

ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

August 2023

Issue 2



GOVERNOR

There is so much to share from Pilot International Convention with you. Friendship, fellowship, learning & fun was the atmosphere at this convention. Be sure to read this edition of the bulletin thoroughly for important Pilot news and information to help us get off to a fantastic start this year.

President Holly Baker's focus this year helps us to realize that we all Matter IN Pilot. This means our members, our projects, our activities, our attitudes all MATTER. Our Council of Leaders' workshops were based on the book High Performance Habits: How Extraordinary People Become That Way by Brendon Burchard. We were encouraged to Seek Clarity, Generate Energy, Raise Necessity, Increase Productivity, Develop Influence and Demonstrate Courage. I recommend this book if you are interested in preparing yourself to be a leader and serve in Pilot.

Your delegates went to convention to conduct the business of Pilot International. The business consisted of approving the 2023-2024 International Budget and introducing the 2023-24 International Officers. Our new officers are President Holly Baker from Molene, Illinois; President-Elect Nicki Dawkins from Nassau, Bahamas; Vice President Beverly Shean from Florida, Secretary Lisa Palmquist from Pennsylvania, Treasurer Joseph Cunningham from South Carolina, Directors Sherry Bath from Illinois, Karen Ferguson-Bain from Bahamas, Jayne Lackey from Georgia, and Susan Harbin from Georgia.

Pilot International released the new and improved Pilot International Website at convention. You will find a section for the public to discover what Pilot is all about and then there is a section just for Pilot members. Each club president will be sent the password to share with club members.



Karene Henson

Pilot International revealed the newest BrainMinder Buddy. Tiana Tiger focuses on proper nutrition and diet for optimum brain health. This new BM buddy offers opportunities to partner with nutrition programs, the extension service as well as other programs that promote healthy eating.

Alabama was well represented by our Anchors. During the 'Pilots Have Talent' several Alabama Anchors along with their sponsors as well as Cathy Ellison, District Anchor Leader, donned Chicken Hats and joined the Pilots in the Alabama version of the Chicken Dance. Anchor District President, Caroline Smith, sang the beautiful song "Defying Gravity" from WICKED the Musical.

On Saturday morning during President Rhona's Breakfast Tea, Geneva Anchor Shannen Lloyd was called to the stage to model her fascinator, the best of them all. As awards were given out, the Guntersville Middle School Anchor Club was recognized as Anchor Club of the Year for clubs with over 41 members, and first Place in the Anchor Community Service/Pick-Me-Ups for clubs over 41. The Guntersville High School Anchor Club earned 2nd place for Anchor Club of the Year for clubs under 40 and third place in the Anchor Community/Pick-Me-Ups Award.

Anchors, Navigators and Pilots all participated in the convention service project assembling 3000 hygiene packs for area youth in partnership with Bellevue LifeSpring. **Alabama clubs and individual Pilots donated \$550 to help fund this project.**

Remember to register for Fall Council. I guarantee that you will find *Pilot Treasures in the hills!*

See you there!
Karene

I still need [officer forms](#) from Andalusia, Decatur, Enterprise, Florence, Huntsville, Prattville, Troy, Tuscaloosa.

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DON'T FORGET!

- 🌱 Club Officers forms are due to Governor Karene **ASAP**.
- 🌱 **Respond** to Ferne Wlodarski if your club members are interested in a District Shirt (see her article)
- 🌱 Club financial books should be audited by **August 31**.
- 🌱 Club plans and activities sent to the Governor by **August 15**.
- 🌱 Elect club Pilot Ambassador during **August** meetings.
- 🌱 Register for Fall Council **September 23-24, 2023, FALL COUNCIL**

GOVERNOR-ELECT

Laurie Fraser

Hello Alabama Pilots! As the summer ends and children head back to school, Alabama District Pilots also get back into the swing of a new Pilot year. I really enjoyed the Pilot International (PI) Convention in Bellevue and would like to share with you the new PI initiative: *One Matters*.

One Matters is an initiative which challenges every Pilot Member to ask at least one person to join Pilot this year. The optimum time to do so would be at the Share Pilot meeting so that you would have the best opportunity to share what Pilot does, and therefore have a greater chance that they will join. For every member that successfully gets a new member, if you attend the PI Convention, your name will be put in a drawing. If your name is drawn, your registration fee will be refunded. If your new member attends the PI Convention, their name will be put in the drawing as well. If every person brought in a new member, we could double in size! Imagine the people we could serve with twice the membership.

There is one more part to the One Matters: It is called 250 by 2025. To become a District, you must have 250 members. There are Districts below 250, and other Districts that are close. Given that we are working hard to recruit new members, we have until 2025 to bring the numbers up. At that time, if there are Districts below 250, the PI Executive Board will look at the best way to merge Districts to accomplish an appropriate size.

The Alabama District is currently above 250 and if we grow through this initiative, we will be great! Just remember, we are a team, and it will take everyone to make this work. I'm looking forward to visiting clubs and talking to you about your plans to accomplish this!

Laurie



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SECRETARY

Mollie Riley

Hello my Pilot Family!

I want to talk about membership. I know we are all busy working, taking vacations, and just call it life. Between all of this it only takes a few minutes to share Pilot with others. Always show your Pilot Spirit because you are the Voice for Pilot. You could talk Pilot when standing in line at the bank, grocery store, sitting in a doctor's office or just wherever you can capture that person's attention. Who knows you just may have what they have been looking for.

I would like to give a BIG shout out to Becky Martin, Pilot Club of Jasper for sending me their Pilot directory and signing up three new members. AWESOME!! FANTASIC!! YOU GO JASPER!!

I would love for each club to tell me how you recruit new members so I can share this with other clubs. Remember all we must do is Dig the hole, Plant the seed, and give it Nourishment and Knowledge of Pilot and watch us GROW.

Now for business. Please don't forget to send or email your membership forms to Governor Karene, Pilot International and to me. This includes new members as well as changes in membership. Please send checks, a copy of the membership form, and club roster to Treasurer Lisa Patterson. Forms are on the website.

Remember we are Pilots; we are Family and there is nothing we cannot do. See you at Fall Council. It's right around the corner!

Hugs with Pilot Love,
Mollie Riley



TREASURER

Lisa Patterson

It certainly looks like we are in the middle of a heat wave in Alabama! Wouldn't it be great if the membership numbers in our clubs was heating up as well?

Speaking of membership, please make sure to send me your 2023-2024 membership information form, check for dues and a copy of your membership roster that was sent to PI as soon as possible. I'm still missing a few clubs: Enterprise, Gadsden, Jasper (partial), and Troy (partial). Please let me know if this has already been sent and to whom. The form is [2023-2024 Annual Dues Transmittal Form](#).

One more thing, send your 23-24 District Directory to me for inclusion on the website as soon as possible. The District Directory has been password protected to keep members personal information more secure. See you at Fall Council in September!

Yours in Pilot,
Lisa



MEMBERSHIP FACT:

At the beginning of this club year, we have 281 dues paying members in our district. If each of us recruits our ONE and we do not lose any Pilots, Alabama District will have the people power and the financial means to fulfill our mission of improving lives and communities around the world. The sky is the limit!

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ALABAMA DISTRICT ECR

Nikki Dawkins

Greetings Alabama District! Our 2023 Pilot International Leadership Conference and Convention is now a part of our rich Pilot history. From start to finish we had fun celebrating our year of Spreading Pilot Sunshine under President Rhona Espinoza and her outstanding 2022-2023 leadership team. The opening talent show, beautiful flag ceremony, inspiring speakers, insightful workshops, new website launch and meaningful service project benefiting Bellevue children through Project LifeSpring were just a few of the week's highlights. Attendees also enjoyed sightseeing at Seattle Center and Pike's Market, delicious food and the amazing weather in Bellevue, Washington.



The final day of the convention included an elegant President's Breakfast Tea, the excitement of our beloved Co-Pilot's Calcutta presentation and ended with the Installation of our 2023-2024 Leadership team. Stay tuned for more convention highlights in the next Pilot Log and official convention photos coming soon. President Holly Baker's motto is "Matter IN Pilot", and she challenged us all to recruit one new member this year through her "One Matters" membership initiative. We are going to celebrate every new member! Your "one" will help us positively change our membership trends!

A great way to highlight all the dedicated service our members do to influence positive change in their communities is to nominate and honor them as your club's Ambassador! The name of the Pilot International Club Ambassador and a minimum donation of \$25 should be sent to Pilot International and postmarked by September 30th to ensure listing in the Winter issue of The Pilot Log. More information on Club Ambassadors can be found at:

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/Ambassador-Guidelines-.pdf>

Do you have a Pick Me Up or Helmet project idea that will positively impact your community? Let us help you reach your club goals with a Pilot International Matching Grant. Make plans to apply for a Pick Me Up or Helmet Grant this year. First quarter deadlines are September 15th. Applications can be found below. Please take a moment to fill out applications correctly and entirely. Make sure you send a summary and photos of your projects to Pilot International Headquarters so we can highlight your club this year!

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/helmetmatchinggrant.pdf>

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/pickmeupapplication.pdf>

In President Holly's vision she stated, "No matter how small you start, start something that matters." As Pilots you have the support and freedom to do just that. She also said, "Pilot International envisions a world where ALL are valued and that starts now, with you!"

Our beloved Alabama members Matter IN Pilot!

Nikki Dawkins

Alabama District ECR

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PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS' FUND

Peggy Harris

PILOT INTERNATIONAL CLUB AMBASSADOR SELECTION:

At your August Club Meeting, make the selection of PI Club Ambassador to celebrate in September. Clubs are encouraged to honor one or more members as the Pilot International Club Ambassador.

This candidate should:

- Be active in an assigned role within the club.
- Promote and support Pilot International and its activities.
- Be active in a project that addresses one of Pilot International's core areas of service focus: Brain Safety; Health and/or Supporting Those Who Care for Others.
- Be faithful in attending meetings and give generously of their time to assist with service projects and fundraising activities.

Selections can be made in several ways: nominate and vote, appoint a committee to select, or give each member a ballot, slip of paper, to write one qualifying member's name. Then count the ballots for the member with the most nominations.

SEPTEMBER 30 DEADLINE: The name of the selected ambassador on the PI donation form and a minimum donation of \$25 should be mailed to PI Headquarters, to be listed in the Winter issue of The Pilot Log. This donation supports Safe Harbor fund. Forms are found here:

[Certificate](#)



[Donation](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Lynn Mott

Dear Pilots,

As you get your year started, it's a great time to look at participation and how to increase your membership.

One way to grow your clubs is to have reunions. How many of you have been a part of an organization, whether it be work, school, church, or other civic groups? That old cliché, "Out of Mind Out of Sight" plays an important role in reunions. Brainstorm as a group and think of those that you have had relationships with and would love to reconnect. Take time and go through your phones and black books, rolodexes (I know a lot of Pilots still have them

sitting around 😊)...for you younger Pilots, ask your Parliamentarians what rolodexes are, and they will be so thrilled to explain!!! And yes, I

have had many in my work history as well 😊. You can take these lists to your meeting and create one master list and then start dialing like it's a Jerry Telethon!!! Again, ask your Parliamentarians! You can plan reunions with those that have touched your lives and while you are reconnecting, you can use this reunion as a Share Pilot event. What a wonderful way to capture an audience!!!!

So, ALL ABOARD!!!! Who's going to have the top new membership and braggin' rights at the next Pilot Convention!!!!

With Sisterly love and Friendship,

Lynn Mott
Pilot Club of Lee County

To access [new member form](#) click here.



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COMPASS

Dalton Keel

Hello Pilots,



Currently, Pilot has two operating Compass Clubs in Alabama: Troy and Covington County. We aim to increase these numbers soon. The community colleges will be our best target. If we manage to start a Compass Club at one of them, we can use the students that are transferring to larger universities to start their own club on their new campuses. We need to reach out to find any teachers that would be interested in sponsoring a club at their school as well as reaching out to students for membership. Tech schools are also another avenue we can focus on. If anyone knows someone that works at any of these facilities or is willing to reach out to a local one in their community, this will help our cause greatly. Also, we need to reach out to any students we know that are starting at these schools so we can potentially start a club there. Another person of interest to contact in the college sphere is any Dean of Students as they are overseers of these organizations and may have potential suggestions on how to start a club on the campus. We need to invest time and energy into starting and maintaining Compass Clubs throughout the state. Compass is our future.

Dalton Keel
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TBI CAMP

Kay Chandler

It's time to start planning our 2024 TBI Camp. As you do your "Plan of Work" and Budgets for the year please remember to include support for TBI Camp. We are charged \$300.00 per campership; this cost covers the Camper and their Caregiver.

Then we must raise the funds for activities. Again, this year we want to encourage each Club to sponsor a Camper/Caregiver and even find a Camper from your area to send. We need new Campers! **CAMP DATE IS APRIL 19-21, 2024.** Put this on your calendar and come help us at Camp. We need Anchors, Compass Members and Pilots to make TBI Camp successful.

- Things we need: Bingo Prizes for adults; Craft items; Backpack items; Scrapbook supplies; and snacks.

Our theme this year is "Boot Scootin at 10". This will be our 10th Camp, so let's make it special. We want to get all clubs involved. Enterprise is overseeing Registration again, Prattville will be calling Bingo, Troy will be helping with Scrapbooking and Decatur will introduce crafts. Maybe your club has a new idea for an activity or craft, all ideas to improve camp are welcomed.

Also, as usual, we need funds. Go into your community and get a Corporatize Sponsor. Benny Jo Cockrell, bennys436@yahoo.com and Mellisa King, mellisa@southcentralagency.com can help you with this. Remember we are a 501(c)3 so everything donated is tax deductible.

Mollie Riley mollieriley0452@gmail.com knows all about Camp and can help you with any questions. And you can call me (256-214-8551) or email, misskay311@aol.com any time. We want you to come "Boot Scootin" with us in April!!!!



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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER

Eleanor Park

PILOT CARES

Well, we have approached another month in this new Pilot year. I hope all of you are trying to stay cool in this severe heat. What plans are you making to reach out and touch someone during August? Many have experienced the loss of family members or those in their communities. Maybe a phone call, a card, or some other means of checking on those going through times of heartache, those having pain, or those going through treatments. These are ways we can show we care and are thinking of them during these difficult times.

Do More Be More Care More as you dig for ways to make a difference.

Let us include the following Pilots, Anchors, or their family in our prayers:

- ♥ PC of Prattville, Lisa Patterson is having Rotator Cuff surgery August 27.
- ♥ PC of Prattville, Mollie Riley, as she has been having back pain.
- ♥ PC of Enterprise, Carolyn Cobb as she recovers from having back surgery.
- ♥ Higley Parr, husband of Demopolis Pilot, Paula Parr, needs our prayers.
- ♥ International member, Suzanne Kendra has asked for prayer for her brother, Victor Candler. He started radiation and chemo on July 5. Please remember him and his wife, Gina. Send cards of encouragement to 194 Pleasant Ridge Circle, Rock Springs, Georgia, 30739.
- ♥ Anchor Club of Guntersville member, Summer Freitag, passed away on July 6. Please remember her family and Anchor members during this time of loss.
- ♥ PC of Demopolis, Cindy Rice, who will be preparing to start dialysis soon. Her address is 120 Lakeview Hills, Gallion, AL 36742.
- ♥ PC of Demopolis, Charlotte Owens, had Rotator Cuff surgery. Her address is 167 Marengo Farms, Demopolis, AL 36732

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 August.

Eleanor Park, PC of Demopolis



DISTRICT SHIRT OPPORTUNITY

At International Convention we noticed that several Districts had their own shirts. We would like to do a District shirt. Would you be interested in purchasing one? It would be a green (Kelly or Forest) or gold polo style shirt with the Pilot wheel embroidered on it and Alabama District underneath the wheel. The price would be \$25 for sizes Small thru X-Large and \$28 for sizes 2XL thru 5XL. These are unisex shirts, so they tend to run large. They will be a 50/50 blend.

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in purchasing district shirts. We would like to have these at Fall Council.

Thanks!!

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PROJECTS

Mary Browning

As you start the planning for the new Pilot year, I know you are discussing Projects that your club has done in the past, is currently involved in and are planning to participate in during the 2023-2024 year. I will be in touch with each club this year to learn about your Service Projects. PI Projects Coordinator is compiling a recipe book of successful projects that individual clubs and districts are involved in. I am asking each of you to send your club's information to me by October 31, 2023. I will then pass this information on to PI.

Information we need to prepare the "RECIPE BOOK" of Service Projects:

What is one of your favorite or most successful projects?

- 1) Title of Project
- 2) Ingredients Required
- 3) Steps in Preparation

E-mail your information or questions to:
marybrowning1956@gmail.com or call
334.444.9585



Treasures of Friendship & Service

We would like to recognize our own Suzanne Kendra, who served as 2023-2023 International Anchor Coordinator. She and her committee did an outstanding job in planning and executing a fun and informative Anchor Summit in Bellevue.



PILOTS

DIG YOU!



No matter how small you start,



start something that matters.

PI Pres. Holly Baker

Beautiful Handmade Queen double-sided quilt

QUILT RAFFLE

Quilt ticket packets will be mailed to each club. Tickets are numbered and each club dues paying member has been given a range of tickets. Treasurer Lisa has a list of the ticket numbers which will be sent to each club. Please distribute these tickets to your members and have them start selling. A link to the colored flyer will be emailed to the club president. Members could print their own copy of the flyer to use as they sell their tickets. Let's all participate and watch the Pilot Treasure Pot grow!

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PI CONVENTION PIX

District Governors



2023-24 PI Executive Council



AL Anchors Receiving Awards and Serving



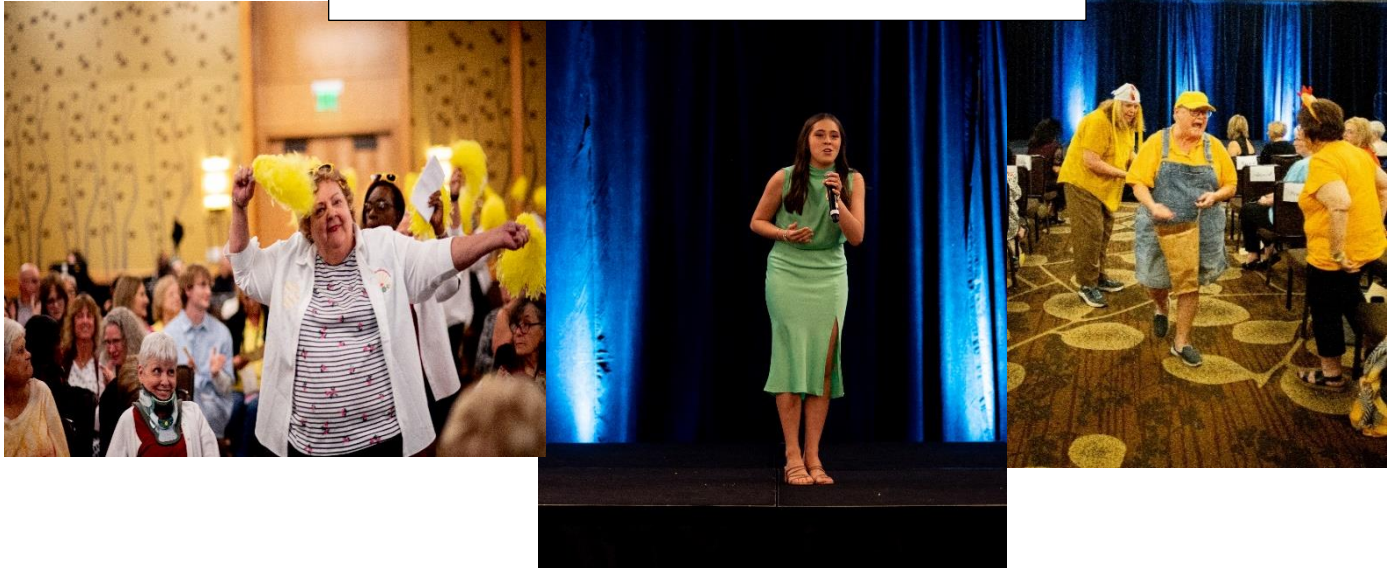
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ALABAMA TALENT



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PI CONVENTION PIX

PILOTS TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



Second Call - Fall Council 2023

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





Find  **Pilot** Treasure at Fall Council!

WHO: Alabama District: Pilots, Co-Pilots, Navigators & Friends

WHEN: September 23-24, 2023

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

WHAT:

-  Be motivated by our **Speaker**
-  Attend the beneficial **Training Sessions**
-  Have fun with the much anticipated
"Pigs on the Runway" = Plumpest, Prettiest, & Poshest
-  Pilot **Marketplace** = Buy or Sell, Crafts, Pilot Bling, Home Canned Fare, etc. No home baked goodies, please. Sellers should reserve a table for \$15 each.

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 Friday Fun and Fellowship for those who plan to arrive Friday evening. It will begin around 7 pm.

Host Club: Enterprise

Registration is open: Deadline Sept 8

Join us at our lakeside getaway!

*Reservations must be made by July 31, 2023, to be assured of a room in the Pilot block.
Room Rate: \$156.00 - Hotel # 256.505.6621 - Group Code: 9934*



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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.

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Beautiful Handmade Queen double-sided quilt

QUILT RAFFLE

Proceeds Benefit Alabama District Projects & TBI Comp

1 for \$5

5 for \$20

15 for \$50

Winning ticket drawn on December 15, 2023