

# ALABAMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN

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## GOVERNOR

**Karene Henson**

**2024 IS HERE!!!!** Let's enter this new year with a fresh resolve to *Do More, Be More and Care More* as we carry out the mission of Pilot in Pilot International, the Alabama District and most importantly in our local communities. Let's let everyone know that they **MATTER!**








**The Alabama District has been recognized with the 2023 Continuous Meritorius Service Award at Camp ASCCA.** A brick will be placed in the Pathway to the Future brick path, and we will be mentioned in the next ASCCA newsletter. You will have to attend TBI camp in April to view the pathway. Many thanks go to the Project Committee, the Fundraising Committee and each Pilot and Club who contributed to our project, allowing us to complete our 2023-24 project of the chairs for the Camp ASCCA campus. I ask each club to continue with our TBI district project. Be sure to provide a TBI campership or two to our TBI camp scheduled for April 19-21, 2024. Offer any help you can with supplies, prizes, as well as your attendance. Participation at TBI camp will warm your heart.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

REMEMBER.....

-  ASAP District Shirt Order.
-  Jan. 30 Anchor Convention Hotel Deadline.
-  Jan. 6 Pilot First Saturday.
-  Feb. 1 Anchor Award Entries are due.
-  Feb. 1 Pacesetter Club, 250 Club and 250 Member Contributions due to HQ.
-  Feb. 12 District Officer Nominations Due.
-  Feb. 12 Jo Vaughn Leadership award deadline.



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If your club sponsors an Alabama Anchor Club, please be sure that they register for the Anchor Convention at Lake Guntersville in March. **It is very important that lodging reservations be made ASAP.** Each Anchor and sponsor should attend to gain invaluable knowledge and inspiration. Support from the sponsoring club by attendance or financial help would be greatly appreciated, I'm sure.

Over the Christmas Holidays, I enjoyed seeing the pictures from your club activities on our FaceBook page. Alabama Pilots were very busy with toy drives, fulfilling wish lists for underprivileged families, pick me ups, caroling, and having lots of fun. Thank you for all that you do.

Be sure to contact me now if you wish to order a District Polo shirt. Email me your size! I have a few orders and I want to get them in the works by January 6, 2024.

I wish to close with this Blessing:

May there always be work for your hands to do.  
May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane.  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend always be near you.  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Digging in Service through the NEW YEAR together,

Karene



**GOVERNOR-ELECT**

**Laurie Fraser**

## Happy New Year Pilot Friends!

Can you believe we are already into a new year? This year has closed with Pilot gatherings, service projects that were dear to our hearts, and careful planning for the new year. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and that you were able to rest up a little bit for the start of a new year. I'm excited to see what 2024 brings!

As I mentioned last month, this is the time for nominations at the District level. Nominations are still open for Governor-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please be open to serving at both District and Club levels. You Matter in Pilot!

The District Convention Committee will be meeting this month to continue planning for the District Convention, which will be held April 12-14, 2024. Mark those dates on your calendars and plan to join us! We are sure to have a great time.

While I am on the subject of reminders, keep in mind that Anchor Convention will be in Guntersville this year in March, and TBI Camp will be in April. This may sound like a busy schedule, but together we can do this! I look forward to seeing more of you in this new year!

In Pilot Friendship and Service,

Laurie



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**SECRETARY**

**Mollie Riley**

## Happy New Year my Pilot Family!!

Now is the time to hit the ground running and making the new year a hit in recruiting new members to join our mission in 2024.

To the **Membership Chair and Committee** start in January for your club to set goals.

Spend the time on what your club accomplished, what didn't work out, and how your club wants the new year to be different, and then set goals accordingly.

## Brainstorm, Write Goals Down and Review Them Periodically.

**Goals are Specific, Measurable, and Achievable** objectives that you set for the club to work towards over a specific period.

Goal setting typically involves breaking down larger aspirations into smaller, manageable tasks. These can be yearly goals or even daily, weekly, or monthly goals. It's a structured and strategic approach for your clubs' improvements.

Last, "**Celebrate**" small victories along the way, recognizing your club's effort and commitment to staying on track.

Remember we are the **Voices for Pilot International** and talking about our mission for others to join this Awesome organization.

Hugs with Pilot Love,

Mollie



**TREASURER**

**Lisa Patterson**



2023 flew by ending with grand celebrations with family and friends. Now what? Laid out before us is a brand-new year filled with possible opportunities and events.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dale Whatley, the winner of the District Quilt Raffle!

Opportunities:

- ✚ Congratulations! From July 1 – December 31, 2023, you added 40 new members to our District! I would like to extend a challenge for the new year by Adding 24 more before June 30th!
- ✚ February 1st is the deadline for the Pacesetters and 250 Club Contributions. We certainly want Alabama to continue to be a 250 District at Pilot International.
- ✚ February 12th is the deadline for the Nominating Committee to receive nominations for District Officers. Please give serious consideration to serving your District in one of these positions. The offices that are elected are Governor-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The qualification form, acceptance letter, references and statement must be postmarked no later than 60 days prior to the convention. For more information contact [Sherre McGinnis](#).

Events: There are a lot of wonderful events coming up for us this year. Make plans now to show your support to our Anchors and District by attending the:

- ✚ Anchor Convention March 2-3, 2024, at Guntersville State Park
  - ✚ Alabama District Convention, April 12-14, 2024, at the Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National
  - ✚ TBI Camp, April 19-21, 2024, at Camp ASCCA.
- More information on these events will be coming soon.

Yours in Pilot Service,

Lisa



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ALABAMA DISTRICT ECR

Nicki Dawkins



My Dearest Pilot Family,



*Happy New Year!* A new year brings celebrations and new beginnings. As we enter 2024, let us focus on a quote by Michael Josephson, "Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each day." As Pilots, we know that each day provides us opportunities to "Do More, Care More, and Be More" while exemplifying our principles of Friendship and Service. Each day is an opportunity to "Matter IN Pilot" by serving our communities. Let us continue to look at the opportunities we have in Pilot for the upcoming year.

Have you been looking for a way to help build the leadership capacity of our organization? We have the opportunity to serve Pilot International as an elected official! Now is the time to focus on District and International Officer Nominations. Review the process and requirements for officer nominations in our district manual on our [website](#). If you are nominated, step up and proudly serve your District by accepting your nomination or appointment and instilling fresh, innovative ideas for the 2024-2025 Pilot year! After accepting the nomination, District Officer candidates must complete paperwork due 60 days before your District Convention. **Leadership Matters IN Pilot!**

Call for nominations



**Save the Date - March 15, 2024!** Are you seeking an opportunity to help others realize their dreams and aspirations? Do you have an idea for an opportunity to make someone's day a little brighter? It is the 2024 Scholarship application deadline and the quarterly deadline for Helmet and Pick Me Up Grant Applications. Our Pilot International Founders Fund awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students seeking an education in one of Pilot's focus areas and students who have been active Anchors and/or Compass members during their school careers. For more information and the applications, go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/about/scholarships>.

Just a reminder...



**Supporting Others Matters IN Pilot!**

Are you seeking an opportunity to recognize your clubs and fellow Pilots? Pacesetters, 250 Clubs and 250 Members are recognitions Pilot International uses to identify clubs and members for their continued financial generosity. To be recognized as a Pacesetter Club, the club donates \$10 per member. To be recognized as a 250 Club or Member, the club or member must contribute at least \$250 to the Grants and Scholarships Fund. **All contributions must be postmarked by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, for recognition at District Conventions.** Visit our Pilot International Website and click the "[Donate](#)" tab for the donation form. **Recognition Matters IN Pilot!**



My dearest Pilots, we have many opportunities this year to "Matter IN Pilot!" We must be thankful for each day and remember the words of Avina Celeste, "Enter this new year with gratitude for this new chance to create your dreams." Dream Big, my Pilot Family!

Yours in Friendship and Service,

Nicki Dawkins



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**INSPIRATIONAL LEADER**

**Eleanor Park**

## PILOT CARES & CONCERNS

“We trust the Lord to deliver us from all battles we face in our time here on earth, and He always does! We do not always agree with His timing or method, but we [can] understand that God knows what is best for us spiritually and physically. He works all things out for our good. When we feel broken or scared, let us have faith that everything will be okay because our peace and happiness are priorities to our heavenly Father.” May this be your New Year’s Resolution: Have Faith!

### **Sympathy to:**

#### Decatur

- ♥ Sue Trammell passed away on December 19, 2023. Please remember her family and Pilot Club of Decatur as they mourn her death.
- ♥ Ussery Brannon’s sister, Faye Sparks, passed away on December 29. Ussery’s address is 2356 Tintagel Drive, Decatur, AL 35603

#### Demopolis

- ♥ Nadeen Ivory’s niece, Stephanie Oates, lost her mother on December 22. Cards may be sent in care of Nadeen at PO Box 1142, Demopolis, Alabama 36732

### **Get Well and Care to:**

#### Lee County

- ♥ Phillip Traylor, co-pilot of Maria Traylor, recently spent several days in the hospital. He will meet with his doctors in the next week to determine the course of action to relieve his issues. Cards can be sent to them at 1406 Ridge Road, Opelika, Alabama 36801.

#### Roanoke

- ♥ Darby Head, co-pilot of Chris Head, had major surgery on December 18. He was able to come home on Christmas Day. Chris also has health issues, as she takes care of Darby. Cards can be sent to them at 2131 Co. Rd. 20, Roanoke, AL 36274.
- ♥ Glenda Brooks is having health issues. She would appreciate your prayers and encouragement. Her address is PO Box 703, Roanoke, Alabama 36274.

#### International Member

- ♥ Cookie Adair is recovering from a fall and shoulder surgery which was on December 26. Cards can be sent to PO Box 1168, Talladega, AL 35161.

As your inspirational leader, I have received unspoken prayer requests. There are many sick with flu, covid, etc. Please remember these requests in your prayers. Thank you for always praying and caring.

May you have a blessed 2024,

Eleanor, PC of Demopolis





## NOMINATING ALABAMA DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

Governor Elect Laurie Fraser would love to have YOU on her team for 2024-2025. To do this you must meet the following PI Bylaw requirements:

- ✓ Be a dues-paying active member of a Pilot club.
- ✓ A nominee for Governor Elect, Treasurer or Secretary will have served as President of a Pilot Club.
- ✓ A nominee should have attended district conventions to a creditable degree.
- ✓ For Governor Elect: Attendance at a recent PI convention prior to the time of being elected is required. The nominee should be qualified to address clubs on the activities and plans of the district and PI.
- ✓ For Treasurer: A nominee should be proficient in financial management procedures.
- ✓ For Secretary: A nominee should be qualified to record, transcribe and distribute the minutes of various meetings related to administration of the District.

A club should submit nominees to the nominating committee 60 days prior to District Convention. The deadline for nominations is **February 12, 2024**. Mail completed qualification forms to Sherre McGinnis, 109 Tuckahoe Circle, Gadsden, AL 35904. The forms will be verified, and references checked by the nominating committee and forwarded to the District Governor and the ECR.

Qualification forms for District Office may be found on the district website <https://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com> under Forms and Informational Documents. Serving on the DAC is a rewarding experience with memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

In Pilot Service,

2024 Nominating Committee  
Sherre McGinnis, Chair; Janice Clark;  
Elaine Cole; Virginia Wimberly



## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are **Pilots** who  
make  
Things **better...** simply  
by showing up. There are  
**Pilots** who make things  
**happen.** There are **Pilots**  
who make their way.  
There are **Pilots** who  
make a difference.  
**AND...** **Pilots** who make  
us **smile.** There are **Pilots**  
of **wit** and **wisdom** who...  
through **strength** and  
**courage...** make it  
through. There are **Pilots**  
who **change** the world  
every day... **Pilots** just  
like **you.**



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## ONE MATTERS

### Alabama District Continues Growing!!!

*The Pilot Club of Heflin  
introduces new member:*  
**Laura Cobb**

*The Pilot Club of Roanoke  
welcomes returning member:*  
**Ginny Barrett**

HAVE YOU ASKED  
YOUR ONE TO JOIN?



## ALABAMA DISTRICT SHIRT

### LAST CHANCE FOR 2023-24

If you missed out on the first Alabama District Shirt Order, it is not too late. I'm getting another shirt, and I heard that other Pilots want one too.

Small – xl, \$25. XXL and up, \$28.

The shirts do run large, so keep that in mind when ordering.

Email me your size at

[rkchenson@outlook.com](mailto:rkchenson@outlook.com)

I will have the shirts to distribute at either Anchor Convention or District Convention. I will notify you when the shirts arrive. Get your order to me asap.

Gov. Karene

## JO VAUGHN LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

### SUBMIT TO:

Nancy Lehe  
115 Morgan St  
Talladega, AL 35160  
[nancylehe@att.net](mailto:nancylehe@att.net)

Thanks so much,

Beverly  
256-338-4754

## AWARDS

## CLAIRE PLOTT

Happy New Year!

I hope that all Alabama Pilots are readying their **award entries**. Deadlines are getting closer. Entry forms for [brain-related](#) and [community service](#) are available on our district website: [www.alabamadistrictpilot.com](http://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com). The [judging criteria](#) is there as well.

Anchor award entries are due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Pilot award entries are due Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All entries should be mailed to:

Claire Plott, Chair  
1115 Sawyer Drive  
Opelika, AL 36801  
Phone: 251-978-5017  
[cgplott@gmail.com](mailto:cgplott@gmail.com)

Looking forward to lots of entries!

Claire

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## PIFF

Peggy Harris

### 250 DISTRICT, 250 GOALS FOR GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Grants and Scholarship Fund is the SINGLE source of fundraising to fund Pilot International's matching grants program and scholarship fund.
- Each individual and club is asked to participate in the fundraising efforts by donating \$250.
- Clubs send to PI by February 1, 2024, receive a certificate at District Convention.
- Individuals who give \$250 are recognized as a 250 member.
- Clubs that give \$250 are recognized as a 250 Club.
- Alabama District Goal is \$4750. 18 clubs X \$250 = \$4500
- All 250 Individuals, Clubs and Districts will receive a ribbon at International Convention.

### PACESETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

- \* Pacesetter contributions go into an Annual Fund which is unrestricted and used to operate the Founders Fund
- \* All clubs are asked to contribute \$10 per Active/dues paying member.
- \* Clubs send to PI by February 1, 2024, receive a certificate at the District Convention.

### FUND RAISING PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT JULY – DECEMBER 2023 – TOTAL \$585

M & M TUBES – Filled with quarters. Fall Council Collection - \$325.00. Continue collecting! Bring to April District Convention.

EMPTIES4CASH – Total Inkjets cartridges shipped – 424; 62 not acceptable = 362. TOTAL CASH - \$365.50 Club PIFF Representative and Presidents encourage members to save INKJET cartridges, collect from computer friends and collect quarters for donating to PIFF. Now accepting FULL UNUSED ORIGINAL INKJET CARTRIDGES, paying empty cartridge price plus \$2. BRING ALL TO DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Peggy



## ANCHOR DISTRICT NEWS

Alabama District is the home of many Anchor Clubs. They are very active as they serve their local communities. Serving on the DAAC (District Alabama Anchor Council) are President Caroline Smith from Guntersville HS, President-Elect Elle Harris from Geneva HS, Director Ella Beth Kirkland from Guntersville MS, and Secretary Hayden Bell Morrow from Guntersville HS. These Anchors are busy planning an exciting convention to be held at the Lodge at Guntersville State Park.

The sponsoring Pilot Club of each Anchor club should be actively involved with the Anchors, talking with the club sponsor, attending meetings and activities as well as offering financial support, training, etc. as needed. The Anchor Clubs listed below have paid their District Dues. If your club is not listed, please check with the school sponsor.

- 🌟 Andalusia HS 43 members Andalusia
- 🌟 Enterprise HS 60 members Enterprise
- 🌟 Geneva HS 50 members Geneva
- 🌟 Guntersville HS 32 members Guntersville
- 🌟 Guntersville MS 52 members Guntersville
- 🌟 Handley HS 25 members Roanoke
- 🌟 Hope United Academy 21 members Owens Cross Roads
- 🌟 Lee-Scott Academy 44 members Auburn
- 🌟 Madison Academy 41 members Madison

Pilots, reach out and show your support for our Anchor Clubs!!!! Come to their Convention in March to see how they work and function. Our active support is necessary to insure that Anchors transition to Compass and then to Pilot. This is our LEGACY!





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## ACCOLADES



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December 7, 2023

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Dear Alabama Pilots,

On behalf of the Camp ASCCA Board of Directors, staff, and campers, I would like to acknowledge that the Alabama District Pilot International has been recognized as a recipient of a 2023 Continuous Meritorious Service Award at Camp ASCCA.


The Continuous Meritorious Service Award honors those individuals and organizations that have rendered ongoing substantial and sustaining service to Camp ASCCA.

Since Camp ASCCA's inception, its success has been made possible due to the support and effort of organizations such as yours.

In your organization's honor we will highlight the award in an upcoming newsletter and will place a brick in your honor in our Pathway to the Future brick path. This will forever recognize your accomplishment.

We appreciate your continued generosity and ask that you contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



John Stephenson  
Administrator

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[www.campascca.org](http://www.campascca.org)