



Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

"The Power of Pilot"

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We've moved into April - 2026 is flying by! *Are you READY?*

The Alabama Anchors held their Convention in March. Read Governor-Elect Carolyn's article for details. Now, April is here and in addition to possible showers, it brings The Alabama District TBI Camp and District Convention. Read Treasurer Kay's article for more information.

YOUR 2026 Alabama District Convention is Power-Packed, along with a few surprises.

In addition to celebrating Pilot, we will also celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Country. This is going to be a District Convention you don't want to miss.

We have Guest Speakers, PI and Alabama District Updates, Business to vote on, a Power Packed Luncheon, New District Officers to install, Invitations to Conventions plus 5 Workshops. A special stand-alone workshop because everyone needs to attend this one.

It's not too late to register and you will get your money's worth, if you are there. We need every club represented. A registration form is attached to the Governor's Bulletin.

Don't want to miss a minute - get a room and join us for the weekend!

Your District needs you and you need the District, see you there!

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Governor**

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Governor Elect's Message



RE CAP OF 2025-2026 ANCHOR CONVENTION

The Anchor Convention was held on March 7, 2026, in Andalusia. There were forty-one (41) attendees. Anchors from five clubs in were in attendance. The Pilot Club of Andalusia was the host Pilot Club.

The Anchors enjoyed a tea party with Dawn Thompson who did a presentation on manners and etiquette. They participated in the Full Tummy Project which provides nonperishable foods to school students. Other speakers were Maggie Mash, Compass Club Advisor for Covington County, Kay Chandler, TBI Chair. Suzanne Kendra spoke to the group about the Anchor Summit and Shannon Hudson RN MSN on mental health.

Anchor Clubs who received awards were:

- Brain Related Disorders -Guntersville HS 1st, Guntersville MS 2ⁿ
- Pick Me Up-Guntersville MS 1st, Guntersville HS 2nd
- Safety and Security-Guntersville HS 1st Guntersville MS 2nd
- School Service-Guntersville HS 1st, Guntersville MS 2nd
- Scrapbook-Demopolis HS 1st
- Large Club of the Year-Guntersville MS
- Small Club of the Year-Guntersville HS

Congratulations to the 2026-2027 District Anchor Administrative Council. The 2026-2027 District Anchor Administration Council (DAAC) are Mary Catherine Barnes-President Enterprise HS; Tyson Bucurel-President Elect Demopolis HS; Allie Rascoe-Secretary Enterprise HS; Kylie Elmore-Director Demopolis HS.

Many thanks to Mellisa King, District Anchor Coordinator, the Pilot Club of Andalusia and the 2025-2026 DAAC.

Great Job Everyone!

**Carolyn Williams,
Governor Elect**

Secretary's Report

Well, here we are getting ready for our 2026 District Convention already. I do hope that each of you have enjoyed your club's community involvement this year. Your club's officers have worked hard during the year to find projects and fundraising opportunities to allow for more service to your community.

This doesn't happen by chance; there are leadership skills being used to hopefully get all the club's members involved. One such form of leadership is called Participative leadership. This type of leadership makes the most sense to me as it requires leaders to listen to and collaborate with others. It tends to bring the group together to solve problems instead of assigning blame. This type of leader encourages responsibility and empowerment in the group members. What a great feeling it is to have completed a project that was well received knowing that you personally had a part to play.

Let each of us strive to play a more active role in our club's continued service to others.

Resource: www.imd.org/blog/leadership/leadership-styles/

Mary Ballard,

District Secretary

Pilot International Founders Fund

Treasurer's Message

ITS TIME! [April 24, 25, 26, 2026](#). If you have not registered for District Convention, please do!! Even if you are a little late, I will accept. We need 80 Pilots strong to meet our commitment with Embassy—and we have to pay even if we are short! Please come!! We have two wonderful speakers that will motivate and challenge us. We have a much-needed Workshop on Saturday on how to protect yourself from fraud. The Business of the District will be voted on, and each club has the opportunity for three delegates to vote on items. 2026-2027 Governor, Carolyn Williams, will be rolling out her plans. Don't think of excuses why you can't come, think of all the reasons you should come!!! *Are you a Member, or do you just belong????*

And you have another opportunity to support your District. Alabama District TBI Camp is fast approaching. [April 10, 11, 12, 2026](#). We will be down at beautiful Camp ASCCA helping our Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors and their Caregivers enjoy and weekend of fun and fellowship. We will enjoy a most interesting Talent Show, Bingo, Hayride, Crafts, Scrapbooking, games and so much more! This is our 12th year!! If you would like to come for the weekend or for Saturday, let me know and I'll fit you in. *Are you a Member, or do you just belong????*

I sure hope to see you at District and/or Camp ASCCA. Support your Alabama District! Together we can, and together we will!!

Kay Chandler,

District Treasurer



Inspirational Message

*“Love is not a feeling; love is an action... love is a choice.
If you want to experience unconditional love, do not put conditions on it.
When you're tempted to say one more thing... let it be “I love you”.
There are three things that last... faith, hope, and love.
To love and be loved... that is life's greatest gift.
To share joy with those most important in our lives... that is a blessing”.*
Marci

Pilot Cares, Concerns, and Celebrations

The following Pilots are in our thoughts and prayers:

PC of Cullman: Kristy Mickle would appreciate prayers for her mother who is experiencing health issues. Cards to Kristy may be sent to 3763 Co. Rd. Hanceville, AL 35077.

Debbie Chambers is mourning the passing of her Co-Pilot, Charles. Condolences to the family may be sent to 171 CR 277, Cullman, AL 35057.

PC of Decatur: Kathy Archer is mourning the passing of her Co-Pilot, Larry on March 4th. Cards may be sent to 120 Olde Dogwood Trail, Priceville, AL 35603

PC of Demopolis: Nadeen Ivory has been in the hospital for heart stent surgery. Caring cards may be sent to P.O. Box 1142, Demopolis, AL 36732.

Luncheon PC of Enterprise: Club Members will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. If you cannot attend, send cards of congratulation to Julie Mills, 109 Club Way, Enterprise, AL 36330.

PC of Heflin: Patricia Gail Murphy is recovering from knee surgery. Cheer her up with cards sent to 1361 Dry Hollow Road, Anniston, AL 36207.

PC of Nassau: Our deepest sympathy to members of the PC of Nassau and the Bahama District in the passing of Past Pilot International President, Nickola Gomez-Dawkins.

PC of Roanoke: Past District Governor Karene Henson fell at church and broke her back. She is recovering after an eight-hour surgery. Send cards to Karene at 243 Guy St., Roanoke, AL 36274.

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

Sherre

Sherre McGinnis, Inspirational Leader

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* **Note to Club Presidents:** If there has been a death of a Pilot or Co-Pilot in your Club this year, Please provide me with a photo to be used for the District and PI Memorial services. You may submit by email or post mail by **April 10th for District** and **May 30th for PI.**

“May grace and peace be yours in abundance.” 2 Peter 1:2

Executive Committee Representative

Pilots,

As we move into a new month, our Pilot year continues to move quickly! This is a busy and exciting time as we begin preparing for Convention, award submissions, and the transition to new club leadership. It's also a great reminder of our theme this year [Pilot in Bloom](#). as we continue to grow through friendship, service, and leadership.

The [Pilot International Convention & Leadership Conference](#) is in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 15–18, 2026 and will bring together Pilots, Anchors, and Compass members from across the organization.



It is always a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new members, and gain ideas that we can take back to strengthen our clubs and communities. In addition to leadership sessions and fellowship opportunities, there are special events, service activities, and the chance to celebrate the accomplishments of our Pilot family.

So dust off your hats and cowboy boots and get ready to gather in Oklahoma! It is a great opportunity to share ideas, build friendships, and experience all the energy and excitement that convention brings.

Members arriving early will have the opportunity to participate in new [Leadership Lab](#) discussions focused on the future of leadership within Pilot at the club, district, and international levels. Convention also includes fun fellowship events and PIFF fundraisers, including a lively bingo event that promises a great time for everyone attending.



Now is also the time to start preparing [Pilot and Compass Award](#) submissions. These awards recognize the outstanding work our clubs and members have done throughout the year.

Whether your club hosted impactful service projects, supported Anchors, grew membership, or created strong visibility in your community, these efforts deserve recognition. Take time to review the award categories and consider submitting your club's accomplishments.

Remember, you cannot win if you do not enter!



It is time for clubs to select new officers for the next Pilot year. Once elections are completed, submit your new officer form to Pilot International Headquarters and your incoming District Governor by May 1.

Thank you to the Pilots who have stepped forward to serve in leadership roles. Leadership keeps our clubs strong and helps ensure that Pilot continues to grow and thrive.

As we move through the final months of the Pilot year, I encourage each club to continue supporting one another, sharing ideas, and celebrating the impact you are making in your communities. When we work together, we truly [Bloom in Pilot](#).

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

Lisa

Lisa Palmquist
Pilot International Governor-Elect

DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

April 24-26, 2026
Embassy Suites by Hilton
300 Tallapoosa Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

*For District Treasurer's
Use ONLY*

Date Rec'd _____

Ck Amount \$ _____

Ck # _____

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

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

Total number of FULL Registrations (_____) @ \$ 90.00 = \$ _____
Total number for LUNCH only (_____) @ \$ 42.00 = \$ _____
Total number of BANQUET only (_____) @ \$ 70.00 = \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE and ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Deadline for District Convention Registration postmark is Monday, April 6, 2026.

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

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



HOTEL RESERVATIONS:
Hotel Reservations: Embassy Suites by Hilton 334-269-5055
Code 939
Deadline March 24, 2026

Room Rate: \$184.00 + taxes – parking is \$10/day

Bring: 2 each Gift Cards @ \$10.00 each

REFUNDS: The Governor must receive any refund requests in writing by (April 13, 2026).

PILOT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH Division

LEADERSHIP GRANT & DREAMS AHEAD

On March 16, the Executive Committee approved 2 Leadership Grants per Pilot District for 2026 for ANCHOR and 2 Leadership Grants per Pilot District for COMPASS!

(We NO longer have DESIGNATED REPS)

Applications will be re-LAUNCHED this FRIDAY (3.20.26) with updates and instructions!

DEADLINE : April 15th

DREAMS AHEAD
APPLICATION DEADLINE
IS ALSO **EXTENDED TO APRIL 15TH!**

SUBMIT TO:
youthdevelopment@pilothonline.org

GO TO THE ANCHOR & COMPASS WEBSITES ON MARCH 20 FOR DETAILS!





↔ *Join us to celebrate the Anniversary of* ↔

THE LUNCHEON PILOT CLUB OF ENTERPRISE



April 19, 2026 • 1:00-3:00PM

First Methodist Church of Enterprise, Alabama

217 South Main Street

Julie Mills--334-494-2921