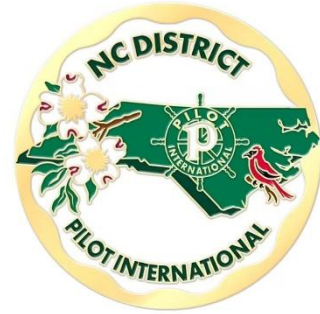


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Message from Your District Governor

Governor's Corner

Be The Change You Wish to See in The World



Temperatures have been extremely hot & humid lately. Is your club as “HOT” for Pilot as the temperatures are outside? As tough as it is, it’s time to turn up the heat! Schools are starting back so we will all be getting back into our groove of serving our communities through Pilot.

I encourage you all to send me your plans of work. If you have flyers on any event, any information to share with others - SEND IT! We all are each other’s biggest supporters!

You don’t want to miss Fall Workshop on September 18th & 19th. Cut off for registration is September 5th. Never before has there been JEOPARDY and you don’t want to miss it!! Pizza will be served on Friday night, Muffins and coffee on Saturday, and lunch provided on Saturday. One of our special treats will be our own Kimberly Oliver who will tell us how to utilize the 5013C status when we are going out to ask for money and support from our community. Kimberly is the bomb and I am super excited that she is going to share her knowledge.

See you at Fall Workshop! Governor Carole



August 15	Plans of Work to Governor
September	Founders Fund Month
September 30	Clubs Select Ambassador and send form to PI no later than 9/30
September 15	Pick Me Up Grants Due
September 18-19	Fall Workshop

From your PIFF Representative

The deadline approaches!! September 15th is the deadline for the first cycle of quarterly grants. Here I go again!! Nag! Nag! Nag! Fill out those grant request for Helmets, Brain Minders, or Pick Me Ups and bring those dollars back to North Carolina. I will be at Fall Workshop to answer any questions you may have about those grants OR the BIG matching grant that is due in October. I would love to help.



I will be raffling off a donated \$150 Amazon gift card. All proceeds will be sent to PIFF in the name of the North Carolina District to offset any shortfall we may have. Each club is asked to contribute \$250 to grants and scholarships. Your generosity has ensured we are recognized as 250 District each year. Let's keep it up! My email is ncpilotamy@yahoo.com or my cell is 704-743-3399. If you are not in my contact list I may not answer but you can leave a voicemail or text me.

PIFF FAQs: How do I become a 250 donor? To be recognized as a 250 donor, you must donate \$250 to the Grants and Scholarship fund between July 1 and June 30. To be recognized at District Convention, you should probably complete your donation by March 1st.



What is friendship?

It is a voluntary and caring relationship between people who like each other, trust one another and enjoy spending time together.

Friendship is one of our most valuable gifts. It completes our desire to realize our capacity to love. It brings to our lives that closeness that makes us feel connected and whole and that lets us know we are not alone in the world.

Friendship means never having to face the challenges of life alone. It means sharing a closeness of spirit that gives life meaning. It also means having a witness to life's tiny special moments that are so much better when shared.

Friendship means that there is someone who understands where you've been, knows where you want to go and accepts you for who you are.

Our friendship in Pilot goes along this way. There are friends all over the world who know you and accept you for who you are. They cheer you on, give you a shoulder to cry on, hold your hand and just know that they are there when you need them. As Pilots, we show the true meaning of friendship in all that we do each and every day.

Joy, Prayers and Concerns

Pilot Club of Rutherford County

Prayers for Lois Huskey as she continues treatment

Joyce Ferguson – prayers for successful eye surgery

Kathy Eckye (Donna McCann's sister) as she continues her treatments

Foothills Pilot Club

Prayers for Zana Whitmire as she continues to recover

Pilot Club of Tarboro

Sympathy extended to Vicki Dougherty in the death of her sister, Sandra and also her brother-in-law

Pat Higgins

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LEADING TOGETHER

Because every Pilot Can Lead!

Kathy Rogister
Leadership Committee



Leading by Lifting Others

Mentoring is one of the most meaningful ways we can demonstrate leadership within our club. We don't have to have a title or an official position—we just simply need to be willing to share what we know, offer encouragement, and help someone else find their place.

Long-time members can mentor newer members by explaining our traditions, introducing them to others, inviting them to participate in our meetings and activities, and helping them discover their own talents and interests.

But mentoring isn't limited to new members; we can all learn from each other, regardless of how long we have been Pilots. When we take time to guide, encourage, listen to, and learn from each other, we strengthen not only individual members but our entire club. *True leadership isn't just about leading the way—it's about helping someone else discover that they can lead, too.*

Every one of us has something to share!

*A **volunteer** is a person who gives their time to do work or help others without getting paid. They act by free choice. No one forces them to do it.*

- *"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." — Sherry Anderson*
- *"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." Winston Churchill*
- *"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." Muhammad Ali*
- *"Volunteer. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." Arthur Ashe*
- *"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." Anne Frank*
- *"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop*
- *"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." Helen Keller*
- *"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve." Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Pilot Club of Rutherford County

PECAN PIE PERFECTION



Whole Pie: \$15.00

Made with love by Desi Harris

Our homemade Pecan Pie features a buttery flaky crust, filled with a rich, gooey brown sugar filling and toasted pecans on top.

Order Now-DM/Text

Deadline Friday 9/11

Pick up at Fall Council

828-429-3955

mdharris16@yahoo.com

Mum Sale

Fall Workshop 2026



The Pilot Club of Raleigh

8 inch pots \$10.00

12 inch pots \$20.00

Colors will depend on the nursey

If you would like to preorder please contact
Elizabeth Deer @ 919-798-5105



☀️ Friendly Reminder! ☀️

Register for the 2026 NC District Pilot Fall Workshop

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2026

 Workshop Dates:

September 18–19, 2026

 Location:

Cross Point Baptist Church

1175 Crosspointe Dr NE

Concord, NC 28025

\$ Registration Fee: \$45 — includes Friday dinner & Saturday lunch

Why You Don't Want to Miss This Year's Workshop

✦ Jeopardy! State Challenge

Cheer on Desi Harris (West), Laura Keever (Center), and Leslie McLaughlin (East)!

✦ Centerpiece Silent Auction

Each club brings one creative centerpiece or basket — highest bid wins a \$75 prize.

✦ Pilot Marketplace

Free vendor spaces for clubs selling crafts, baked goods, or club wares.

✦ District Service Project

Cash-only giving to support the Baptist Children's Home — maximizing impact through bulk purchasing.

✦ Training, Fellowship & Fun

Guest speakers, leadership development, and statewide Pilot friendship.

How to Register

✓ Use the Zeffy link: [NC District Pilot International Fall Workshop Registration](#)

NC District Pilot International Fall Workshop Registration

✓ Or mail your club's registration form and check payable to NC District Pilot to:

District Treasurer Kimberly Oliver

802 Liberty Drive

Thomasville, NC 27360

Friendly Reminder

**Please submit all registrations no later than September 5, 2026, so we can prepare meals, materials, and seating for every Pilot attending.*

Member Recipe Spotlight



This Month's Featured Member: Amy Hurst

We're excited to introduce our new

Each month, we'll feature a recipe submitted by one of our members to share with everyone. This month, we're featuring **Amy Hurst** and her famous "**Crock Pot Crack.**"

If you've attended one of our recent conventions, chances are you've had the opportunity to sample this delicious treat. Amy has generously provided batches for the past several conventions, and the Co-Pilots have shared them as a special thank-you to those who donate to their Grant Projects fundraiser. They've quickly become a convention favorite, with many members looking forward to them each year! Thank you, Amy, for sharing one of your signature recipes with all of us. We hope everyone enjoys making—and eating—it as much as we do!

Amy Hurst's Crock Pot Crack

Ingredients

- 1 (16 oz.) jar unsalted dry roasted peanuts
- 1 (16 oz.) jar salted dry roasted peanuts
- 1 (12 oz.) bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 (12 oz.) bag milk chocolate chips
- 2 (10 oz.) bags peanut butter chips
- 2 (1 lb.) packages white almond bark or vanilla candy coating

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Cooking Method: Slow Cooker/Crock Pot

Yield: Makes a lot!

Directions

1. Layer all of the ingredients into a large slow cooker, beginning with the peanuts.
2. Cover and cook on **Low** for **2 hours** without stirring.
3. Remove the lid and stir until the ingredients are well combined.
4. Replace the lid and cook for an additional **30 minutes**.
5. Stir again, then spoon the mixture onto sheets of wax paper or non-stick aluminum foil.
6. Allow the candy to cool and harden for at least **1 hour** before serving.

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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270-929-1568

Dear Pilots, as summer begins to wind down and the "dog days" bring soaring temperatures of 90 degrees and higher, many of us find ourselves seeking a little relief—whether at the beach, by the pool, lowering the temperature on the air conditioner or simply enjoying time with family and friends. I hope you have found moments to rest, recharge, and reflect on the opportunities that lie ahead.

September also gives us the opportunity to recognize the hardworking men and women who keep our communities moving. This year's Labor Day theme, "Solidarity for the Next 250," reminds us that progress is built through unity, dedication, and service—values that are also at the heart of Pilot International.

As we begin a new Pilot year, I want to leave you with a simple message: "Believe in yourself."

- Believe in yourself when others may doubt your abilities.
- Believe in yourself when you have to be your own greatest cheerleader.
- Believe in yourself when the road becomes challenging and the waters seem rough.

And most importantly, remember that you are never alone. Your Pilot family is here to encourage you, support you, celebrate your successes, and stand beside you through every challenge. Together, we are stronger than any obstacle we may face.

Please keep these important deadlines in mind:

September 15th – Helmet, Pick Me Up, and BrainMindors Grant applications are due to Headquarters.

September 30th – Club Ambassador Donations are due to Headquarters.

October 15th – PIFF Matching Grant and Emergency Response Grant Application due to Headquarters.

These programs reflect the very heart of who we are—serving our communities, promoting brain safety and health, and making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

As we move through September, let us continue believing in ourselves, believing in one another, and believing in the extraordinary impact we can make when we serve together.

Believe in yourself. Believe in your fellow Pilots. Believe in Pilot International. Together, we will continue to inspire hope, strengthen communities, and leave our organization stronger than we found it.

Joanne Mason
Executive Committee Representative



A Helping Hand for a Helping Heart

On February 21, 2025, Susan Fewell and her husband experienced a devastating house fire. Thankfully, Susan and her husband, who is an amputee, were able to escape their home safely and without injury. Unfortunately, the inside of their home was destroyed by the fire. Because they did not have insurance, Susan and her husband faced the tremendous challenge of restoring their home on their own. Through determination, hard work, and paying out of pocket, they were able to remodel and rebuild the inside of their home.

Susan has been an outstanding and dedicated member of our club. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and give her time and talents to others. Susan has been actively involved with the Brain Injury

Association and the BrainMinder Puppet Show. She is also known for preparing little snacks and treats for our club functions. Whenever our club needs assistance, we know we can count on Susan. Because of Susan's years of service and generosity to our club and community, we wanted to find a way to support her during this difficult time. Our club learned about Pilot International's **Safe Harbor Disaster Relief Fund** and applied for assistance on Susan's behalf. We are pleased to share that **Susan was awarded a \$1,000 Safe Harbor grant**.

While this grant cannot replace all that was lost or cover the cost of rebuilding a home, it is a meaningful reminder that the Pilot family cares about its members and wants to be there when they need a helping hand. Susan has spent so much of her time helping others. Now, it was our turn to help Susan. We are grateful for Susan, for all she does for our club and community, and for the opportunity to show her just how much she means to us.





Safe Harbor Disaster Relief Fund

Susan's story also reminds us of an important resource available through Pilot International—the **Safe Harbor Disaster Relief Fund**. If someone in your club experiences a devastating loss or hardship due to a disaster, the Safe Harbor Disaster Relief Fund may be able to provide assistance with certain essential living expenses. The fund can provide assistance in amounts of **\$500, \$750, or \$1,000**, depending on

available funds. Eligible expenses may include housing, utilities, food, clothing, shelter, medical expenses not covered by insurance, and other basic necessities. The fund is **not a replacement for insurance** and cannot be used to rebuild homes, pay insurance deductibles, or replace non-essential items such as electronics, cable services, or furnishings. If someone in your club experiences a disaster or significant loss, please remember the **Safe Harbor Disaster Relief Fund**

Applications and additional information are available through Pilot International. Susan's experience shows what our Pilot family can do when we come together to help one another. **We are thankful that Safe Harbor was there for Susan—and we hope other clubs will remember this valuable resource if one of their members ever faces a similar hardship.**

Here is the link from PI website: Qualifications:

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/Content/Uploads/PilotInternational/Files/Safe-Harbor-Guidelines%202025.pdf>

Application: [https://www.pilotinternational.org/Content/Uploads/PilotInternational/images/New%20Safe%20Harbor%20Grant%20Application%2C%203_2025%20pdf\(1\).pdf](https://www.pilotinternational.org/Content/Uploads/PilotInternational/images/New%20Safe%20Harbor%20Grant%20Application%2C%203_2025%20pdf(1).pdf)

Thank you,



PIFF FUNDRAISER

Win a \$150 Amazon gift card!!



\$5 per ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets

You don't have to be present to win.

All proceeds are credited to the District.

**The club with the most
members attending Fall Council
will win \$50.00 gift card.**





DOCUMENT EVERY TRANSACTION WHEN IT HAPPENS.



TREASURER TIP:
IF IT ISN'T DOCUMENTED, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

Kimberly Oliver / NC District Treasurer