

ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

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GOVERNOR

Karene Henson

Pilot Friends,

I know that you have seen the news of the devastating fires on Maui. CO-ED Governor Janis Akuna has sent us an update about the great need. Although the Hawaiian Pilot Clubs are on the island of Oahu, many pilots do have family members who have been impacted on Maui. Governor Janis has suggested monetary donations be made to Maui Food Bank or Red Cross. If your club would like to contribute, please make a check out to Alabama District Pilot International (memo: Maui). You may bring your contribution to Fall Council or mail it to Treasurer Lisa Patterson by September 30.

Good News: THERE'S GOLD IN THE HILLS!!!!
2023 FALL COUNCIL at Lake Guntersville State Lodge on September 23-24.

Pilots arriving on Friday may register from 4-6. Activities for early arrivals will begin Friday at 7 p.m. in the Camelia Room.

Saturday registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Market Place will open at 9am in the Camelia Room. Our PILOT PIGS will be on display in the Market Place. Remember to count your PIG's food (money) and bring a check to reflect how much he/she "has eaten".

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ITEMS & DATES TO REMEMBER

Club Officer Forms and Plans of Work should be sent to Governor immediately.

- **Sept. 2 PILOT FIRST SATURDAY (1st Saturday of each month)**
- **Sept. 8 Deadline for Fall Council Registration**
- **Sept. 15 Deadline for PMU and Helmet Grants**
- **September 19 at 7pm, PI POWER HOUR about Website and Matching Grants**
- **Sept. 23-24 FALL COUNCIL**
- **Sept. 30 Deadline for PI Ambassador Contribution**
- **October 8 PILOT FIRST SATURDAY AND PILOT WALK**
- **October 15 Deadline for PIFF Matching Grants and Emergency Response Grants**
- **October 18 PILOT FOUNDER'S DAY**
- **October 28 PILOT MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**



Sunset at Guntersville Lake

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Our Fall Council will officially begin with a PILOT WALK on the balcony, overlooking Lake Guntersville. At 12:30 p.m., wearing our Pilot shirts, we will gather for our walk and have a group picture made.

Our Saturday afternoon speaker will be Kanyetta Ammons from Huntsville. The Shining Stars, a special choral group from Guntersville, will provide our Saturday night entertainment.

I have asked for club input to help the planning committee finalize the Fall Council program.

- DAC wants to know what you need to know about leadership both on the club and the district level. Why do some members hesitate to step up and serve? Send me your questions and concerns ASAP.
- We need models from each club for our Fashion Show featuring designs from the House of Pilot. Send me the names of the models as well as a description of their fashions **by September 15.**

Games, food, fellowship, training, recognitions, and entertainment have been planned for everyone. Join me in the hills around beautiful Lake Guntersville as we "Dig and Discover" Pilot treasures together.

See you there,

Karene



GOVERNOR-ELECT

Laurie Fraser

Pilot Cheers Everyone!

Fall is almost here, and with it we have Fall Council on its way. I am excited to see your happy faces again. Our conferences are one of my favorite things because I have learned so much from all of you, and of course, I have formed such special friendships over the years.

By now, many of you have had your first fall meeting, and you have talked about plans for the upcoming year. This is a time of excitement as we look forward to new plans and renewed energy to support our communities. I am looking forward to my club visits to see how other clubs operate. It will give me a better perspective on how Alabama Pilots function as a team as we respond to our state needs. It's easy to focus on my world in Morgan County, but I know that the State of Alabama has greater needs than those we serve in just my area.

I want to give you a little teaser for Fall Council so that you can come prepared. We are doing workshops this year to encourage participation and learning. I have been asked to lead a workshop on Sharing Pilot Gems. Does this mean handing out beautiful gemstones? Well, it could, but I would prefer to think of it as sharing the wonderful gems of Pilot activities. Many people refer to this as an elevator speech. If you only had the time it takes for an elevator ride to tell someone what you do, what would you say? I have five questions I want you to think about before you come. This will be an interactive workshop, and I hope you come ready to participate. I think we can have fun with this!

- Who do you work with?
- What service do you provide?
- How do you provide that service?
- What is your unique selling point (USP) (what makes you different from others in the same field)
- What problem are you solving?

Enjoy the beginning of Fall, and I hope to see you at Fall Council.

In Pilot Service and Friendship,

Laurie



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SECRETARY

Mollie Riley

Hello my Pilot Family!!

Can you believe it, September is here! Fall Council is just a few weeks away. I can't wait! I am so EXCITED to see you and all those dressed-up Pigs. Rumor has it we may have a surprise guest, Suzziee Q, to stop by and judge the pigs. So, get them pigs dressed up and fed for a full weekend of information and fellowship. Tell a member of the DAC the name of our guest and get a prize.

This month's Big Shout Out goes to **The Pilot Clubs of Enterprise, Decatur, Tuscaloosa, Andalusia, Troy, and Lee County** for recruiting more NEW MEMBERS!! AWESOME, LOVE IT! Just think, if we can do one new member per club member, we will rock this challenge out of the park. Please keep sharing your ideas of how you are getting new members to join. Love hearing all the smart and initiative ways of getting new members.

REMEMBER DIG A HOLE, PLANT THAT SEED, WATER IT WITH NOURISHMENT AND WATCH US GROW. If I missed some clubs, please let me know. Don't forget to keep sending me updates on members and new members. See you soon and all your new members as well.

Hugs and Pilot Love,
Mollie Riley



TREASURER

Lisa Patterson

Greetings Alabama Pilots! I hope you're excited and coming to Fall Council. It will be more interesting with you there.

Keep selling those 'Quilt Raffle' tickets! Proceeds will be split evenly between our 2024 AL District TBI Camp and the 23-24 District Project to provide chairs for Camp ASCCA. We are not drawing the winning ticket until **December 15, 2023**. Therefore, you have plenty of time to get them all sold! Return the stubs, money, and (hope there aren't any) unsold tickets to your club treasurer by your November club meeting. The treasurer will send the stubs, unsold tickets, and one check to me. You can send earlier if you have finished selling your tickets, but I must receive everything by December 10, 2023, to prepare for the drawing on December 15. I'm working on having a "Facebook Live" drawing. Will keep you posted!

Do I have your 2023-24 Club Directory? If not, please send to me ASAP. Make sure to include all new members so they will realize how special they are to your club. Yes, that means as you get new members, update your Club Directory, and resend to me so your Directory will be current. You MATTER IN PILOT!

In Pilot Service,
Lisa



TREASURES OF FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE

A Big Congratulations

Peggy Harris, President PC of Cullman, was recently inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Class of 2023.

Alabama Pilots are so proud of you!



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Nicki Dawkins



The month of September is usually associated with fall activities, apple picking and back to school season. Additionally, September is also known for setting goals and moving towards accomplishing those goals. For Pilots, September is the month for deadlines and goals namely, PI Ambassador, the Pilot Walk, Fall/Council/Workshop and Matching Grants.

PI Ambassador

During the month of September, which is Founders Fund Month (PIFF Month), the club nominates one or more members, per the guidelines and presents a PI Ambassador certificate. The Ambassador's name(s) by club and district, is printed in the January/February issue of THE PILOT LOG. This can only be done if the deadline is met. Please note that the due date is September 30th, 2023. The minimum amount to be sent to Pilot International, is \$25.00.

Pilot Walk

On October 7th, 2023, Districts are encouraged to host a Pilot Walk. The Pilot Walk is a way to showcase Pilot in your communities and to highlight our Pilot Spirit! Districts/Clubs use the Walk for members to fellowship with each other, have fundraising events, share a meal or healthy treat and to invite new members to join. Participate in the Pilot Walk on October 7th and remember you too, Matter IN Pilot!

Fall Council/Workshop

At the discretion of the District, a Fall Council or Workshop can be held. The Fall Council/Workshop can be used for:

- Training/Workshops.
- Conducting emergency business.
- Fellowship

The sessions take place over one to three days. The District Governor invites members to the meeting, sixty days prior to the meeting. Members can also use this time to share ideas regarding projects and other club activities which may be useful to other clubs.

In addition, to the working sessions, there is usually a period set aside to allow members to fellowship with others. For additional information on Fall Council/Workshop, please see the link below:

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/members/smartbook>

Matching Grants

A Pilot, Anchor or Compass Club or District can apply for a Matching Grant to assist with the funding of a project. The project can fall into one of the following categories:

- Brain Safety & Health.
- Supporting Those Who Care for Others.
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) – Related Projects.

There are three important dates to note when submitting your grant applications:

- October 15th. This is the deadline for submission of the application.
- January 31st. This is when checks and denials notices are sent out to applicants of grants.
- October 1st. Grant evaluation forms are due after grants have been approved.

Please note that all applications must be signed by the District PIFF Representative and all applications must be signed. For additional information, please check the Pilot International Website using the link below:

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/members/smartbook>

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Pilots, it is up to us to recruit new members. You are and always have been our best recruiting tool. **YOU** matter IN Pilot!

Through the One Matters Initiative, we are asking each of you to actively try to recruit **ONE** new member to Pilot this year. Each and every member Matters IN Pilot and by taking on the initiative and adding your **ONE** we can and will change our membership trends.

In an effort to empower you to put an emphasis on recruitment and start the conversation about joining Pilot, our marketing task force is providing new marketing tools you can customize along with supports throughout the year.

We will be re-vamping the current membership manual in the coming year. Stay tuned for our Monthly recruitment opportunity Zooms starting in September and more...

Throughout the Pilot year we will show our members they matter. We will ask members to share stories of how they Matter IN Pilot. We will celebrate EVERY new member.

We encourage you to hold recruitment or Share Pilot events this year. If every member and club were to embrace recruitment efforts, and adds ONE, imagine the new talent, and support your club will have. Imagine the new ideas, relationships and community reach you will gain. Imagine your legacy of keeping Pilot afloat into the next generation of Pilots.

Your **ONE** matters TO Pilot!



2023-2024
One Matters

Membership Incentive

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!

Cash prize will be given at 2024 Convention

WAIT: There is more!
Get those First timers to Convention.
One lucky First Timer will also receive a CASH registration refund!

**If the "ONE" winner is not in attendance at convention, they will receive a check from Pilot international after the convention for the amount of early bird registration rate.*

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PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS' FUND Peggy Harris

SEPTEMBER - the month to recognize your Club Ambassador- Plan a special program/recognition honoring your Club Ambassador - - present a framed certificate, flowers, etc. Send photo of Club Ambassador & informational article to District Social Media Chair, Beverly Wilkerson brownie51b2@live.com to be featured on District Facebook page. Have local newspapers, radio, television do a special feature on your PI Club Ambassador. Send your \$25 to PI in honor of your ambassador by September 30. Please email the name of your Club Ambassador to Peggy Harris, gooderharris@gmail.com to be included in a future edition of the Governor's bulletin.

FALL COUNCIL – EMPTIES4CASH and M & M QUARTERS - All clubs should bring collected jet ink cartridges and Quarters to turn in at registration, boxes will be provided.

PLAN AHEAD FOR OCTOBER – Pilot International Founder's Month! Plan a special program featuring PI history and Club history. Invite Charter Members to attend as guest. Ask a mayor or County Commissioner to present a signed Founder's Day Proclamation at your club meeting, City Council meeting, or Commission Board meeting. Send photos and informational article to Social Media Chair Beverly Wilkerson to be featured on District Facebook page and to local newspapers.

Peggy



LEADERSHIP

Sabine Wlodarski

'How to' Tips for Great Leaders

1. Communication is key. Keep your lines of communication open. Communicate by email, text, and phone to make sure all members are informed.
2. Delegate your work. As a leader – trust your team! You cannot do everything. Others need to develop their skills.
3. Encourage collaboration and teamwork. Everyone wants to have a part of your successes.
4. Encourage feedback and recognition. Make your feedback ongoing and constructive.
5. Utilize team member strengths and improve weaknesses.
6. Be adaptable and flexible. If something doesn't work – make a change for the better!
7. Have a positive and supportive work environment.
8. Encourage innovation and creativity. New ideas can attract new members and create more success.
9. Ensure continuous learning and self-reflection. What worked? What didn't? Why? What can we improve next time?
10. Praise in public and criticize in private!

Have a fantastic Pilot year!

Sabine



Sample Founder's Day Proclamation on page 9.

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AWARDS JURY

Claire Plott

Claire Plott, Pilot Club of Lee County, is serving as the Chair of the Awards Jury for 2023-24. Serving on her committee are Connie Rogers, Pilot Club of Prattville; Cindy Weaver, Pilot Club of Florence; and Charlotte Owens, Pilot Club of Demopolis.

As your club begins to execute your 23-24 plans, take time to review all the awards that are offered and prepare to submit applications for your club. Download and print the requirements and the application for each award.

As you complete a project, be sure to document participation, planning, costs, effectiveness, etc. Then you will have everything you need for a winning application. You can get the needed requirements and the forms from our District Website or from this link www.alabamadistrictpilot.com.

If you have questions, email me at cgplott@gmail.com.

Claire



SOCIAL MEDIA Beverly Wilkerson

One of my greatest pleasures as a member of Pilot International is seeing on Facebook all the postings made by Pilot Clubs from around the world. It is such a great way for us all to communicate with each other and share our club news, projects, fundraisers, prayer requests, happy, and sometimes even sad news. What we discover is how much we have in common as we serve our communities. Many clubs in our district have very active Facebook pages. Some have pages that are not active. Presidents, please assign someone in your club to be an admin on your Facebook page. And Pilots, please share postings made by clubs in our district. If we will all share the postings, we can reach many who will see what we do and will want to learn how to acquire similar opportunities to help others. Would love for you to tag me in your postings

"beverlyprichettwilkerson" and I will share on the Alabama District page. If you will 'like' this page, I can then tag you. If you receive an invite to our Facebook page, please accept.

Thank you and Happy Postings!

Beverly



Send a picture and name of your PI Ambassador

to me at joyesmorgan@gmail.com. We plan to feature them in our October Bulletin. I need this by September 25 for your Ambassador to be included.

Joy Morgan
Editor, Governor's Bulletin



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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER

Eleanor Park

PILOT CARES

Here we are entering into September already!

"Whatever you do, do it with all your Heart. Colossians 3:23

Do More Be More Care More as you look for those treasures around you.

Please lift up the following Pilots, Anchors, or their family in our prayers.

- ♥ Lorraine Banning, Past Governor & member PC of Florence, passed away. Cards of sympathy can be sent to her husband Deryl and family at 101 Laurel Lane, Florence, AL 35633.
- ♥ Donnie Sue Ruffin, PC of Prattville, passed away on July 19. Shared expressions may be sent to www.rideoutsprattvillechapel.com for the Ruffin family.
- ♥ Stephanie Dye, PC of Cullman, is recovering from back surgery. 1806 Ragsdale Road NW, Cullman, AL 35055, stephanie-dye@leavitt.com.
- ♥ Tia Smallwood, PC of Cullman, had back surgery August 17. 619 Co Rd 335, Crane Hill, AL 35053. tiahal@bellsouth.net.
- ♥ Geri Hepinstall, PC of Cullman, having hip surgery in September. 1820 Cottonwood Drive SE, Cullman, AL 35055.
- ♥ Dr. Portia Foster, PC of Gadsden, passed away on August 15. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Iva Patty, PC of Gadsden, 1623 Ewing Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901.
- ♥ Lisa Patterson, District Treasurer, PC of Prattville, had shoulder surgery August 22. Cards for a speedy recovery can be sent to 28929 Canterbury Rd., Daphne, AL 36526
- ♥ Survivors of the devastating fires in Maui.
- ♥ Carolyn Hammond, President, PC of Gadsden, lost her brother, Dr. W.C. Deavor of Selma. Condolences may be sent to Carolyn at 1204 Walmond Street, Gadsden, AL 35901.

If you have names of loved ones or members that need to be remembered, please fill out the [information form](#) found here or on the Alabama District website and send to me at parkplse@bellsouth.net or mail to 401 S. Walnut Avenue, Demopolis, AL 36732. Thank you and have a blessed September.



Eleanor Park, PC of Demopolis

ALABAMA GEMS OF SERVICE

A huge shout-out to our Alabama Pilots serving on the PI International level!



Suzanne Kendra, International Member, Anchor Advisory Council
Maggie Mash, PC of Andalusia, Compass Advisory Council
Kay Chandler, PC of Decatur, PI Expansion Phase 1
Beverly Wilkerson, PC of Cullman, PI Expansion Phase 2
Cindy Weaver, PC of Florence, PI Nominating Committee
Beverly Kissinger, PC of Tuscaloosa, BrainMinders[®] Committee

Thank you for stepping up to serve!





Proclamation
for
Pilot International Founders Day

Whereas, Pilot International was founded in Macon, Georgia, in October, 1921, when a group of civic-minded business leaders established an international service organization; and

Whereas, The founding members combined their diverse talents in “friendship and service” to improve the quality of life in communities throughout the world; and

Whereas, Pilot International is comprised of 290 clubs and over 5,500 members worldwide; and

Whereas, Members of Pilot International strive to further the organization’s humanitarian efforts through scholarships and grants to support research, education, and community caregiving programs; and

Whereas, Pilot International is committed to service in areas of, brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others; and

Whereas Pilot International partners with Project Lifesaver and other respected service organizations to promote awareness for injury prevention and care of those in need; and

Whereas Pilot International fosters volunteerism in more than 6,508 young people worldwide through its sponsorship of Anchor and Compass Clubs; and

Whereas, on October 18, 2023, Pilot International celebrates the 102nd anniversary of the signing of the original Pilot Charter; and

Whereas, Pilot International has been true to its mission to serve communities throughout the world for 102 years and the Pilot Club of _____ has served _____(Town)_____, __ (State)_____, for more than _____ years; now

Therefore, It is fitting that the achievements and contributions of this worldwide organization, its clubs and members be recognized on their anniversary by proclaiming October 18, 2023

Pilot International Founders Day

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of _____, _____), to be affixed on this the ____ day of October, 2023.

Mayor

Last Call - Fall Council 2023

Theme: There's **GOLD** in the Hills!!

Find  **Pilot** Treasure at Fall Council!

WHO: Alabama District: Pilots, Compass, Anchors, Co-Pilots, Navigators

WHEN: September 23-24, 2023

WHERE: Lake Guntersville State Park
1155 Lodge Drive
Guntersville, AL 35976

What:

-  Be motivated by our **Speaker, Kanyetta Ammons**
-  Attend the beneficial sessions for
 - **Officer Training**
 - **Parliamentary Procedure**
 - **Pilot Gems for the Elevator**
-  Have fun with the much-anticipated Pig Contest:
"Pigs on the Runway" = Plumpest, Prettiest, & Poshest
-  Pilot **Marketplace** = *Reserve a table for \$15.
-  PILOT WALK at 12:30 p.m. cst, Saturday
-  Entertainment:
 - ❖ The Shining Stars
 - ❖ Crazy Auction
 - ❖ Pilot Fashions



Each club should bring:

- ✓ **Door Prize**
- ✓ **Basket for Crazy Auction –The sky's the limit!**
- ✓ **2 copies of your 2023-2024 Club Roster**
- ✓ **Your club's PIG.**
- ✓ **A short write-up about your club**

*There will be Fun and Fellowship Friday evening for those who arrive early.
It will begin around 7 p.m. cst*

Host Club: Enterprise

Registration is open: Deadline Sept 8

Join us at our lakeside getaway!

Room Rate: \$156.00 - Hotel # 256.505.6621

FALL REGISTRATION FORM
September 23-24, 2023
Lake Guntersville State Park
1155 Lodge Drive
Guntersville, AL 35976

*For District Treasurer's
Use ONLY*

Date Recv'd _____
 Ck Amount \$ _____
 Ck # _____

Pilot Club of _____
 President's Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

# Years in Pilot	Name of Person Registering	Past Gov.	First Timer	Other Pilot	Full Reg.	Guest Dinner Only
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Please list ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

Total number of FULL registrations (_____) @ \$75.00 = \$ _____
 Total number for BANQUET only (_____) @ \$40.00 = \$ _____
 Total number of MARKET PLACE Tables (_____) @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
 Item(s) being sold at Marketplace _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE and ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Deadline for Fall Council Registration postmark is Monday, September 8, 2023.
One check per club – payable to Alabama District, PI – must accompany this registration form.
 Mail to: Lisa Patterson, Treasurer
 28929 Canterbury Rd
 Daphne, AL 36526

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Reserve by July 31, 2023 to ensure availability!
 Hotel Reservations: Lake Guntersville State Park – call 256-505-6603
 Use Group Code 9934
 (nightly rate tax incl): double queen \$163.59 single queen or handicap queen \$140.39
 There is a \$16.50 daily pet fee if you bring your pet.

REFUNDS: The Governor must receive any refund requests by (September 18, 2023) five days prior to Fall Council to be considered.