

'19

September
Edition

The Lodestar

Alabama Anchor
District
Newsletter



Mamie Patton, Asia Burton, Suzanne Kendra, Brenna Wells, Haley Lewis

Brenna Wells, President
Andalusia HS
bwells1026@gmail.com

Mamie Patton, President
Elect
Guntersville HS
mamiecpatton@gmail.com

Asia Burton, Director
Handley HS
21burtonam@roanokecityschools.org

Haley Lewis, Secretary
Straughn HS
haley.alyssa2001@gmail.com

Suzanne Kendra
Alabama District
Anchor Coordinator
suzannekendra@gmail.com
256-298-0632

Beverly
Wilkerson, Treasurer



The DAAC met with the Alabama District Administrative Council this past weekend to start planning the 2020 Alabama District Convention. It will be held on March 7-8 at the Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge. We feel this convention will be both fun and informative! A registration form and First Call to Convention will be sent out in November.

All Anchor Clubs should have held their first meeting by now. Per Anchor International Bylaws, Anchor Clubs should meet at least once a month. A member of your sponsoring Pilot Club should be informed off all meetings and activities. Invite them to your meetings and projects! If you do not know who to contact, please let me know. The Pilot District Administrative Council and I will be visiting several of the clubs this year. Each Anchor Club has been assigned a liaison on the DAC. Our goal this year is to strengthen the Pilot/Anchor relationship.

Don't forget that both District and International dues are due by November 1, 2019!

Governor Kay appointed a committee to review the Anchor Awards and make recommendations. This committee consisted of Cathy Ellison (Anchor Advisor/Pilot), Lorraine Banning (Pilot) and me. Cathy and I, along with several Anchors, met while we were in Chicago at the International Anchor Summit. Our goal was to make the judging more in line with Anchor International Awards and less subjective. These were sent to Lorraine when we got back and were approved by the DAC at their meeting this past weekend. Please read the entry form and judging form prior to planning your event and/or choosing which project you want to submit. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

I would like to encourage all clubs to participate even if you can not attend convention!

Suzanne Kendra, Alabama District Anchor Coordinator

Do More. Care More. BE More!

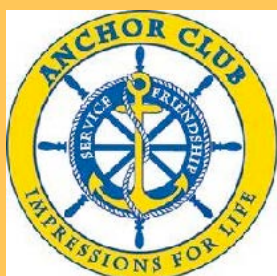


Anchor Club Creed

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 (\$4.00 per member), District Project contribution (.50 per member) and Anchor International dues/insurance (\$14.00) are due November 1, 2019. 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 7, 2020. 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, 2020.

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, 2020.

Anchor Achievement Scholarship – This is also a scholarship for graduating seniors. The deadline is March 15, 2020.

The Project Lifesaver Scholarship – The scholarship is for graduating seniors. The deadline is April 15, 2020.

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, 2020.

Ruby Newhall Anchor Scholarship – This is a scholarship based on Anchor participation. The deadline is April 15, 2020.

The Bob King Service Scholarship: This scholarship was established in 2015 and Anchors receive additional points. The deadline is March 15, 2020.

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, 2020. 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, 2020.

KC Anchor 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, 2020.

Alabama District Awards are due February 7, 2020

Reminders

DISTRICT CONVENTION – March 7-8 at the Guntersville State Park Lodge. You will receive more information in the September Lodestar.

DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL DUES – Deadline is November 1, 2019.

ALABAMA DISTRICT FALL COUNCIL – October 26-27 AT THE Doubletree in Decatur, AL. Anchors are welcome to attend with their sponsoring Pilot Club.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CAMP – April 3-5, 2020 at Camp ASCCA.

ALABAMA DISTRICT ANCHOR CONVENTION



Our opening keynote speaker will be Andrew Winfrey. Andrew attended Cullman HS and was a multi-sport athlete who had made a verbal commitment to play baseball at Mississippi State 2 weeks prior to a car accident that changed his life. Andrew suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury, crushed pelvis and several other injuries. He was in a coma for 4 months. We first met Andrew at TBI Camp 2 ½ years ago and he is a delight

to be around. Andrew helps the Cold Springs baseball team as a pitching coach and aspires to be a minister – “when I grow up”! Andrew loves interacting with Pilots and Anchors at TBI Camp and we are excited for him to share his story with us at convention!



Our keynote speaker for the Installation Banquet will be HK Derryberry and his friend and mentor Jim Bradford. HK arrived 3 months premature due to a car wreck which took his mother’s life. He was born blind with cerebral palsy and other medical conditions. At age 3 he enrolled in the Tennessee School for the Blind. Since the age of 10, he has had the remarkable ability to recall dates and other facts surrounding events in his life. In 2012, Vanderbilt Medical Center Memory Clinic discovered that HK is one of 5-6 people with hyperthymesia – superior autobiographical memory! Guntersville HS

had the honor of hearing him speak this week. HK has a great sense of humor and his and Jim’s story of friendship will bring you to tears. Through some generous donations from businesses in Guntersville, convention attendees will be able to hear and meet these 2 awesome individuals!

More information District Convention information will be in the next Lodestar. This will be a convention you don’t want to miss!!

Instagram: anchorclubintl
Twitter: @Anchor Club
Facebook: Anchor Club International

Send your club news to
[suzannekendra@Gmail.com](mailto:suzannekendra@gmail.com)



Demopolis High School Anchor Club is excited to have Lisa Lawrence as their new Anchor Advisor! She reported that they have 83 excited and hard working members. Already this year they did a DIY makeover on the DHS teachers lounge. During National Seniors week they pumped gas and cleaned windshields for elderly people at a gas station. They are also working on a 50's themed float for homecoming. Great job!



Cold Springs HS Anchor Club helped clean the school and get classrooms ready for the new school year!



Madison Academy Anchor Club collected school supplies for the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center. HICLS provides tutoring and life skills for 50 inner city students.



A representative from Hospice of Marshall County attended the Guntersville Middle School Anchor Club this month. She talked about the services that her organization provided to the community. Anchors presented her with 461 purse size Kleenex to be given to clients and their families. This project was our contribution to the United Way Day of Caring.

ADVISORS, PLEASE SHARE YOUR PROJECTS WITH ME (SUZANNEKENDRA@GMAIL.COM). THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO LEARN ABOUT PROJECTS YOU CAN DO IN YOUR OWN CLUB!

PROJECT IDEAS FOR OCTOBER

1. Promote Safe Trick or Treating – Make Halloween bags and include a coloring page, tips for safe trick or treating, glow stick necklace and a few pieces of candy. Hand these out at a home football game just prior to Halloween.
2. Find a special needs group to host a Halloween Party for. Check with the special needs teachers in your school or contact your local ARC.
3. If your city hosts a Safe Trick or Treat at a mall, hotel or other facility – tell them you want to participate. If you don't have a lot of money to spend on candy, ask each Anchor to donate at least one bag of candy.
4. Participate in your local homecoming parade. You can hand out candy attached to BrainMinder cards promoting Brain Safety. A suggestion is Lifesavers attached to cards that say "Seatbelts Save Lives" or "Helmets Save Lives". Make sure you advertise your school on the card!
5. Contact SafeKids of Alabama and see if they have any goodies they will share with you. These are free, but someone will have to pick them up at their office in Birmingham.
6. This is a perfect time for Bicycle Rodeos. Contact your local police department or Student Resource Officer and see if they would like to participate in this event.
7. Also, don't forget you can purchase helmets cheaply through Helmets R Us.