.** Together, let us Do More, Care More, and Be More, one act of kindness, one service project, and one person at a time. Believe in yourself...because the world needs what you have to give!

Joanne Mason
Executive Committee Representative



FALL WORKSHOP 2026 / Kannapolis NC



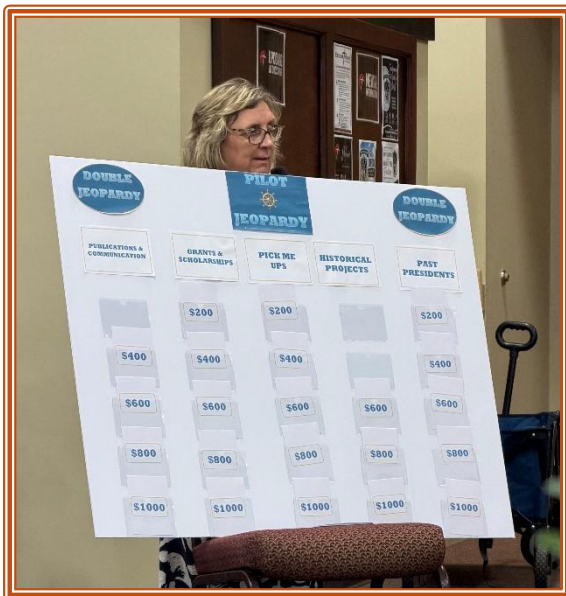


JEOPARDY!!!!

LAUGHTER & LESSONS



CONGRATULATIONS TO LESLIE McLAUGHLIN OUR 2026 CHAMPION



Thank you, Kimberly, for all the hard work
finding questions / answers and fixing the gameboards.
It was very well done.



Shannon and all her goodies



Marketplace



Dual Control

in Cash Handling

Two People.
One Process.
Greater Security.



By adopting Dual Control,
your club safeguards its assets and
builds trust through transparent
financial practices.

Key Points for Effective Dual Control:

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Count cash together.
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Document cash counts with both signatures.
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Secure cash properly.
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Regular reconciliations comparing cash on hand to records.



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NC District Treasurer

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