



# Governor's Bulletin

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## *Governor's Thoughts*

I want to say how glad I am that I belong to NC District Pilot International. As I said in my message I think it is the best district there is. We had a great convention, if you weren't there you missed a good one. We had good open discussion, that brought up good ideas.

We have a new District Program that came out of one of the discussions and was voted on. It is the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina in Thomasville, NC. You can go to the website [bchfamily.org](http://bchfamily.org) read all about it. So it has joined our Surfers Healing project.

We practiced our shag dancing that the NC and SC Pilots will be doing for our opening ceremonies on Wednesday night to the song of "Carolina Girls". Also if you know of anything that originated in North Carolina, please contact Carol Sanders. Her committee is trying to fill up the goodie bags with all things from NC. We are all so excited that the convention is in North Carolina for the first time. So hope to see all of you North Carolinians there to represent our great state.

Our new slate of officers were installed:

Sue Wage—Governor  
Carole Bulla—Governor-Elect  
Ann Justice—Secretary  
Amy Hurst—Treasurer

Hope you will support this group of officers. They will lead us into a great new year.

### DATE TO REMEMBER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

1. Club Officers Form to PIHQ, postmarked no later than May 1st, copy to District Governor. Please if you haven't sent this in, do so as soon as you can. Important information.
2. PIHQ sends a copy of nomination forms for International Officers to the clubs and the International Administrative Council.
3. PI Annual Convention and Leadership Conference registrations mailed to PIHQ.
4. Club received annual invoice for International dues—payable by July 1st.

**Remember All Aboard! Leaving No Pilot Behind**  
Your Pilot Sister

**Desi Harris**



# Inspirational Leader . . . Myra Geer

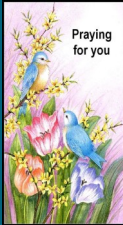
May is a month that God’s beauty starts to make its appearance again in the beautiful shades of green and the lovely colorful flowers that delight our eyes. It seems the earth’s rebirth of nature wakes up from its winter rest. Spring brings an opportunity for new beginnings, a rebirth of renewal of energy and life. As the plants grow and thrive, we can experience personal growth with opportunities for learning and personal development. Spring brings joy with vibrant colors along with a sense of optimism.

May Spring be a source of joy and inspiration to you.

In Pilot Friendship and Service  
Myra



CARESCONNECTIONS



**Pilot Club of Raleigh**

Prayers for Kathy Kidd who fell and broke her wrist and arm.

Prayers for Beverly Hancock’s sister, Dianne, who has aggressive cancer.

**Pilot Club of Rutherford County**

Prayers for Donna McCann’s sister, Kathy as she continues chemo for cancer.



PILOT INTERNATIONAL  
*Founders Fund*



### A Message from your PIFF Representative

Thank you North Carolina Pilots! Once again you have come through and made us a 250 District through your generosity. It is my privilege to recognize all the clubs that contributed to this effort as well as those who were Pacesetter clubs.

As our Pilot year winds down in two short months and as you begin to plan for the 2025-2026 Pilot year, don't forget to budget for your \$250 contribution as well as your Pacesetter contribution of \$10 per member. Where does the money go and what is it used for you may ask. Your \$250 contribution goes to Grants and Scholarships and funds those grants I keep nagging you to apply for. Your Pacesetter contribution goes to the General Fund. Those funds are used where they are needed as well as a portion being allocated to translation services.

Here's an idea I've seen used before. Everyone signs up for a month to bring something to raffle off at the club meeting. It was called "Do Your Own Thing". Each individual did just that. Maybe they baked, knitted, sewed, brought plants for garden produce. Tickets would be \$2 or \$3 each and if it didn't raise all the needed funds, it could help defray the total cost. What ideas do you have? I will be glad to share them.

Thank you for your support of our foundation. It was great to see you at District Convention and I hope to see lots of you in Charlotte! Until then, keep promoting Pilot.

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## A WORD FROM YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER

At our convention in Kannapolis, we talked about various financial topics. A couple of things we discussed that you can think about as you plan for your new year.

- 1) Make sure your checks have 2 signature lines. If they only have 1, then the bank will let it go through with only 1 signature. You should have 2 signatures on each check.
- 2) If your club uses a debit/credit card, go to the bank TODAY and make sure the box is checked that denies cash withdrawals on your card.
- 3) The President should have access to the bank statement as well as the Treasurer. Just a safeguard for both of you.

If you feel the need to order new checks, I found that Check Depot had very good prices when I had to replace the District checks this year. You can also order deposit tickets and endorsement stamps at reasonable prices.

Our Pilot year ends on June 30, 2025. That means it's time to pay your dues to PI and to the NC District. Pilot International dues are \$60 per year plus a \$6 insurance premium per member. The insurance premium covers unfortunate events during Pilot activities. My club always worried about setting the park on fire during our luminary project. Thank goodness it never happened. Make one check out to PI for your dues and another for the insurance premium.

Your North Carolina dues are \$16 per year and \$4 scholarship assessment. Be sure to write one check for dues and one for scholarship. They should be made payable to the North Carolina District.

If you attended our District Convention, you found a scholarship donation form in the back of your folder. If you need another one, I will be glad to email it to you. We began this to make up the shortfall in our scholarships funds several years ago. With less than 250 members, we cannot completely fund a \$1000 scholarship. Consider donating \$5 for each member's birthday or the birth of a child or grandchild. Clubs or individuals can donate and it's a nice gesture. We can list honorees or those memorialized in the Governor's Bulletin each month.

If there is ANYTHING I can do to help, don't hesitate to contact me.

In Pilot Service,

Amy

When things feel too overwhelming, remember:  
One day at a time,  
One thought at a time,  
One moment at a time, and  
One task at a time



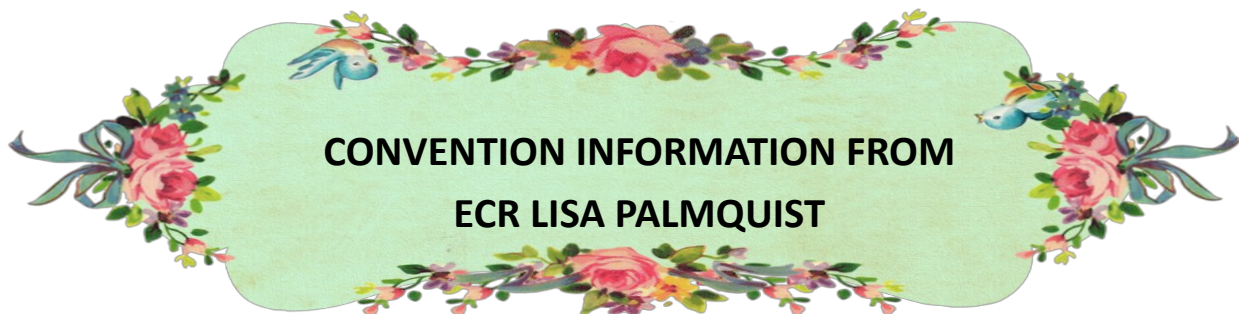


## ECR Message . . . Lisa Palmquist

First, let me say how disappointed I am that I am not there with you celebrating the fantastic accomplishments of your Pilot year and the installation of your brand new officers, but I am definitely there with you in spirit. The North Carolina District will always have a special spot in my heart. You were so welcoming last fall. I just fell in love with all of you! Let's admit it, your District has had some difficult times this past Pilot year and I am so proud of how you handled them and then rebounded so gracefully. The North Carolina District of Pilot International is truly an exceptional district in my opinion. Your 2024-2025 DAC worked as a cohesive team. Their leadership is commendable. Governor Desi lead your team and your District with great honor and leadership! You are about to begin a year that at times will be exciting, uncertain, and even frustrating, but all in all totally rewarding. I am amazed at what your clubs are doing for your communities. Please keep doing what you are doing because it is wonderful. Best wishes for an absolutely awesome Pilot year!

Love

*Lisa*



Hopefully everyone is enjoying convention season! This is always a good time to reconnect and recharge our Pilot Batteries for the upcoming year. Below are key items in regards to convention. Our Convention Committee is getting ready to welcome you to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Council of Leaders will start Monday evening and continue through midday Wednesday. During this time we will also have Excursions you can join in on to spend some time just fellow shopping. Opening session will occur Wednesday evening and kicks off our Convention. Thursday will encompass our business session followed by numerous training sessions and workshops Friday. Saturday is a day of celebration as we start with the President's Breakfast and Awards and conclude with the Installation of Officers for the 2025-2026 Pilot International Year.

Join us at every stop along the way! Below are the various links to register, sponsor and get involved with our 2025 Pilot International Convention.

Register for the 2025 Pilot International Convention!

Join us in Charlotte, NC for an unforgettable gathering of friendship, service, and leadership!

In Pilot Friendship and Love

Lisa



## YOUR LINK TO PILOT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Standard Registration: \$525 (March 1 – April 30) Late Registration: \$550 (starting May 1)

Reserve your spot now and be part of something extraordinary! This is also the link to buy extra shirts and pins for you to take back home.

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-pi-convention-general-registration>

Support the 2025 Convention Service Project — Let's make an impact together! Contribute to this year's Convention Service Project and help us uplift lives in the host community. Every dollar makes a difference! Make your donation here

<https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/2025-pi-convention-service-project>

Pre-Convention Excursions – Shopping & Winery

Start the week in style with a fun and relaxing adventure! Enjoy a day of boutique shopping and scenic sipping with fellow Pilots.

Limited spots available – book your excursion today!

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-pre-convention-excursions>

PIFF Fundraiser – NASCAR Hall of Fame

Feel the thrill of racing history while supporting the Pilot International Founders Fund! This exciting event fuels scholarships and leadership programs. Grab your ticket now and join the ride!

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/piff-fundraiser-nascar-hall-of-fame>

Bingo Night—Fun with A Purpose! Ready to shout “BINGO” for a good cause? Enjoy a lively evening of prizes, laughter, and giving back at this fan-favorite PIFF event. Get your card here before it sells out!

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/piff-bingo-night>

Advertise in the Convention Program

Celebrate your club, promote your business, or honor a special Pilot with an ad in our official Convention Program!

A great way to share your message with over 700 attendees. Submit your ad today!

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/convention-program-ads>

Installation Banquet Win Table Service

Make Installation Night extra special with reserved win service at your table. Cheers to new beginnings in style! Reserve your wine service

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/pi-convention-table-service-installation-banquet>

Club not Attending Convention? Let us know — if you club won't be joining us in Charlotte, Please pay the Convention Absence Fee here. Help us plan and support the event for all pilots — Pay your club fee

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/clubs-not-attending-convention-payment>



This year, our NC District Project was gathering supplies for CVAN - an outreach center providing safety, shelter, and support for battered women and their children. Our keynote speaker was Mary Margaret Flynn. She was an inspirational speaker and a wonderful ambassador for CVAN.



Rutherford Life Services (Adult Day Care) provides daily care for individuals with special needs which also assists families with the care of those individuals. They provide facilities, meals and entertainment five days a week for those who cannot stay alone.

Foothills Pilot Club members visits RLS Adult Day Care on a quarterly basis. It is one of our favorite projects. We play Bingo, provide refreshments and socialize with the day care attendees and staff. Bingo winners get money and everybody seems to have fun in the "party like" atmosphere. In addition to providing this service related project to approximately 20 special needs individuals and their families, this project provides club members with the opportunity to socialize with each other outside our normal business meetings.



#### Parade of Banners

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| Pilot Club of Tarboro              | Pilot Club of Rutherford Co. |
| Pilot Club of Raleigh              | Pilot Club of Kannapolis     |
| Foothills Pilot Club               | Pilot Club of Asheboro       |
| Pilot Club of Greensboro           |                              |
| Luncheon Pilot Club of Rocky Mount |                              |

#### NC DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Savannah Finucan from Chase High School.

Sponsored by Foothills Pilot Club

Pictured L-R

Savannah, Zana Whitmire, Foothills Pilot Club and Savannah's mom, Kristen Finucan

