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Message from Your District Governor

Governor's Corner

Be The Change You Wish to See in The World

Gratitude… A spontaneous or intentional recognition of value and goodness that comes from external sources or daily experiences. It seems to be getting to that time of year that we become more aware of this and focus on things that we want to do for others.

As Pilots, our Mission is: "Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others." There are those that this type of action comes naturally to while there are others that have to work more intentionally to show gratitude and grace. We each know how we feel when someone shares a kind word or gesture, an acknowledgement, or an appreciation of just being you.

I encourage each of you to make an effort this week to reach out to at least one person. Be that someone that has made someone's day! It doesn't have to be anything big … be creative and think what would be a special blessing for you.

I want to Thank each and every one of you Pilots! Your passion, caring and actions for your community shows what being a Pilot means to you. "Be the change in the world that you wish to see".
Happy Holidays! Carole Bulla,



Nov.15 IRS 990 Forms Due

Nov.11 Veteran's Day

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day

From your PIFF Representative

OH GOODY!!!
I am pleased to announce that three of our clubs have applied for matching grants this cycle. Good luck to all three clubs!! I hope to be able to announce three winners soon.

Remember that quarterly grants are just that.
They are awarded every quarter for Pick Me Ups, Helmets, and BrainMinders.
Have you thought about how your club could use one of those grants?
Thank you for your continued support of Pilot International Founders Fund.



Care, Concerns and Congratulations:

Pilot Club of Kannapolis

Jeannie Childers fell and broke her kneecap. Surgery was the 15th.
Cards may be sent to her at: 313 Cook Street, Kannapolis NC 28083

Pilot Club of Raleigh

Jo Rose is rehabilitating after shoulder surgery.
Cards may be sent to 1024 S Main Street, Holly Springs, NC 27540

Pilot Club of Tarboro

Congratulations are in order to Elisabeth Suppe's daughter, Nora Rose (9 months old) in getting her 1st toothie. Also, congrats to the club in initiating a new member, Carolyn Vick. Welcome aboard!

Pilot Club of Rutherford County

Several Prayer requests:
Leechie McDonald and co-pilot Johnny with health issues.
Mary Myers, daughter of Leechie and Johnny McDonald having health issues.
Beverly McKinney
Donna Ohmstead
Congratulations to Josh, son of Pat Higgins and brother to Nikki in his marriage to Cindy on October 23rd. We are so happy to welcome Cindy to our family.

Thanksgiving Thoughts

by Grace Cleys

We should be very grateful for the life that we've enjoyed
As we see the world around us breaking down and being destroyed.

Not only at Thanksgiving time, but each and every day
We should thank God for the blessings that he has sent out way.

We sit down at our table with our family and friends
And chat and laugh together with a joy that never ends.

Many folks in other lands are in much need and strife
They can't ever gather to enjoy each other's life.

They can't speak out in public or every raise their voices
To select their many leaders and tell them of their choices.

So, we should be very grateful for the good old USA
Give thanks for all our blessings as we gather on this day.

Happy Thanksgiving all

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Member Recipe Spotlight

Submitted by Ann Justice
Pilot Club of Asheboro | President-Elect of the DAC

Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 can Franco-American spaghetti
- 2 cans light red kidney beans (do not drain)
- 3 cans diced tomatoes
- 1 packet chili seasoning mix

Directions

1. Brown the ground beef and chopped onion in a skillet. Drain excess grease.
2. Transfer the beef and onion to the crockpot.
3. Add the Franco-American spaghetti, kidney beans (do not drain), diced tomatoes, and chili seasoning mix.
4. Stir everything together.
5. Cover and cook on **LOW for 6–8 hours**.

❤️ **A family favorite from Granny Betty's kitchen!**

Thank you to Ann Justice of the Pilot Club of Asheboro and President-Elect of the DAC for sharing this special recipe.

If you would like to submit a recipe to share, please contact Elizabeth Deer at 919-798-5105 or email deer7291@gmail.com



ECR Message

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Thousands of years ago, man learned that by striking 2 stones together, it would create a spark. From that tiny spark, he was able to cook his food over fire, shape his tools and weapons, shape pottery out of clay, and have light to see by. All of that from a tiny spark. A tiny spark of joy can make a dark and dreary day into one of sunshine and happiness. A tiny spark of enthusiasm from just one Pilot can ignite a group of Pilots into action and much can be accomplished.

Each fall, Monarch butterflies in Maine begin an unbelievable journey to a hilltop in Mexico. How do they do it? They focus on the goal, not the difficulties, just as we do as Pilots. Each day they take their bearings and set off, allowing their instincts and desire to steer them. They accept what comes: some winds blow them off course; speed them along the way. They keep flying until one day they arrive. Their determination makes the difference. As Pilots we make that difference by doing more, because we care more to be more for our communities.

Dates to Remember:
Anchor Dues and Compass Dues: Should be paid by November 1st.
IRS For 990: Due by November 15th for all clubs in the United States.
Kinro Kansha no Hi (Labor Thanksgiving Day): November 23rd in Japan thanking workers and production with roots in ancient harvest rites.
Thanksgiving: November 26th, the last Thursday in the US, is designated the end of fall's harvest.
GivingTuesday: is called that because it is a designated day dedicated to charitable giving and generosity, strategically scheduled on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This year it is **December 1st** ; your Pilot donation this Giving Tuesday will benefit our Youth 100 Fund.
Governor Elect 2027 Appointments: Due to Pilot Headquarters December 1st.
Heritage Garden Brick Orders: Due to Pilot Headquarters December 15th .

We as Pilots focus on giving back to be the positive change within our local communities. By doing more we are the breath of fresh life for those in our communities. We are the spark of light that will grow our club and organization especially through President Lisa's Incentive Program, into one that will be the example of what can be accomplished when we work together as a collective group focused on doing more, caring more and being more as you Believe in Yourself, and Believe in Pilot.

Joanne Mason
Executive Committee Representative

November Treasurer's Tip

Holiday Projects: Generosity with Accountability



With the holiday season approaching, Pilot clubs have a wonderful opportunity to put friendship and service into action. Whether your club is supporting families, organizing a community project, collecting donations, or hosting a holiday fundraiser, thoughtful financial planning helps ensure that every dollar truly counts.

As your club prepares for its holiday activities, take a moment to revisit a few financial best practices:

Plan Before You Spend. Set a budget for each holiday project and make sure the proper approvals are in place before purchases or commitments are made.

Track Donations and Expenses. Keep clear records of all money received and spent and retain receipts and supporting documentation. Good records show how funds were used to support your club's mission.

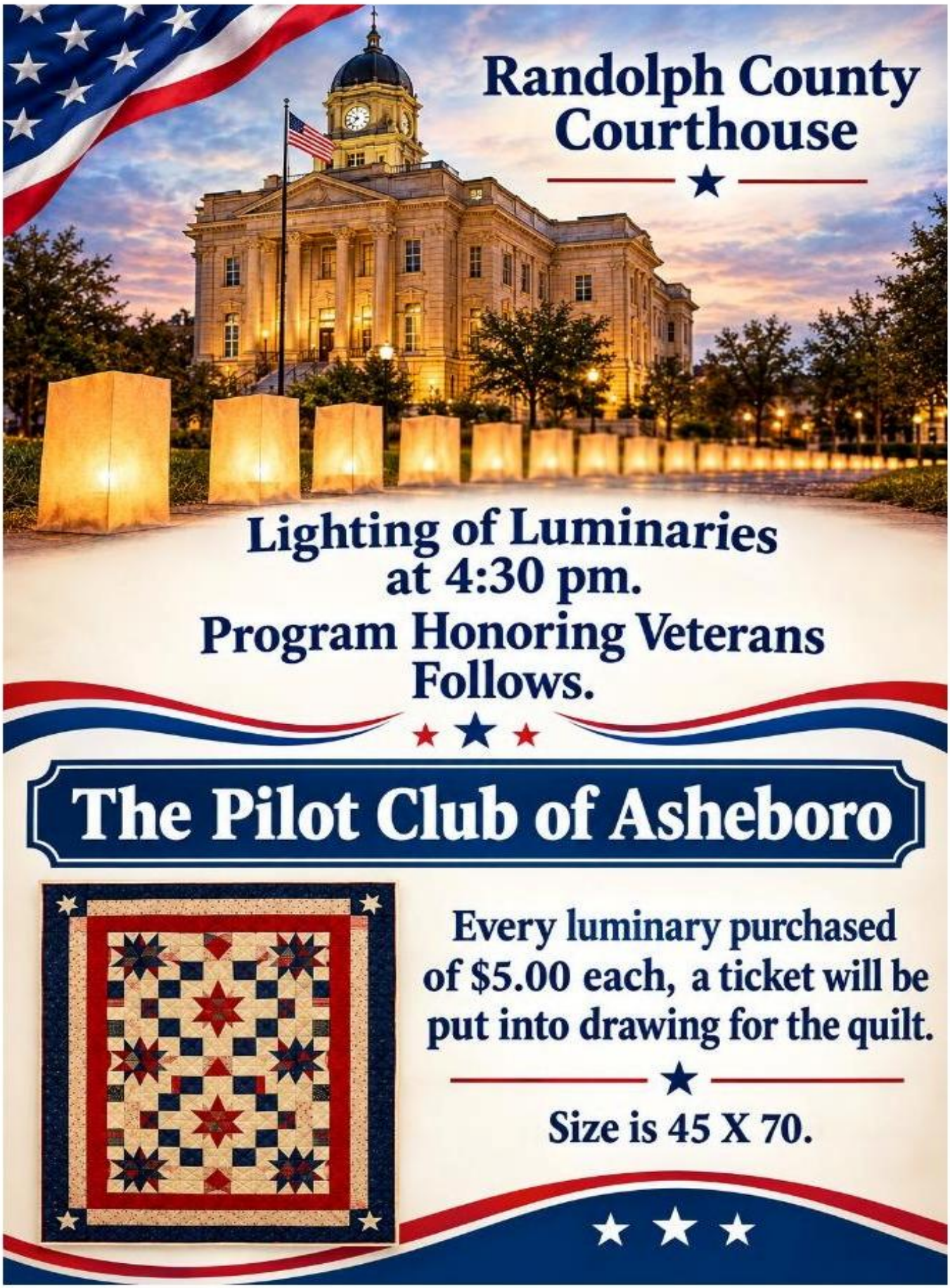
Honor Donor Intentions. If someone gives a donation for a specific purpose, use it exactly as intended. Donor restrictions are commitments your club is responsible for upholding.

Handle Fundraising Proceeds Responsibly. Count cash with two people present, document the total, and deposit funds promptly according to your club's procedures.

Evaluate the Results. After the project, compare actual expenses with the budget and note the outcome. This helps your club plan future activities with even more confidence.

The value of a holiday project isn't just in generosity it inspires — it's also in the care we take with the resources entrusted to us.Thank you for your continued commitment to responsible stewardship and service within your communities.

Kimberly Oliver
NC District Treasurer


Randolph County Courthouse
Lighting of Luminaries at 4:30 pm.
Program Honoring Veterans Follows.
The Pilot Club of Asheboro
Every luminary purchased of $5.00 each, a ticket will be put into drawing for the quilt.
Size is 45 X 70.



On October 14th the Scottish Pilot Club of Laurinburg, NC celebrated Pilot International "Founder's Day" which is actually the October 18, 2026. This would be the 105th Anniversary of Pilot International and each year we remember Founder's Day. Carol McCall shared with the Pilot group the history of Founder's Day as part of our monthly meeting. We had lunch and celebrated with a special Pilot cake.



4TH ANNUAL FALL Champions & Community Day

MOSSFLOWER ABBEY FARM — MEET · RELAX · BELONG

JOURNEY of Hope — NOT DEFINED BY THE INJURY BUT BY WHAT HAPPENS NEXT — BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS

AT MOSSFLOWER ABBEY FARM

A Celebration of Resilience, Creativity & Community Connection

NOVEMBER 14 • 10 AM – 3 PM

FREE • ALL ARE WELCOME



Sports & Games

- Cornhole
- Horseshoes
- Croquet
- Lawn Games
- Trivia



Talent & Art

- Art, Crafts
- Art Class
- Talent Showcase



Educational Resources

- Support & Information Booths
- Community Partners
- Brain Injury Resources
- Caregiver Support



Food & Treats

- BBQ & Bakery
- Refreshments
- Sweet Treats



COMMUNITY BBQ LUNCH • 11 AM – 3 PM — $11.00

Smoked BBQ • Sides • Drink • Dessert

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LIVE DJ • RAFFLES • ART DISPLAYS • LAWN GAMES • GIVEAWAYS

FIND US

Mossflower Abbey Farm
25738 Rowland Road
Locust, NC 28097



DIRECTIONS

- From Concord: Take US-601 S toward Albemarle (15 min)
- Turn left on NC-24/27 E
- Turn right on Rowland Rd
- Farm will be on your left



TOGETHER, WE ARE CHAMPIONS. *Hope. Strength. Community.*

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