

ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

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GOVERNOR

Karene Henson

Seasons Greetings to all!!

I hope that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Christmas is just around the corner. I know that Pilots throughout Alabama are spreading much joy as we participate in special service projects, Christmas parades, presentations, our annual Christmas parties, and other events.

The DAC is in the process of completing our club visits. We have enjoyed visiting with our Pilot friends across our district. Be sure to read the articles and check out the pictures in this bulletin featuring some of the great things Alabama Pilots are doing.

If you sponsor an Anchor club, please check-in with them and make sure that their international and district dues were paid by November 1st. Encourage them to make plans to attend convention in March at beautiful Lake Guntersville, enter the awards program and to nominate someone for a position on the DAAC. Remember to tell your graduating seniors about the scholarships that are available. Also, a quick reminder to order their graduation cords.

It is also time to compile your club award entries. Be sure to read Awards Jury Chair, Claire Plott's information in this bulletin.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- December 15 District Quilt Drawing
- December 15 PMU, BrainMinders, Helmet Grant deadline
- December 19 PI Power Hour
- December 21 PI Virtual Raffle
- December 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY GREETINGS**
- December 30 Order deadline for District Shirt
- Feb. 1, 2024, Anchor Awards Deadline



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Club presidents, encourage your club to nominate District Officers. The nominating committee is accepting nominations for Governor Elect, Treasurer and Secretary to serve with 2024-25 Governor Laurie Fraser. Sherre McGinnis is serving as chair of this important committee.

The DAC and DAAC will be meeting in January to discuss plans for our future events. Planning for TBI camp is well underway.

**Anchor Convention
March 2-3, 2024
Guntersville State Park Lodge
Guntersville, AL**

**District Convention
April 12-14, 2024
Opelika-Auburn Grand
National Mariott**

**TBI Camp
April 19-21, 2024
Camp ASCCA
Jackson's Gap, AL**

The upcoming new year will bring wonderful opportunities for us to meet, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend these conventions and the 10th Traumatic Brain Injury Camp. Let's create many more memories together.

May the beauty and peace of the season be yours,

Karene



GOVERNOR-ELECT Laurie Fraser

Greetings Pilots!

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends. Please keep in mind that for some, this time of year is hard as they no longer have anyone to spend Thanksgiving with. I was blessed to receive multiple invitations for the day, and it made me feel noticed and loved. Even if you simply call to check in with someone, you can make a huge difference in their day. 💎💎

And now... the Christmas season officially begins! How many of you had your Christmas tree up before Thanksgiving? Mine was in the dining room ready to be put up, but I didn't get it put up yet. However, my TV is set on Hallmark channel almost continuously, and my car has the Pentatonix Christmas CD cued up to play. I love Christmas for everything it represents: happiness, togetherness, and most importantly... joy over the birth of His son. This is also a time of Hannukah, and I love the pictures of my great-niece and nephew lighting the candles and opening their presents. In my sister's house they embrace both Catholicism and Judaism and therefore celebrate Chrismukkah. It has created an open environment for discussion with the children to understand the differences and why the adults are in the different religions. I'm impressed with how healthy it has been. Wouldn't it be great if we could solve politics so easily?

I want to thank everyone who has accepted Division appointments and ask others to be open to the call if you hear from me. We are closing in on a full appointees list. However, I stopped as we got close to Thanksgiving as I didn't want to impose on family time. Keep in mind that the time to get nominations in for DAC positions is upon us. I'm excited to see who is interested in filling out the board for next year!

As you go about your days preparing for the upcoming holidays, think of the simple things that we can do at this time of year that could make someone's day. It doesn't take much from us, but could have a lasting impact.

Merry Christmas! Happy Hannukka and Happy Holidays!

Laurie



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SECRETARY

Mollie Riley

Ho-ho-ho! Do you hear bells ringing? It's the most magical time of the year! It has been one magical time of the year for Pilots for recruiting new members. We have grown so much, and I am looking forward to the new year of new members joining our mission.

We are Unstoppable!

Let's give a Big *Shout-out* to the Pilot Club of Cullman for their new member, Sue Taylor. Second Big *Shout-out* to the Pilot Club of Prattville for their new member, Leigh Ann Mansmann. WELCOME to the Family.

I hope you know how much I value your friendship and service for Pilot.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as we continue together to make a difference in the world.

As always,

Hugs with Pilot Love,

Mollie Riley



TREASURER

Lisa Patterson

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!! December is here, and Christmas is coming. We easily get wrapped up in gift giving and preparing dinners but love and celebrating with all your loved ones is the true spirit of Christmas. Keep calm and jingle all the way.

If you sponsor an Anchor Club, make sure they have their dues turned in.

The Quilt Raffle District Fundraiser is ending! Turn in your money and stubs to me IMMEDIATELY. The drawing is December 15th – just in time to give an amazing Christmas gift to someone special, if you could stand parting with such a beautiful work of art.

Keep calm and jingle all the way and I'll see you on the flip side in 2024!

Lisa



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ALABAMA DISTRICT ECR

Nicki Dawkins



Sending you warm greetings, full of best wishes for you and your families. May the holiday season bring you health, love, prosperity, and peace! On behalf of Pilot International and the communities you serve, I thank you for your devotion, your energy, your ideas, and your inspiration.

Our Giving Tuesday campaign is winding up. We cannot thank you enough for the outstanding support and generosity you have shown by supporting our Quarterly Grants via our Goals for Grants and Scholarship program. Our goal was \$25,000 and donations are still being accepted. Stay tuned for the total raised!

Reminder- December 1st is the deadline for Governor Elect to notify Pilot International Headquarters of District Team Appointments, dates and locations for Fall Council/Workshop and District Convention.

Heritage Garden brick orders are due December 15th . Buying a brick is a unique way to honor previous Pilots, Clubs, loved ones and special memories. All bricks purchased will be displayed and used in the design of the walkway in the Pilot International Heritage Garden. 4" x 8" Bricks can be purchased for \$100. They include three (3) Lines of text with 16 characters per line. If requested, an acknowledgement letter is sent to the donor and a recipient letter is sent to the honoree/family acknowledged.

May you and yours experience hope and tranquility during the holidays, knowing that our communities are stronger because of you!



Nicki Dawkins



ONE MATTERS

Alabama District Continues Growing!!!

*The Pilot Club of Cullman
introduces new member:*

Sue Taylor

*The Pilot Club of Decatur has
recently celebrated adding
new members:*

**Nancy Terry
Jan Webb
Vickie Shipley
Bonita Mitchell &
Jean Sanderson**

*The Pilot Club of Prattville
Leigh Ann Mansmann*

HAVE YOU ASKED
YOUR ONE TO JOIN?



TBI CAMP

Kay Chandler

As we come to the end of another Pilot Year, let us remember our TBI Campers/Caregivers. Our District is a 501(c)3 Organization and any donations made to Camp are tax deductible. It will cost 25 x \$300.00 = \$7,500.00 to send 25 Campers to Camp. This money goes directly to Camp ASCCA so not only are you helping our Traumatic Brain Injury Camp you are helping Camp ASCCA. We will open registration on February 1, 2024 for Campers/Caregivers. The Registration Form has already been placed on our Web Page and I'm already getting calls from Campers/Caregivers so we are expecting a full house this year. Remember to plan for your Anchors/Compass Members to come to Camp to help! We don't know (will post after January 2024) the Registration for Pilots, Anchors, and Caregivers but hopefully we can make it affordable for all. This is our 10th Camp! and we will be "Boot Scootin" and having a great time. Pilots let's make this our best ever camp. More exciting news to come! Have a great Holiday Season and mark [April 19-21, 2024!](#)

Kay Chandler



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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER

Eleanor Park

PILOT CARES

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season is fast approaching as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. He is the Reason for the Season! We take time to select gifts for those we love and even for those that are on a list that we may never meet. Those are the special gifts we choose because we are sharing God's love with those that may not know Christ's love.

Remember those that have lost loved ones and that this will be a difficult time for them. As Pilots, we can encourage one another to reach out and touch someone in need and brighten up their spirits during the holidays. May each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Please be in prayer for all our Pilot Families that have had losses this year. Let us continue to pray for those in the middle of war-torn nations, as well as our United States.

The Pilot Club of Heflin shared the passing of Emeritus Pilot member, Carolyn Casey, on November 24th. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to any non-profit organization that addresses hunger.

Do More Be More Care More



Eleanor Park, PC of Demopolis

CALL FOR HELP FROM NORTH AL.

The NICU at Huntsville Hospital for Women and Children needs clothing for the babies for when they go home. A designer friend of mine is currently putting the word out among her friends, but the NICU could probably use more people to keep them supplied. I posted I would try to find some Pilot Clubs to help.

Contact me if you or your club would like to help.

Beverly Kissinger

PC of Tuscaloosa

256-338-4754



Compass club of covington county



PEP EXPANSION PHASE 2 COMMITTEE UPDATE

The PEP Committee Phase 2 is the reclaiming of disbanded clubs. To date, the committee has been working to identify all the disbanded clubs in each of our districts. The Governors and Executive Committee Representatives (ECR) for the district will be contacted to assist in identifying the last known point of contact for that disbanded club. In addition, we have members of our Phase 2 Committee actively pursuing forming new clubs in the western parts of the United States. Currently of our 19 districts, we have 9 districts that are below the 250-member charter strength. These 9 districts are the ones we will be concentrating on to get them up to their charter strength. If we are successful in having these districts reach their 250-member strength, we will add an additional 907 members. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!

We encourage you to hold recruitment or Share Pilot events this year. If every member and club were to embrace recruitment efforts, and add 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! We will coordinate with District Governors, and ECRs and request their help in the recruitment of new members. We will work together as a TEAM!!



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PIFF

PEGGY HARRIS

A Pilot international Founders Fund Resource Manual was prepared and provided to all district clubs at Fall Council or mailed to those not attending. Hopefully this will provide guidance in completing club responsibilities for PIFF. Please check monthly to find out due dates for contribution opportunities and deadlines for grants and scholarships.

FALL COUNCIL FUNDRAISING RESULTS:

\$365.50 EMPTIES4CASH: ink cartridges, 424 shipped, 362 qualified for cash.
These were collected from 2022-23 convention and 2023-24 Fall Council.

\$325.00 M & M Quarters collected, 2023-24 Fall Council

Thank you to all clubs that participated!

REMINDERS: ALABAMA DISTRICT NEEDS 100% PARTICIPATION!!!

MAIL TO P I HEADQUARTERS, 102 PRESTON COURT, MACON GA 31210

PACESETTER – DATE DUE: February 1, 2024
AMOUNT: \$10 per active, dues-paying member.

\$250 CLUB - DATE DUE: February 1, 2024
AMOUNT: \$250 per club

Please make a copy and complete the new revised donation form to include in your club's donations post. It is last page in the **PIFF Resource Manual** on the Pilot International website.

Merry Christmas Pilot Sistas,
Peggy Harris



JO VAUGHN AWARD

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

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Thanks so much,
Beverly Wilkerson
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AWARDS

CLAIRE PLOTT

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!

Entry forms are available on our district website: www.alabamadistrictpilot.com The judging criteria is listed there as well. Anchor award entries are due February 1, 2024. Pilot award entries are due March 1, 2024. All entries should be mailed to:

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Looking forward to lots of entries!

Claire



Southern Area Spotlighted Clubs

Hello Pilot sisters and brothers in our great state of Alabama! Our clubs here in the north have been spreading joy throughout the area in many ways.

The Pilot Club of Decatur had a busy November as they presented the Cloth Our Kids organization with a handmade 4-foot sock filled with socks for kids in a project called Sock It to Me. They also presented a Pick Me Up basket to the Visiting Angels organization. In October, they donated bicycle helmets to children at an event called Kids Health and Safety Day! Decatur Pilots sponsored a Bunco/Brunch at the Community Action building which was well attended. Upcoming events are a Christmas party and canned food drive as well as a Golf Tournament in May!

The Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County have been on the go this year. The club had a raffle for a stay at the Westin in Huntsville along with gifts from merchants in the Bridge Street Town Center which raised over \$2000.00. Current projects are Pick Me Up baskets for 2 separate groups. First, a baby boy gift basket to the owners of Serenity Saviors, a horse rescue farm. The second is for the workers at the Clearview Cancer Institute in Decatur. After Christmas they are collecting socks and underwear for middle school children in January. For February the members will collect twin sized bedding for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization. Once again, the ladies will be making Pick Me Ups for the care givers at TBI Camp. Our next raffle is for a private box for 20 people at a Trash Panda game in May.

The Pilot Club of Huntsville filled purses called Mama Bags with various items for Manna House in November. Their Christmas luncheon will be at the Olive Garden with a gift exchange to finish out the year.

The Pilot Club of Cullman will be having their Christmas party at the Margaret Jean Jones Center. Members will contribute bags of candy for Santa to share as their clients make their wishes known to him. A pianist will provide entertainment playing Christmas songs for all to sing along.

The Pilot Club of Florence is busy trying to increase their membership. They have had very successful Belk and Martin's Charity sales as fundraisers. The club is under our PEP Phase I initiative.

Mary Ballard



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Care And Kindness Week



Sip and Sign. Roanoke Pilots sign birthday cards for special needs child while sipping and sharing fellowship.



Pilot Club of Decatur

The Pilot Club of Decatur presented Clothe our Kids with a "Sock full of Socks". Pilots spend several months gathering hundreds of socks for a BIG Sock made by Project Chair, Linda Bolton.

President Deroma Montgomery, along with Ussery Brannon, Sue Trammell, Nancy Bullard, Kay Chandler, Linda Bolton, and Leslie Morris presented the large sock to Brandi Breeden and toured the Clothe Our Kids facility.



2023-2024 PI Power Hour Schedule

3rd Tuesday Monthly @ 8pm EST

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Presenter (s)</u> |
|-------------|---|--|
| 12/19/23 | Fundraising/Partnerships Awards | Gina Monteleone Jayne Lackey |
| 1/16/24 | Nominations Mentoring/Succession | Sharon Slusher/committee Beverly Shean Dorian Cox |
| 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 |