



***South Carolina Governor's Bulletin  
August 2015  
Meet "Your" DAC and other Leaders***



***Introducing  
2015-2016 South Carolina District Governor  
Joseph Cunningham***

Our 2015 – 2016 District Governor is Joseph Cunningham, a member of the Pilot Club of Columbia, Inc., since July 2006. He has held the club offices of Director, President-Elect [2 terms], and President [2 terms]. He has held the club appointments of Anchor Division Coordinator, Nominations Committee chair, and Parliamentarian. He has served as our District Anchor Coordinator. He is dedicated to using the Mission of Pilot International as a guide for the activities and projects he participates in and uses the Vision of Pilot International as a focus for his everyday interactions.

Outside of Pilot International, Joseph is a community servant in his profession as an elementary school teacher. The 2015-2016 academic year will be his eighteenth year in the teaching profession. His passion is music and the performing arts. He is a Life Member of Kappa Kappa Psi [band], Tau Beta Sigma [band], and Delta Omicron [music] fraternities. He is the Chapter President and Charter Member of the Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Iota, national professional education fraternity. He also is a community member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International, which is a leadership and service organization.

He loves animals, being the father to three active cats and one beautiful dog. He is an avid reader and loves learning new ideas. His current fascination is reading about leadership strategies and techniques, coupled with ideas of using mindfulness in the classroom and workplace. Joseph would categorize himself as a life-long learner with a purpose. With purpose, he truly believes all events – both positive and negative - happen for a reason, even if we do not truly understand them. A quote by Steve Jobs, entrepreneur, could sum up his beliefs, “Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people’s thinking. Don’t let the noise of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.”

We encourage you to make the time to get to know your District Administrative Council and meet your Governor, Joseph Cunningham! ☺



***Get to Know***  
***2015-2016 South Carolina District Governor-Elect***  
***Vivian Lee***

Please welcome Governor-Elect Vivian Lee to the South Carolina District DAC. She has been a member of the Pilot Club of Bennettsville since September 26, 2000. Since joining almost 15 years ago, she has served as Division Coordinator, Recording Secretary, Director, Chaplain, President-Elect, and 3 times as President. On the district level, she has served as Leadership Coordinator, Convention photographer, and Fund Raising Coordinator. She grew up with Pilot since her mother (Beulah Black) has been a member of the Pilot Club of Bennettsville since October 31, 1962 (before Vivian was born).

After graduating from Winthrop College, Vivian began her professional career with INA Bearing Company in Fort Mill, SC, and continues to work after 26 years with the same company - although the name is now Schaeffler Group North America and her office is in Cheraw, SC. She enjoys wearing jeans and steel toed boots while working as a production planner/scheduler. Vivian is a member of Bethel UMC, and Sandhills Emmaus Community (Walk #78). She is the proud mother of Jincey, a 2015 Marlboro County High School graduate. Vivian is a Gamecock fan who loves teddy bears and angels. She looks forward to serving her community and Pilot family.

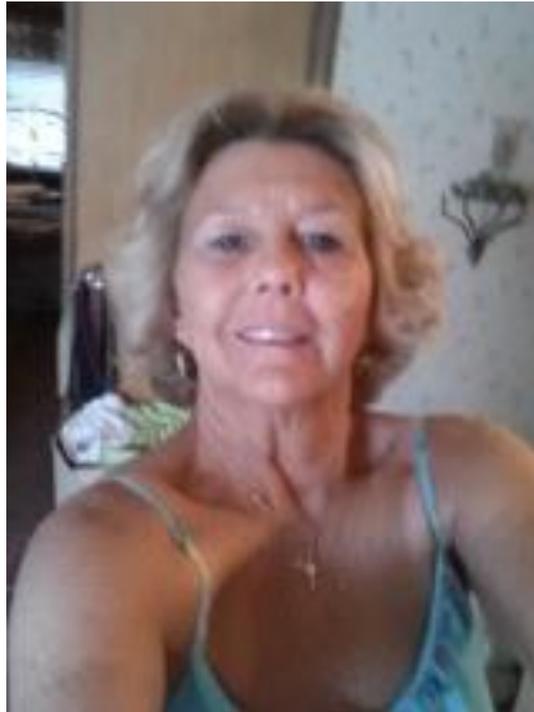


***Pictured left to right***  
***Jincey Lee, Governor-Elect Vivian Lee, and Ashley Hayes***  
***Photo taken at PI Convention Orlando July 2015***

***Meet Your  
2015-2016 South Carolina District Treasurer  
Paula Durham***

Welcome aboard the DAC Paula Durham! Paula is super excited to be serving as the SC District Treasurer!

Born in Sumter, SC, she was raised as an Army brat until her father was killed in Vietnam. Blessed to be married to her high school sweetheart, she has two sons and eleven grand-children. Paula has a degree in Accounting/Computer Science and worked in Atlanta, GA as well as Fort Worth as a financial cost consultant. Returning to school, she received her degree in Early Care and Education. Paula owns a childcare and education center where she cares for approximately 100 children. She inherited the business after her mother passed away. Paula loves to travel and meet new people.



*Our New Executive Committee Representative  
Judy Jackson*



Get to Know Your ECR – Judy Jackson, Treasurer, Pilot International

I am humbled and honored to have been elected as the 2015-2016 Treasurer of Pilot International at the 2015 Annual Convention and Leadership Conference. What exciting news to hear that I will be your ECR this year. I look forward to seeing you all in South Carolina!

Just to tell you a little about me—I have a great Co-Pilot Tom, a son and daughter-in-law, both age 33, and a daughter who is 28, plus two grand-cats. We are all cat lovers and take care of each other's spoiled, but special pets when the owners travel.

I am a life-long educator, it seems. I have taught grades 9-12 English and Gifted education in K-12 in my public school career, as well as serving three school systems in an administrative curriculum and/or professional development role at various times. I am currently teaching college English at West GA Technical College on the Douglasville campus and enjoy teaching adults of all ages. After I retire for the last time, I plan to continue presenting the Brainminders programs in our schools and volunteering with emerging readers.

Pilot is my passion and I hope it's yours as we work together to Do More, Care More, and Be More. I wish for each of you a great Pilot year as we educate and serve others!

It's great to be a Pilot!  
Judy

## ECR Message for July 2015

I am so excited and honored to be serving as your Executive Committee Representative (ECR) this year. I look forward to be working with Governor Joseph Cunningham and the entire South Carolina District Leadership Team!! What an awesome convention, in one of the most magical places on earth-- Orlando, Florida! During our convention we had many outstanding speakers and informative workshops to highlight our ABC initiatives.

The PI Budget and the PI Bylaw addition for Compass Clubs were passed. Compass Clubs are clubs which allow college age students and young professionals in the age range of 18-26 to continue community service in a new club format designed to fit their lifestyle and time constraints. As this year progresses, I look forward to hearing the wonderful success stories from your District.

Your District leadership was trained in Orlando on the 501(c) (3) Application for Clubs, Portal Buzz, and the new and improved Pick Me Up Manual. I encourage you to embrace the information they bring back to your clubs. All of the presentations given in Orlando will be available on the PI Website for your information.

Thank you all for supporting Pilot International through the years and a special welcome to all new Pilots—we're proud to have you on board in friendship and service. Please know that I am looking forward to serving your District, being with you at your District Convention, and assisting you in any way during our Pilot year.

Charting our course for the future,  
Judy Jackson

Love, Play, Smile, Believe, Wish, Hope, and Dream.

All of these are wonderful words to describe what membership in Pilot International can encompass.

At the close of the 2015 Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference, there was a sense of hope for a renewed spirit and love of Pilot. We had heard inspirational speakers tell us how their lives were transformed by the power of others. We learned (again) that it's better to give than to receive. Our members came together in the spirit of commitment to the organization. They believed in the power of what a committed group of volunteers can do.

This is a perfect time to re-visit the Pilot International Mission Statement. Do you know the three tenets of our Mission Statement? Consider having it read at the beginning of a meeting or having it printed on your agenda. Our mission statement is what binds all of our clubs and members together for a common cause.

*Pilot International transforms communities by: developing youth, providing service and education, and uplifting families.*

During our International Convention and Leadership Conference, we heard motivational stories from Jim Van Allen of the Jon Gordon Group. His messages help us see how we can add *Energy* and *Positivity* to our lives. This month we're bringing you ideas and tips on what *YOU* and your club can do to recruit and retain new members.

- **SHARE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE; SET A SHINING EXAMPLE (BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL!)**
- Praise and recognize the good of EVERY member.
- Develop a training plan to retain and mentor members – Educate your new members about Pilot.
- Don't forget to share news from Pilot International HQ and District to your current members
- Determine how best to retain your members, i.e. have monthly social events outside of your normal meetings, play cards once a month at a member's home, etc.
- Promote the idea that "Change is not bad."
- Develop a plan to recruit younger members – Use social networks i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- **COMMUNICATE – COMMUNICATE – COMMUNICATE**
- Live by the Pilot Code of Ethics
- Above all, have fun while volunteering. Laughter is contagious and smiles warm hearts.

Have a wonderful Pilot month!

Judy Jackson

*SC District Chaplain*  
*Bobbie Coxe*

Bobbie Coxe is a member of the Pilot Club of Bennettsville and has served as a Past International Governor for SC.

Dear Pilots,

I'm very honored to serve as your chaplain for 2015 -2016. I would appreciate your club newsletters, so I can keep up with the needs of your members, illness, deaths, prayer request, etc. If there is anything I can do to help in any way please let me know.

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Please remember Lynne Glair of the North Myrtle Beach Club, she is receiving treatment for throat cancer. She would welcome your cards and prayers.

**JOY FOR THE JOURNEY**

To experience happiness we must train ourselves to live in this moment, to savor it for what it is, not running ahead in anticipation of some future date nor lagging behind in the paralysis of the past. With wholeness and sensitivity we must live in the here and now. “But what if I don’t like the here and now?” “you ask. “What if my present moment is one of disappointment or impairment or heartache? How then do I savor the moment?” “Good questions. And the answers reside in the first and most profound principle for the art of savoring life. Pleasure lies in the heart, not in the happenstance. Our circumstances may be dreadful and riddled with reasons for discouragement or sorrow, but that doesn’t mean those moments are utterly devoid of happiness...Those special savored moments of fun, reflection, happiness, and pleasure give us a tiny taste of what eternity with Christ will one day be like.

**LUCY SWINDOLL**

You bring the Confetti

## *Save the Date*

The 2015 Fall Council for the South Carolina District will be held October 24 and 25 at the Embassy Suites in Columbia, SC. The hotel is located on Greystone Boulevard. Our host club will be the Pilot Club of North Augusta. They will be assisted by the Pilot Club of Orangeburg. It will be TEArrific event to attend. Mark your Calendars!

## **Got Something to Share for the Governor's Bulletin**

Please send any items for the Governor's Bulletin to Governor Joseph Cunningham or Bulletin Editor Donna Skipper. We look forward to hearing from YOU!



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