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GOVERNOR - LAURIE FRASER'S MESSAGE

Hello Alabama Pilots!

Can you believe it is already the 1st of March? Before we know it, Spring will be here, and we will be surrounded by beautiful colors and sunny skies.

We have three Conventions coming up very soon and I hope you are getting as excited as I am. We start by engaging with our youth at the [Anchor Convention in Montgomery on March 8-9th at the Embassy Suites](#). If you have never attended an Anchor Convention, you need to treat yourself to one as soon as you can. The Anchors' energy and spark will put a constant smile on your face and remind you how important it is for us to start volunteerism young. Your DAC is working hard to organize our [District Convention. We will gather April 24-27th at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery](#) and have lined up exciting speakers and workshops. I always look forward to seeing my Pilot friends at Conventions – I call that my happy hug time. I promised you three Conventions, so we will round out this season with the [PI Convention in Charlotte, NC. The Convention will be held at the Westin Charlotte on July 23-26th](#). The PIFF gatherings have been loaded on the website and registration is easy to navigate. I hope we see you there! It's so close, we can even drive!

Please keep in mind that **March 10-16th is Brain Awareness Week**. This week is a global campaign to foster public enthusiasm and support for brain science. Every March, participants host imaginative activities in their communities that share the wonders of the brain, and the impact brain science has on our everyday lives. Many of you know that my son Kyle is a neuroscience researcher. He called today to say how excited he was about an advance his team had made in Parkinsons. As a mom, I just plain love to hear from him. As a senior, I am glad that science is advancing. Every step is so important, no matter how big or small.

In closing, this can be a very busy time of year, yet a quiet one due to the path of faith many are observing. I wish everyone the very best. Remember to take a moment and breathe in the freshness that spring brings and the joy of the faith season. The conventions I mentioned provide a lot of useful information and the teams that pull them together deserve kudos. Most importantly, they give you a chance to see "family". We as Pilots are family – the very best kind!

Our theme for District Convention is **Pilots in Action are Angels Among Us!** All of you are angels in your communities every day.

Laurie



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GOVERNOR-ELECT – LISA PATTERSON

I can't believe it's March already! 2025 is moving quickly and there's so much yet to happen in our Alabama District Pilot world for 2024-2025. I hope you are ready!

March brings our much-anticipated [Anchor Convention held March 8-9, 2025, at the Embassy Suites & Conference Center in Montgomery, AL](#). I hope you didn't miss the deadline! It's always uplifting to hear from our Anchors. We also have a couple of captivating speakers, important business to conduct, awards to present, election and installation of the 25-26 DAAC and after-party, an Inspirational Service on Sunday and final wrap-up. Whew! There's a lot happening in the Anchor realm.

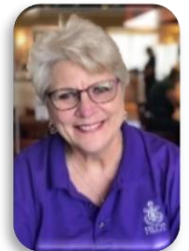
We had anticipated having a new Anchor Club to introduce, but their chartering has been put on hold temporarily. We are looking forward to the time we can finally announce the chartering of the Wiregrass Boys & Girls Anchor Club coming soon in Enterprise, sponsored by the Luncheon Enterprise Pilot Club.

Remember its March - don't let the Leprechauns get you!

In Pilot Service & Friendship,

Lisa

24-25 Governor-Elect



ZEFFY - Zeffy is a fundraising platform designed for nonprofits, offering zero fees on transactions. The Alabama District is in the process of setting up Zeffy accounts for our District, to make it easier to pay for events such as District Conventions, Fall Councils, TBI Camps and general donations. We have set up a QR code for District Convention where Pilots can pay for [District Convention Registrations](#).



At the left you will see the QR code. You can scan this with your phone camera and complete the transfer of funds for District Convention. This must be followed by the correct registration form from your club for you to be registered. The bar code will also be placed on the Registration Form on the District Web Page.

This is the actual address if you cannot access the code: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/alabama-district-convention>

This is a learning curve for all of us so feel free to contact me.

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TREASURER – KAY CHANDLER



TBI Camp!!! It's coming fast!! **April 11-13, 2025.**

Registrations for Campers/Caregivers are coming in daily.
We have our plans ~ it's Disco time at Camp ASCCA!!!

We need:

- **Clubs or Pilots to sponsor Campers**—if your club plans to sponsor a Camper/Caregiver, please get me your \$300.00 as soon as possible. Remember Pilots, its tax deductible. Our Sponsorship Sign will be printed in a few weeks, and you will want your name on it! We will also display this sign at District Convention.
- **Bingo Prizes**—we need 5-10 from each club in the value range of \$5-\$10.
- **Crafts**—we need ideas and supplies.
- **Scrapbooking**—we need supplies.
- **Backpacks**—we need items for our campers' backpacks.
- **YOU**—we need you! **[Registration for Pilots, Anchors, and Compass Members is online!](#)** Camp cannot happen without your support---not only financially—but in person. If you ever come to camp, you will be back. Come for the day-come for the weekend—just come!

Our third quarter statement will be coming out in April. Remember, membership is our number one source of income!!! **Continue to get new members!!!! It helps your club; it helps the District and it helps Pilot International.** The DAC is working hard on the 2025-2026 Budget to make it work financially with our membership.

Pilot Friendship is one of the most wonderful things you can share---Share Pilot!! Thank you for all you do for our District and for your club.

Kay Chandler

ADS, ADS, ADS

For District Convention Program

This year we are offering clubs the opportunity to showcase their club in the convention program. You can purchase an ad, \$100 full page; \$50 half page; \$25 one fourth page. All ads must be in PDF, ready to insert into program. We must receive them by April 1, 2025. Please email them to misskay311@aol.com The decision for placement will be up to the availability of space. If you know someone that might want to sponsor an ad for their business, please reach out to them to place an ad in our program. This is just a small way for us to pay for the program.

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SECRETARY - MOLLIE RILEY

Let's March into the Big Shout-Out and Welcome to the family:

Jan Farley, Pilot Club of Cullman

Ginger Brown, Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan Co.

Wilma Sport, Pilot Club of Andalusia

Paulie Thill, Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise

Thank you so much for joining our mission and helping to serve your community and Alabama District.

Remember to mark your calendar for the [Alabama District Convention on April 25-27, 2025](#). The DAC has planned an Awesome weekend. You don't want to miss hearing the Speakers, working on a hands-on Pick-Me-Up Project, Officers Workshops, and my favorite – 'Let's Talk Pilot Workshop'.

Please remember to send me your Share Pilot event dates. I would love to hear what you are doing to prepare and the results. Let's keep building the team and March into April with more new members.

Hugs with Pilot Love,
Mollie Riley

District Pick Me Up Project

On Saturday afternoon, after our business session we will be preparing "Tea Trays for Caregivers" as our District Convention project. Each Pilot is asked to bring a teacup for this project. They will be turned in at Registration. The rest of the items for our Tea Tray will be provided: tray, tea bags, candy, cookies, spoons, napkins, yellow rose, wrap, ribbon, and tags.

We will put these together, with each person being as creative as they want to be. A small brochure on our District will also be in our trays. Each Pilot will take their tray home and give to a caregiver. The District has applied for a \$200 Pick Me Up Grant. So, do not forget your teacup!!! It will also give us a time to be creative and have "Friendship and Service" with each other.

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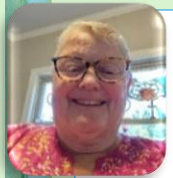


MEMBERSHIP - BARBARA FLAGLORE MILLIGAN

Membership building is not an easy task, but it is a very important one. It is not always easy to come up with new ideas for a Share Pilot, nor is it easy to invite people to come to a lunch. **However, it should be, because you are inviting someone to one of the greatest organizations in the entire world.** You are offering to share this opportunity with them. Membership numbers consistently move up and down. Members move away, they age, they return to work, their situation changes, and they can no longer attend meetings or participate in projects. To keep up membership, we must add members to replace the ones we lose. Share Pilot events are a wonderful way to do this. We designate certain months to Share Pilot, but a Share Pilot can be ANY month. If you have not planned one for March, an April / Spring Share Pilot can be beautiful with pastels, spring flowers, and a light, airy event such as a Tea Party, or have your guests participate in a project, such as a pick-me-up. **People want to join an organization that serves the community, encourages each other, and one that has FUN in the process.** All those things should be a part of every club. I would like to hear from club presidents on successful Share Pilots that you have had and how many new members you reaped from it. Sharing innovative ideas can help other clubs with their Share Pilot and our goal is for every club to succeed.

Good luck with increasing your club memberships and if I can help you in any way, please give me a call or text at 256-303-9804, or email barbmilligan.clubs@yahoo.com

Barbara, Pilot Luncheon Club of Morgan County



Pilot International Founders Fund PIFF News - Mary Ballard

After speaking to the Founders' Fund specialist at the PI headquarters, I learned that our district has done well in turning in club **\$250 payments and the Pacesetter donations. We are now a 250 District!** He stated there are 4 clubs that have not been recorded in the Pacesetter donations. Contact me for missing club information.

Our ink cartridge recycling has earned \$42.00. Two boxes are awaiting shipping labels for shipment. As far as coin collection is concerned, only 2 clubs have made donations that amounted to \$250.00. These funds are from simply collecting quarters or collecting change by passing a hat. So far **money collected for the district PIFF fund is \$292.00.**

If your club has not yet sent in your \$250 donation or your pacesetter donation (\$10.00 per member) to PI please consider doing so soon. Especially the \$250 Fund as we want to be included as a \$250 district at the PI Convention in July.

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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER - NADEEN IVORY PILOT CARES & CONCERNS

Joseph Wirthlin said *"Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends. It softens hearts and molds relationships that can last lifetimes."*

Pilots, we can show kindness because true beauty is found in a warm heart, a kind soul, and an attentive ear.

This is a month of spring, rebirth, transformation, and new beginnings. It is also represented by new growth, coming of age, and kindness. I hope all of our Pilot Clubs are joining "Pilots In Action" by growth, with projects, and with pick-me-ups.


Let's continue to pray for our Pilots who have lost loved ones and those that are sick.

SYMPATHY:

- ♥ PC of Heflin, Debbie Parris, lost her brother Raymond James Decker on 1-19-25. Please keep Debbie and her family in your prayers.
- ♥ PC of Prattville, AL District Governor-Elect, Lisa Patterson's son Justin, lost his father-in-law on 2-18-25. Please keep Justin and Lisa's families in your prayers.
- ♥ Glenda Brooks, President, PC of Roanoke, has been in the hospital and is now in a rehab facility for PT. Send all correspondence to her at: The Inn TRC, Rm 404, 925 Piedmont St., Roanoke, AL 36274.

ON A HAPPY NOTE:

 PC of Cullman, Beverly Wilkerson steps down from serving as Chamber of Commerce Ambassador after serving 10 years. She was proud to represent the Pilot Club of Cullman. She was chosen as Ambassador of the Year in 2017. We are immensely proud of Beverly.

 PC of Demopolis is honored and proud to have attended the swearing in ceremony of our Pilot Member, Rachel England on 1-30-25. She is now the youngest District Attorney in the State of Alabama. We are enormously proud of her.

Pray for our country and the world. If we ever needed prayer, we need it now.

Please send your Cares and Concerns to nivory2055@att.net

DO MORE! CARE MORE! BE MORE!

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ECR – LISA PALMQUIST

March signifies that Spring is right around the corner which means warmer weather and blooming flowers. It is time to make plans to attend your District Conventions where you see your Pilot friends, make new friends, conduct business, install new officers, learn new facts about Pilot, eat good food, and have loads of fun! It is an exciting time to be a Pilot!

Brain Awareness Week is March 10-16, 2025. This is the official week to promote brain safety and research. Pilot International has focused on brain related service since 1992 and developed the BrainMinders™ educational program. Over the years, Pilot Clubs have presented numerous programs about brain safety to educate children and seniors using the BrainMinders™ buddies.

March is also a great time to start working on **Anchor Awards. Nominations for these awards are due to Pilot International by April 15.** These awards include Anchor Club of the Year, Anchor Club Star of the Year, Community Service and Visibility Awards, Outstanding Anchor Advisor, Ruby Newhall Anchor Service Award, and Support for Anchors Award for Pilot Clubs. These forms are found: www.pilotinternational.org/members/awards . Awards are presented at the PI Conference in Charlotte. Start completing these forms now and submit to PI HQ before the deadline.

Applications to PI HQ due March 15:

- PIFF Scholarship applications*
- PMU & Helmet Grant applications*
- Project Lifesaver Scholarship*
- LAIN Compass Scholarship*

Register for the **PI Annual Leadership and Leadership Conference to be held July 23-26, 2025, in Charlotte, NC.** Link found on www.pilotinternational.org . Join your Pilot friends as it is going to be a great time!

Thank you all for your service to Pilot International!

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

Lisa



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PIFF Fundraisers at PI Convention

Many of you know that the Pilot International Convention includes fundraising opportunities for Founders Fund causes each year. A popular event we are highlighting again this year is a **Gift Card Basket Raffle**. To make the raffle successful, we ask our generous Pilot family to help us with **donations of gift cards**. It is not too early, please send your gift card donations directly to:



Pilot International Headquarters
Neil Barker, Founders Fund Specialist
102 Preston Court
Macon, GA 31210





NOTE: These Gift Cards may be purchased with donations allocated to PIFF or club funds already available for **Pilot International Founders Fund**.

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to sign up for the *Nascar Hall of Fame Fundraiser* for PIFF at the upcoming PI Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Dates to Remember

-  **March 8-9, 2025, Anchor Convention, Embassy Suites, Montgomery, AL**
-  **April 11-13, 2025, Alabama Traumatic Brain Injury Camp**
-  **April 24-27, 2025, District Convention, Embassy Suites, Montgomery, AL**
-  **July 23-26, 2025, Pilot International Convention, Charlotte, NC**

PILOTS IN ACTION ARE ANGELS AMONG US



Second Call for District Convention April 25-27, 2025 Embassy Suites, Montgomery

Join us for an **informative** yet **fun** time!

Network with your **friends** from all over the **District!**
Great Speakers!

Friday Night: Banner Presentation, Outgoing Governor Reception
Be sure to bring your Banners!
Dress: Travel Wear

Saturday: First Timers Orientation
District Business
Awards Luncheon: Dress: Gold and White
Officer Training Workshops
Workshops for Others
Compass Share
Dress: Pilot Shirts, Business Casual (except for luncheon)

Installation Banquet for 2025/2026 DAC
Dress: Sunday to Sequins

Sunday: Past Governor's Breakfast
Memorial Service
Business/Invitation to PI Convention
Presentation of 2025/2026 Appointees
Dress: Travel Wear

Registration, Deadlines, & Hotel Registration are on the District Website
<https://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com/>