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The Lodestar

Alabama Anchor
District
Newsletter



Embassy Suite, Montgomery, AL

The DAAC met with the Alabama District Administrative Council this past weekend to start planning the 2025 Alabama District Convention. It will be held on March 8-9, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery, AL. We feel this convention will be both fun and informative! A registration form and First Call to Convention will be sent out in October.

Hello Anchors! I hope everyone is having a great year so far. We have some exciting projects, and some fun planned for the Alabama Anchor District Convention in March. I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and participate in the activities, make memories, and make new friends. I also encourage your clubs to participate in community service and to enter the district awards competition.

Elle Harris, President

ALABAMA ANCHOR DISTRICT PROJECT

The DAAC meet this past weekend and voted to make and provide Feminine Hygiene Packets to an agency in Montgomery. We are researching agencies in the area to find the best fit for our mission. Please consider donating .50 per member to this project. We will also publish a "needs" list of items closer to the convention.

MESSAGE TO ADVISORS

Hello advisors! By this time, your clubs should have had at least one meeting and be collecting dues. One of this year's goals is better communication from the top down. Please share the international newsletter Voyager's Voice and the Lodestar with all members. This can easily be done electronically. I will be scheduling a zoom meeting with all advisors soon. Please let me know if you have questions or need help.

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Anchor Club Creed

Realizing that in unity there is strength, we, as members of the Anchor Club, are resolved:

To work together in friendship and loyalty; to render service to our home, school and community, knowing this course will take us over a sea of happiness; to steer our ship of life by the bright stars of Hope and Faith; to follow words of guidance from parents, teachers and Pilot friends, for these, as gleams from the Lighthouse of Truth, are words of wisdom; to set full sail through channels of achievement which lead us to the port of success; and,

When our ship of life is tossed by the tempests of misunderstandings and the angry winds of injustice, we will cast our Anchor of courage, wisdom and trust to hold us fast.



DUES- The deadline for Alabama District Anchor dues (\$7.00 per member), District Project contribution (.50 per member) and Anchor International dues/insurance (\$14.00) are due November 1, 2024. All forms will be attached to the email and can be found on both the district (alabamadistrictpilot.com) and the international (anchorclubintl.org) websites.

Anchor Club of the Year

District deadline for the Club of the Year entry is February 6, 2025. There will be two categories. The first category will be for clubs with 40 or fewer members. The second category will be for clubs with 41 or more members.

Anchor Advisor of the Year: Our Anchor Advisors give many hours planning and implementing our club activities. Please consider nominating them for this award. The deadline is April 15, 2025.

Anchor Club Star Award – This is a new award for graduating seniors and is based on participation and service to your club and community. The deadline is April 15, 2025.

The Project Lifesaver Scholarship – The scholarship is for graduating seniors. The deadline is April 15, 2025.

The Dreams Ahead Scholarship was established in 2014 to provide financial assistance to Anchors who are seeking to develop leadership skills. Applicants are to be Anchor Club members in grades 9 through 12. The deadline is April 15, 2025.

The Bob King Service Scholarship: This scholarship was established in 2015, and Anchors receive additional points. The deadline is March 15, 2025.

The Conrad Spirrison Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship was established in 2022 to provide financial assistance to an undergraduate student preparing for a career in education. The deadline is March 15, 2025.

International Service Awards: In addition to the Alabama District Anchor Awards, you can also enter 3 individual Anchor International Service Awards. The deadline is April 15, 2025. They are:
BrainMinders, Community Service and Visibility
Pick-Me-Ups, Community Service and Visibility
Anchor Community Service and Visibility

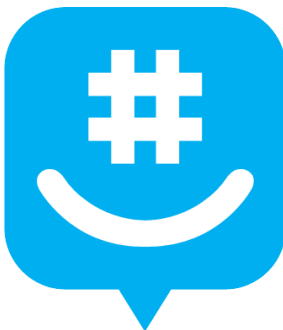
Support of Anchors Award for Pilot Clubs: This award is presented to Pilot Clubs who have shown outstanding support to their Anchor Clubs. The deadline is April 15, 2025.

Anchor Achievement Scholarship: This scholarship is to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who have actively participated in volunteer service through an Anchor Club and shown outstanding leadership ability. The deadline is March 15, 2025.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SENIOR CORDS

Senior Cords will be available free of charge (clubs pay shipping cost) ONLY to those clubs who pay their dues on time! Dues are due November 1, 2024, and they are late after December 31, 2024. The current policy is that any club that pays dues after December 31 will be required to pay for the cords.



Anchor International has a new "GroupMe"! Please share the signup information with all members so we can all connect and see the BIG picture!

https://groupme.com/join_group/102866001/8vi2PYvh

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SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH: RESOURCES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

September is Suicide Prevention Month - a time to raise awareness about mental health and provide resources to people to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help.



Visit these websites to get information on how to discuss suicide and how you can help spread awareness:

<https://sptsusa.org/>

<https://afsp.org/suicide-prevention-resources/>

<https://www.apa.org/topics/suicide/talking-teens.pdf>

MAKE SURE YOU TAG ANCHOR INTERNATIONAL AND THE ALABAMA ANCHOR DISTRICT ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS!