



# Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

## ***The Power of Pilot***

### **FEBRUARY 2026 ISSUE 8**

February is the “LOVE Month”. One love we all have is the love for Pilot, its mission and what we do as Pilots. When you love someone or something you let it show and sing it from the rooftop. Be proud of what we do and share it with each other in your communities and in person at our District Convention.

The nominating committee is ready to accept nominations for Governor-Elect, Lt. Governor, Secretary and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee consists of Beverly Wilkerson, Chair, Claire Plott, Molly Riley and Barbara Milligan. Please consider these important offices and answer the call of our District. The [District Officer Nomination Form](#) will contain all the information needed.

Plans are being made for the Anchor Convention and District Convention. Anchor Convention will be a one-day convention, Saturday, March 7 at the Andalusia Chamber of Commerce Community Room in Andalusia, AL and the Alabama District Convention will be held April 24-26 at the Embassy Suites & Conference Center in Montgomery, AL.

[Anchor Convention](#) details including registration and overnight accommodations information are available on the AL District website homepage.

[TBI Camp](#), April 10-12, 2026 registration information is already on our homepage.

The 2026 Alabama District Convention information will be coming shortly. The Convention Committee will meet the first week in February to formulate plans and details. The lack of available lodging set us back slightly. The District Convention First Call will be sent as soon as possible after the meeting to each of the Club Presidents and Past District Governors. Additionally, all information will also be posted on our website homepage.

### **Dates to Remember!**

- ***Anchor Award entries are to be postmarked by February 5, 2026 and District Award entries have to be postmarked by March 20, 2026.*** All the information and forms are on the Alabama District Website.
- ***District Officer Nominations must be postmarked by February 23, 2026.*** You will be blessed to serve with a Past Governor, Carolyn Williams, 25-26 Governor Elect.
- ***Anchor Convention is March 7, 2026 in Andalusia, AL*** at the Andalusia Chamber of Commerce. More information can be found on the District Website. Plan to be there!
- ***TBI Camp is April 10-12, 2026, at Camp ASCCA.*** We plan to have a full house! Registrations forms are available at [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com) under events.
- ***2026 Alabama District Convention is April 24-26, 2026,*** will be held at the Embassy Suites & Convention Center in Montgomery, AL. We are having our first Planning Meeting in January. Our ECR, Stephanie Batton, will enjoy meeting Alabama Pilots.

Keep in mind, your DAC is only a phone call or email away and we are here for YOU! Please contact any of us with questions or concerns you may have.

In Pilot Service & Friendship,

**Lisa Patterson, Governor**

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## Governor Elect's Message

*March the 7<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it.*

The Anchor Convention is fast approaching. It will be a time of fun, fellowship and service. This will be a time for the Anchors and Pilots to meet Anchors from other schools.



They will have the opportunity to share various projects that they do in their communities. The Anchors will conduct the business of Anchor, elect new officers and even have a tea party.

Our Anchors have selected The Full Tummy Project of Covington County as its project for the convention. The Full Tummy is a project that is designed to provide a bag of food on Fridays for children in Covington County who are at risk of hunger on the weekends.

The DAC is looking forward to seeing you at Anchor Convention.

*In March - all roads lead to Andalusia!*

**Carolyn Williams,  
Governor Elect**

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## Secretary's Report



Here we are at the beginning of a new month. How can it be February already? Hopefully your clubs are busy preparing for the next Pilot year by getting your nominating committees ready to have a slate of new officers ready to go before the district convention. I know I have spoken about stepping up in your club a lot this year. Now is the time to be brave and say yes when asked to be an officer for your club or district. I know from personal experience that doubt can keep you away from wonderful things. Serving as district secretary was not something I

had thought about doing. I learned that my yes was needed, and I have truly enjoyed being your district secretary. The other ladies have been very kind, and I feel that I have met many of you lovely Pilot sisters and brothers that I might not have met otherwise. You already have a giving heart, that is why you are a Pilot.

**Mary Ballard,  
District Secretary  
Pilot International Founders Fund**

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## Treasurer's Message

The bases are loaded and you are up to bat!! I have campers and caregivers registering daily! Now I need **CAMPERSHIPS!** If your club has budgeted for a campership now is the time to send it in! We also are critically short of bingo prizes. Remember we have adult campers. Something \$5-\$10. Something new!!!! Pilots, Anchors and Compass Members need to get their registrations in. We have limited space. Registration forms are on our web page. April 10-12, 2026, Camp ASCCA. I'll be there, will you? Let's hit a homerun with the bases loaded! Only you can make 2026 TBI Camp the best ever! Together we can, together we will.



**CAMP DATE: APRIL 10-12, 2026 We will see you there!**

**ALL REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE HOMEPAGE!**

**Kay Chandler,  
District Treasurer**

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## AWARDS...AWARDS

I am sure that all Alabama Pilots have been involved in award-winning projects and activities! Why not enter them in our District Awards program! Remember you can't win if you don't enter!!! Entry forms are available on our district website: [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com). The judging criteria is there as well.

Anchor award entries are due February 5, 2026 . Pilot award entries are due March 20, 2026.

All entries should be mailed to:

**Anchor Awards**

Laurie Fraser  
12725 Coppertop Lane  
Madison, Alabama 35756  
256-679-2340  
[LFraser.Clubs@gmail.com](mailto:LFraser.Clubs@gmail.com)

**Pilot Awards**

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The awards jury looks forward to all the outstanding entries!

**Karene Henson,  
Awards Jury Chair**

## Our Next District Officers!

Every strong Pilot district is built on the dedication, heart, and steady hands of its leaders. As we look ahead to a new year of service, it's time to lift up the members who are ready to guide us forward. The District Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the offices of Governor Elect, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer — and your club plays a vital role in shaping that future.

### ***Who Makes a Great District Officer? You Do!***

Think of the members who:

- Lead with kindness and integrity
- Communicate clearly and collaborate with ease
- Bring experience from club or district roles
- Show up with reliability, curiosity, and a servant's heart
- Encourage others and strengthen the Pilot mission - who help our district thrive



### ***How the Nomination Process Works!***

Each club may submit nominations for any district office. The official Qualification Form for District Office outlines the experience required for each role, along with the information the Nominating Committee needs to evaluate candidates.

Clubs should review the qualifications carefully, talk with potential nominees, and submit completed forms by the district's published deadline, February 23, 2026. The [Qualification Form](#) is located on the District Website [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com)

### ***Duties are stated in the District Manual!***

**Note:** All nominees will be dues paying members of the district in which they have been nominated and have the following qualifications per PI Bylaws SECTION 7 a. A nominee for Governor, Governor Elect or Lt. Governor will have served as President of a Pilot Club. b. A nominee for Secretary or Treasurer will have served on a Pilot Club Executive Board for two (2) years (President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer or Director).

**Beverly Wilkerson,**  
Nominating Committee Chair

**Say yes to becoming a District Officer, it's a blessing that you will not regret!**

# Pilot Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

***“The fruit of love is service,  
which is compassion in action.”***  
***Mother Teresa***



## The following Pilots are in our thoughts and prayers:

### PC of Cullman:

- Elaine Cole recently had parathyroid surgery and is recovering at home. “Thinking of You” cards may be sent to 920 Brookridge Lane, SE, Cullman, AL 35055.
- Mary Stevens is recovering from hip surgery. Send cards to 1505 Joy Street, SE, Cullman, AL 35055.
- Daria Sullivan had knee surgery and would enjoy getting encouraging cards as she recovers. Her mailing address is 702 Hopewell Drive, NE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

### PC of Prattville:

- With sad hearts, Prattville Pilots report the passing of former member Carolyn Gentry. She resigned in 2019 after thirty plus years of Pilot service and continued to support her club. Send notes of sympathy to: PC of Prattville, c/o Janice Clark, 2301 Wyoake Drive, Prattville, AL 36067.
- Reba Jones, mother of Prattville Pilot Michelle Grainger and previous member of the Pilot Club of Troy, has passed away. Send cards to Michelle Grainger, 2609 Savannah Drive, Prattville, AL 36067

### PC of Tuscaloosa:

- Clara Lamb is recovering from a broken hip. Cheer her up with cards sent to 5609 Chestnut Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405.

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

***Sherre McGinnis,  
Inspirational Leader***  
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## Anchor

The 2026 Anchor Convention will be held on **March 7, 2026**, at the **Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce**. Registration will be **\$25 per person**. Registration form coming soon.

We have an **etiquette lesson tea party** planned, and for our **District Service Project**, we will be packing food items for **Full Tummy of Covington County**. Make plans to join us for a fun and meaningful day of learning, service, and fellowship!

**Reminder: Anchor Award Forms are due by February 5, 2026 forms are available at [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com).**

**Mellisa King**  
**Alabama District Anchor Coordinator**

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***Congratulations!***

**Vinemont High School Anchor Club on their club Re-Chartering!**



**They are planning to be in Andalusia attending their first Anchor Convention!**  
**Make sure to introduce yourself.**

## Executive Committee Representative

February is often called the month of love since Valentine's Day is on the 14th – it is a celebration of romance, affection and heartfelt connections. It is a time when people exchange cards, flowers, chocolates and other tokens of love to express their feelings. February's shorter days and cozy winter atmosphere make it a time for intimate moments and warm gatherings. Time to get cozy by the fireplace and read a good book.

However, there are some important events that need attention in February! It is time to consider next year's Club Officers and to nominate next year's District Officers. Per PI ByLaws, Club Officer elections are decided by a ballot vote no later than one month prior to your District Convention. When the nominating committee member asks you to serve your Club or District as an Officer, please consider saying "yes." It is a great way to gain leadership skills and confidence. Also, it is time to make nominations for PI officers. Submit a letter to the nominee of your choice and send a copy to Joanna Kotlarski, PIHQ Membership Specialist, at [nominations@pihq.org](mailto:nominations@pihq.org). This is a NEW email to assist with the nomination submission process. We need nominees for President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors, so please look at the leadership in your District and nominate your strong leaders for a place on the Executive Committee.

Outstanding Anchor club entries are due to the District Awards Jury no later than March 15. You can mail your award entries can be to [youthdevelopment@pihq.org](mailto:youthdevelopment@pihq.org).

March 15 is also the quarterly deadline for Pick Me-Up, Helmet, and BrainMinders grants. Now is the time to begin planning to complete the grant applications. Reading the instructions carefully and paying close attention to the date, signature, and budget requirements are all important steps of submitting your application.

March is membership month and there is no better time to plan a Share Pilot than now! So, enjoy the snowy weather as you sit by the fire or sunny weather sitting on the beach eating Valentine's Day chocolates while planning that awesome membership drive!



**Stephanie Batton**  
**Executive Committee Representative**