

Virginia District Governor's Bulletin

October 2026

Embark on a Voyage of Purpose Leadership, Fellowship, Mentorship, Stewardship



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Greetings Pilots!

Autumn reminds us of the beauty that comes with change. As the leaves begin to turn and October arrives, we are presented with wonderful opportunities to share Pilot through fellowship, service, **Fall Council**, and the celebration of **Founders Day**.

"Fall harder into your purpose than the leaves fall from the trees."

May these words inspire us to let our passion guide us relentlessly toward our goals and remind us of the difference we can make through purposeful service.

🌸 Fall Council 2026

The theme for **Fall Council 2026** is: **"Pilots – Peanuts, Pumpkins, and Purpose"**

Fall Council provides an important opportunity for friendship, service, inspiration, training, and fellowship. The workshops are designed around the needs of our Clubs and are aligned with the goals identified in the Strategic Plan. Participants can look forward to a meaningful program featuring **presentations, speakers, brainstorming sessions, and officer question-and-answer opportunities**. Together, we can learn, share ideas, strengthen our Clubs, and continue moving forward with purpose.

🎉 Celebrating Founders Day

October holds special significance in the history of Pilot International. On **October 16, 1921**, forty Charter members of Pilot International signed the original Pilot charter. Two days later, on **October 18, 1921**, they gathered to dine, celebrate, and conduct the first official meeting. Since that historic beginning, Pilots around the world have gathered to recognize **October 18 as Founders Day—the birthday of a grand idea and the founding of our noble organization**. This October, let us honor that legacy by hosting a **Founders Day celebration** in our clubs and communities. Your celebration can be large, medium, or small. Most importantly, let it reflect the warmth, generosity, fellowship, and spirit of service that define our Pilot community. Founders Day is more than a date on the calendar—it is an opportunity to remember where we began, celebrate what we have accomplished, and look toward the future with renewed purpose.

Happy Days are here in October! As we enter the tenth month of the year, take time to **review your goals, celebrate your accomplishments, and make sure you are on track to finish 2026 with strength, happiness, and love**. Let us continue to support one another, serve our communities, and embrace every opportunity to make a difference.

*In Pilot Service,
Governor Anita*



October	MEMBERSHIP MONTH
October	PC of Danville celebrates 70 th Anniversary!
October 1	PC of Suffolk Queen's Banquet Fundraiser
October 3	First Saturday (Wear Pilot Shirts)
October 9	Registration deadline for Fall Council
October 15	PIFF Matching Grant, Emergency Response Grant Application deadline
October 16-17	84 th VA District Fall Council
October 18	Founder's Day
October 24	Make a Difference Day



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Faye Clarke-Kirshon
Governor-elect

Fall is here which means cooler weather which I am definitely ready for. It is also a time for Pilots to get together. Our Fall Council will be here shortly, Friday, October 16 and Saturday October 17. There are lots of interesting workshops planned and I'm sure Suffolk will be a fantastic hostess. This is a great time to spend time with longtime Pilot friends as well as make new one. I'm looking for to seeing each of you.



I hope each club is working hard on obtaining new members as this is Pilot International's goal for this year. There are some very good incentives for bringing a new member into your club. You could even win your 2028 PI dues paid!

On October 16, 1921, the forty Charter Members of Pilot International came together to sign the original Pilot Charter. Two days later, buoyed by their excitement and their collective cause, they gathered again to dine, celebrate and conduct the first official Pilot Club meeting on October 18, 1921. From that day on, Pilots around the world gather to meet, celebrate and honor this historic day, October 18, as Founders Day, the birthday of a grand idea, the day of our noble club's founding. On this day, we celebrate Pilot International. We honor the history and tradition of our storied organization, and we celebrate the gifts that we – as today's Pilots – can bestow through our strength, through our friendship and through our service. Consider a special event or celebration and invite prospective members, as this is a great time to talk about what your club has done over the years.

I will be looking for 2027-28 appointees in the near future. If anyone is interested in serving the district please let me know.

In Pilot Friendship,

Faye



District FUNDRAISER

I'm excited to announce our new Virginia District fundraiser: **PURSE SCARVES** featuring the Pilot name and logo for \$15 each. They are available in green, gold, and white and may be purchased at Fall Council and District Convention.



Suzanne Langston
District Fundraising
Coordinator

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Jean Brown-May
PIFF Representative

Hi Pilots,

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Fall Council and enjoying Pilot fellowship. Please note that **October 15** is the deadline for Pilot International Founders Fund (PIFF) Matching Grant. Apply today and change a life forever. For more details visit our Pilot International Website www.pilotinternational.org. We also received a message recently telling us the following: **At the August EC meeting the EC voted to make the Matching Grant biannual in order to give more flexibility in the application submission. This will take effect MAY 15, 2027. The present Matching Grant cycle will remain with the due date of OCTOBER 15, 2026.**

October 18 is Founder's Day. Remembering the charter members of the Pilot Club of Macon, they started the journey in 1921. For over 105 years we have been influencing positive change in our communities. We have collectively kept our business standards high, "never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness or making a friend." Let us honor the past while celebrating our future. Share the gift of Pilot, promote Pilot International locally and globally. Submit an article in your local newspaper with the Pilot International proclamation and photos of the early years of our beloved organization along with a current pictures of your club and how they can contact you.



Make a Difference Day is **October 24**. If you have ever wondered whether your actions can make a difference, the answer is yes. Look around at the wonderful work you and your club are already doing!

In Pilot Friendship

Jean

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/members/founders-day-homepage>

<http://www.pilotinternational.org/about/scholarships>



Cybersecurity Awareness Month is an annual global initiative each October designed to promote safer online behavior and help individuals, families, businesses, and governments strengthen their digital security. This year's theme is **Securing the Next 250**, which recognizes the nation's 250th anniversary and focuses on building a secure digital future for America's next era. Learn how to protect yourself and your family from online threats.

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Tammy Watson
Assistant
Inspirational Leader

Hello Pilots,

October is the treasure of the year — a month of golden leaves, crisp mornings, and the quiet magic of change, reminding us that beauty and renewal are always possible.

As the season deepens, October offers a perfect blend of warmth and transition. It's a time when the world slows down, allowing us to savor the last burst of summer's colors, embrace cozy evenings, and prepare for the quiet beauty of winter. This month teaches us to let go with grace, to find joy in the unexpected, and to welcome new beginnings with open arms.

In October, the world is painted in amber and gold, and every falling leaf is a reminder that change is not the end — it's the beginning of something new. May this month fill your heart with gratitude, your spirit with courage, and your days with moments that make you smile.

Whether you're celebrating the season's beauty or using October as a time of reflection, remember: even in the quietest days, there's magic to be found. Let the crisp air and golden light inspire you to live with purpose, kindness, and hope.

Please let me know of any concerns, cares, accomplishments, good news, etc. We all care so much about each other and hope to share the joys as well as the sorrows in each other's lives. My email address is tammyvapilot@gmail.com.



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*Julie Fallin
2026-27 PI Director
San Jacinto Pilot Club
Texas District*

October brings a beautiful reminder that **change can be inspiring**. As the leaves begin to change and a new season unfolds, we are reminded that every season brings opportunities to pause, reflect, grow, and begin again. What better time to embrace our theme: **“Believe in Yourself.”**

Across our Pilot family, Districts are gathering for their **Fall Council Meetings**, with training, learning, planning, and fellowship taking place. These gatherings strengthen our leadership, provide opportunities to share ideas, and help prepare our Clubs for a successful year ahead.

As you participate in District training, remember: **you have something valuable to contribute**. Believe in your abilities, your ideas, and your ability to make a difference. Encourage those around you to believe in themselves too for leadership positions.

October also brings several meaningful opportunities to celebrate our Pilot legacy and put service into action. **October 15 is the deadline for PIFF Matching Grant applications**—a wonderful opportunity to turn creative ideas into meaningful community service. On **October 18, Founders Day** gives us a chance to honor the vision and commitment of those who began Pilot International and the legacy of service they created.

As we celebrate **Make a Difference Day on October 24**, let us remember that making a difference does not have to be complicated. A helping hand, a kind word, or a simple act of kindness can have a lasting impact.

Looking ahead to November, remember to **“fall back” one hour on November 1** where Daylight Saving Time applies, and ensure **Anchor & Compass dues are submitted on time**. International Care & Kindness Week, November 9–13, culminates in **World Kindness Day on November 13**—a perfect time to let our kindness shine through our words, actions, and service.

As the leaves change, let us embrace our own opportunities for growth. Believe in yourself. Believe in your Club. Believe in your ability to make a difference.

Together, let us **Do More, Care More, and Be More**—one act of kindness, one service project, and one person at a time. Believe in yourself...because the world needs what you have to give!

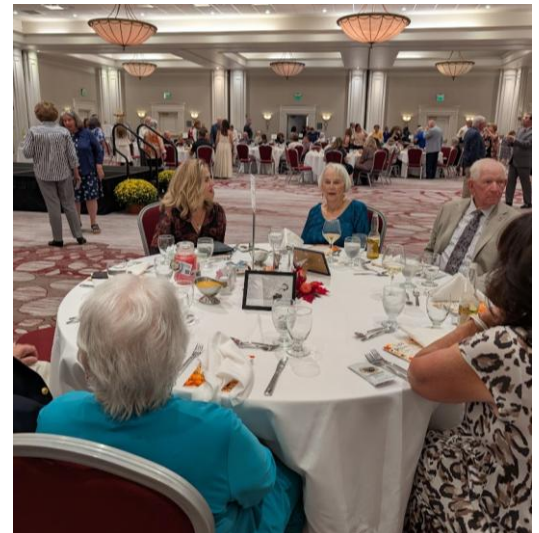


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On October 1, The Pilot Club of Suffolk held their largest fundraiser of the year. The club has produced the Peanut Fest Queen's Banquet for over 40 years. The night includes dinner, a fashion show, large silent auction and ends with the selection by the Peanut Fest judges of the 2026 Peanut Fest Queen.



Governor Anita with Club Co-Pilots



A small sample of the over 70 items donated from local companies for the Silent Auction

