

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin

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District Governor

Sabine Wlodarski

Happy Valentine's Day, Pilots!

Can you believe it's February, 2023? We have lots of news to share. We had our first District Convention planning meeting on Saturday, January 21st. We have workshops and great speakers planned. Please make sure you attend the convention at the Birmingham Marriott on April 21-23, 2023. We have included the First Call for Convention in the bulletin on page 11.

Please continue to recruit new members. Remember President Rhona's 777 challenge. Every time you sponsor a new member your name goes in a drawing for a chance to attend the Balloon Festival in New Mexico next year. Early bird registration for Pilot International Convention in Bellevue, Washington June 28-July 2, 2023 deadline is February 28th.

There is still time to nominate a member for district office. Karene needs your help for a great year. Please consider serving if you are asked.

Anchor Convention is March 4-5, 2023 at the Doubletree in Decatur. The Anchors have a great convention planned and Pilots are always welcome. Award entries are wanted. Please send your Anchor entries to Awards Jury Chair, Cathy Barker.

TBI Camp Is April 14-16, 2023 at Camp ASCCA. I know Chairman Kay Chandler is expecting a full crowd. Check her message for ways you can help.

Don't forget to send in your Pacesetter, 250 Club and 250 member donations in by February 1. Elect your club officers by March 15th. You will need to send in the new officer information to Pilot International and Karene Henson. March is BrainMinders Month. Pick Me Up and Helmet Grant Applications, and PIFF Scholarships Applications are due March 15. Continue to do service in your communities. In Pilot friendship and service,

Sabine

Governor Elect

Karene Henson

The new year has started off with a BANG. Hope everyone has thawed out and is looking forward to the rest that Alabama District has in store for the club year.

Planning for 2023 District Convention has begun. Clubs, please send photos of your club in action to Lisa Patterson, our very capable District Webmaster ASAP. She needs these to show the world what our Alabama Pilots are doing. I need them for our annual District Banner Presentation in April. I know that your club does not want to be left out.

I am also sending out an appeal to my Pilot sisters and brothers to step up to serve as a district officer. We have an awesome team of appointees ready to serve. I need some capable officers to help me steer our district on the true course of Pilot. If you are reading this, think about it. Do you know someone in your club or another club who would make an excellent officer? Send your nomination for governor-elect, secretary or treasurer to nominating committee chairperson, Lisa Patterson, by February 28.

If you need me, please do not hesitate to call or email. My information is on the district website and the first page of the Governor's Bulletin.

Serving together in Pilot Friendship,

Karene



Treasurer

Maria Traylor

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 are preparing already for a busy second half of the year. We still have a lot of work left through our projects! Anchor Convention will be in March in Decatur. TBI Camp and District Convention will be here shortly in April. There are numerous awards out there for Club and Club members.

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. Deadline is February 28, 2023. 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

- **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
- **March 3-4, 2023** District Anchor Convention, March 3-4, 2023 at the Doubletree in Decatur.
- **March 9, 2023** PC of Decatur Fundraiser at Swamp John's
- **April 14-26, 2023** TBI Camp
- **April 21-23, 2023** District Alabama Convention, Birmingham Marriott

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

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), 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

Again, our website is www.alabamadistrictpilot.com.

Lisa

Traumatic Brain Injury Superhero Camp

April 14-26, 2023

In just over 2 1/2 months Mollie Riley and I are going to be down at Camp ASCCA celebrating with all our Campers and Caregivers, having fun and fellowship and renewing friendships and catching up with all of their life happenings! We sure hope you plan to be there with us!

We would love to fill up the Davis Lodge with Pilots, Anchors and Compass members. Registration has been posted on the Alabama District Web Site and is included in this Governor's Bulletin. (Thanks Pam) We were able to give everyone a break on registration because we are happy to announce Pilot International Founders Fund granted us a Matching Grant for \$5000.00. We are still in need of Bingo prizes, \$5.00 or more, for adults! They love gift cards, gloves, socks, scarfs, ties, ball hats, and other small things. Remember we have women and men. We also need craft ideas and supplies. And any kind of scrapbooking things. Items for backpacks such as snacks, small games, pencils, water, pens, pads, lip chap, lotions, sun screens, as well as any other small personal items. If you could bring them to Anchor Convention, this would be awesome.

Prattville is in charge of Bingo, Enterprise doing booklets, Decatur doing crafts, Troy helping with scrapbooking, and Mellisa helping with shirts. Also, we NEED MONEY----CAMPERSHIPS-- --DONATIONS--. Benny Jo and Mellisa will be glad to help you prepare to go out and ask corporations, industries, banks, and others for donations. If each club can contribute \$300 for a Campership---this would be awesome. Our campers are registering fast and furious. We are going to have full house this year!! Remember: April 14-16, 2023! Hoping to see Pilots, Anchors, and Compass Members from all over our wonderful Alabama District. **Remember our theme: Super Heroes!** And Pilots, Anchors, and Compass Members are certainly that!! You are Super and you are Heroes. 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



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The month of February has ninety-four awareness designations and observances. This month includes Black History, Groundhog Day, National Cancer, American Heart, Valentine’s Day, and Random Acts of Kindness Day, just to list a few.

Of course, the one that caught my attention, as a Pilot, was the Random Act of Kindness Day. It’s at the heart of all we do in service to others in our communities. When our love and kindness are expressed, our blessings are multiplied.

Say “I love you” to family and friends, near and far. You don’t need a special day to do that.



*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.
John Wesley*

The following are in our thoughts and prayers:

PC of Florence: Please be in prayer for **Past District Governor Lorraine Banning** as she continues treatments for cancer. Cards of caring and encouragement may be sent to 101 Laurel Lane, Florence, AL 35633.

PC of Troy: We extend deepest sympathy to **Club President Cathy Barker** in the passing of her father. Cards may be sent to 516 Spradley Drive, Troy, AL 36079.

**In Pilot love and friendship,
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Executive Committee Representative (ECR) Message Joseph Cunningham

My Dearest Alabama Pilots,

WooHoo! We reflect on the previous months filled with challenges and missed opportunities at this halfway point. We also look forward to the next half of this Pilot year which has undoubtedly sailed into calm waters with new shipmates at our Headquarters office in Macon, Georgia. The rest of the months ahead in 2023 are filled with endless possibilities and opportunities to grow our organization locally and globally. Your Executive Committee encourages each Pilot, Compass, and Anchor member to keep telling our stories. Post your service projects and involve everyone from the young to the young at heart to do more, care more, and be more. Network with other non-profits and your area Chamber of Commerce to build your brand and increase your visibility. 2023 is off to a fantastic start; let us finish strong with focus energies on reclaiming, sustaining, and appreciating each Pilot's unique gifts and talents.



The countdown is on to the 101st Pilot International Annual Convention and Leadership Conference in Bellevue, Washington. Your Executive Committee and Convention Committee, along with our COO/CEO Will Butler and the Headquarters Staff, are busy planning new training opportunities and tours, preparing for all the convention aspects to ensure fun elements are included! In the meantime, here are some reminders about upcoming events...

Anchors: They are truly the future of Pilot International and require our hands-on guidance and support to ensure their development as leaders continue to flourish. Anchors around the globe will host their District Conventions in person and virtually due to logistics. Anchor clubs are asked to submit applications for the Anchor Club of the Year (ACOY). Entries are to be sent to your District Awards Jury Chair. Application details can be found on our Pilot International website. <http://www.anchorclubintl.org/awards>

Compass: Have you seen the Compass Newsletter? If you haven't, check online to read up on the exciting service projects Compass clubs are rendering in their communities. Even more exciting is the first Compass Awards recognizing Compass members who have served with distinction. The award will be presented at the 2023 Pilot International Convention. Grants and scholarships are available for Compass members and clubs, our next grant deadline is March 15th, and most of our scholarships have the same deadline, so now is the time to start getting your forms and items together to apply. We also have our Dreams Ahead Award that both Anchors and Compass Club members are eligible to apply for and that deadline is March 1st!
<https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>

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BrainMinders Month: One new and exciting project the BrainMinders Committee is working on is the development of BrainMinders stories. It is their dream to publish storybooks for children! Anchors will assist the committee by working on creating and submitting reports for this international project. Email your submission to brainminders@pilothq.org March is BrainMinders month and is the perfect time to start planning school visits to make BrainMinders presentations. Be sure to post your pictures to, tag Pilot International and submit your service hours online. Our website has much information, including videos, handouts, and activities that can assist your club in planning an event, whether big or small. For example, you could host a BRAIN-O night at a facility, reminding others about brain safety, even for adults. Did you know there are three new fabulous colors of helmets available through Pilot International? Don't delay ordering your helmets today and help get info out about safety while riding! <https://www.pilotinternational.org/brainminders/>

Brain Awareness Week: March 13th – March 20th is Brain Awareness Week. Pilots, Anchors, and Compass - let's get fired up to promote and advocate for Brain safety! Public Service Announcements, brochure handouts, and pictures showing how you can protect your brain are great ways to spread the word regarding brain health and safety.

We love all that you do for our Pilot International organization. We hope you are energized regarding the events ahead for our organization. Awarding grants, scholarships, and numerous awards are available; remember, the most significant emphasis is on our core mission, Brain Safety! Remember you are the first love of Pilot International, as together we can Do more, Care more, and Be More while Spreading Pilot Sunshine!

**Yours in Friendship and Service,
Joseph
Joseph Cunningham
Executive Committee Representative**

Awards Jury

Cathy Barker

Awards 2022-2023

We are getting excited to see all of your Club's Community and Brain Related Service projects you have done this year! We would love for every Club to submit entries so we can see and share all of the wonderful things you are doing through Pilot. Entries will need to be postmarked no later than March 30th and Mailed to Cathy Barker, Awards Jury Chair, 516 Spradley Drive, Troy, AL. 36079.

Entry forms can be found on the Alabama District Website. You will find them under: "Additional forms and Documents for Pilot/Compass" – "Alabama Districts Awards and Scholarship's" - "Brain Related/Community Service. Submission Forms".

Cathy

Find Your Leadership Style! Here are 3 examples of leadership styles. Which one fits your personality the best? Sometimes you may find a mix of styles work well, or you may try a different style for certain projects or fundraisers. The members you work with may also affect your leadership style. If you have a group of highly skilled motivated individuals, then you may be able to take on more of leadership style #3 at that particular time or event.

1. Authoritarian, Autocratic Leadership

This approach is helpful when your team needs to follow a process "to the letter," to manage a significant risk. It's also effective when you need to be hands-on with people who miss deadlines, where conflict is an issue, or in matters that rely on quick decisions being made. But you need to be aware that relying on control to maintain standards will likely drive people away. Similarly, if you always demand that your club members/ board/committee works at top speed, you can end up exhausting everyone. Instead, you can show respect for club members by providing the rationale for your decisions. And they will more likely comply with your expectations if you take the trouble to explain how you came to a decision. You can improve your ability to "lead from the front" by planning for a crisis, thinking on your feet, and making good decisions under pressure. Being too autocratic can also mean that you'll find it hard to stand back from the detail and take a wider, more strategic view.

2. Democratic, Participative Leadership

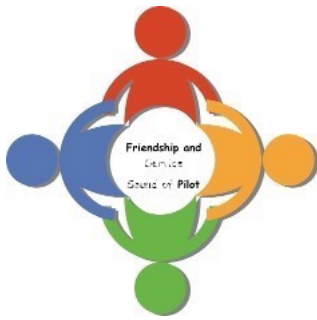
With this approach, you set goals, and guide discussions. You also acknowledge that your members can have valuable insight into a problem, so you actively consult them. As a result, you'll likely gain creative input and fresh ideas that you wouldn't have come up with if you were working alone. You might wonder how to manage differing opinions in the club once you've invited participation in this way. Your goal is to build a culture in which everyone can have healthy debates with one another. So, 1) Set an example by being open and flexible yourself, 2) Make mutual acceptance a priority, to ensure everyone's participation, and 3) Learn some Conflict Resolution skills. You'll need to judge carefully whether you need to adopt a more autocratic approach, even if it's only briefly.

*Leadership Traits to Avoid:

1. Too bossy
2. Fearful of change
3. Unwilling or unable to communicate effectively
4. Dismissive of ideas other than their own
5. Lacking empathy
6. Inconsistent
7. Prone to blame others rather than accept responsibility themselves
8. Indecisive

Leadership Blessings: Gaining respect as a leader, motivating others to want to be the best that they can be, and developing lifetime friendships while serving together, is the ultimate goal and greatest reward!

Beverly



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: **ADI**
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 Prize valued at

PIFF: Ink Cartridges, M&M Funds

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



Pilot Club of Andalusia **Mellisa King**



The Pilot Club of Andalusia welcomed 4 new members into the Pilot Family at Monday night's meeting. Lori Dukes employed at CCB Bank, sponsored by Renee Maio, Cynthia Peebles employed at Piggly Wiggly sponsored by Shaunna Robertson, Michelle Armstrong employed at Covington County Schools sponsored by Mellisa King, and Maggie Homes employed at the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored by Mellisa King.



Cullman Pilots held their Annual Christmas Part at the Margaret Jean Jones Center. Bags of candy were distributed to the clients and staff.

Cullman Pilots served close to 1700 meals to the children at the Cullman County Sheriffs Rodeo.



**Julie Burks, President Elect, presented Charity Project donation checks to the following:
Pilot Light Home, \$5000, accepted by Peggy Harris, Pilot Light Board Chair
Project Life Saver, \$1000, accepted by Gwen Parker, Project Lifesaver Board Chair
MJJ Center, \$1600, accepted by Charlotte Ecklund, MJJC Project Chair**



The Pilot Club of Decatur put together Cleaning Supplies for the elderly clients at NARCOG as their monthly Pick Me Up in January.

Pilot Club of Decatur Fundraiser

\$15	PILOT CLUB OF DECATUR	\$15
SWAMP JOHNS		
MARCH 9, 2023		4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
Elks Lodge Parking Lot		
2625 Centron Avenue, Decatur, AL. 35603		
Benefitting: Project Lifesaver for Morgan County Sheriff & Decatur Police Department		



The PLCMC made Sensory Boards and donated them to the St. Ann Catholic School's K4 and K5 Class in Decatur. The children were so excited to receive these boards. Each board will help the students with their fine motor skills and sensory needs. **** Photo Releases on File at St. Ann Catholic School.

