

Alabama District Governor's Bulletin



GOVERNOR - LAURIE FRASER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope this Bulletin finds you and yours well and settling into the new year with resolve to Do More, Care More, and Be More! I thoroughly enjoyed watching all your posts on social media about sharing Pilot 'Christmas joy' with others in your communities. I saw kindness and service, and most importantly, smiles! Everywhere I looked I saw **Pilots in Action**.

Can you believe we are already halfway through the year? I want to thank those who bought and sold tickets for the District Fundraiser. We raised **over \$6,000** which will be split between the District Project and Alabama TBI Camp. The winners are included in this issue's content.

Speaking of TBI Camp, this year will be our 10th Anniversary of Camp in Alabama. I still remember the meeting when they announced that the dream was going to become reality and Ms. Kay (Chandler) absolutely beamed! Rumor had it that a Lot of hard work went into that, and her name came up often when they said it. This will be Kay's last year as Chair, and she will most definitely be missed.

You will see throughout the bulletin that award entry dates are coming up, as well as Pacesetter and 250 Club. You will also see that it is time for nominations for District Officers. I hope you will consider taking on a leadership role in the District. The experience is different than being an officer in a club, yet it has its similarities too. It's a great opportunity to work with the 2025-26 Governor Lisa Patterson.

Very soon, the District Convention Planning Committee will be meeting to get ready for **District Convention in Montgomery**. We hope that we will see you there! Put it on your calendar now, **April 24-26, 2025**.

Recently we received a letter from The Camp ASCCA Board of Directors. **The Alabama District has been recognized as a recipient of a 2024 Continuous Meritorious Service Award at Camp ASCCA**. They will be placing a brick in our honor in their Pathway to the Future brick path. I want to thank all our Pilots, Anchors, and COMPASS members who have shown up every year and made TBI Camp and Camp ASCAA possible for those that we have served.

Wishing You the Very Best in 2025,
Laurie

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GOVERNOR-ELECT – LISA PATTERSON

Happy New Year!

May this year bring each of you new happiness, goals, achievements, and a lot of new inspirations in your life and life of your Pilot, Anchor, and Compass Clubs. Let each of us resolve to become more active in our Pilot club and the Anchor or Compass club you sponsor.

Work on mentoring all members in the club(s) you are associated with. Mentoring is a process of guidance and support for another member – keep in mind they don't have to be a "new" member. Mentoring helps improve communication skills, develops positive self-worth, encourages interaction in the club and in your community and could give someone the confidence to run for an office or director in your club. It could also create a closer more valued friendship and make your club much stronger.









When conducting your projects don't forget to ask Anchor or Compass members to help. They are amazing and enjoy working with Pilots. Several of our clubs have experienced the helpfulness of using those "younger" than we are.

Lastly, **District Officer Nominations are rapidly approaching. The deadline to submit the Nomination Form is February 24th.** There are eligibility restrictions which can be found in the Bylaws of Pilot International, Article XVII, Section 8. The Alabama District nomination form has been updated and added to the homepage of the Alabama District website. <https://www.alabamadistrictpilot.com/>

May you have good health, lots of happiness, and a great New Year!
Pilot hugs, kisses, and New Year's wishes!
Lisa

"Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand and melting like a snowflake" - Francis Bacon Sr.

Dates to Remember

-  February 1, 2025, Anchor award entries are due
-  Feb. 1, 2025, PIFF Grant & Scholarship and Pacesetter contributions are due
-  February 24, 2025, District Officer Nomination Forms are due
-  March 1, 2025, Pilot award entries are due
-  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

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TREASURER – KAY CHANDLER

And just like that, we've completed half of our Pilot Year!!! Happy New Year to all our Pilot Clubs and Pilots! We are still very low on membership! As of January 1st, our Alabama District Dues are only \$12.50 per member/annually. It's time for us to double up and get as many new Pilots as possible! We have so many wonderful opportunities coming up to showcase our Alabama District. **First, we have Anchor Convention, March 8-9, then it's on to Alabama Traumatic Brain Injury Camp, April 11-13 and finally it's District Convention time, May 24-27, a very important meeting for the Alabama District.**

We just finished our 2024-2025 District Project and congratulations to the winners of our \$1000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$50! **We cleared just over \$6,000**, which will be divided between our two Projects. Unfortunately, some of our biggest clubs did not participate in this fundraiser. We had projected we would make over \$15,000, but that didn't happen. As Lisa plans her 2025-2026 year, give her your input and suggestions on a fundraiser that will interest all clubs. The only way we can fund projects for Camp ASCCA and TBI Camp is with your help and support.

February is the deadline for clubs to get their Pacesetter contributions in to Pilot International and their \$250 donations to PIFF Goals for Grants and Scholarships. Our District has been so blessed the last 10 years to get Grants. Essentially everything we have contributed has been returned to us in Grants.

We will begin accepting registrations for TBI Camp February 1, 2025. We have room for 25 Campers/Caregivers!!! Let's fill up our roster this year!!! Also, it's time for you to send your \$300 Camperships in, even if you don't have a Camper, we have lots of Campers/Caregivers who register that do not have sponsors. And remember we are a 501c3, so any donations by Pilots, Corporations, Businesses, or others is tax deductible. *The Pilot Club of Prattville* is looking for **bingo prizes**, needed for the adult attendees. If each club would send ten prizes, we would have plenty for our Campers, both men and women, but please be aware, these are adults over the age of 18. *The Pilot Club of Decatur* is looking for **crafts** for the Campers, and *The Pilot Club of Troy* is always on the lookout for **scrapbooking items**. Let's make this 10th camp year wonderful for our Campers/Caregivers and a great experience for all of us. With your help we can Disco the weekend away. Registration form for Anchors, Compass Members, and Pilots should be on the website by February 1st. If you have never been to camp, COME! You will come back!!

Pilots, this is our year!!! In 2025, I will recruit a new member, will you?? Let's grow Pilot, not just for the numbers, but because the more Pilots we have, the more service we can do for our communities and District!

Happy Pilot Year!
Kay Chandler

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SECRETARY - MOLLIE RILEY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope you all had a magical Christmas with Family and Friends filled with Love and Joy.

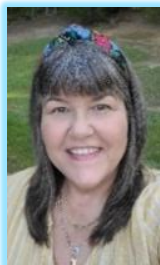
Let's start planning the New Year with New Pilots joining our Mission.

Membership Committee: Set monthly goals for inviting prospects to your meeting. Look at your old roster and see if you can reclaim those members to return to the club. Look at the Alabama District webpage and see the PowerPoint for the [New Membership Guide](#).

Remember to use Social Media. Try to post something about your club each week, even if it is a photo of your members wishing them a Happy Birthday or if it is their anniversary year of being a Pilot. Club members, please share it on your page. Another suggestion is to make a short video of your club doing a Project or Fundraising in your community. Example: I did a FB Live for the District Raffle Drawing and had 1,342 views for half a day. Just **THINK outside of the box.**

We have **25 new Pilots, 30 Compass, and 352 Anchors** starting the new year. As *Pilots in Action*, let us keep up the good work. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the DAC; we will gladly help.

Love with Pilot Hugs,
Mollie Riley

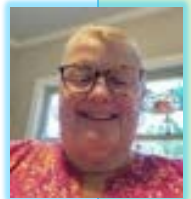


Winners of the District Project Fundraiser were:

- \$1000.00..... Fran Walters
- \$ 500.00..... Jill Boozer
- \$ 250.00..... Gloria Evans
- \$ 100.00..... Gina Oakes
- \$ 50.00..... Mollie Riley

CONGRATULATIONS!

PILOT INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS' FUND- MARY BALLARD



Pilot International's Grants and Scholarship Fund

- * is THE source of fundraising which allows for the matching grants program and scholarship fund.
- * Each club is asked to make a \$250 donation to this fund. Individuals may also make donations.
- * Donations are to be mailed to PI by February 1, 2025.
- * Our District could be a 250 District. I encourage each club to make this a tradition. Clubs and individuals making the \$250 donation will be recognized at the District Convention as well as at the PI Convention in Charlotte.

Pacesetter Contribution

- * This contribution by clubs is an annual fund that is considered unrestricted. These contributions are used to operate the Founders' Fund.
- * Each club is asked to send \$10 per member to PI by February 1, 2025. Clubs making this donation by the due date will receive recognition at the district convention.

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LEADERSHIP – JANICE CLARK

10 Qualities of a Good Leader

L	Leads by example	
E	Empowers others	
A	Acts with integrity	
D	Driven to succeed	
E	Engages in active listening	
R	Resilient in challenges	
S	Shows empathy	
H	Holds themselves accountable	
I	Inspires through vision	
P	Prioritizes team growth	

These are just a few of the qualities of a good leader. Our District and local clubs need strong leaders with all the above skills to guide us. Also, you will need to be willing to sacrifice time, self and money to support the District or your local club in all areas. We have many members who exhibit these qualities in all activities with their clubs. You don't have to be a member of a large club; a small club provides just as many opportunities for development of leaders. **I challenge each member to look around your club for these Pilots. They are there and may not realize how qualified they really are.** The offices within the clubs and the District are not just a title, but involve work and dedication to achieve their goals. You will not be alone; many are willing to help you succeed. The nominating committee will be in search of these leaders, so step up to serve our proud Alabama District.

Janice

AWARD JURY – CLAIRE PLOTT

Happy New Year!
I hope that all Alabama Anchors and Pilots are readying their award entries. Deadlines are getting closer. Entry forms are available on our district website:

www.alabamadistrictpilot.com
The judging criteria is there as well. Anchor award entries are due February 1, 2025. Pilot award entries are due March 1, 2025.

All entries should be mailed to:
Claire Plott, Chair
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Looking forward to lots of entries!
Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!
Claire

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INSPIRATIONAL LEADER - NADEEN IVORY PILOT CARES & CONCERNS

Where do you find guidance? Your source may be your faith in a higher power, your family, or your friends. You may choose to walk by faith in the 'true Light of Love'. If so, you know Love will consistently lead you in the better way. Make this your New Years' Resolution.

"Let Love Guide You"

Let's continue to pray for the ones who have lost a loved one and for the sick.

SYMPATHY TO:

- ♥ PC of Demopolis: Michelle Gibson Dill children's father passed on 12-13-24. Please keep their family in your prayers.
- ♥ PIP Janette Bowers of Pilot Club of Alpine Tx., passed on 12-17-24. She served as PIP from 1991-1992. Please keep Janette Bower's children and extended family in your prayers.
- ♥ PC of Helfin, Sandra Fay Kent's brother, Roy Donald Kent, passed away 12-17-24. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

PRAYERS TO:

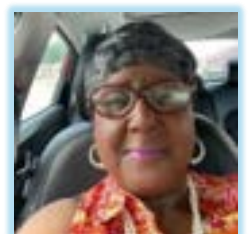
- ♥ PC OF Demopolis: Mellisa Weltin is recovering at home from problems with heart beating too fast. Please keep her in your prayers.

May you have a Blessed 2025!

Faith Steps: Is there someone in your life who needs to be discipled? Consider how you can serve others by leading them, guiding them, and teaching them.

DO MORE, CARE MORE, BE MORE

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ANCHOR CLUB –
SUZANNE KENDRA



It is hard to believe that the school year is halfway over!! This past month of "Anchoring" has worn me out! I hope that all of you have been active with your Anchor Clubs. Please share your club's Anchor activities with me so I can share them in the next 'Lodestar' issue. I have some exciting news to share with you - **there will be five new Anchor Clubs chartering in January and one of them is in Alabama!!** More information will be shared with the district when we have a chartering date.

Our ECR and Pilot International Anchor liaison has challenged every district to raise at least \$200.00 to help offset the cost of the Anchor Summit. Without these funds, the cost of the Summit will be cost prohibitive for many. Our district was represented by 2 clubs and 8 Anchors last year. Every member of the DAAC attended and roomed together. It was a great learning and bonding experience for these two clubs. *Governor Laurie has included a letter in this bulletin for Pilots to use to solicit funds from friends and businesses.* No donation is too small. I hope that each of you will consider investing in the future of our organization and donate today!

The **Alabama Anchor District Convention will be March 8-9 at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery.** I hope that some of you will consider attending even if you do not have an Anchor Club. Janey Sanderson and I attended our first Anchor Convention sometime early in the 90's without any Anchors. We had a great time, and it was just what we needed to revitalize our Anchor Clubs.

Let me know if any of you need help. I'm here to serve!

Suzanne Kendra

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ECR – LISA PALMQUIST

Happy New Year and welcome 2025! The new year brings opportunities to step up and reach for the stars! Here's a little story to explain. The story is about four people named **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody**. There was an important job to be done, and *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about that because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought that *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done. What does this have to do with opportunities and reaching for the stars? Leadership! We are beginning the search for candidates at the club, district, and international levels to serve our amazing organization. When someone approaches you to serve, do not assume that *Somebody* else will do it. Ask questions about the responsibilities and the role of the position, rather than just saying no. It may surprise you to find that the position is not as daunting as you may have thought it was. So, step up and serve with pride, accept your nomination or appointment and instill fresh, new ideas for the 2025-2026 Pilot year!

March 15th, 2025, is an important date in the Pilot books! Circle it on your calendar. It is the deadline for the 2025 Scholarship Applications and a quarterly deadline for Helmet, BrainMinders™ and Pick Me Up Grant Applications. The Pilot International Founders Fund awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students seeking an education in one of Pilot's focus areas. Several scholarships are awarded to students that were active Anchors during their high school career. For more information and the applications, go to <https://www.pilotinternational.org/grants-and-scholarships/>

Pacesetters, 250 Clubs, and 250 Members are recognitions that Pilot International uses to identify clubs and members for their financial generosity. Each club that donates \$10 per member is recognized as a Pacesetter Club and each club or member that contributes at least \$250 to the Grants and Scholarships Fund is recognized as a 250 Club or 250 Member. In order to receive recognition at District Conventions, a **February 1st postmark is required**. Go to

<https://www.pilotinternational.org/Content/Uploads/PilotInternational/Files/Contribution%20Form.pdf> for a contribution form.

Best wishes for an amazing 2025 as we embark on a new and exciting year of friendship and service!

In Pilot Friendship and Love,

Lisa





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December 18, 2024

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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 2024 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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Dear _____,

Pilot International, chartered in 1921 in Macon, Georgia, is a non-profit charitable service organization. Our mission is to influence positive change in communities throughout the world. To do this, we come together in friendship and service, focusing on encouraging brain safety and health and supporting those who care for others. Anchor International, Pilot International's youth service organization was founded in 1949. Anchor clubs were chartered throughout the world providing youth the opportunity to serve their communities and build leadership skills.

Every year, Pilots and Anchors come together for an International Conference and Summit, respectively. This provides the opportunity for youth to share their successes and ideas, as well as their concerns and struggles. Anchors attend workshops to build leadership skills, share ideas for community service projects, and learn to stay healthy, mentally as well as physically, just to name a few. They share internationally known speakers with the Pilot International Conference. Anchors also attend parts of the Pilot International Conference, such as the service project. The interaction between the Anchors and Pilots is a invaluable experience for both groups.

In order for the youth to attend the Anchor International Summit, they must pay a registration fee. As you may expect, hotel and food costs have risen tremendously. In order to keep the registration fee within a reasonable amount, we are asking for some support. We are asking for many small donations to help defray the registration fee. If you are able to sponsor the Anchor International Summit for \$100 or \$200, it will be money well invested. Your name will appear in the Conference program as a sponsor. The program will reach approximately 600 people.

Thank you for your time and hopefully your sponsorship. It is truly appreciated!

Sincerely,

I am pleased to sponsor the Anchor International Summit for

_____ \$100. _____ \$200. _____ \$_____ (other)

Please print my name in the program as _____

Please write *Anchor Summit Donation* on the memo line.
Return slip with sponsorship to Pilot International 102 Preston Ct., Macon, GA 31210-5768