

# ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

February 2024

Issue 8



## GOVERNOR

**Karene Henson**

Pilot Friends,

I LOVE the hustle and bustle of exciting Pilot projects and events. Get ready to DIG into all that is happening in the Alabama District.

We are given the opportunity to recognize an outstanding Pilot leader as the recipient of the Jo Vaughn Leadership Award. This award is given by the Past Governors in memory of the leadership legacy left in Alabama and Pilot International. Get your nomination in to Nancy Lehe, chair of this committee.

Deadline is Feb. 12.

The District Nominating Committee is working tirelessly to ensure that we have a full slate of qualified officers to assume their duties for 2024-2025. Is there someone in your club who loves numbers and is talented in keeping the books? Perhaps he/she would be willing to serve the District as Treasurer.

Deadline for officer nominations is Feb. 12.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

-  Feb. 1 Contributions due to PIHQ
-  Feb. 3 Pilot First Saturday
-  **Feb. 12 District Officer Nominations Due**
-  **Feb. 12 Jo Vaughn Leadership Award Nominations Due**
-  Feb. 20 PI Power Hour Zoom 7pm cst
-  **Feb. 29 Deadline to submit suggested Standing Rule changes to Governor**
-  **Mar. 1 Pilot Award Entry Deadline to Awards Committee**
-  Mar. 15 PMU/Helmet/BrainMinders Grant Deadline
-  **Mar. 19 District Convention Hotel Deadline 5 pm**
-  Mar. 19 PI Power Hour Zoom 7pm cst



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I am looking forward to the Anchor District Convention to be held March 2-3 at Guntersville State Park. They are planning a great weekend with an encore presentation of the Shining Stars, a TBI survivor as speaker, and a very special memorial service on Sunday morning.

In April, all the Pilot family will gather for our District Convention at Marriott Grand National Resort in Opelika/Auburn. Attached to this bulletin you will find the First Call to Convention with all the details you need to know as well as the registration form. You can also find this information on [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com) Please note that the room block code is *ADP* and the room block will be held through March 19 at 5 pm. Your confirmation may reflect a \$25 resort fee. Don't panic! This will be waived at the end of your stay and will not be charged.!

Pilot International has also released information concerning our International Convention to be held in July in Denver, CO. Our bulletin editor has summarized the information in a flyer in this bulletin. You might want to print it out and keep it in the forefront of your upcoming meetings.

NOTE: If you or your club has any suggested Standing Rule Changes to propose for Convention business, please get those to me in writing by Feb. 29, 2024. Please include the rationale for the change and any impact if any on the district finances.

Have a "lovely" February!

**Karene**



**GOVERNOR-ELECT**

**Laurie Fraser**

## Happy February Pilots!

Did you know that not only do we celebrate Valentines Day this month, but we also observe Black History Month, Mardi Gras, National Cancer Prevention Month, American Heart Month, Humpback Whale Month (just had to include that), and Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month? Believe it or not, there are more, but I will stop at that. I list these to remind you that we have a lot going on this month, and most of it has something to do with the heart, love, or treating each other well. February sounds like an awesome month.

The DAC and Convention Committee met recently to kick planning into high gear. We've got some fun activities in store for you! I hope you plan to join us the weekend of April 12-14<sup>th</sup> in Opelika, AL. The hotel is very nice, and the food fantastic. We felt spoiled every time we sat down for a meal. The block for hotel registration is now open. I will be working on the Flag Ceremony for the Convention, and I ask that each club send me a short snippet of one project you feel embodies your club spirit and success. Please send them to [lfraser.clubs@gmail.com](mailto:lfraser.clubs@gmail.com)

And finally, we still have the nominations open for next year's District Officers. I'm counting on the clubs to give careful thought to nominations for a well-rounded team DAC for 2024-2025.

In Pilot Love,  
**Laurie**





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**SECRETARY**

**Mollie Riley**

## Hello My Pilot Family!

**I feel LOVE for Pilot in the air!** Yes, it is February, and Love is everywhere. This would be an excellent theme for a Share Pilot program for recruiting new members. Another way to play on the theme is to cut out hearts with an invitation to your club meeting. There are so many ways to use each month for a theme for a Share Pilot event. Get with your membership committee and share your ideas.

**The Membership Committee**, I hope everything is going well with setting up Goals, staying on Track, and having a monthly meeting on how progress is going.

Now my favorite part that I love so dearly is announcing new Memberships. New members mean more friends becoming a voice for Pilot! **Big Shout Out to the Pilot Club of Lee County, Pilot Club of Cullman, Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise, and Pilot Club of Enterprise. YES, we have added 6 new members!** These new Pilots are recognized elsewhere in the bulletin. WELCOME to the family.

Don't forget to **'Mark your Calendar'** for the upcoming events, **the Anchor Convention, the 10-year Celebration for TBI Camp, and the District Convention.**

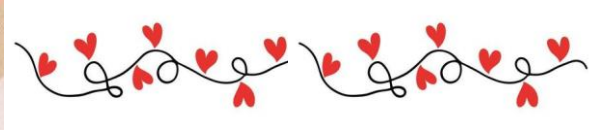
Hugs with Pilot Love,

Mollie



**TREASURER**

**Lisa Patterson**



It's February and love is in the air! Do you feel it? It's a great time to share your Pilot love with our Anchor, Compass and Pilot members at our upcoming Alabama District Conventions and Traumatic Brain Injury Camp?

The Anchor Convention is March 2nd and 3rd at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge. Registrations are coming in now. Make plans to come and support our Anchors at their District Convention. The deadline to register is February 1st.

The Alabama District Convention will be held April 12th – 14th at the Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa. Registration information is attached to your Governor's Bulletin. Make your room reservations before the block is released at 5 p.m. on March 19, 2024. The postmark deadline to send your registration to me is March 23, 2024.

Next, join us as we celebrate our 10th TBI Camp, April 19th – 21st, at Camp ASCCA, where we will be kicking up our boot scooting heels! It's not too late to sponsor a camper or donate to our TBI Camp funds.

In Anchor, Compass & Pilot LOVE!

Lisa





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Nicki Dawkins



Wow! It is already February and we have more than crossed our mid-year point of the 2023-2024 Pilot year. Pilot District Executive Boards, as well as our Compass and Anchor leaders, are busy preparing for District Conventions. Even your Executive Committee spent a long weekend planning and are now getting ready for new training opportunities and fun experiences for you in Denver, Colorado! There is a Convention tab on the PI website already for you to start getting a peek. So, check it out and get ready, it's going to be an awesome Convention!

### Anchor and Compass Updates

Four Anchor Clubs and one Compass Club have been chartered since July 1, 2023! Then Anchors and Compass members are growing! This is truly excellent news because we want Anchors and Compass members to be the future of Pilot International. Compass International made history on November 4, 2023, with their virtual Compass International Fall Workshop. It was so successful that they are considering a late winter/early spring workshop. Congratulations to Compass! It's time for grants and scholarships. The first one, Dreams Ahead Award, is open to Anchors and Compass members and awards money towards the leadership summit in Denver, Colorado. The deadline for entry is March 1. There are many other awards and scholarships that have other deadlines, many March 15, available on the website. Encourage Anchors and Compass members to check them out and apply.

### BrainMinders™ Month

Get ready! BrainMinders™ month is March, so now is the time to start planning. There is a lot of information available on the Pilot International website for BrainMinders™ and the Helmet People. Take a moment and explore. You may want to play BRAIN-O or perform a BrainMinder™ puppet skit for the children. Don't forget the seniors. They love to play BRAIN-O too. There is a 9-square version for the seniors who are unable to handle the regular 25 square BRAIN-O, plan ahead. The quarterly deadline for the new BrainMinders™ grant is March 15. Grant money may be used for any BrainMinder™ materials obtained through Pilot International, such as coloring or activity books, stickers, posters, and bookmarks.

### Brain Awareness Week

Brain Awareness Week is March 11-17, 2024. This is the perfect opportunity to spread the word about brain safety and wellness through your community. If possible, set up a stand outside your local grocery store, organize a BRAIN-O night or BrainMinders™ presentation. The Helmet Coloring Contest is in full swing! Organize a local contest and submit the winners. Details are on the PI website under The Helmet People. Get the word out into your community!

I wish you success and smooth waters as you prepare to sail through the second half of your Pilot year!

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

*Nicki Dawkins*





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**INSPIRATIONAL LEADER**

**Eleanor Park**

## **PILOT CARES & CONCERNS**

A quote by Princess Diana: "Only do what your heart tells you." My heart tells me we have a few more months in the Pilot year to be digging for treasures. If you find it in your heart to ask friends, co-workers, whomever, to be a part of your club, then do not put it off. God gives us wisdom to seek out the best in others and it may just be that special someone needs a place in your club membership. Remember, February is the love month.

- ♥ Please remember those who have lost loved ones. Services for Sue Trammel were held on January 21 in Hartselle. Sue was a member of the Decatur Pilot Club. Cards may be sent to her daughter, Monica Brewer at 567 Kyle Lane NW, Cleveland, Tennessee 37312.
- ♥ Higley Parr, husband of Demopolis Pilot, Paula Parr, passed away on Wednesday, January 24. He was the son of former Demopolis Pilot, Irma Parr. Services will be Monday, January 29 at First Baptist Church at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10:00 until 11:00. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 215, Demopolis, AL 36732
- ♥ Glenda Brooks is recovering from a serious illness at the Rehab Center at Traylor's Retirement Center, Room 401, 925 Piedmont Street, Roanoke, AL 36274. Her address is P.O. Box 703, Roanoke, AL 36274.
- ♥ Gus Weiss, husband of Demopolis Pilot, Joyce Weiss, fell and broke his hip and is currently rehabbing in Woodhaven Manor Nursing Home following surgery.
- ♥ Demopolis Pilot, Michele Dill, asked for prayers for her 11-year-old granddaughter, Khloe Mitchell, who had an allergic reaction on January 15 from eating cashews. She coded at the hospital but is now doing well.

Thank you for remembering all these clubs that have lost loved ones and for those who are asking for your prayers.

Please remember to send me [the Cares, Concerns & Celebrations forms](#) completed by your club secretary.

God bless!

Eleanor, PC of Demopolis





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## TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CAMP 2024

It's COMING! April 19, 20, 21, 2024, Pilots/Compass Members, Anchors, Campers, and Caregivers will meet down at our special place, Camp ASCCA to have a "Boot Scootin Boogie" time. We will celebrate being together for ten years! And to help make this happen, we have received our Grant from PIFF!

How great is that? Registration for Campers/Caregivers opened the first of January, and we are half way full. If you have a Camper you want to send, get their registration in. Registration forms can be found on our Web Page. Registration for Pilots/Compass and Anchors will be posted on February 1. Due to space limitations, you will want to get this in ASAP. Good news too---the first two Pilots/Compass, or Anchors from each Club who plan to attend for the weekend will only have to pay for their shirt---that's just \$15.00. That means you can come to Camp for \$15.00! After the first two, cost is \$55.00 for the weekend and \$39.00 for Saturday only. This is due to a generous donation from a Pilot that will help defray the cost!

Now, to get ready----we are still in need of Bingo Prizes---each should be \$5.00 or more. Remember our Campers are Adults, so be sure your prizes are for adults. Campers love scarfs, jeweler, hats, lotions, ties, gloves, and gift cards are always a big hit. We need items for our Backpacks. Small snacks, water, ChapStick, sunscreen handwipes, pens & pencils, note pads, gum, and useful items that Campers might need during their fun time at Camp. We need items to be used for scrapbooking. Little Debbie Cakes are another good item, and please, try for something beside the Oatmeal ones. Crafts---we need suggestions, supplies and donations. Campers love to make things, paint, built and create. And Camperships. They are \$300 and we need 25. Clubs---please sponsor a Camper. Pilots, we are a 501(c)3 so why not donate for a tax deduction. Seek donations from business and corporations in your town. Camp cost about \$14,000. Any donation is acceptable.

WE NEED YOU! Get your "Boot Scootin Boogie" self together, your costume ready for the Saturday night dance, your talent ready for the Friday night Talent Show and join us. Let's make #10 the BEST.

Let's "Boot Scoot" our way down to Camp ASCCA.

See you April 19-21!!!!

Kay





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## ONE MATTERS

### We Love our New Members

Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise  
Sandra Danford

Pilot Club of Cullman  
Callie Smith  
Amy Oliver  
Mary Stevens

Pilot Club of Lee County  
Peggy Bridges

Pilot Club of Enterprise  
Luann Barnes

HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR ONE TO JOIN?



## PIFF

Peggy Harris

### FUND RAISING PROJECTS REPORT FOR JULY – DECEMBER 2023 – TOTAL \$585

- M & M TUBES – Filled with quarters. Fall Council Collection - \$325.00. Continue collecting! Bring to April District Convention.
- EMPTIES4CASH – Total Inkjets cartridges shipped – 424; 62 not acceptable = 362. TOTAL CASH - \$365.50
- Club PIFF Representative and Presidents encourage members to save INKJET cartridges, collect from computer friends and collect quarters for donating to PIFF. Now accepting FULL UNUSED ORIGINAL INKJET CARTRIDGES, paying empty cartridge price plus \$2.

**BRING ALL TO DISTRICT CONVENTION.**

Peggy

## JO VAUGHN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Submit your Jo Vaughn nominees by February 12, 2024. Here is a link to the [policy](#) regarding the award and the application.

### SUBMIT TO:

Nancy Lehe  
115 Morgan St  
Talladega, AL 35160  
[nancylehe@att.net](mailto:nancylehe@att.net)

Thanks so much,

Beverly

256-338-4754

## AWARDS

Claire Plott

Anchor award entries are due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Pilot award entries are due Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All entries should be mailed to:

Claire Plott, Chair  
1115 Sawyer Drive  
Opelika, AL 36801  
Phone: 251-978-5017  
[cgplott@gmail.com](mailto:cgplott@gmail.com)

Entry forms for [brain-related](#) and [community service](#) are available on our district website: [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com). The [judging criteria](#) is there as well.

Looking forward to lots of entries!

Claire



## EASTERN AREA SPOTLIGHT ON CLUBS

Pilot friendships are at their best when shared with others. Pilots have talent, wisdom, and the capacity to care as is experienced at club meetings, community service events, District projects, Fall Council, and conventions. Pilots always lend their friendship and support whenever a need arises.

Friendships are a blessing, and to all who have a Pilot friend, it's one of the most prized gifts that you could ever have.

### *The Pilot Club of Heflin, Chartered in 1977, #707.*

Heflin is a small but mighty club, gaining in membership. These Pilots are serving the community with Nursing home Valentine refreshments and cards for residents. They sponsored a Cleburne County High School student with fees to attend Girls' State and plans are in the works to present the BrainMinder program soon. They are very proud to recognize local businesses with Pick Me Ups. Heflin was the home club to Past District Governor Bonnie Turner and husband Darrell Turner who passed away in a tragic car accident. Their son Bradley is serving as Club President.

### *The Pilot Club of Lee County, Chartered in 1974, #669.*

Lee County Pilots know how to have fun with their many fundraisers. They truly enjoy being with each other as was evident while working the concessions during a basketball game. One of their favorite times together is the Syrup Sopping Festival. All of their fundraising supports many community projects. Lee County is the home club for Past District Governor Claire Plott.

### *The Pilot Club of Roanoke, Chartered in 1947, #227.*

With over 77 years of friendship and service, the Roanoke Pilots are generous with their giving, not only in their community, but with mentoring small clubs. They had a most unusual project at Christmas with a baby shower for Jesus. All gifts were donated to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Lanett. Roanoke is the home club to Governor Karene Henson and Past District Governor Glenda Brooks.

### *The Pilot Club of Gadsden, Chartered in 1936, #46.*

Due to the recent passing of several members, the Gadsden Club is sad to report that they have disbanded. Several members plan to become International members and stay active in Pilot. Gadsden was the home club for Past District Governors Irene Lee, (deceased), and Sherre McGinnis.



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## 2023-2024 PI Power Hour Schedule



3rd Tuesday Monthly @ 8pm EST

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Presenter (s)</u>
2/20/24	Pilot Expansion Program American Heart Assoc./Stroke	Winnie Brewer/committee Connie Moore/committee Lisa Palmquist
3/19/24	TBI Camps/Survivor Speaker Anchor/Compass	Holly Baker Tammy Dalton/Karen Cupit/ Karen Ferguson-Bain
4/16/24	PIHQ Update/Grant Writing Marketing	Sta Diana Kingree/Sta
5/21/24	Helmets/Bicycle Safety National Safety Speaker/Safe Kids PI Convention: Excursions/Speakers/	Karen Cupit Beverly Shean Mallory Davis
6/18/23	Preparing for Next Pilot Year Motivational Speaker	Nicki Dawkins Nicki Dawkins
7/2/24	Denver: Here We Come! Know B4 you go!	Holly Baker/Mallory Davis Nicki Dawkins/Connie Moore

## PI Statistics 12/31/23

**New Members gained: 350**

**Total Membership: 5305**

**Total Dues Paying Members: 4847**

**2 new Anchor Clubs**

**Aloha Pilot Club chartered Jan. 15 in COED district!**



**FIRST 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!!!!**



# 2024 ALABAMA DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

April 12-14, 2024  
 Marriott Grand National  
 3700 Robert Trent Jones Trail  
 Opelika, AL 36801

*For District Treasurer's  
 Use ONLY*  
 Date Recv'd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ck Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ck # \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot - COMPASS - Anchor Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 President's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Years in Pilot	Name of Person Registering	Delegate	Past Gov.	First Timer	Other	Full Reg.	Guest Lunch Reg.	Guest Dinner Only
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**Other:** Pilot - COMPASS - Anchor member

Please list **ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of FULL Registrations ( ) @ \$120.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number for LUNCH only ( ) @ \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number of BANQUET only ( ) @ \$60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE and ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for District Convention Registration postmark: Saturday, March 23, 2024**

One check per club – payable to Alabama District, PI – must accompany this registration form. Mail to: Lisa Patterson, AL District Treasurer  
 28929 Canterbury Rd.  
 Daphne, AL 36526

**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)

**REFUNDS:** The Governor must receive any refund requests in writing by **(April 7, 2024)**  
five days prior to District Convention to be considered.



102nd

Pilot International Convention and Leadership Conference  
Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center  
July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Denver

102nd Pilot International  
Convention and Leadership Conference  
July 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Colorado

Early Bird Registration-\$400.00

Opens Feb 1 -Mar 15

Registration-\$450.00

Deadline May 31

PIP Registration-\$250.00

Co-Pilot-\$350.00

**Pre-Convention Excursions:**

Garden of the Gods Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway

**Workshops Friday P.M.**

**Service Project: Autism Society**

Sensory Packs

Sponsorship-\$50.00

**Don't Want to Miss Speakers:**

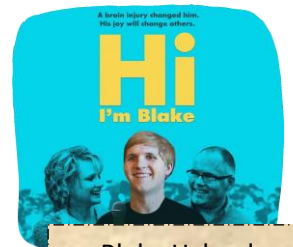
**PIFF Fundraisers:**

Blue Jeans & Bling

Bingo

Gift Card Pull

Designer Bag Raffle



Blake Hyland:  
Inspiring Others  
to have hope.  
Sharing his story  
in recovery  
from a TBI.



Hagan Walker:  
CEO and  
co-founder of Glo



Dustin James:  
America's Top  
Corporate Energizer  
Moments Leadership



Pre-Order: Pilot Shirt \$25.00, Pilot Pin \$5.00,  
Additional Tickets Breakfast \$50.00 & Banquet \$105.00

