



NC DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

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May the spirit of this joyous holiday bring you comfort, peace, and happiness. Take time to spread love and kindness to family, friends, and those less fortunate. Find joy in the little things and be aware of your blessings.

Please note all the important Pilot news in this bulletin and it is not too early to consider being an Officer on the 2024-2025 NC District Administrative Council Your District believes in YOU!

I wish you and your family peace, love, and holiday cheer!

Governor Leslie





I Corinthians 13, The Christmas Version

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny balls; but do not have love, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime; but do not have love, I'm just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity; but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels, and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata; but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love does not envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas China and table linens. Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love does not give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who cannot.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails.

Toys will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust; but giving the gift of love will endure.

Hoping that your Christmas is filled with love, good health, good folks, good works, and all the blessings you can think of!

**With Pilot love,
Marian**

CARES, AND CONCERNS

Pilot Club of Greensboro- Kim Smith's brother, Cliff, is in ICU in Illinois. Please pray for healing.

Pilot Club of Rutherford County - Member Laverne Walker Passed away November 18. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Myra Geer lost her sister recently

Janice Paris's great grandson has become one of Heaven's littlest angels.

Pilot Club of Tarboro - Charter member Gladys Shelton had a automobile wreck, and is still recovering at home. Please send healing thoughts her way.

Pilot Club of Raleigh-Wanda Robinson's Co-Pilot, Mike, is having medical issues. Please send healing thoughts..



Sending you warm greetings, full of best wishes for you and your families. May the holiday season bring you health, love, prosperity, and peace! On behalf of Pilot International and the communities you serve, I thank you for your devotion, your energy, your ideas, and your inspiration.

Our Giving Tuesday campaign is winding up. We cannot thank you enough for the outstanding support and generosity you have shown by supporting our Quarterly Grants via our Goals for Grants and Scholarship program. Our goal was \$25,000 and donations are still being accepted. Stay tuned for the total raised!

Reminder- December 1st is the deadline for Governor Elect to notify Pilot International Headquarters of District Team Appointments, dates and locations for Fall Council/Workshop and District Convention.

Heritage Garden brick orders are due December 15th. Buying a brick is a unique way to honor previous Pilots, Clubs, loved ones and special memories. All bricks purchased will be displayed and used in the design of the walkway in the Pilot International Heritage Garden. 4" x 8" Bricks can be purchased for \$100. They include three (3) Lines of text with 16 characters per line. If requested, an acknowledgement letter is sent to the donor and a recipient letter is sent to the honoree/family acknowledged.

May you and yours experience hope and tranquility during the holidays, knowing that our communities are stronger because of you!



**NICKOLA DAWKINS
NC ECR
PRESIDENT ELECT PILOT
INTERNATIONAL
BAHAMAS DISTRICT**



Save THE Date

**DECEMBER 2- PILOT FIRST
SATURDAY**

**DECEMBER 15-PMU AND HELMET
GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE**

**DECEMBER 15-HERITAGE GARDEN
BRICK ORDERS DUE**

**APRIL 5-6, 2024- DISTRICT
CONVENTION-
ST. JAMES, NC**

**JULY 17-20, 2024-PILOT
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION -
DENVER, COLORADO**





LAVERNE WALKER
1940-2023
PC RUTHERFORD COUNTY



NEW NC PILOTS!!



Foothills Pilot Club of NC welcomed three new members at their meeting on November 8. Judy Toney, charter member, led the installation. Pictured L-R are Judy Toney, Johnnie Martin, Sherry Owens, Kayleigh Kite.

PILOT
INTERNATIONAL
Do More. Care More. Be More.



**PC ASHEBORO- HELEN "MISSY" TOWNSEND
KAREN LEMMOND**



Kindness MATTERS

The Pilot Club of Tarboro has an annual fundraiser by selling Memorial Lights for the tree that is located on The Town Common. Each year the Tarboro Electric Utility Department hangs the lights on the tree. As Frances Wright was driving through town on Monday and passed The Common, she noticed the guys and several trucks were there hanging the lights. She immediately went to a nearby restaurant that is famous for their cheese biscuits, bought a dozen and took them to the workers. Attached is a picture of the awesome Tarboro Electric Utility workers in front of the tree.



KINDNESS

To celebrate Care and Kindness Week, the members of the Pilot Club of Kannapolis collected \$500 in gift cards for CVAN's Holiday Program. The cards will be used by the organization to help provide for the women and children in their care. We have included information from CVAN on their services.



CVAN safety, shelter & support for battered women & their children

Many thanks for reaching out about CVAN's Holiday Program this year – Together, we helped 123 women and children with gifts, food and supplies last year.

Our hybrid Holiday Program, which we developed through the pandemic, actually turned out to have many pluses – giving several options.

Here are ways you can help:

- * **Gift Cards:** Instead of buying gifts, you could get gift cards to discount stores like Walmart and Target. With gift cards, Moms can shop directly for their kids and CVAN staff can shop for gifts for Moms, supplies and food.
- * **Store Shopping:** If you prefer to go out and shop off the shelves – we appreciate that too! Just give us a call when you're coming. We have a table outside on the porch to put everything on.
- * **Online Shopping:** And online shopping is another option. Items can be shipped directly to our office. Call us for the address.

Wish List: We don't have a specific Wish List. Instead, since we have kids of all ages and genders – just shop like you would for someone you know!

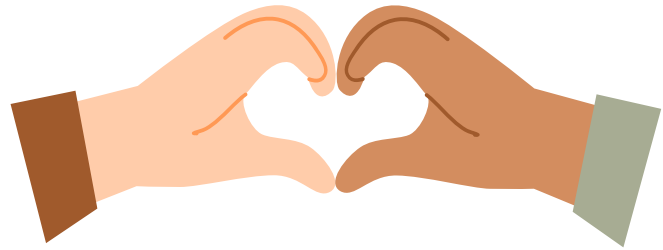
Wrapping Paper: We order it online ahead of time, but feel free to add it with your gifts, if you prefer.

Deadline: Friday 12/8 – but just let us know if you need more time!

Your support helps bring true holiday hope and joy. Last Christmas morning, as her children were squealing with delight, their Mom said to our Advocate – "I never dreamed I could get Christmas for my kids this year, how can I ever thank you for being like family to us."

From January to September - we answered 1,378 calls on our 24-hour Hotline; provided 2,494 nights of Shelter and 9,976 meals; helped 177 former Shelter residents with supply food and support; and went to court with 120 women seeking restraining orders.

If you have questions or need more information, call our office at 704.788.1108



Care and Kindness Week - PC of Rutherford County

Pat Higgins

Wayne and I raked and blowed the leaves out of our neighbor's Nancy yard twice already as she has a huge oak tree that is still shedding.

Made a couple of pies and delivered them to my friends.

Beverly McKinney

I took muffins to a friend whose husband died and whose funeral is tomorrow. I also, made deviled eggs and chicken salad sandwiches for his Visitation.

Kay Pendarvis

I made cookies and took them to my co-workers at Isothermal Community College.

Donna McCann

My daughter and I were visiting Pigeon Forge TN and were walking on a trail with Christmas lights. We were attempting to take pictures of ourselves when a young couple stopped and said they would take our picture. When he was done, we asked if we could take theirs as well. After my daughter took several pictures of them the young man asked if she would take one more. Of course, she said! He then got down on his knee and pulled out a ring and asked his girlfriend to marry him. A simple act of kindness overwhelmed us with joy as well as the couple and the people around us!



FROM YOUR PIFF REPRESENTATIVE, Amy Hurst

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday whether you were with family and friends or enjoyed a quiet day at home with a turkey sandwich while yelling at the football games. I was lucky enough to do both. Boys, dogs, chaos and turkey on Wednesday night and a quiet day for me on Thursday. There are so many things I have to be thankful for. Family, friends and all my fellow Pilots. You don't know how much you have contributed to my life. Thank you!

As you read this, Giving Tuesday has come and gone. Were you able to help us fund our quarterly grants? If it slipped past you, there is still time. You can donate online, over the phone or via snail mail by downloading the donation form. ALL sizes of donations are appreciated and put to good use. You have some time to get your donation to headquarters. To be counted in the Giving Tuesday total, they will need to be to Pilot headquarters by December 8th.

This year, the funds raised on Giving Tuesday will be used to fund the quarterly grants. Those are the Pick Me Up, Helmet, and the NEW BrainMinders grant. Have you applied for one of the quarterly grants? It's not hard. December 15th is the next deadline. We got information on the new BrainMinders grant during the November Power Hour. The recording will be posted on the PI website shortly and you can review the information. If you need help finding the recording of the Power Hour sessions, let me know and I will be glad to assist.

Let's bring our donation dollars back to North Carolina! Apply for those quarterly grants and make plans for the matching grants in the next Pilot year.



BELIEVE

YOU CAN

**WE BELIEVE IN YOU!
FROM YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**KIM SMITH
2023-2024 DAC NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**WE HOPE THIS FINDS YOU PREPARING FOR A RELAXING AND LOVING
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**WE ARE NAVIGATING AT GREAT SPEED THIS YEAR, READY TO STEER
INTO 2024 WITH PLANS TO FILL OUR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL FOR 2024-2025.**

**PLEASE BE THINKING ABOUT OUR PHENOMENAL PILOTS TO NOMINATE
FOR THESE IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP ROLES.**

**WE KNOW YOU ARE READY TO DO MORE. CARE MORE. BE MORE! GO
PILOT!**

GOOD VIBES 😊

KIM

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PEP EXPANSION PHASE 2 COMMITTEE UPDATE

The PEP Committee Phase 2 is the reclaiming of disbanded clubs. To date, the committee has been working to identify all the disbanded clubs in each of our districts. The Governors and Executive Committee Representatives (ECR) for the district will be contacted to assist in identifying the last known point of contact for that disbanded club. In addition, we have members of our Phase 2 Committee actively pursuing forming new clubs in the western parts of the United States.

Currently of our 19 districts, we have 9 districts that are below the 250-member charter strength. These 9 districts are the ones we will be concentrating on to get them up to their charter strength. If we are successful in having these districts reach their 250-member strength, we will add an additional 907 members. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!

We encourage you to hold recruitment or Share Pilot events this year. If every member and club were to embrace recruitment efforts, and add ONE, imagine the new talent, and support your club will have. Imagine the new ideas, relationships, and community reach you will gain. Imagine your legacy of keeping Pilot afloat into the next generation of Pilots!

We will coordinate with District Governors, and ECRs and request their help in the recruitment of new members. We will work together as a TEAM!!

**Thank you,
Connie Moore
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