

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

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District Governor

Sabine Wlodarski

Hello Pilots!

Happy Spring! District Convention is just around the corner. We have a great convention planned for you. We have guest speakers, workshops, Awards luncheon, Memorial/Inspirational service and the highlight of the convention – installation of our District officers for the upcoming year. We will also have some District business to consider. The Convention planning committee has been working hard for you.

Our Anchor Club of the Year entries are being prepared and ready to send to PI Headquarters for judging. Caroline Smith, our DAAC President is representing the Alabama District at PI Convention.

There is still time to bring new members to your club and put your name in the drawing for a chance to attend the Albuquerque Balloon Festival as President Rhona's guest.

I hope you have elected your club officers for next year. Don't forget to send your club officer form to PI Headquarters, the Governor and our ECR, Joseph Cunningham.

Congratulations to District Secretary Pam on the birth of her grandson, Sellers. Congratulations to District Treasurer Maria on the birth of her grandson, Colton. Moms and babies are doing well. I'm sure our proud grandmothers will have pictures to share at District Convention!

Pilots continue to work your plans for this year and let your light shine for Pilot in Alabama.

Happy Easter!

In Pilot friendship and service,

Sabine

Governor Elect

Karene Henson

What a great weekend I had at the Anchor District Convention in March. The entire event was so inspiring as 6 clubs sent their representatives to conduct Anchor business. I witnessed a group of girls that are dedicated to serving and leading in their schools and communities while having loads of fun. Three inspiring speakers shared their experiences, and encouraged the girls to always strive to follow their dreams and persevere. We played "Chicken Foot", danced, sang, and laughed together. The senior Anchors talked with Janice Clark and Dalton Keel about beginning Compass Clubs at their chosen schools. To accomplish all that the Anchors want to do, they need the support of their sponsoring Pilot Clubs. If your club sponsors an Anchor club, check in with them on a regular basis and be sure that they have what they need to thrive. Many of the Anchor Clubs in Alabama are still trying to recover from the pandemic and have not been able to fulfill their financial obligations to PI. Check with them and see what your club can do to assist them. Anchors are the future of Pilot International!!!

Looking toward 2023-2024, many clubs and individual Pilots have contacted me concerning the theme and focus for Alabama District for the next club year. While all will be revealed at the upcoming District Convention April 21-23 in Birmingham, I will share a little.

My theme for the coming year is "Pilots Dig It: Treasures of Friendship and Service." I want us to focus on finding new friends to become Pilots and nourishing our old friendships. This focus is what is special about Pilot—relationships. I want us to look for new ways to serve our communities while supporting all the good service that is going on in our District as well as Pilot International. You can find an installation program idea on www.pilotinternational.org.

Let's finish out this club year by completing all of our projects and plans. You have done a great job of "ringing the sounds of Pilot" with Governor Sabine. I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham to celebrate our accomplishments and make plans for the coming year.

Serving together in Pilot Friendship,

Karene

Treasurer

Maria Traylor

Welcome to Spring everyone!!! District Convention is just around the corner so please make sure you are registered to attend. If you have not already sent your registration, please let me know how many you are registering and that it is on its way so we will have the correct numbers for the hotel.

On another note, for those who have not yet attended an Anchor Convention – put this at the top of your list of things you really want to do. Our Alabama Anchors are absolutely awesome!!!!

In Pilot Service,

Maria

District Secretary

Pam Langhout

TBI Camp and District Convention will be here shortly in April. Have you made your reservations? I know that Kay Chandler and Mollie Riley have a fun weekend planned for TBI. Your DAC and Chairmen have been working hard to provide a wonderful District Convention.

Club Presidents please respond to Inspirational Leader Sherre McGinnis' email (via Governor Sabine) by the deadline. We want to recognize your club membership. Our Alabama District will be April 21-23, 2023 at the Birmingham Marriott. I hope to see each of you there.

In Pilot Service,

Pam

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **March 23, 2023** Governor Elect Karene Henson's 2023-2024 Appointee Meeting
- **April 2023** Club Officers Form to PIHQ, postmarked no later than May 1, copy. to District Governor Sabine
- **April 14-26, 2023** TBI Camp, Camp ASCCA
- **April 21-23, 2023** District Alabama Convention, Birmingham Marriott
- **April 28, 2023** Pilot Club of Cullman "Vogue 2023" Fashion Show and Luncheon
- **May 2023** Registration for PI Annual Convention & Leadership Conference
- **June 2023** Pilot Club Officers Installed prior to July 1
- **June 28-July 1, 2023** PI Convention, Bellevue, Washington

LEGEND: Highlighted in RED is DAC related; Highlighted in GREEN is individual Club related (if any)

Governor's Bulletin Editor

Pam Langhout

Inputs from the DAC, Appointees and Clubs need to be provided to the Governor and editor no later than the 20th of each month: Pam Langhout, planghou@hiwaay.net or snail mail 8218 Goose Ridge Drive, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763. Please list your name, position and club (if pertinent). I look forward to hearing from you. Any errors are the responsibility of the editor.

Pam

Social Media

Beverly Wilkerson

How fun it is when I am able to share posts from Pilot, Anchor, and Compass to our District and Anchor pages. Such a great and fantastic way for others to see just how very active we are in our district.

If you have not yet "liked" the Alabama District Pilot International and the Alabama Anchor District pages, please do so.

I can invite you if you are a friend of mine on FB. If you are not, I would love to be friends with you. You can find me, Beverly Pritchett Wilkerson.

Beverly

Website Coordinator

Lisa Patterson

Visit our Alabama District website (alabamadistrictpilot.com), it is being updated regularly with all the pertinent information each club will need. I'm always open for suggestions and willing to do whatever we can to encourage others to become a part of our amazing organization. We have well over five million people and 67 counties in Alabama. We don't need to be the best kept secret any longer. We have opportunities to grow and I know we can do better!

Club Presidents - Please send the following Pilot Club information:

When and where your club meets.

What your club does in 4 sentences or less– please include mainly projects but I would also like information on your fundraisers that I may be able to include.

1 photo for each project (photos should NOT be posed photos – send close up action shots of up to 5 people that will peak someone's curiosity. The focus should be on the project. Keep in mind if their face is seen a photo release should be signed.

Also, if schools will allow, I would like to do something similar for Anchor and especially Compass Clubs.

Forms and Data has been uploaded to the site. Check it out! I've uploaded new rosters and club information. Fall Council forms and information has been uploaded also. "The Website is a changing" and all for the ease of use.

**I strive to keep the website as up to date as possible, so if you see anything that needs attention, please feel free to send me an email at lpatterson72@gmail.com
Again, our website is www.alabamadistrictpilot.com.**

Lisa

Traumatic Brain Injury Superhero Camp

April 14-26, 2023

We are just two weeks out from TBI Camp. We have 21 Campers and Caregivers registered and excited to come to Camp. It's a little disappointing that we do not have enough Camperships this year to cover our Campers. As of this date, we have 10 Clubs and one Pilot sponsoring a Campership. But we will never turn a Camper away and all 21 will be at Camp.

Decatur has some wonderful new crafts for them, Troy is planning a great Scrapbooking experience, Enterprise has our Registration Booklet covered and Prattville will be handling the Bingo. We are still in need of Bingo prizes and to date we have nothing to go in their brand-new designed Backpacks. Mollie Riley is working hard on getting this together.

I know each Camper is planning a talent for the Talent Show on Friday night and the Crystal Ball will be turning for the Superheroes Dance on Saturday night. We have movies planned and Camp ASCCA Staff is planning a wonderful Camp experience. Are you a Super Hero??? Our Campers, Caregivers, Pilots, Anchors, and Compass members are! Mollie and I will be checking our lists for you!!! If you need more information: misskay311@aol.com!

Thank you for all you do for Pilot!

Kay



Attention Club Presidents

Governor Sabine sent out an email for Inspirational Leader Sherre McGinnis to each of you requesting information for the District Convention Inspirational Service. Please respond to Sherre with the information for your club. We want all Pilots and Co-Pilots to be recognized.

It's through the ups and downs of life that we learn to be resilient. It's through gratitude that we find the value in the truly important things. Every day is different and beautiful. So, make the most out of each day in April.

**Hello April
A good day isn't always
Perfect. It challenges you
Release your potential and
Inspires you to appreciate the
Little things in life.**

Our Mindful Life

I'm looking forward to hearing the "Sounds of Pilot in Friendship and Service" during the Alabama District Convention.

The following are in our thoughts and prayers:

- **PC of Decatur: Past District Governor Kay Chandler had a bad fall and fractured her shoulder and clavicle. Please keep Kay in your prayers for complete healing. Cards may be sent to 104 Jackson Way, Priceville, AL 35603.**
- **PC of Florence: Past District Governor Lorraine Banning is continuing treatments at M.D. Anderson. She is having a really rough time after treatments. Co-Pilot Daryll, and daughter Katherine appreciate all the prayers and cards for Lorraine. Please continue to send your uplifting cards to 101 Laurel Lane, Florence, AL 35633.**
- **PC of Gadsden: Emeritus Member Evelyn Westcott is mourning the passing of her son Darin Andrew Westcott. We send our deepest sympathy to the Westcott family. Caring cards may be sent to 97 Gamble Street, Apt. B-209, Sardis City, AL 35955.**
- **PC of Jasper: Susan Jane Wilson passed away. We send our deepest sympathy to her brother, Mark Wilson and to the Jasper Pilots.**
- **PC of Tuscaloosa: Emeritus Member Betty Jo Swindel is recovering from surgery related to pancreatic cancer. We send prayers for healing and better days. Please send your cheerful cards to P.O. Box 6142, Montgomery, AL 36106.**
- **Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County: Congratulations to District Secretary Pam Langhout on the birth of Grandson Sellers Daniel Langhout born on March 17th. Seems he wanted to arrive a little early to be a St. Patrick's Day boy. Congratulations to the entire family.**
- **PC of Cullman: Our deepest sympathy to Tabatha Vest and family in the passing of her Grandfather Harold William Thompson. Caring cards may be sent to 1097 County Road 1282, Falkville, AL 34622.**
- **PC of Lee County: Congratulations to District Treasurer Maria Traylor on the birth of Grandson Colton Luke born on March 28. Baby, parents and grandparents are doing well!**

**In Pilot love and friendship,
Sherre McGinnis
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Gadsden, AL 35904



Executive Committee Representative (ECR) Message Joseph Cunningham



The month of April is the second month of spring and signifies that summer is coming. The month starts with April Fool's Day on the 1st and continues with many religious and secular celebrations.

For Pilots, the year is starting to wind down and there are certain things that come with this ending, namely Convention, Awards, and Forms.

Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference



The Pilot International Convention will take place from June 28th, 2023 to July 1st, 2023 in Bellevue, Washington. The Convention is going to be a lot of fun starting with "Pilots Got Talent" on the Opening Night! There is a Pre-Convention Excursion, a Tour of Seattle, and a Post-Convention Alaskan Cruise. This year, there will be a combined President and President-Elect Reception, making it possible for people to share time with both officers in one room!

There will be two PIFF fundraisers, the first is the Dueling Pianos and the second is a Bingo and Movie night. The Anchors will enjoy a night of Pizza, dancing, and Karaoke, and following the Installation Banquet, there will be a Glow Party!

The Convention events will take place at the Hyatt Regency with sleeping rooms at both the Hyatt Regency and the Hilton Garden Inn.

The following are links to the Registration Form, the Hyatt Regency, the Hilton Garden Inn, and the Schedule at a Glance:

- **Registration Form in Member Clicks**
<https://pin.memberclicks.net/2023conventionregistration>
- **Registration Form PDF [Fill out, print, and mail or save and email]**
<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/Pilot-Convention-Registration-2023-FINAL.pdf>
- **Navigator Release and Medical Form**
<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/NavigatorReleaseMedicalInformationForm2023.pdf>
- **Photo Release Form for Navigators** <https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/NavigatorPhotoReleaseForm2023.pdf>
- **Room Reservations at the Hyatt Regency**
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BELLE/G-PIIN>
- **Room Reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn**
<https://bit.ly/3n7bJRr>
- **Convention Schedule at a Glance**
<https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/PI-2023-Convention-Schedule-At-A-Glance.pdf>

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Awards and Recognition



During the year, there may be some outstanding Pilots, Anchors, and Pilot events. There may also be a club that has been seen on Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, the local papers, or in the Community quite often. All of these actions can be rewarded. Contributions can be made to PI Headquarters whereby a Pilot, an Anchor, an Advisor, or a Club can be nominated for outstanding service during the year.

Anchor Awards are as follows:

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Anchor Advisor of the Year Award
Anchor Club of the Year Award
40 or Fewer Members
41 or More Members
Anchor Club Star Award
Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award
Anchor Community Service & Visibility Award (BrainMinders)
40 or Fewer Members
41 or More Members
Anchor Community Service & Visibility Award (Pick-Me-Ups)
40 or Fewer Members
41 or More Members
Support of Anchors Award for Pilot Clubs
United Nations International Youth Day Essay
Dream Ahead Leadership Grant

Pilot Awards are:

Elizabeth Leonard Pilot Club Builder Award
Lucy B. Allen Award
Outstanding Community Service Award
Outstanding Pilot Club Award
Outstanding Pilot Club Visibility Award
Pearl Sparks Service Award
Pick-Me-Up Project Award
Pilot of the Year Certificate

Club Officer Forms

At this time, clubs are choosing their incoming club officers via nominations and elections. The existing officers will demit office and new executive teams will lead the clubs. Club Officer Forms must be turned in to Headquarters as well as to the ECR on or before May 1, 2023. These forms detail the names and addresses of the incoming District Officers. Copies of the District Officer Forms are available at the following link:

https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/clubofficerform_rev081519.pdf

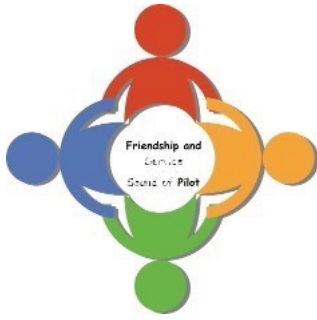
As we continue to enjoy the wonders and beauties of spring, let us build new friendships and cultivate continued friendships within our clubs and our district. Let this quote guide you on your journey – “A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart.” Continue #SpreadingPilotSunshine through Friendship and Service!

Yours in Friendship and Service,

Joseph

Joseph Cunningham

Executive Committee Representative



94th ANNUAL

ALABAMA DISTRICT CONVENTION

April 21 – April 23, 2023

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Submit the Registration

Form By April 1, 2023

One check per club

CONVENTION

THEME “Choose to Shine”

AWARDS LUNCHEON THEME

Friendship and Service: The Sounds of Pilot



ANNUAL CONVENTION HOSTED BY:

Pilot Club of Prattville



Marriott Birmingham
3590 Grandview Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Call: **1-800-399-7618** Group Code: **API**
Link:

[Book your group rate for Alabama District Pilot Convention 2023](#)

Group rate available until April 6, 2023

*Breakfast voucher included w/hotel stay for Saturday & Sunday morning.

Breakfast 7:30 a.m.



Clubs Bring to Convention

Club Banners

Door Prizes valued up to \$25

Cleaning Supplies for our Service Project

REGISTRATION TIMES

Friday, April 21 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

CONVENTION ATTIRE

Friday - Club Shirts

Saturday - Business Casual

Installation Banquet - Sunday to Sequins

Sunday - Travel



What busy Pilots! Tell us what you are doing! We have a few clubs that are very active and sharing the togetherness of Pilot! What is your club doing to share Pilot? Are you having fun and helping your community? Let us know!

Club Presidents- Please share what your club is doing for your community. Please send your photos with a write-up to the Governor and Governor's Bulletin Editor, Pam Langhout at planghou@hiwaay.net



CLUB AND INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise (LPCE)

Jacque Hawkins



The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise chose the personnel assigned to the Enterprise City Schools Center, i.e., Bus Barn, to honor on the Enterprise ("E") Day of Service. Members donated baked goods that filled the four round tables in the break room of the transportation Center for the 70 personnel assigned to ECSC. Members delivering the baked goods from left Bonnie Gilmore; Caroline Gebhart; Fran Walters; LPCE President Brandy Woodham; Transportation and Maintenance Bookkeeper with ECSC Lori Beth Whatley; Debbie Godfrey; Debbie Shelton and Jacque Hawkins.



The Pilot Club of Decatur received a Matching Grant from Pilot International for a project entitled "Stem Bundles for Special Education Students". Through this grant, the Pilot Club of Decatur received \$1,838 and will match this amount to fund their project of \$1,838.00.

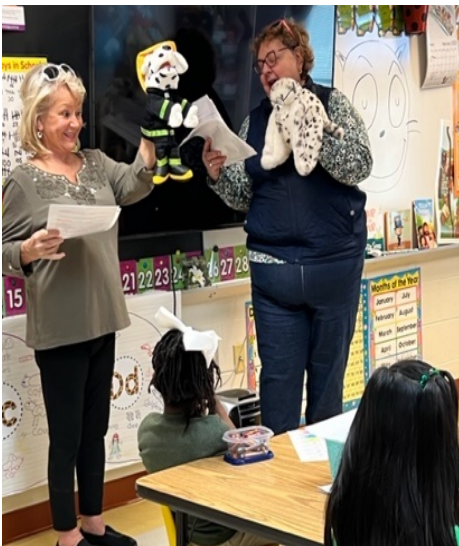
Pilot International's mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others. Because of this grant, members of the Pilot Club of Decatur presented to Principal Teddy Jackson of Oak Park Elementary School a check for the purchase of six Stem skill Building Bundles, a level appropriate tool to integrate Stem into their curriculum for special education students.



LPCE designates March of each year as "Share Pilot Month" whereby they present donations to deserving projects in the community. Funds raised during the February Annual Radio Day make this possible and the local merchants who faithfully support Radio Day ensure this can be continued. Representatives of some of the supported projects who were able to attend the March meeting were presented with donation checks and talked about how the donation will be used. Shown in photo front row from left Cindy Lee and Shanon Markley of the Sheriff's Posse; Hand Up Enterprise Board Member Ann Reynolds and Habitat for Humanity Board Member Tammy Sheldon. Back row from left Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd, Coffee County Reserve Deputy Tom Iten with the Sheriff's Posse and co-coordinator of Project Lifesaver, Arts Alliance Board member Gina Oates, LPCE Projects Director Fran Walters; LPCE President Brandy Woodham; Wiregrass Wounded Veterans Committee representative Mike Thomas, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Tom Ferguson, and Wiregrass Emergency Pregnancy Services (WEPS) Fatherhood Coordinator William Pless.



The PLCMC performed a BrainMinders puppet show at St. Ann's Catholic School in Decatur, giving the children and teachers tips on brain injury prevention and brain safety. At the completion of the show, the puppets asked if the children would like to visit with the puppets up close. They did not hesitate! From the looks on their faces, it might have been their favorite part of the show!



Administrative Professionals Day
Pilot Club of Cullman Presents:
VOGUE 2023



**28th Annual
Fashion Show & Luncheon
Wednesday April 26, 2023
Tickets \$30 each**

Tickets are not available at the door.

THE VENUE
AT COTTON CREEK

Entrances on 4th & 5th Street West, Cullman

**10:00 am - Doors open - Market Place
Music by : Justin & Tab**

11:30 am - Lunch - Catered by Newk's Eatery

11:45 am - Fashion Show

Tickets available: Cullman County Museum, United Way, & Pilot Club Members

Proceeds to benefit: Project Lifesaver, Pilot Light Home, & Field of Miracles,



Take Me Out To The Ballgame



PILOT LUNCHEON CLUB OF MORGAN COUNTY IS "KNOCKING IT OUT OF THE PARK" WITH THEIR 2023 TRASH PANDA FUNDRAISER

WOULD YOU WANT TO WIN A BASEBALL PARTY FOR YOU AND 19 FRIENDS AT TOYOTA FIELD IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA? THE PLCMC'S RAFFLE IS A REAL HOMERUN.

- 20 TICKETS TO THE "TRASH PANDAS" GAME ON JULY 9, 2023 AT 2:00 PM
 - A CLIMATE CONTROLLED SUITE OVERLOOKING HOME PLATE
 - PRIVATE, IN-SUITE, 2-1/2 HR. COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET INCLUDING SOFT DRINKS
 - BAR ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE TO BE PAID BY CREDIT CARDS ONLY
 - OUTDOOR SEATING
 - IN-SUITE TV
 - PRIZE VALUED AT \$1470
 - TOYOTA FIELD STADIUM IS STRICTLY CREDIT CARDS ONLY
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- GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL TICKET PURCHASES ENCOURAGED
 - \$50.00 PER RAFFLE TICKET (DEDUCTIBLE)
 - DRAWING TO BE HELD MAY 5, 2023 AT THE PLCMC MONTHLY MEETING
 - INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: IF THE GAME IS CANCELED, YOU WILL HAVE TO COME FOR THE FOOD THAT DAY. YOU WILL RECEIVE 20 TICKETS FOR ANOTHER GAME. THESE TICKETS WILL NOT BE FOR THE ROOM.
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- THE PILOT LUNCHEON CLUB OF MORGAN COUNTY IS A NON-PROFIT 501(C)3 SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT PRIMARILY RAISES FUNDS FOR THEIR PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THOSE AFFECTED BY BRAIN DISEASES, DISORDERS, AND INJURIES. THEY SUPPLY SENSORY TOOLS FOR AUTISM CLASSROOMS AND MEMORY CARE UNITS, BEDDING FOR NEEDY CHILDREN, EDUCATING CHILDREN ON BRAIN SAFETY THROUGH THE ART OF PUPPETRY, AND BICYCLE HELMETS TO CHILDREN WHO DO NOT HAVE ONE, AND CRAFTS AND SOCIALS FOR AN ADULT CLASS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THEY GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS TO THOSE ATTENDING TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CAMP AND CAMP ASCCA SUMMER CAMP FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THEY PROVIDE PICK-ME-UP BASKETS FOR SPECIAL CAREGIVERS WHO POSSESS COMPASSION, GOOD CARE AND A HAPPY ATMOSPHERE. WE SUPPORT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS. THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS, AND THE PILOTS ARE GIVING THEIR TIME, MONEY AND RESOURCES WHEREVER IT IS NEEDED.

BUYING A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FANTASTIC PRIZE WILL HELP THE PILOTS TO FUND THEIR PROJECTS AND THEREFORE HELP OTHERS IN NEED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE PILOT LUNCHEON CLUB OF MORGAN COUNTY BY VISITING THEIR CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE (WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PILOTLCMC) OR EMAILING PLCMC@YAHOO.COM.

PLEASE JOIN US WITH OUR MISSION



If you are interested, please contact any member of the PLCMC to purchase a raffle ticket.