

ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

March 2024

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GOVERNOR

Karene Henson

Well, let me say Happy St. Patrick's Day and Blessed Easter! March winds are blowing lots of Pilot activity our way here in the Alabama District.

As I write this, I am preparing for a fun weekend back at Lake Guntersville with the Alabama District Anchors. They have some exciting things planned! I look forward to seeing our future leaders in action as they conduct business, participate in a great service project, and are motivated by awesome speakers.

The District Nominating Committee has completed their task and submitted a report. You will find it in this issue of the governor's bulletin. Thank you for your work in securing a great slate of officers.

District Convention is just around the corner, April 12-14th at the Grand National Marriott Resort in Opelika. Be sure that you have elected your club officers and your club delegates by the end of March. **Hotel reservations must be made by 5 PM on March 19th to receive the convention rate.** Convention registration deadline follows on March 23. The registration form is on page 13 for your convenience. Come and see the PILOT TREASURES that we have uncovered this year! The business to be conducted at District Convention will be sent to club presidents in a separate email. Be on the lookout for it and share with your delegates at your club meeting.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- ☉ March 2 Pilot First Saturday
- ☉ March 2-3 Anchor Convention
- ☉ March 5 District Pilot Award Entries
Due to Awards Jury
- ☉ March 11-17 Brain Awareness Week
- ☉ March 15 PMU, Helmet, and
BrainMinder™ Grants due to Pilot HQ
+TBI camp registration due
+PI Convention Registration with
Early Bird Rate due
- ☉ March 19 District Convention Hotel
Reservations deadline
+PI Power Hour Zoom 7 pm –
(Alzheimer's Assoc/Anchor/Compass)
- ☉ March 23 District Convention
Registration deadline
- ☉ April 12-14 District Convention
- ☉ April 19-21 TBI CAMP



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Don't forget to put your boots on and join me at the 10th Annual TBI Camp on April 19-21. Details later in this bulletin.

As you know March is BrainMinder™ month with the week of March 11-17 designated Brain Awareness Week. What a perfect time to showcase our Signature Pilot Project. Send us pictures of your club in action promoting brain awareness, safety, and education. To aid you in these projects, remember that Pilot International is awarding Pick-Me-Up Grants, Helmet Grants and BrainMinder™ grants for materials. The deadline to get your applications in is March 15.

One more deadline: March 1-15 is Pilot International Convention. Early Bird Registration-\$400. After March 15, registration is \$450. Our PI by-laws require each club to send in a registration unless you are excused by the EC. Your club could send in a registration for your club now and add the name of your delegate after you have chosen your international delegate. Links to register are at www.pilotinternational.org

Elsewhere in this bulletin, you will find special news from Pilot Club of Heflin and an announcement from the Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa. Be sure to check this out.

We have added a lot of new Pilots to our organization. Let me encourage you to keep digging! Remember that EVERYONE MATTERS in Pilot!

Enjoy the spring blooms and the warm sunshine! You might even get out and "dig" a little more!

Karene



GOVERNOR-ELECT

Laurie Fraser

Hello Alabama Pilots,

Spring is almost upon us, and with that comes fresh air, beautiful flowers, and Pilot International (PI) award deadlines. I bet you didn't see that last one coming, did you? I realize many of you just completed your applications for Alabama District Awards, but there are deadlines for PI awards as well. I just want to be sure that while you are enjoying the beauty of the season, you also remember to write and submit your entries for these awards. Remember...if you don't submit, you will never know if you could have won. I know there are a lot of great projects going on out there, and we would love to recognize the people and clubs that are responsible for making great things happen in our communities. The deadline for Pilot Awards is May 15th, and the deadline for COMPASS and Anchor Awards is April 15th. If your club sponsors a COMPASS or Anchor Club, please check in with them to see if they need some mentorship in writing awards. Sometimes, awards are not submitted because clubs see it as a huge undertaking. With a mentor breaking it down to a step-by-step process, it becomes much easier. This goes for Pilots too. If you are having difficulty, don't hesitate to reach out to another club, or the DAC.

Speaking of Anchors, you will most likely receive this as we are heading out to Lake Guntersville for the Anchor Convention. I'm excited to meet more of our Anchors! I've heard that when they all get in one room together, they are energy plus. I hope some of it rubs off on me. I do have to admit, the attendance is down this year, but I believe they will bring their love for community service with them, and we will have a great time. This brings me to my next request: I would like to see the sponsoring Pilot Clubs making a concerted effort to communicate and participate more with their Anchor clubs. We have received input that the Anchors would like to do joint projects and/or hear from their sponsor clubs more often.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the District Pilot Convention in April. It will be here before we know it! I hope you have a wonderful and prayerful Easter before then.

Laurie



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SECRETARY

Mollie Riley

Happy March my Pilot Family!!

Let's March into a **Big SHOUT Out to the Pilot Clubs of Demopolis and Cullman** for their new members. Welcome to the family. I am so happy we are growing every month. I would love to hear how you are promoting Share Pilot programs for new members. Here are a few things I do when speaking to a potential member.

- ✧ I build up my purpose to speak about the Pilot Mission.
- ✧ I choose a topic about Pilot.
- ✧ I tell them about my experience with Pilot.
- ✧ Talk about a plan to get them to visit my club.

If any of you have some tips, please email me and I will share them out.

Now I need HELP from the secretaries or membership committees - can you please email me all your new members names so I can check our records and make sure we haven't missed anyone for the Membership Awards at District Convention. This list includes new members from April 1, 2023, until March 30, 2024.

I Hope you all have a Wonderful and Blessed Easter!

Remember, before God created the universe, he already had you in mind.
Erwin Lutzer

Hugs with Pilot Love,
Mollie



TREASURER

Lisa Patterson

Wait a minute, didn't we just celebrate New Year's? Where did January and February go? What's happening in March and April that you don't want to miss?

- Anchor Convention is March 2-3, at Lake Guntersville State Park. The Anchors are excited! Thank you to those planning to join us in support of our Alabama Anchors.
- The third weekend in April is our 10th TBI Camp.
- District Convention is another very important item for March. Don't miss registering for District Convention and securing your sleeping room. District Convention is earlier this year so don't let the deadlines pass. Get registered and get your sleeping rooms ASAP!

DISTRICT CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Hotel Reservations: **Marriott Grand National** –
1-800-228-9290

CODE: ADP

Block released: March 19, 2024 @ 5 PM

Room Rate (tax incl): **\$197.75/night**
(Resort fee will be waived at check-in)

(48-hour cancellation policy)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

Deadline for District Convention Registration postmark: Saturday, **March 23, 2024**. If possible, please send one check per club – payable to Alabama District, PI – with your registration. *What a great opportunity for new members to experience!*

In Pilot Friendship & Service,
Lisa



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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER

Eleanor Park

PILOT CARES & CONCERNS

March winds have already been in force for several days and the month will be flying by swiftly as we near the close of this Pilot Year. This brings to mind these words from "We Can Fly," (The Bumblebee Song), written by Lisa Martin Palas and Carol Grace Anderson.



No one told the little bumblebee
She wouldn't be able to fly
So, she just went
And spread her wings
We can fly
Like the bumblebee
Yes, you and me
We can fly
Make our wildest dreams reality
We can fly
There's no limit
To what we can do
When we believe that we can
There are so many possibilities
Once we understand



Continuing to dig for treasures to bring in new members, we can help those Pilots to spread their wings and be lifted up as they, too, will be able to realize that there is no limit to what we all can do to serve others in Friendship and Service. God is always there to assist us in what we do if we only believe!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- ♥ Ann Richardson, Pilot Club of Roanoke, on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Louisa Hope Huckabee, who was born on Feb. 11, 2024.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING TO:

- ♥ Nancy Ballard of Decatur Pilot Club is home as she recovers from gall bladder surgery.
- ♥ Carolyn Cobb's grandson, Adam Khan, Katie's husband, who has been in the hospital in Enterprise.
- ♥ Katherine Smith, Pilot Club of Roanoke, is home recovering from a recent hospital stay.
- ♥ Phillip Traylor, husband of Lee County Pilot Maria Traylor, is undergoing cancer treatment.

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO:

- ♥ Joy Morgan, PC of Roanoke, our Alabama GB editor, in the loss of her mother, Hazel Smith. Cards may be sent to Joy at 4195 U.S. Hwy. 431, Roanoke, AL 36274.
- ♥ Linda Hand, former Dothan Pilot, lost her brother, Robert Falls, on Feb. 23.
- ♥ Mary Browning, Lee County Pilot Club, in the recent loss of two of her sisters.
- ♥ Pilot Club of Heflin, loss of Emeritus member, Carolyn Casey.
- ♥ Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa, loss of Emeritus member, Betty Lott

Pray for our great country and the needs of those suffering in this world. GOD BLESS!

Clubs, please remember to send me the names of your members and family members who have passed away from May 2023-April 2024. The [form for reporting this information is on the district website](#). This will allow me to prepare for our special memorial service at District Convention.

Eleanor, PC of Demopolis

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COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK

Two Pilot Committees have been working diligently behind the scenes in the Alabama District: The Nominating Committee and the Awards Jury. Much gratitude and many thanks go to these Pilots who help ensure that Alabama District is moving forward in Pilot International. Appreciation also goes to the clubs who nominated Pilots to serve on the DAC and the clubs who submitted award entries.



AWARDS JURY

Let us recognize our District Awards Jury, chaired by Claire Plott. Other members serving with her are Charlotte Owens, Cindy Weaver, and Janice Clark, alternate. Many thanks go to this hardworking group of dedicated ladies.

The Awards Jury has already received, judged, and prepared certificates for the Anchor Awards which will be announced at Anchor District Convention on March 3.

The deadline for District Pilot Awards is March 1. Did your club submit an entry? Our Awards Jury is ready to receive and review your club award entries. A highlight of District Convention is the announcement of our district award winners. We will celebrate the treasures of Pilot service to our communities around the state.

DAC

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

REPORT FROM THE 2024-2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has received all the required forms from candidates seeking positions to serve on the 2024-2025 District Administrative Council. The nominating committee reviewed, checked references, and found all the following nominees to be qualified.

**President Elect: Lisa Patterson,
Pilot Club of Prattville**

**Treasurer: Kay Chandler, Pilot
Club of Decatur**

**Secretary: Mollie Riley, Pilot Club
of Prattville and Enterprise**

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie McGinnis, Chair

Janice Clark

Elaine Cole

Virginia Wimberly

NOTE: 2023-24 Governor-Elect, Laurie Fraser will assume the office of 2024-25 Governor July 1.

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ALABAMA DISTRICT STILL GROWING

*Pilot Club of
Demopolis—*

 **Rachel England
sponsored by Eleanor
Park**

Pilot Club of Cullman—

 **Leigh Ann Pannell
sponsored by Tiffany
Oldacre**

 **Betty Dover
sponsored by Stefani
Nelson**

 **Sharon Townson
sponsored by Julie
Burks/Beverly
Wilkerson**

**Remember the One
Matters initiative enters
the name of each new
Pilot and their sponsor in
a drawing for
reimbursement of PI
Convention Registration!!!**

TBI CAMP

Kay Chandler

Two months!!! We are getting closer and closer to '24 "Boot Scootin Boogie" Traumatic Brain Injury Camp! Number 10!! We are almost full for Campers and I'm waiting on Pilots, Anchors, and Compass to register! Deadline is March 15th.

We also need more Camperships---if your club hasn't sent in their 23-24 TBI Camperships, please do so!!! Our shirts are designed and waiting on the number to be printed. (Thank you Mellisa King). Decorations are being made by Enterprise Pilot Club. Prattville is practicing their Bingo calling!! We need bingo prizes, backpack items, and Pick Me Up's for the Caregivers. Bring them to District Convention!!! Remember our Campers are adults! Nancy Bullard and her team are planning wonderful crafts for Campers to have fun with at Camp. The Troy Pilot Club is busy getting Scrapbooking and Memory pages ready. Benny Jo and Mellisa are out beating the bushes for corporate sponsors! Pilot International Founders Fund has generously approved our 24 Matching Grant in the amount of \$5000.00. A registration form is on page 11 and on our [web page](#). If you have a Camper you want to send, please get their [application](#) in ASAP. Can't wait to make #10 the best ever!

See you at Camp!
Kay



DISTRICT QUILT FUNDRAISER

The Alabama District did a great job of supporting the 2023 District Fundraiser Quilt Raffle. The total income from ticket sales was \$4,632.00 which resulted in a net income of \$4,413.72 after expenses. This means that the Proposed District Project and the TBI District Project each received \$2,206.86! Thank you for your support of this incredible fundraiser.

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Lisa Patterson
23.24 Alabama District Treasurer
"Do More. Care More. Be More"



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ALABAMA DISTRICT ECR

Nicki Dawkins

Hello Pilot friends,

March is a time of renewal as we welcome spring. After winter's refreshment of nature, spring brings the awakening of flowers, trees and all the beauty our earth has to offer. Now is a great time to invite friends and acquaintances to enjoy the beautiful bounty of Pilot. In March, let us focus on our One Matters Initiative in which EACH Pilot is asked to actively try to recruit ONE new member. Plan to share Pilot through an event or a recruitment effort to bring in valuable new members who will blossom in your club. Each Pilot that sponsors their ONE will be entered into a drawing for a CASH refund for their registration fee to the 2024 Pilot International Convention in Denver, Colorado!



Your district convention is just around the corner. Make plans to attend and be a part of the fun and fellowship that is sure to be included as your district comes together to execute the business of the District. Your district leadership has been working diligently for months in preparation for YOU to have a fulfilling experience at convention. Your convention experience will allow you to gain knowledge through speakers and workshops, it will allow you to provide service through a project or initiative and it will allow you to renew friendships as Pilots from all over your district attend convention. Your voice will be heard through the election of District officers and the passing of your budgets. Come everyone and celebrate your accomplishments together.



Now is a great time to start working on Anchor Awards to recognize the outstanding work of our Anchors and those who support our Anchors. Nominations for Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Community Service and Visibility Award for Pick Me Ups and the Anchor Community Service and Visibility Award for BrainMinder™ are to be submitted by April 15th. Individual awards include the Outstanding Anchor Advisor of the Year, Anchor Club Star Award, the Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award, and the Project LifeSaver Scholarship Award. These are also due by April 15th. The forms for submission can be found at the following address - www.anchorlubintl.org/awards Award winners will be announced in Denver during the awards breakfast. I look forward to celebrating your outstanding Anchors, Anchor clubs and Anchor leaders.

In Pilot friendship and service,

Nicki Dawkins



CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 AT 2 PM – 4 PM

PILOT CLUB OF HEFLIN 47TH ANNIVERSARY/SHARE PILOT

935 Ross Street, Heflin, AL 36264

What to expect

Club chartered March 1977, Pilot Club of Heflin members invite you to come celebrate. Share Pilot to recruit new members, reclaim old members. Come & go as you wish. Light refreshments, fellowship, & Pilot information.



RSVP via Facebook – Sandra Fay Kent

ANNOUNCING...

19 January 2024



Dear Pilots, Former Pilots & Friends:

I wish to formally announce the establishment of an endowed scholarship in the name of the Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama to celebrate our 102nd anniversary as a civic group, established by Pilot International Inc on 22 March 1922. We have a long history in Tuscaloosa and members from both "town and gown" from the beginning. One of our fifty-year members, Dr. Kathleen Stitt (now deceased) started funding and giving a scholarship to a Nutrition student in the College of Human Environmental Sciences (CHES), which later expanded to include students in any department (Clothing, Textiles & Interior Design) that had a club member. In recent years her donation was added to by other members to give 2 scholarships or to increase its amount. The new endowed scholarship was created to continue that legacy and the legacy of giving and support to the Tuscaloosa community by the Tuscaloosa club.

We are asking for your help to fund our scholarship and celebrate with us our upcoming milestone. I have enclosed information on how to give through the University, which would be tax deductible. As a veteran fundraiser for the club, I welcome any amount you can give, after all "from a small acorn a mighty oak can grow".

Thank you for your support.

Beverly A Kissinger, Treasurer
Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa, member
2114 Fox Ridge Road
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406
Cell: 540.327.8461



ANNOUNCING...



The PILOT CLUB OF TUSCALOOSA

is pleased to announce the creation of the Pilot Club of Tuscaloosa
Endowed College of Human Environmental Sciences Scholarship

to honor our 102nd Birthday of our founding on March 22, 1922, by members of the community and university who together created the first civic woman's organization in Tuscaloosa. As the fourth chartered club by Pilot International Inc of Macon, Georgia, the club has a long history of charitable endeavors in the community including providing scholarship money for students within the College of Human Environmental Sciences. The College has also provided a significant number of members from its ranks. Thus, we are asking our Pilot friends, members, and former members to contribute to this scholarship. Once it is endowed the scholarship will go to a junior or senior student in Nutrition, Interior Design, or Clothing and Textiles who shows promise to succeed in their chosen field and has financial need.

A direct link to give is: give.ua.edu/?d=02F538C9-2E9A-4BAE-AE3D-5CDB15289A3F

give.ua.edu/?d=02F538C9-2E9A-4BAE-AE3D-5CDB15289A3F

Or use QR code:



*Put in amount

R Code:

*Select "one time" or "recurring" and then fill out your personal information.

For more information contact: Beverly Kissing at bkissing@retiree.ua.edu or Jordyn Pruitt, Director of Development CHES at Jordvn.pruitt@ua.edu or phone 205-348-2065

She would be happy to help anyone with a donation or pledge.



**+Traumatic Brain Injury Camp
April 19-21, 2024
Camp ASCCA**

For TBI Use ONLY

Check rec'd _____
Ck Amt: _____
Ck #: _____

Club _____

President's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

<u>Shirt Size</u>	<u>Name of Person Registering</u>	<u>Pilot/ Compass Member</u>	<u>Anchor</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Full Reg</u>	<u>Saturday Only</u>
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Total number of full registrations () @ \$55.00 = _____

Total number Saturday Only () @ \$39.00 = _____

Extra Shirts () @ \$15.00 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE and ENCLOSED: \$ _____ *

**** The first two Anchors, Pilots, or Compass Members registering for the weekend, April 19-21, 2024, will only have to pay for their shirt, \$15.00.****

- Theme: *Boot Scootin Boogie*
- Friday Night Talent Show & Party!
- Camp ASCCA Fun Saturday Morning & Afternoon!
- Saturday Night Dance
- Sunday Inspirational Service
- **You must bring all bedding, sheets, blankets, pillows and towels.**

**We will be limiting Registration to 3 per club until after the deadline---then all spots will be opened.*

Deadline for TBI registration is March 15, 2024

**One check per club, payable to Alabama District, PI, must accompany this registration form.*

Mail to:
Kay Chandler
Alabama District, PI
104 Jackson Way,
Decatur, AL 35603

Other Items Needed:
Adult Bingo Prizes, \$5.00 or more each
Craft Ideas & Supplies
Water, Small packs of Cracker, cookies,
Chips, Lip chap, Hand Wipes, Kleenex
Puzzles, Coloring Books & Colors, Small Games

**SECOND CALL TO DISTRICT CONVENTION
APRIL 12-14, 2024
MARRIOTT GRAND NATIONAL RESORT
AUBURN/OPELIKA**

WE FOUND PILOT TREASURES!

Calling all Alabama District Pilots, Compass, and Anchors

Friday Night Banner Presentation Neurographic Arts/Service Project

**Saturday First Timers' Breakfast/Orientation
Speaker: Joy Bazemore, Founder of Reviving Waters Respite
District Business
AWARDS LUNCHEON
Officer Training Workshops
Compass Share
Pilot Share
INSTALLATION BANQUET FOR 2024-2025 DAC
Fun Entertainment
Delicious Food**

**Sunday Past Governors' Breakfast
Special Memorial Service
(WEAR YOUR HAT FOR LORRAINE)
Special Reports
Presentation of 2024-25 Appointees
Invitations to Upcoming Events**

**What to bring: Door Prize from Each Club (\$25 value)
New Hat, Cap, Headwrap for Cancer Patients (service project)
Ink Cartridges for PIFF**

**What to wear: a BIG PILOT SMILE at all times
Club or District Shirts
Dressy for Saturday Banquet
Travel Clothes and a Hat for Sunday**

**Deadlines: Hotel Reservation March 19 (code ADP) Registration: March 23, 2024
PACK YOUR BAGS, GOLF CLUBS (co-Pilots).**

JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND PILOT LEARNING!!!!

Pilot International Fun in Denver



PIFF Fundraiser and Founders Fund Bingo!

DINNER

AMBASSAH BAND

Chris Voth

COMEDY SHOW

Spectacular

Dinner/Jazz Band/Comedian

PIFF FUNDRAISER

\$100.00
Ticket

Thursda
July 18
6:30 p.m



PILOT INTERNATIONAL

Founders Fund

BINGO

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH
HYATT REGENCY DENVER
SESSION A - 6:00 PM
SESSION B - 8:00 PM

\$1500
IN CASH PRIZES

\$50

INCLUDES ENTRY TO A OR B SESSION, DAUBER, & BINGO BOOK - 5 GAMES, 6 CARDS PER

To access these events or any of our convention resources [ctrl-click here](#).
Early Bird registration for P.I. March 15