

# Governor's Bulletin

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## Governor's Thoughts

Can't wait to see you all again soon in Charlotte, NC. Don't forget the dates July 23 - 27, 2025. If you have not registered you can still do that on the PI website. I want to say again thank you for all your support, prayers, and words of encouragement this year. You all are what got me through this ordeal. I have enjoyed being your Governor again. It was even better the seconded time around. My cup overflows with the love I have in my heart for all of you. I hope we all will support the new DAC that will be installed in July. Have a great summer and if you have anything going on in your area please let us know. So we all can try and help our fellow members out. I'm always ready for a road trip.

#### **Dates to Remember for the Month of June**

- 1 Pilot Club Officers installed prior to July 2 Governor notifies Anchor Specialist at PIHQ of all information concerning Anchor representative(s) attending the Anchor Leadership Summit no later than June 1.
- 3 Club international dues sent to PIHQ no later than July 1.
- 4 Clubs receive annual invoice for international dues payable by July 1. 5 Within 50 days following District
- Convention, approved Minutes distributed.



Remember All Aboard leaving No Pilot Behind,

Your Pilot Sister, and for the last time I say good-bye as the NC District Governor. Many blessings to all of you.

Desi Harris



Inspirational Leader. . . Myra Geer

As we head into a new Pilot year with new officers and committee members (some may be the same), our course is planned (what we hope to accomplish). We make our plans, however as in life, we may need to adjust our sails (change our plans).

I read a story about a young couple sailing from Vancouver to Mexico. They kept a blog and called it "Sailing into Sunshine". In some ways, this describes one's life journey. We're sailing to sunshine. Even when we are caught in a storm of adversity, we're sailing to sunshine. We know the storm will pass, we know that if we stay the course, we will find harbor; we know that behind these clouds and beyond the storm there is sunshine. We also know who is at the helm. It is the same One who stood in a boat during a squall on the Sea of Galilee and said to the wind and waves, "Please! Be still (Mark 4:39)

The 19th century cleric Edward Hopper who pastored Sag Habor Presbyterian Church on Long Island and the Church of Sea and Land in New York City, churchs for sailors penned this hymn.

Jesus, Savior, Pilot me/Over life's tempestuous sea;

Unknown waves before me roll./ Hiding rocks and treacherous shoal;

Chart and compass come from Thee / Jesus, Savior, Pilot me!

When at last I near the shore / And the fearful breakers roar Twixt me and the perfect rest, / Then, while leaning on Thy breast, May I hear Thee say to me, / "Fear not—I will Pilot thee!"

May your Pilot year be one of success as we plot our course in friendship and service. With God as our Pilot, we surely will succeed in our efforts to make the lives of others better and strengthen our friendships.

I want to thank you wonderful Pilots for your kindness and support as I attempted to provide inspiration to you this year. God's Blessing to each of you.

In Pilot Friendship and Service Myra

#### CARES

#### **Pilot Club of Laurinburg**

Prayers for Renee Snipes and family in the death of her son last month

#### **Pilot Club of Rutherford County**

Prayers for Pat Higgins as she recovers from complications from knee replacement surgery and continued physical therapy.

Prayers for Donna McCann's sister, Kathy, as she experienced an allergic reaction to chemo and will be getting a new chemo drug.

Prayers for Faye Wilson, who had a pacemaker put in and is in rehab

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#### A Message from your PIFF Representative

Once again, I must thank the North Carolina Pilots as individuals and as clubs who made it possible for our district to once again be recognized as a 250 District. If you are attending PI Convention, you will receive a ribbon for your convention badge. It's my understanding they will also be recognizing Pacesetter Districts. We'll see. In order to be recognized as a Pacesetter District, all clubs must pay their Pacesetter assessment of \$10 per member. As you begin your 2025-2026 Pilot year, be sure to include \$250 for grants and scholarships as well as your Pacesetter donations.

Don't forget that June 15th is the deadline for quarterly grants. That is the last one in this Pilot Year. If you have received ANY grant from PI, it is important that you fill out the follow-up documentation requested and get it back to PI in a timely manner. Bring those dollars back to North Carolina by applying for a grant!

I hope to see many of you in Charlotte in July!

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#### A WORD FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

As our Pilot year winds down, please remember that your dues are payable by the end of June. Please write 2 checks payable to the North Carolina District. One for dues and one for scholarships. Makes the bookkeeping a bit easier. Be sure to send your dues to PI as well as the District.

You have probably approved your budget for the 2025-2026 year.

Please remember a budget is a GUIDE. It CAN be amended as necessary.

Maybe your big fundraiser was rained out and you will not be able to donate as much as you had planned or maybe it was a resounding success and you want to increase a donation or add a new one. It's OK.

Your budget guides your spending.

If you are changing signatures on your bank account, you will probably need a set of your club minutes stating who the officers are and you will all need to be at the bank at the same time. Checks should have two signatures but you will want to make sure that you have a third "emergency" signer on your account.

Wishing you a successful year. I'm here to help you in any way I can. If I don't know the answer, I will find out.

Amy Hurst, Pilot Club of Kannapolis tarheelpilot1981@yahoo.com



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### ECR Message . . . Lisa Palmquist

June is the end of the Pilot year, and it's time to reflect on our accomplishments and evaluate our projects and fundraisers. What did we do well and how can we improve. This process helps us plan for the coming year. What do we want to repeat and what changes do we want to make in our plans of work. Remember to involve all members in this process. They want to feel valued and they want to know they have a voice. June is also the month that we install our new officers, so make it special and let them know how much you appreciate them stepping up for a leadership position.

Remember to apply for Brain minders, Pick Me Up, and Helmet grants this year. Each club can apply for each grant once per Pilot year. (July through June). Application dates are September 15, December 15, March 15 and June 15. These grants can help you make things happen in your communities. There are PIFF matching grants that enable you to do bigger projects for your communities. The application deadline is October 15 for this

Train your mind

to see the good in everything.

Positivity is a

happiness of your life

depends on the quality of your

choice. The

thoughts.

one. Take advantage of the funds that are available to you. Pilot International is here to help you make a difference in your community.

Membership growth is important to Pilot, and we need to share Pilot with friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances. Let's plant some seeds and see what blooms in the coming year.

There is a quote by Greg Reid that goes: "A dream written down with a date comes a goal. A goal broken down into steps become a plan. A plan backed by action makes your dreams comes true."

Dream big, set a goal, make a plan and see what amazing things you can do in 2025-2026.

The Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference will be held in Charlotte, NC on July 23-26. There will be outstanding speakers, workshops, fundraisers, District lunches, the PIFF Nascar Hall of Fame event, PIFF Bingo, the President's breakfast and the Installation banquet. I hope you are planning to attend.

Our service project will support the Charlotte Ronald McDonald House by assembling hygiene and baby kits and stocking their pantry. We are requesting cash donations instead of specific items because Ronald McDonald House requires particular supplies. Please consider donating \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 to this cause.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your ECR this year. I look forward to seeing you in Charlotte.

Love

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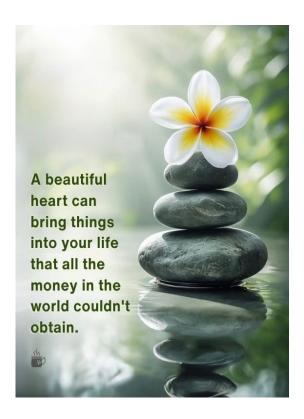
Each year in the month of May, Foothills Pilot Club of North Carolina recognizes caregivers known by the members of our club. These small gifts represent our appreciation for the dedication and love they show to their friend or family member. We hope this bag will bring a bit of sunshine to brighten their day.



NC District Fundraiser!
Gift Card Raffle Sponsored by the PDGs



2 jackpot drawings for \$1,000 each \$ 5 per ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets Make checks payable to: North Carolina District PI Mail to: Amy Hurst P.O. Box 663 Kannapolis, NC 28083 Drawing Saturday, July 26, in Charlotte Postmark Deadline July 1, 2025



Not going to Charlotte? Thinking about 2026 and Oklahoma City? Enter to win an Early Bird Registration to the

2026 Oklahoma convention



\$10 per ticket or \$25 for 3 tickets

Make checks payable to:

**Pilot Club of Danville** 

Mail to:

Amy Hurst

P.O. Box 663

Kannapolis, NC 28083

Drawing Saturday, July 26 in Charlotte

Postmark Deadline July 1, 2025

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Life only comes around once, so do what makes you happy and

be with people who make you smile.

#### **ADVENTURES AHEAD**

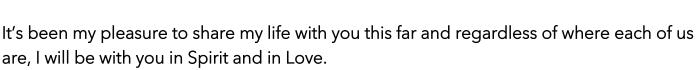
"Today I reflect on life's adventures of the day.

How quickly time passes with great memories along the way.

I need to share that my time with Pilot is coming to a close. But not the long lasting friends of those.

Who supported me through thick and thin, You who know me from within.

My sensitive self, my passion and energy, My need to give and work in synergy.







If anyone is looking for a room for the convention, contact Frances Wright.

She has a double room booked and looking for a roommate to share.



#### 24-HOUR HOTLINE 704.788.2826

A Thank you note from Mary Margaret Flynn

Dear Pilot Club of NC,

Thank you for your generous gift of food, paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, personal care items and gift card.

We are here for the families in our community, because you are here for us. Helping us bring a 'new path' free from violence.

With your support, we are here to answer the Hotline, we are here providing Shelter—24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Just last year, we answered 1, 656 calls on our Hotline.

With your support, we provide safety and shelter and hope. Hope through out Hotline, Shelter and other services such as Court Program, Jail Program, support groups and more.

Thank you for being a part of changing lives in our community.

Sincerely,

Mary Margaret Flynn Executive Director **SHELTER** 

SUPPORTIVE COUNSELING

SUPPORT GROUP

**COURT PROGRAM** 

**TEEN PROGRAM** 

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

JAIL PROGRAM

FRIENDS & FAMILY PROGRAM

**OUTREACH CENTER** 

FORMERLY BATTERED WOMEN'S

**PROGRAM** 

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