



# Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

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## District Governor

Sabine Wlodarski

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Can you believe we are half way through our Pilot year? It does not mean we need to stop working! Keep doing the services to improve our communities. We still have time to work and fundraise.

Have you made a New Year's resolution to make our clubs and district stronger? How are you doing in meeting President Rhona's membership challenge? Remember for every new member your name goes into a drawing for a chance to attend the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque.

Don't forget to nominate members for District Office. Governor-elect Karene needs a great team to assist her. Send your nominations to Lisa Patterson, Nominating Committee Chair. Information can be found on the District website.

Pacesetter Club, 250 Club and 250 Member contributions are due to PI by February 1. Pilot 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books are available for \$50 from Pilot International.

District Anchor Convention is March 3-4, 2023 at the Doubletree – Decatur.

TBI Camp is April 14-16, 2023 at Camp ASCCA.

Alabama District Convention is April 21-23, 2023 at the Birmingham Marriott.

Have a wonderful 2023. Keep spreading Pilot sunshine!

In Pilot friendship and service,

*Sabine*

## Governor Elect

Karene Henson

It has certainly been a "wonderful time of the year" for the past month or two. Many service projects were completed throughout our district to ensure that all had a very Merry Christmas. I pray that you ended 2022 on a high note full of hope, love and good family times. 2023 brings a brand-new year full of opportunities to step up and serve district Pilots.

It's time to look to the future and build a strong DAC to lead us forward. Look among your membership and that of other clubs for someone to nominate to serve on the district level. The offices of Governor-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer are open for nominations. Lisa Patterson is chair of the nominating committee and she would love to help you with the process. Wouldn't it be great if we had enough willing candidates to actually have an election?

Anchors are making plans for a fun and informative convention to be held in March. What can you do to support these Anchors and encourage them to become future Pilots? Be sure that you include TBI camp in your spring plans. The committee is looking for camper scholarships, adult bingo prizes and "feet on the ground" camp weekend. This event is a very important part of our Alabama District.

Lastly but certainly not least, be making plans to attend our District Convention in Birmingham the weekend of April 21-23, 2023. I look forward to seeing you there.

Love in Pilot,

*Karene*

## Treasurer

Maria Traylor

Happy 2023 fellow Pilots!!!! I trust you and your families had a memorable Christmas.

There are a lot of wonderful events coming up for us this year. Please consider attending the Anchor Convention in Decatur March 3-4, TBI Camp at Camp ASCCA April 14-16, and the District Convention in Birmingham April 21-23. A great time will be had by all and these events are oh so inspiring!

The Nominating Committee is ready to receive nominations for District Officers. The offices that are voted on are Governor-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

Friendly Reminder – February 1 is the Deadline for the Pacesetters and 250 Club Contributions.

Love in Pilot,

*Maria*

**District Secretary**

**Pam Langhout**

Pilots we will be starting a brand-new year! Can you believe it is 2023! We still have a lot of work left through our projects! Let the parties begin!

Don't forget the Nominations Committee will be taking candidates for the only elected offices (Governor Elect, Treasurer and Secretary) for the 2023-2024 year. Karene Henson will become our Governor in 2023-2024. Our District Anchor Convention will be March 3-4, 2023 at the DoubleTree in Decatur. Our Alabama District will be April 21-23, 2023 at the Birmingham Marriott.

In Pilot Service,

*Pam*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **January 2023** Contributions postmarked no later than Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Pacesetter
- **January 2023** Contributions are due for the 250 Club
- **February 3, 2023** Deadline for all Anchor Awards Entries to District Awards Jury
- **February 15, 2023** Deadline for PIFF Scholarship Applications
- **February 27, 2023** Pearl Sparks Scholarships Applications due
- **February 28, 2023** Deadline for District Officer nominations to be sent to the Nominating Committee
- **February 28, 2023** Deadline: District Standing Rules changes submitted to Governor

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month: Pam Langhout, [planghou@hiwaay.net](mailto: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

As webmaster, I would like to request specific information from each club so a page dedicated to your club can be added to our website.

If you haven't been to our Alabama District website ([alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://alabamadistrictpilot.com)), it is under construction updating. 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 [lbpatterson72@gmail.com](mailto:lbpatterson72@gmail.com)  
Again, our website is [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com).

*Lisa*

**Traumatic Brain Injury Superhero Camp**

**April 14-26, 2023**

The TBI Registration for 2022 Camp has been posted on the Alabama District Web Site. We will begin accepting registration from campers in January. Registration for Pilots, Anchors and Compass Members will be posted at a later date.

We need Camperships for 25 Campers! The Campership this year is \$300.00, which includes Campers and Caregivers. We also will need lots of donations of Bingo Prizes, scrapbook supplies and backpacks items.

Melissa King and Benny Jo Cockrell are chairing our Corporate donations. Please look around in your community and help us attain our goal of \$12,000.00 to sponsor the 9th Annual camp this year. Thank you so much for all you do for Pilot and TBI Camp.

For more information – [misskay311@aol.com](mailto:misskay311@aol.com)

Thank you for all you do for Pilot!

*Kay*



I have never been very good in keeping resolutions made for the New Year. I've tried, but after a few weeks most of them are broken or forgotten. We all want to better ourselves by keeping in touch with family and friends, exercising, eating better, and the list goes on and on.

In his book, *Today Is Mine*, Leroy Brownlow has a list that gives me a new prospective on resolutions that should work for all of us.

"I am resolved: To forget past mistakes and press on to greater achievements.

To put first things first.

To make my work a joy.

To allow nothing to disturb my peace of mind.

To never lose self-control.

To spend so much time improving myself that I have no time of criticism of others.

To think the best, work for it and expect it.

To be a friend to all.

To be true.

To be kind.

To take every disappointment as a stimulant.

To love on the sunny side of every cloud.

To smile.

To look ahead.

To keep moving. "

*"Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve."* Benjamin Franklin

The following are in our thoughts and prayers:

PC of Cullman: Congratulations to Great Grandmother Beverly Wilkerson. Christian Thad Brown arrived December 6<sup>th</sup>. Proud parents are Adam and Summer Brown. We are so happy for this precious family.

Beverly experienced some serious eye problems over the holidays and had to spend the night at the Callahan Eye Clinic ER. She is doing better and waiting on test results. We send our prayers for complete healing.

PC of Decatur: It was with great sadness to learn that Emeritus Member Mary Virginia Roan passed away. She joined the Decatur Club shortly after it was chartered in 1971 and was a fifty-year member. Cards to the family may be sent to her cousin, Mr. Theron Michael Maddox, 1025 Natural Bridge Rd. Hartsville, AL 35640.

PC of Heflin: Sandra Kent is mourning the passing of her sister, Katie Kent DaLee. Notes of sympathy may be sent to Sandra at 17 Atkins Street, Heflin, AL 36264.

In Pilot love and friendship,

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*Sherre*



## Executive Committee Representative (ECR) Message Joseph Cunningham

My Dearest Alabama Pilots,

***Happy New Year!*** A new year brings celebrations, fresh starts, and new beginnings. Stand tall and celebrate your own talents. When someone approaches you to serve on the district level, do not assume that someone else will do it. Ask questions about the responsibilities and the role of the position, rather than just saying no. You may be surprised that the position is not as daunting as you may have thought it was. So step up and serve your District with pride, accept your nomination or appointment and instill fresh, new ideas for the 2023-2024 Pilot year! After accepting the nomination, District Officer candidates will need to complete paperwork that is due 60 days prior to your District Convention.



March 15, 2023 is an important date in the Pilot books! Circle it on your calendar. It is the deadline for the 2023 Scholarship Applications and a quarterly deadline for Helmet and Pick Me Up Grant Applications. The Pilot International Founders Fund awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students seeking an education in one of Pilot's focus areas. Several scholarships are awarded to students that have been active Anchors during their high school career. For more information and the applications, go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>

Pacesetters, 250 Clubs, and 250 Members are recognitions that Pilot International uses to identify clubs and members for their financial generosity. To be recognized as a Pacesetter Club, the club donates \$10 per member. To be recognized as a 250 Club or 250 Member, the club or member has to contribute at least \$250 to the Grants and Scholarships Fund. All contributions must be postmarked by February 1 to be recognized at District Conventions. Go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/Contribution-Form-Writeable.pdf> for a writable contribution form.

Best wishes for an awesome 2023 as we embark on a new and exciting year of friendship and service!

Yours in Friendship and Service,

*Joseph*

Joseph Cunningham

Executive Committee Representative





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](mailto:planghou@hiwaay.net)



## CLUB AND INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



**LUNCHEON PILOT CLUB OF ENTERPRISE (LPCE)**

**Jacque Hawkins**



**BrainMinders is Pilot International's signature program originally designed in 2001 to teach safety to children to help prevent brain injuries. Realizing the need to teach brain injury prevention to people of all ages, Pilots have expanded the program to include presentations for youth and seniors. The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise chose to present BrainMinder programs to second graders using hand puppets. This year the program was presented to Brookwood Elementary (86 students) and Hillcrest Elementary (108 students). Each student was given a color book with brain safety tips presented by BrainMinders Buddies. Shown in photo from left Caroline Gephart with Martin the Monkey; Debbie Shelton with the Wise Old Owl; Debbie Godfrey with Gerald the Giraffe; and Fran Walters with Bob the Beagle and Zach the Zebra.**





Members of the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise filled 40 large bags with nonperishable food items and hygiene and paper products, to be delivered to the residents of the Enterprise Retirement Center for Christmas. Shown in photo from left Caroline Gebhart, LPCE President Brandy Woodham, Debbie Shelton, Bonnie Gilmore, Fran Walters, Gina Oates, Carol Bass, Linda Leib, Linda Peterson, Beverly Urech, Debbie Godfrey, Leslie Adams, Rhonda Welch, Pat Green and Jacque Hawkins.

The Christmas bags were delivered to the Enterprise Retirement Center where a bag of fruit, an envelope with ten-dollars (anonymous donor) and a box lunch donated by Chic-fil-A were added. As residents stopped by the office, they were presented with the gift bags, assisted with returning them to their apartments (when required) and wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Assisting at the Retirement Center were Debbie Godfrey, Bonnie Gilmore, Community Retirement Center Manager for the Enterprise Retirement Center Anita Cawley, Caroline Gebhart and Jacque Hawkins.



(front row) Gina Oates, Rhonda Welch, Carol Bass, Fran Walters, Julie Mills, Debbie Godfrey, Caroline Gebhart and Debbie Shelton. (Back row) Linda Leib, Pat Green, LPCE President Brandy Woodham, Bonnie Gilmore and Jacque Hawkins.

Members of the LPCE and the Enterprise Rotary Club held a special needs Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Enterprise. Members of the two clubs met a week earlier to purchase 135 gifts and then a week later to wrap the gifts and place them in bags by school. Individuals checked in upon arriving to get their name tag and "goodie" basket filled with many special gifts. Singing of Christmas carols was followed by cheeseburgers, chips, a Christmas tree cake and a drink.

The highlight of the evening - Santa (Donnie Uptain) appeared and as each name was read Santa delivered the gifts personally to give their families an opportunity to take a photo.



**The PLCMC celebrated the end of 2022 and all their completed projects/activities with a "Dirty Santa" game that included "Special Items from Our Kitchen". Completed Projects included volunteering at the Loyd Center each month, Pick Me Up Baskets for the Caregivers at Morningside Assisted Living, Veterans Outreach, Serenity Savors, Toys for CASA and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Pictured from Left: Patricia Stafford, Casey Roberts, Beverly Walker, Bobbie Meirs, Barbara Summers, Guest, Stephanie Roybal, Mary Ballard, Sabine Wlodarski, Pam Langhout, Sue Brady, Laurie Fraser and Brenda McKean.**