



# Alabama District Governor’s Bulletin

*“The Power of Pilot”*

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## **Pilots Bloom at International Convention**

What an active and wonderful week we had in Charlotte! From racing cars to riding trains, the Alabama District members were active and represented their district and club beautifully.

Incoming President Beverly Hager from the Florida District encouraged us to bloom and follow her “GBED” philosophy (Getting Better Every Day) by:

- B – Being present where our feet are
- L – Look for ways to help
- O – Open yourself to growth
- O – Orchestrate opportunities to help others
- M – Make a difference as you continue to—Do More.Care More.Be More.

Business was conducted and I must tell you that Pilot International Dues increased \$10 per member this year. Be aware that an additional invoice for \$10 per member will be sent from headquarters within a couple of months. Additionally, there were three Bylaws changes that passed and one that was sent back to committee. More information will be provided once the official ones are added to the PI Bylaws and placed on the International Website.

Guntersville High School Anchors received 1<sup>st</sup> place Anchor Community Service & Visibility Award - Pick Me Ups for a Club under 40 AND the Guntersville Middle School Anchor Club received 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Clubs over 41. Congratulations Guntersville Anchors!

The Compass Club of Covington Co received the Outstanding Compass Community Service and the Outstanding Compass Club Award. Additionally, Kaylee Peebles and Isangelic Reyes received Dreams Ahead Scholarships. Great Job Covington Co. COMPASS!

I am honored and blessed to serve you and our District as we bloom this year. Thank you for the opportunity!

**Lisa Patterson**  
**Governor**

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## SAVE THE DATE



### Governor-Elect

The Anchor Convention will be held on March 7, 2026. The time of the convention will start at 9 AM and end at 5 PM. The convention will be an opportunity for our Anchors in the state to come together and get to know each other, as well as sharing ideas on Anchor Projects and activities, and just have fun.

**Please encourage your Anchor Club to attend the convention.**

Club presidents, I am requesting that you update your club directory immediately.

Please send the updated membership roster in a WORD document to me at [ecw720@comcast.net](mailto:ecw720@comcast.net) or mail to **2619 Gawain Road Huntsville, AL 35803**

**Carolyn K. Williams**

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## Secretary's Report

Welcome to the new Pilot year, my Pilot sisters and brothers!

I was truly inspired by the people that I met at the PI Convention in Charlotte.

The clubs from:

- Hawaii supports the forgotten veterans in their military hospitals
- groups from Texas do Pick Me Ups for those assisting in their devastating floods
- other groups collect stuffed animals that first responders can give to small children in bad situations

The list goes on and on. I am asking each of you to think outside the box when it comes to brightening the lives of others. Each of us can show some kindness for someone other than ourselves. This year, be bold and make an extra effort to live the Pilot motto of **Do more, Care more, Be more.**

**Mary Ballard**

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## Photo Highlight Break

### Fun at International Convention



Mary - Winner of \$1K in Gift Cards



Mary, Carolyn, Lisa and Kay-NASCAR



Kay - NASCAR Driver

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## Treasurer's Message

### We are home again!!!

Back from a great Pilot International Conference and Convention.

We did business, updates, training and FUN! What a wonderful time Alabama Pilots had together! Put July 15-18, 2026, on your calendar and let's go to Oklahoma City!!!!

I am happy to report that **all Alabama Clubs** have paid their 2025-2026 District Dues!! International Members -----you need to pay your District Dues!!

And some of our Clubs are already growing---- **Cullman, Decatur and Roanoke** added 2 new members each in July!

Pilot International President, Beverly Hager, wants each club to get one new member. But Alabama can do better than that! Let's shoot for five!!!

In July we sent Camp ASCCA \$10,000 for our 2025-2026 Canoe Project as voted on at District Convention. We also sent them \$4,000 for an emergency they had with a fire in their kitchen/dining hall. These funds were approved by an email vote and came from our reserves. It was great to be able to help them because they do so much for our District! And speaking of TBI Camp, plans are under way, **April 10-12, 2026**. More to come on those plans.

And REMEMBER FALL COUNCIL!!! Governor Lisa will be sending more information on this very soon!!!

**The Alabama District is going to have a GREAT 2025-2026!!! Together we are unstoppable!!**

**Kay Chandler**

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## PIFF Report



Here we are at the beginning of another Pilot year. Remember that we are no longer collecting ink cartridges for recycling.

Please continue to collect coins at your meeting for PIFF. These funds may be sent, by club check, to Treasurer Kay Chandler periodically.

Upcoming deadlines are **PI Ambassador Contribution** forms due to PIHQ by **September 30** with \$25.00 donation.

**Pick Me Up and Helmet Grants** are due to PI no later than **Oct. 15**. If your club is seeking PIFF Matching grant, it needs to be sent to me for review by **Oct. 1**. This allows me to check for errors before you send them to **PI by Oct. 15**.

Note that the PIFF Matching Grant is not sent out until February. Make sure your Grant use is at least 30 days after the money is received.

**Mary Ballard**

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## Pilot Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

The Power of Praising People should come easy to Pilots. One way to grow our relationships with others is through praise. Remember when someone told you something good about yourself in a praising manner and how it made you feel? Appreciated? Valued? Most likely it put a smile on your face. Life is about relationships and one of our jobs is to build each other up. A good word from someone will stay with you for a long while, but how you made them feel will last forever.

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The following are in our thoughts and prayers:

### **Pilot Club of Cullman:**

Ginny Graves is battling a serious ailment and is in need of healing prayers.

Cards may be sent to 85 Co. Road 602, Hanceville, AL 35077

Jan Farley is recovering from surgery and would appreciate encouraging cards.

Her mailing address is 2120 Dialsdale Drive S.W., Cullman, AL 35055.

Elaine Cole is mourning the passing of her brother, Mark Weaver, who lived in Batesville, MS.

Condolences may be sent to Elaine, 920 Brookridge Lane S.E., Cullman, AL 35055.

### **Pilot Club of Demopolis:**

Co-Pilot Gus Weiss, husband of Joyce Weiss, passed away on July fourth. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with Joyce and family. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to 407 South Fourth Ave, Demopolis, AL 36732.

### **PC of Enterprise:**

Carolyn Cobb recently lost her son-in-law, Donnie Nichols, due to kidney failure. Please keep Carolyn and her daughter, Teletha, and family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Carolyn's address, 114 Whitney Avenue, Enterprise, AL 36330.

### **Pilot Club of Heflin:**

Debbie Parris is recovering from a hospital stay with pneumonia. Cheer her up with cards sent to 152 County Road 285, Muscadine, AL 36369.

Sherre McGinnis will have back surgery Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to 109 Tuckahoe Circle, Gadsden, AL 359004.

### **LPC of Morgan Co:**

Suzie Wiley's husband Bill Wiley passed away on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please Suzie in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to 1126 Trenton Drive, Decatur, AL 35603.

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### PC of Roanoke:

Glenda Brooks broke her leg due to a fall and was transported to Grady Hospital in Atlanta for surgery. Cheer Glenda up with caring and encouraging cards sent to her home address, P.O. Box 703, Roanoke, AL 36274

### Camp ASCCA:

Sending thankful prayers that no one was hurt in a recent lighting strike that damaged the dining hall. Donations to restore and restock are being accepted. Send to P.O Box 21, Jackson's Gap, AL 36861.

*"May grace and peace be yours in abundance" 2 Peter 1:2*

### Sherre McGinnis

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**Club Presidents:** Please appoint someone to report by the 15th of each month your Club's cares, concerns, and celebrations on the 2025-26 Inspirational Leader Information Form.

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July 14, 2025

Alabama District Pilot International,

We're incredibly grateful for your amazing support! After experiencing fire and water damage at our dining hall, we're thrilled to announce that summer camp sessions resumed last week! Thanks to generous supporters like you, our campers can again enjoy the exciting activities they look forward to all year. Stay connected with us through our website and social media for the latest updates and photos.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and campers, thank you for your \$4,000.00 contribution to Camp ASCCA for replenishing the kitchen. You make a difference and your support and thoughtfulness to benefit the children and adults with disabilities who attend Camp ASCCA is appreciated.

With deep gratitude,

  
John Stephenson, Administrator

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug 21	PC of Florence 100 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
Aug 20	Gov Bulletin Submissions due
Nov 1	COMPASS Dues
Nov 1	Anchor Dues
Nov 1-2	Fall Council Westin Bridge Street

**Thank you for being a Pilot!**